## **AVON SENIOR CENTER**



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#### OCTOBER 2022

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



#### Senior Center Coordinator's Message

Happy Fall My Senior Center Friends!! October is a beautiful month with the leaves changing, the colors are bright and the air is crisp. Hope you are enjoying the season change.

Avon Senior Center is busy with programs, food, presenters, classes and activities. Come check things out and join us for the fun!

We have several groups that are looking for more participants: 3-13 Card Group, Chess, Setback, Mah Jongg, Wii Bowling, Crafty Crew Knitters and Billiards. Come and spend some time with us!

Carly, our UCONN BSW intern will be running some great programs this semester. You do not want to miss out, so please sign up. These programs are part of her social work education and we want to support her as she supports you!

If you have any ideas about programs, please share them with us. We like to try new things. We have Shuffleboard, Cornhole, Ping Pong, Badminton, Puzzles, Dominoes and Cribbage.

As the season changes, try something new at the senior center. We will have the coffee on for you! See you soon!

Please take care, Jennifer Bennett, LMSW, CDP Dementia Friend & Dementia Champion



#### **Monday Meals & Minds Program**

Monday Meals and Minds is a bi-monthly program with meals served at the Avon Senior Center and an educational and informational opportunity for learning. The program will stimulate the mind and promote social inclusivity and connectedness. We will increase social integration and decrease social isolation through nutrition and learning. This program is open, welcoming and FREE. SIGN UP IS REQUIRED.

\*\*Meals at 12:00 & program at 12:30\*\*

#### Monday, October 17 CT Poison Control Ctr

Do you know what the Connecticut Poison Control Center does? It is more than you think. From emergency calls to research, the state center provides resources and information that effects your life. Come and learn more!

#### Monday, October 31

**Halloween Party!** 

Dress up, games, music, candy, fun!

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

### Avon Senior Center Volunteer Wins Silver

at Special Olympics CT!



Jodi Selinger volunteers at the Avon Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays during our Congregate Meal program with her friend, Dayna. Jodi competed in Special Olympics CT and placed 2nd in Bocce! Love your Silver Medal. Congratulations Jodi, we are so proud of you and your accomplishments! Thanks for being an awesome volunteer too! Woo! Hoo!!



Please call to sign up!

**Sunshine Wheels/New Horizons** Tuesday, October 4, 2022 from 11-1

**Medicare Questions Answered** October 11, 2022 from 11 am-1 pm Lou & Jessica Pelletier

**Lower Prescription Costs** October 12, 2022 at 1:00 pm Senior Services of North America

**Retirement Seminar** October 18, 2002 at 6:30 pm Lou & Jessica Pelletier

#### **Grab & Go- October 26** Wednesday at 12:30 pm

Enjoy a delicious FREE Grab & Go Meal. Please drive up to the front door and we will hand you the meal. Please sign up. We look forward to seeing you!

Sponsored by Avon Senior Center



#### **Brighter Days-ies**

Favarh friends on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:00 making beautiful flower arrangements. Join us, no sign-up necessary.



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#### **Chess Group**

Tuesdays 1:00-3:00 p.m. Looking for new players!

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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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**FLU CLINIC** Tuesday, October 11 from 1-3 pm FV VNA 860-651-3539

Make appointment

**Unearthing History: 2022 Virtual Lecture #5:** Update on the scientific analysis of the Brian D. Jones site in Avon, CT Thursday October 13 at 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Presented by David Leslie, Dir. of Archaeological Research, Heritage Consultants, Berlin, CT & Eric Heffter, Senior Archaeologist, Archaeological and Historic Services, Storrs, CT. They will present new findings based on artifacts and new analysis techniques. October is Connecticut Archaeology Month!

Register & Zoom link will be sent out before event.

https://www.avonctlibrary.info/event/unearthinghistory-2022-update-briandjones/

This 2022 VIRTUAL HISTORY SERIES is sponsored by Avon Historical Society, Avon Free Public Library and Avon Senior Center, in partnership with the Avon Land Trust, Farmington River Watershed Association, and the Institute of American Indian Studies in Washington, CT.



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, October 20 from 10-12.













