AVON SENIOR CENTER



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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, groups 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, Setback, Mah Jongg (beginner & experienced), Wii Bowling, Crafty Crew Knitters. Spend some time with us!

If you have any ideas about programs, please share them with us. We like to try new things. We have Shuffleboard, Bean Bag Toss/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!

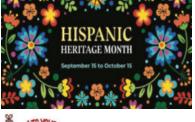
Please take care, Jennifer Bennett, LMSW, CDP Dementia Friend & Dementia Champion





Tuesday, October 31, 2023 12:45 pm Dress up, show up, have fun!









Celebrate Red Ribbon Week® (October 23-31)

www.redribbon.org

Avon Senior Center Volunteer Wins Gold at Special Olympics CT in Bocce!

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 1st in Bocce! Congratulations Jodi, we are so proud of you and thanks for being an awesome volunteer! Woo! Hoo!!



"Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there has been a trail of memories."

Remembrance Service & Celebrate Life Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 11 am

Program at 11 am, Meal at 12:00 pm
Please join us for this service in remembrance of those who have died as we celebrate their lives. If you would like to remember someone, please let us know.



Please call to sign up!

Veteran's Benefits—Lunch & Learn Wednesday, October 4, 11:30-1:00 Presenters & Sponsors:

Sherri Vogt from Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging & Amy Foreman from Hebrew Center, National Healthcare

Bingo with Erika from Anthem Tuesday, October 10 at 12:45 pm

Pearls from Carol & Sing-a-long Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 12:45

Albert Ruggiero discusses his publication of short stories and poetry by his late wife, Carol, celebrating her life and memory & Sing-a-long

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Tuesday, October 24 at 1:00 pm **Trinhaitia Bijoux Beading Therapy** with Miss Natalie

"Cooking for 1 or 2" Thursday, October 26 at 11:00 am Lecture by Jessica, the Dietician

Halloween Party Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at 12:45 pm Dress up, show up, have fun!





October 25, 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







Free Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar Screening FV VNA will be providing FREE Screenings 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 11:30-1:00.

Monday Meals & Minds Program

Bi-monthly program with meals served at the Avon Senior Center with 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 SIGN UP REQUIRED. *Meals 12:00, program 12:30*

> Monday, October 2 & 16 Avon Land Trust (ALT) – History Chats Presenter: Janet Conner, Historian

\$1.00 Donation requested

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





REGISTRATION FRIDAY OCTOBER 6TH AT 2:30 PM

WEDNESDAYS AT 2:30 AVON SENIOR CENTER

'No experience necessary just a love of singing

EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION SONGBIRDSCHILDRENSCHOIR@GMAIL



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 26, from 10-12.















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The Perfect Scam: www.aarp.org/podcasts/the-perfect-scam



2023 MEMORY CARE SERIES #3

@ THE AVON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY 281 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD AVON, CT

re about memory care issues are encouraged to a er at www.avonctlibrary.info or call 860-673-9712



Nourish Your Brain For Better Aging - Nutrition Class 1:00 pm Virtual

When it comes to a diet that promotes cognitive health and overall brain function, the MIND diet is worth considering. The MIND diet combines aspects of two very popular diets, the Mediterranean diet and the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) diet. Join Shana Griffin, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, for a noteworthy class on how to prevent brain aging with evidenced based nutrition science recommendations. Shana will provide you with an eating guide and answer your nutrition related questions.

