

AVON SENIOR CENTER



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Elizabeth Shaffer, Administrative Secretary



MAY 2023

See our newsletter online at: <https://www.avonct.gov/senior-center>



Senior Center Coordinator's Message

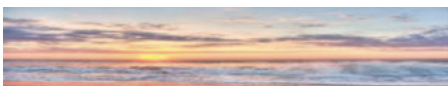
Happy Older Americans Month!! This is your month to celebrate! We're celebrating with classes, groups & programs. Sign up early to reserve your spot. Invite your friends. We have some new people coming to the senior center. Encourage them to join us & invite them to spend time with us! Please read the newsletter & check out the flyers at the senior center.

This month, we honor and remember our service people on Memorial Day, we celebrate our Mother's on Mother's Day, and we enjoy each other.

Programs- Raymour & Flanigan Pizza & Bingo \$10.00, Makeup Workshop, Cupcake Decorating & more.

Dear senior center friends, I celebrate you and thank you for all that you do. We love having you here & we look forward to a great month!

Take care,
Jennifer Bennett, LMSW, CDP
Dementia Friend & Champion



Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.
-Marcel Proust

Appreciation can make a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it all into words is all that is necessary.
-Margaret Cousins



Monday Meals & Minds Program

Bi-monthly program with meals served at the Avon Senior Center and an educational & informational opportunity for learning. The program will stimulate the mind, promote social inclusivity & connectedness. We will increase social integration, decrease social isolation through nutrition & learning. Program is open, welcoming and FREE. SIGN UP REQUIRED. ****Meals 12:00, program 12:30****

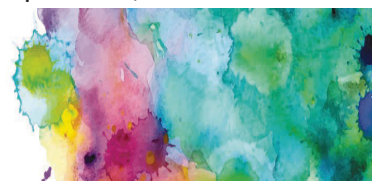
Monday, May 15- Scuba Slideshow with John

John Silliman from Aetna Medicare Solutions, presents underwater pictures of the amazing sea life that he has gathered throughout his many scuba diving adventures. He's an avid scuba diver & has dived in many locations including Bimini, Cozumel, Roatan, and the Maldives!

Monday, May 22-Financial Education **Money Mentor: M&T Bank Flora-MGR,VP & Team**

This program is grant funded through NCAAA (North Central Area Agency on Aging) and is sponsored and hosted by Avon Senior Center.

Administration for Community Living leads nation's observance of Older Americans Month every May. Theme: **Aging Unbound**, offers opportunity to explore diverse aging experiences & discuss how communities can combat stereotypes. Join us in promoting flexible thinking about aging & how we all benefit when older adults remain engaged, independent, and included.



UPcoming EVENTS

Please call
860-675-4355
to sign up!

Cupcake Decorating

Tuesday, May 16 at 1:00pm

FREE, all supplies included, just bring you!

Bingo & Pizza

Thursday, May 18 at 12:00 pm

At Raymour & Flanigan Furniture
\$10.00 includes 8 Bingo Games, pizza
lunch & Raffles.

Makeup Workshop

Thursday, May 18 from 1:30-3:30 pm

Joby Rogers- Professional & Celebrity
Makeup Artist & Educator
FREE program

Meals & Minds

Monday, May 15 at 12:00 pm

Monday, May 22 at 12:00 pm

New Card Game- Euchre
Meets every other Friday
at 2pm.

Contact Heidi:

heidi10359@aol.com



May 24, 2023

Wednesday

12:30 pm

RSVP required.

Enjoy a delicious FREE Grab & Go Meal.
Please drive up to the front door & we will hand
you the meal. We look forward to seeing you!
Sponsored by Avon Senior Center



Favarh Brighter Days-ies

Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30

Join us making beautiful flower
arrangements. Drop in, no sign-up necessary.



Free Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar Screening

FV VNA will be providing FREE Screenings
1st & 3rd Thursdays from 11:30-1:00.



Senior Medicare Patrol
1-800-994-9422
www.smpresource.org

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errors, abuse, questions, concerns, complaints.



MyPlaceCT.org: free web-based resource to help older
adults and people with disabilities live with optimal in-
dependence, health and well-being. Bringing together
the information you need to live how and where you
choose. Sponsored by CT Department of Social Ser-
vices in collaboration with partner state agencies and
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

MyPlaceCT.org-offers information on these topics:

Health & Well-being: Managing Chronic Disease &
Pain, Preventing Falls, Medication Management, Geri-
atric Assessments, Holistic Health, Mental Health &
Addiction, Memory Loss—and more!

Services & Supports: In-Home Care, Housing, Tech-
nology & Home Modifications, Meals & Groceries,
Transportation, Social Engagement, Veteran Services,
End-of-Life Planning—and more!