#### Connecticut

#### Fraud Watch Network

AARP Fraud Watch Network: identity theft, investment fraud & scams. www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or 1-877-908-3360 https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2018/passwordmanager-identity-protection.html

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#### 3-13 CARD GROUP

Tuesdays at noon. New players welcome. Easy to learn & fun to play. Join us!



#### Caregiver Support Group

Avon Senior Center is looking to offer a Caregiver Support Group, please let us know if you are interested. Please call 860-675-4355.

#### **CRT CONGREGATE MEAL** Community Café/Lunch Program IN-PERSON AT SENIOR CENTER

Tuesdays and Thursdays Please call to sign up at 860-675-4355.

**Blood Drive Avon Senior Center** October 21, 2022 10:00-3:00



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

#### **AVON SENIOR CENTER CLASSES**

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Sept. 28-Dec. 21 (no class Nov. 23, Dec. 14)

Senior Fee: \$59.40

Fee: \$66.00

Non Resident Fee: \$72.60

#### Virtual Zumba Gold

Mondays, 5:45-6:45 p.m. Oct. 3—Dec. 12

(no class Oct. 10)

Fee: \$74.00 Senior Fee: \$66.60

Non Resident Fee: \$81.40

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Wednesdays, 5:45-6:45 p.m. Sept. 28—Dec. 7

(no class Nov. 23)

Fee: \$74.00 Senior Fee: \$66.60

Non Resident Fee: \$81.40

**Barre Stretch & Flex** Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Sept. 29-Nov. 17 Senior Fee: \$69.30 Fee: \$77.00

Non Resident Fee: \$84.70

#### **Badminton**

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 6—Oct. 25 Fee: \$54.00 Senior Fee: \$48.60

Non Resident Fee: \$59.40

#### **Badminton**

Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 1—Oct. 20 Senior Fee: \$48.60 Fee: \$54.00

Non Resident Fee: \$59.40

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

https://avonct.myrec.com/







#### How to "X-ray" a Planet Monday, October 3 at 6:30 pm

Scientists utilize natural phenomena to advance our understanding of Earth's interior. Planets suffer fractures & scientists perform diagnostic

X-ray. Learn more from this free virtual lecture. Registration required, www.hamdenlibrary.org, (click on "Programs") or call 1-203-287-2680. Zoom link via email. Hamden Public Library with Yale Peabody Museum Speakers Bureau. Speaker: Yantao Luo, Yale PhD Candidate.



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



NAMI Family Support Group: peer-led for adults with a loved one who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition. \*Free, No therapy/treatment endorsed, Confidential\*

#### Construction Work in Town's Right-of-Way

Chapter 53 of the Town's Code of Ordinances, all construction work completed in the Town's right-of-way requires a permit from the Town's Engineering Department. *Obtain permit before work is performed.* Town may impose financial penalty for un-permitted work & *property owner* will be liable. Verify that all required permits are obtained before beginning work. Engineering Department (860) 409-4322.



What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.

—Jane Goodall

## Receive Emergency Updates from the Town of Avon!



<u>SUBSCRIBE</u> - (https://www.avonct.gov/subscribe).

"Town Alerts" & "Town News and Announcements"

**CT ALERTS** - Critical emergency information:

(https://portal.ct.gov/ctalert)

## **Expanded Availability: At-home COVID Tests** for People Who Are Blind or Have Low Vision

Tests work with Bluetooth-enabled smartphone app to provide users with audible instructions.

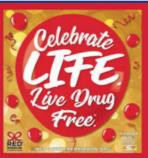
Order online or call 1-800-232-0233. Orders ship free, while supplies last. **Assistance?** Please call Disability Information & Access Line (DIAL): 888-677-1199 Monday-Friday 9 am-8 pm (EST) or email DIAL@usaginganddisability.org.

## AVON ACES WII BOWLING TEAM NEEDS YOU!



#### AVON ACES WII BOWLING TEAM

is looking for a few more people to join us. We practice and play on Tuesday mornings from 10-12. We are a fun-loving group of people and would love to have you be a part of our team!



Celebrate Red Ribbon Week® (October 23-31)

www.redribbon.org





# NOW BOOKING COVID-19 VACCINE APPOINTMENTS

Ages 18 and up

The Farmington Valley Health District is the local health department serving the towns of Avon, Barkhamsted, Canton, Colebrook, East Granby, Farmington, Granby, Hartland, New Hartford, and Simsbury.