Banking Scams and Cognitive Impairment 1:00 pm Virtual



Financial scams share a common goal: to access your personal financial information and steal your hard-earned money. For many of us, it is easy to spot these scams and avoid becoming the victim of a scam artist. But those who have mild cognitive impairment may be at greater risk of financial fraud, due to changes in their financial judgment. Learn more about spotting red flags and protecting those most susceptible to financial fraud due to cognitive impairment. Presented by Kathleen Titsworth, Banking Outreach Coordinator, State of CT Department of Banking

How to Support Caregivers and Why it Matters so Much? 1:00 pm Virtual



Caregiving is a multifaceted and intermingled experience which requires compassion, understanding, comprehension, emphasis, and purposeful support. Caring for yourself is one of the most important-and one of the most often forgotten-things you can do as a caregiver. When your needs are taken care of, the person you care for will benefit, too. We will explore a Person-Centered Approach, Strengths Based Approach and Perspective to championing, encouraging, and bolstering our caregivers. Everyone has value and worth and it is necessary to reinforce and remind caregivers of their purpose, dedication, talents, skills and gifts. Presented by Jennifer Bennett, LMSW (Licensed Master Social Worker), CDP (Certified Dementia Practitioner), Avon Senior Center Coordinator.

Resources for Living Independently as a Senior: How to Plan for Aging Without a Family?

1:00 pm Virtual



"Elder Orphans" or "Solo Agers" do not have to live in fear. Through proper preparation and arrangements in place, they should be able to grow old with grace and peace of mind. The prospect of aging alone can be intimidating, but it doesn't have to be. If you understand the challenges you may face and plan for them ahead of time, you may find that you can navigate this stage of life without fear or uncertainty. By taking proactive steps and surrounding yourself with proper professional guidance, you can create your own safety net. This session will provide you with information to build sustainable support systems for aging. Commit to aging with a plan. There is hope. Presented by Joy Hollister, LMSW. Lifespan Assistance and Planning Services, LLC.

This program is jointly sponsored by The Avon Free Public Library, The Avon Senior Center, The Bloomfield Public Library, and The Canton Public Library.











AVON SENIOR CENTER CLASSES

Tai Chi

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Sept. 20—Dec. 13

(no class Nov. 22)

Fee: \$71.00 Senior Fee: \$63.90

Non Resident Fee: \$78.10

Mah Jonga

October 11, 13, 18 & 20

Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 & Fridays 10:00-12:00

Fee: \$61.00 Senior Fee: \$54.90

Non Resident Fee: \$67.10

Zumba Gold

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sept. 20—Dec. 13

(No Class Nov. 22)

Fee: \$86.00 Senior Fee: \$77.40

Non Resident Fee: \$94.60

Badminton

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 26—Dec. 19

(No class Nov. 28)

Fee: \$75.00 Senior Fee: \$67.50

Non Resident Fee: \$82.50

Badminton

Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 28—Dec. 14

(no class Nov. 23)

Fee: \$70.00 Senior Fee: \$63.00

Non Resident Fee: \$77.00

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

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







Applications Accepted 9/5/2023 - 5/31/2024Avon residents, please CALL for appointment: 860-409-4346 **Avon Social Services**

New clients must provide household member information sheet for each household member showing:

- * Proof of Income
- * Proof of Rent/Mortgage Payment
- * Proof of Utility Bills



New Mah Jongg Group

Beginner Mah Jongg group looking for players. Join them on Wednesdays from 10:00-12:00!



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 we

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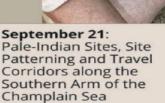
May 23 June 20

October 24

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

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

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



Presented by Jess Robinson, Vermont State Archaeologist, Vermont Archaeology Heritage Center, Barre, VT. He will compare and contrast Paleo sites in Vermont with the BDJ site in Avon.

October 12: Update on the Brian D. Jones site in Avon, CT since discovery in 2019.

Presented by Eric Heffter, Senior Prehistoric Archaeologist, Archaeological and Historical Services, Storrs, CT.

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7:00 pm EST via Zoom

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

Avon Food Pantry

Church of Saint Ann-Lower Level 289 Arch Road

> Avon Food Pantry is open Tuesday mornings from 9:30am -11:30am

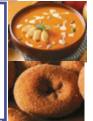
For additional information contact: Avon Social Services 860-409-4346



Town of Avon Dial-a-Ride Application

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

dial a ride info app.pdf







3-13 CARD GROUP

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



AVON ACES WII BOWLING!