Learn: Plan for the Future, Assess Your Needs, Medi-
caid/Medicare, Financial Tools—and more!

Family Caregivers: Respite Services, Support Groups,
Online Resources, Legal Matters, and more!



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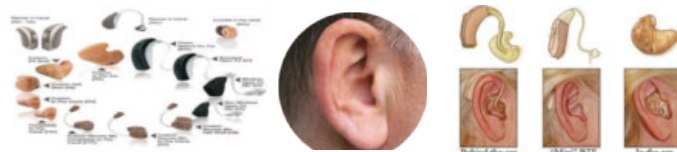
Join our team! Avon Senior Center at 860-675-4355.



FREE Monthly Hearing & Hearing Aid Checks

Nicholas Wills of Home Hearing will be here to check
your hearing and hearing aids and fix them.

Thursday, May 25 from 10-12.





www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or 1-877-908-3360

<https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2018/password-manager-identity-protection.html>

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New Class at Avon Senior Center



Welcome to Mah Jongg

Wednesday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. &

Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

June 14 - 23

Instructor: Karen Boyd

Learn the basics of American Mah Jongg. Mah Jongg is a tile game that can improve memory and sharpen the mind. The class will focus on the card including reading the card, categories, and switching hands as tiles are passed during the Charleston and picked during play. Class will also cover: the tiles, rules of the game and table rules. This beginners class includes a card with your registration.

Cost: Avon Residents: \$61.00

Avon Seniors (Age 60+): \$54.90

Non-Residents: \$67.10

Call Avon Senior Center to sign up
(860) 675-4355 or go to www.avonrec.com.

AVON SENIOR CENTER CLASSES

Tai Chi

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

(No Class 4/12, 5/10, 5/31)

Fee: \$51.00

Non Resident Fee: \$56.10

April 5-June 14

Senior Fee: \$45.90

Virtual Zumba Gold

Mondays, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

(no class 5/29)

Fee: \$74.00

Non Resident Fee: \$81.40

April 10-June 19

Senior Fee: \$66.60

Zumba Gold

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

(No Class 4/12, 5/10, 5/31)

Fee: \$61.00

Non Resident Fee: \$67.10

April 5-June 14

Senior Fee: \$54.90

Badminton

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

(No class 4/4, 4/25, 5/9)

Fee: \$48.00

Non Resident Fee: \$52.80

March 14-May 2

Senior Fee: \$43.20

Badminton

Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

(No class 4/12)

Fee: \$48.00

Non Resident Fee: \$52.80

March 15-22

March 29-May 3

Senior Fee: \$43.20

Badminton

Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$54.00

Non Resident Fee: \$59.40

March 16-May 4

Senior Fee: \$48.60

Line Dancing

Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$77.00

Non Resident Fee: \$84.70

March 23-May 11

Senior Fee: \$69.30

For more information about registering, classes and setting up your account, please visit:

<https://avonct.myrec.com/info/>

Blood Drive

Avon Senior Center

May 22, 10:00-3:00



American
Red Cross

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS
(1-800-733-2767) or RedCrossBlood.org and
enter: ASC to schedule an appointment.

"You can't cross the sea
merely by standing and
staring at the water."

RABINDRANATH TAGORE



Just believe in yourself.

Even if you don't,
pretend that you do
and, at some point,
you will.

- Venus Williams



3-13 CARD GROUP

Tuesdays at noon. Join us!

New players welcome.

Easy to learn & fun to play.

Receive Emergency Updates from the Town of Avon!

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"Town Alerts" & "Town News and Announcements"

CT ALERTS - Critical emergency information:

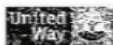
(<https://portal.ct.gov/ctaalert>)



Town of Avon Food Pantry and Mobile Foodshare Information



Avon Food Pantry
Church of Saint Ann, Lower Level
289 Arch Road, Corner of Route 167 & Arch Road
The Avon Food Pantry is open
Tuesday mornings from 9:30am - 11:30am
Except when Avon Public Schools are closed for bad weather



Mobile Foodshare

Free produce available to persons in need in the Farmington Valley.
Farmer's market distributes fresh fruits, vegetables, perishables & more.

Alternate Tuesdays – 10:00am - 10:30am

2023 Upcoming Dates

Except when Avon Public Schools are closed for bad weather

January 3	March 14	May 23	August 15	October 24
January 17	March 28	June 6	August 29	November 7
January 31	April 11	June 20	September 12	November 21
February 14	April 25	July 18	September 26	December 5
February 28	May 9	August 1	October 10	December 19

*****Please bring your own bags!*****

Mobile Foodshare Avon Site:
The Farmington Valley American Muslim Center
35 Harris Road

Foodshare, a United Way Community Investment supported agency, operates Mobile Foodshare in many towns throughout Hartford and Tolland counties. Avon Social Services, Gifts of Love, and the Avon-Canaan United Way have collaborated with Foodshare to bring Mobile Foodshare to Avon.