#### SCHEDULE ONLINE OR BY PHONE

#### Scheduling options:



Visit our website at fvhd.org/vaccination



Schedule by phone, (860) 352-2333 (8am-4pm, Monday-Friday)











There is hope

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) offers 24/7 call, text and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support. Free & confidential. The Lifeline helps thousands of people overcome crisis situations every day.

#### E-mail List

Please send an email to: eshaffer@avonct.gov requesting to be added to the newsletter email list.





#### **AVON SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES**

Mah Jongg- Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Card Group- Tuesdays at 1:00 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- Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.
Wii Bowl- Tuesdays 10-2 & various
Beading Group- Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

## 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:

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TUE\$DAY		THUR\$DAY	
4	BBQ Chicken Leg Potato Salad Seasoned Corn Cornbread Loaf Fresh Fruit	6	Orange Juice Kielbasa Mustard Home Fries Vegetables Rye Bread Jello Cup
11	Fruit Punch Beef Hot Dog Hot Dog Bun Mustard, Relish, Ketchup Baked Beans Coleslaw Pudding Cup	13	Grape Juice Roast Turkey W/ Gravy Sweet Potatoes Wax Beans Cranberry Sauce Wheat Roll Yogurt
18	Baked Chicken Potato Stuffin' (Potatoes w/ Onions, Carrots, Celery) Vegetables Wheat Dinner Roll Fresh Fruit	20	Orange Juice Apple Cider Marinated Pork Cornbread Stuffing Peas & Carrots Whole Wheat Bread Pudding Cup
25	Orange Juice Spaghetti & Meatballs Marinara Sauce Parmesan Cheese Italian Mix Vegetables Italian Bread Cookie	27	Potato Crumb Fish Tartar Sauce Mashed Potatoes Vegetables Whole Wheat Bread Fresh Fruit



#### SENIOR CITIZENS OF AVON ORGANIZATION



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

Message from the Board of Directors . . .

We hope that you are enjoying the cooler Fall weather. After the steamy humid summer that we've had the transition is most welcome. It's great to get outside and do some fun activities with our family and friends.

We look forward to the October entertainment by the Kinetic Ukes. Sounds like a fun group that has performed at various concerts throughout the area. Our luncheon will be pizza from George's Restaurant with a variety of toppings to choose from. Fee for this event is \$10 pp. Attendance limited to 40 so please call Barbara Schicker and reserve your spot. To confirm reservation, please send your check made payable to the Avon Senior Organization c/o Barbara at 27 Peachtree Village, Avon, CT 06001.

We are in the middle of our membership drive. Please consider becoming a member of the Senior Citizens of Avon Organization. Membership is \$10 for the 2022 – 2023 Season. Please see Barbara if you have any questions.

If you are interested in helping with set up or serving please contact Barbara Schicker at (860-404-5436) or Helen Toth at (860-225-7124) and leave a message if no answer. We look forward to hearing from you.

Happy Birthday to the following Member: October 27<sup>th</sup> – Paul Boyne

Helen M. Toth



Senior Citizens of Avon Organization Everyone is Welcome – Reservations Required

#### **LUNCHEON DATE:**

October 24, 2022 at Noon - Luncheon

#### MENU:

Pizza, Salad and Dessert

#### **ENTERTAINMENT:**

The Kinetic Ukes will be here to entertain us. Kinetic Ukes performs joyful tunes in a variety of genres from classic ukulele songs to modern country, blues and rock. Popular tunes from the 50's, 60's and 70's make up the core repertoire, with true oldies (1920's) and more contemporary songs sprinkled in here and there. It's guaranteed to make you smile!

#### **FUTURE LUNCHEON EVENTS:**

December 12th - Holiday party – Avon High School Chorus under the direction of Andrew Brochu will perform.



## Money Matters with Mike Sloan of Mutual of Omaha

Please click link to watch video. Program focuses on HECM reverse mortgage (HUD sponsored & FHA insured product). <a href="https://youtu.be/myYr3vTRphs">https://youtu.be/myYr3vTRphs</a>



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