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430 Woodland Ave., Springfield, CT 01102-1942
Phone (860) 286-9999 Fax (860) 286-7060
On the web: <http://www.foodshare.org>

For additional information contact: Town of Avon Social Services @ 860-409-4346

Town of Avon Dial-a-Ride Application

https://www.avonct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif151/f/uploads/dial_a_ride_info_app.pdf

Renters' Rebate Program:

65+ or totally disabled, income \$40,300 or less (single), \$49,100 or less (married), rebate from CT. Filing period April 1 - Oct. 1, 2023. Please call Assessor's Office 860-409-4335.



Unearthing History: The Discovery of a 12,500 year old Paleo-Indian Site Along the Farmington River in Avon, CT

7:00 pm EST via Zoom

Free to attend. Register at www.avonctlibrary.info

2023 series sponsored by a grant from



MARCH 23

The LIDAR Revolution in Earth Surface Mapping, presented by Will Ouimet, Assoc. Professor, Departments of Geosciences and Geography, Univ. of Connecticut. He will explain the techniques used by LIDAR for locating historic human settlements and land use patterns. LIDAR = Light Detection and Ranging using lasers for 3D scanning.

APRIL 20

Hunting and Fishing Techniques of the Paleoindian (tentative title), presented by Richard Boisvert, retired New Hampshire state archeologist, who is very familiar with the discovery and analysis of the Brian D. Jones (BDJ) site and other Paleoindian sites in northern New England.

MAY 11

The Big Importance of Small Things: Microscopic and Blood Residue Analysis of Ancient Stone Tools, presented by Heather M. Rockwell, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Cultural and Historic Preservation, Noreen Stonor Drexel Cultural and Historic Preservation Program, Salve Regina University. This presentation will examine the process and limitations of blood residue and use-wear analysis, and how they have contributed to our understanding of ancient people.

SEPT. 21

Paleoindian Sites, Site Patterning and Travel Corridors along the Southern Arm of the Champlain Sea, presented by Jess Robinson, Vermont State Archaeologist, Vermont Archaeology Heritage Center, Barre, VT. He will compare and contrast Paleo sites in Vermont with the Brian D. Jones site in Avon.

OCT. 12

Update on the scientific analysis of the Brian D. Jones (BDJ) site in Avon, CT 2019, presented by Eric Heffer, Senior Prehistoric Archaeologist, Archaeological and Historical Services, Storrs, CT. His presentation will be 90 minutes with time after for Q&A. October is Archaeology Month in Connecticut!

Watch the webinars from the 2021 and 2022 series on the Avon Library's YouTube Channel:
www.youtube.com/user/afplct

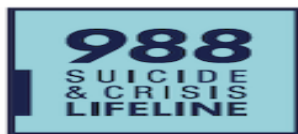
Webinar series created by : Avon Historical Society, Avon Free Public Library, Avon Senior Center



Avon Senior Center
3rd Monday of the month
7:00-8:30 pm



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Experience is not what happens to you; it is what you do with what happens to you.

—ALDOUS HUXLEY



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Aims to reduce the number of injuries & deaths due to home fires by providing free fire safety education & free smoke alarms. Call: 877-287-3327 option 1 or visit: www.redcross.org/local/connecticut/home-fire-safety-visit.



American Red Cross

E-mail List

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AVON SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

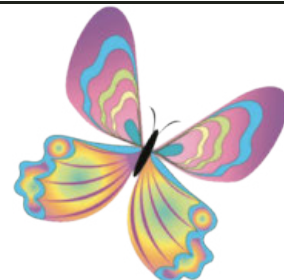
Mah Jongg- Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
 (for experienced players only)
Card Group- Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.
Scrabble- Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.
Knitting- Mondays at 1:00 p.m.
Setback- Wed & Fri at 1:00 p.m.
Chess- various
Wii Bowl- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. & various
Beading Group- Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.
Pool/Billiards- various
Euchre- Every other Friday at 2:00 pm

CRT Lunch at the Avon Senior Center

Come and enjoy lunch at the Avon Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. CRT (Community Renewal Team) sponsors a lunch program at the Avon Senior Center where you receive a hot, nutritious and health conscious meal. They offer a printed menu each month and reservations are required by calling the Senior Center the day before by 12:00 noon at 860-675-4355. The cost is a suggested \$3.00 donation for persons 60 years of age and over and a mandatory \$9.89 if you are 59 years of age and under. The lunch program is open to all seniors in the Town of Avon as well as surrounding towns. Come and join us and make some new friends. See menu below:



TUESDAY		THURSDAY	
2	Chicken Parmesan Pasta w/ Sauce Yellow Squash Garlic Knot Fresh Fruit	4	Beef Stroganoff Steamed Orzo Vegetable Medley 12 Grain Bread Fresh Fruit
9	Sliced Turkey American Cheese on Sandwich Roll Lettuce & Tomato Fresh Fruit Yogurt Cup	11	Orange Juice Quiche Lorraine Wedge Diced Potatoes Asparagus Wheat Bread Cheesecake Brownie
16	Grape Juice All-Beef Hot Dog Hot Dog Bun Ketchup, Mustard, Relish Smoked Baked Beans Mixed Veggies Cookie	18	Clam Chowder Crab Cake/Tartar Sauce Coleslaw Sweet Potato Fries Oyster Crackers Fresh Fruit
23	Teriyaki Chicken Vegetable Fried Rice Asian Vegetable Blend Dinner Roll Fresh Fruit	25	Ricotta Stuffed Shells w/ Marinara Sauce California Blend Veggies Dinner Roll Fresh Fruit
30	Potato Fish Potato Wedges California Vegetables Garlic Knot Fresh Fruit		



SENIOR CITIZENS OF AVON ORGANIZATION

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Mondays



President & Programs— Helen M. Toth
Vice President & Cheer— Vivian Pane
Treasurer - Barbara Schicker, Hospitality - Jean Pelletier & Vivian Pane
Secretary - Marian Hurlbut

Message from the Board of Directors . . .

The Senior Citizens of Avon Organization will immediately terminate its luncheon activities due to lack of interest.

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge that we no longer can continue to offer programs at a loss. We thank all the members for your faithful participation.

We are planning an event for paid members only and we will communicate more details via personal invitation very soon.

We look forward to seeing you at our final luncheon.

It has been a wonderful experience to be part of the Organization and getting to know each one of you. Thank you for being you.

Helen M. Toth



“When we choose to trust the journey and embrace love and joy, we are free to fly”.

-Anniken R. Day



Mutual of Omaha

Money Matters with Mike Sloan- Program focuses on HECM reverse mortgage (HUD sponsored & FHA insured product). <https://youtu.be/myYr3vTRphs>
Mutual Cares: help seniors stay well, connected, active, entertained. (<https://cares.mutualofomaha.com/>).



“Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.”

Aspire to inspire before we expire.



The quality of your life will be determined by the quality of your contribution. When you work to improve the lives of others, your life improves automatically.

KUREK ASHLEY

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When you can't control what's happening, challenge yourself to control the way you respond.

That's where your power is.

MAY 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1:00 Setback 1 1:00 Crafty Crew 5:45 Zumba Gold 	9:00 Wii Bowling 2 9:30 Brighter Days-ies 10:30 Mah Jongg 12:00 CRT Lunch 1:00 Scrabble, Cards 1:30 MOB 6:30 Badminton THANKFUL TUESDAYS 	9:00 Wii Bowling 3 1:00 Setback 1:00 Chess 4:00 Tai Chi 5:30 Zumba Gold 6:30 Badminton 	9:00 Wii Bowling 4 11:30 BP check 12:00 CRT Lunch 12:30 Beading 2:30 Line Dancing 6:30 Badminton THINKING THURSDAYS 	9:00 Wii Bowling 5 1:00 Setback 1:00 Ping Pong 2:00 Euchre- card game 
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BLOOD DRIVE 22 12:00 Meals & Minds 1:00 Setback 1:00 Crafty Crew 5:45 Zumba Gold 	9:00 Wii Bowling 23 9:30 Brighter Days-ies 10:30 Mah Jongg 12:00 CRT Lunch 1:00 Scrabble & cards THANKFUL TUESDAYS 	9:00 Wii Bowling 24 12:30 Grab & Go 1:00 Setback 1:00 Chess 4:00 Tai Chi 5:30 Zumba Gold 	9:00 Wii Bowling 25 10:00 Hearing Aid Check 12:00 CRT Lunch 12:30 Beading THINKING THURSDAYS 	9:00 Wii Bowling 26 1:00 Setback 1:00 Ping Pong 
CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY 29 	9:00 Wii Bowling 30 9:30 Brighter Daysies 10:30 Mah Jongg 12:00 CRT Lunch 1:00 Scrabble & cards THANKFUL TUESDAYS 	9:00 Wii Bowling 31 1:00 Setback 1:00 Chess 		



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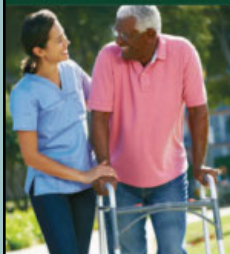
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