Join our team! Tuesdays at 10:00 am Avon Senior Center at 860-675-4355.

Favarh Brighter Days-ies

Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 Join us making beautiful flower arrangements. Drop in, no sign-up.



New Card Game- Euchre Every other Friday 2pm. Contact Heidi: heidi10359@aol.com







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CT ALERTS - Critical emergency info: (https://portal.ct.gov/ctalert)









MyPlaceCT.org: help older adults & people with disabilities live with optimal independence, health & wellbeing. Bringing together the information to live how & where you choose. Sponsored: CT Department of Social Services in collaboration with partner state agencies and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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*





988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline 24/7 call/text/chat access to trained crisis counselors who help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, mental health crisis, or emotional distress. Contact 988 if worried about a loved one who may need support. Free & confidential.

Red Cross Home Fire Campaign

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

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



"Autumn, it carries more gold in its hand than all the other seasons."



AVON SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Mah Jongg- Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

(for experienced players only)

Mah Jongg - Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

(beginner group) 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.

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. Printed menu offered each month & reservations are required by calling the Senior Center the day before by 12:00 noon at 860-675-4355. Suggested \$3.00 donation for persons 60 years of age and over & a mandatory \$10.36 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 join us and make new friends. See menu below:



CRT LUNCH

TUESDAY		THURSDAY	
3	Stuffed Cabbage w/ Tomato Sauce Rice Broccoli Florets Garlic Knot Fresh Fruit	5	Fruit Punch Mixed Greens w/ Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Onions, Shredded Cheese, Turkey, Ham, Hard Boiled Egg, Ranch Dressing Bread Stick Fruit Bar
10	Vegetable Lasagna w/ Alfredo Sauce Italian Blend Vegs Italian Bread Fresh Fruit	12	Potato Crumb Fish Tartar Sauce Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Normandy Cornbread Fresh Fruit
17	Vegetable Soup Roast Turkey on Roll Mustard / Mayo Lettuce / Tomato Potato Salad Fresh Fruit Cookie	19	Grape Juice Glazed Baked Ham w/Mustard Sweet Potatoes Vegetable Medley Dinner Roll Yogurt Cup
24	Salad Greens w/ Tomatoes, Cucumbers Onions, Grilled Chick- en, Cheddar Cheese, Ranch Dressing Cornbread Fresh Fruit	26	Grape Juice Manicotti w/ Red Sauce Parmesan Cheese Squash Medley Roll Lemon Pudding w/ Topping
31	Fruit Punch Swedish Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Peas & Diced Carrots Whole Wheat Bread Chocolate Brownie		October





2023 Flu Clinic Avon Senior Center Thursday, October 11 from 1:00- 3:00 pm

Please bring your medical insurance card.

MEDICARE Part B as primary insurance Aetna – Regular & Medicare ConnectiCare – Regular & Medicare Anthem – Regular & Medicare Harvard Pilgrim HealthCare

We cannot accept: CIGNA Care Partners of CT Health New England United Health Care



Vaccines available:

Regular for ages 9 & older High Dose for adults over 65

Call: Farmington Valley VNA 860-651-3539 for an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.



Bloomfield Senior Services is pleased to present

An Afternoon of Information, Fellowship and Socializing

Thursday, October 19, 2023

1:30 pm Registration, meet and greet (and light refreshments)

2:00 pm Advance Directives and Medicaid

What everyone needs to know

presented by Attorney Shirley Pripstein

Greater Hartford Legal Aid

3:15 pm Probate Court

What everyone needs to know

presented by Judge Daniel Mara Tobacco Valley Probate Court

4:15 pm "It's 5:00 somewhere"

light refreshments, mocktails and socializing

Extra Bonus:

Please RSVP to Bloomfield Senior Services (860-243-8361) by October 16.



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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/).



Avon Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee is seeking new committee members (specifically, senior citizens who reside in Avon).

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving established Avon Community Fund in 2020. Advisory Committee manages the fund & is inclusive and reflective of all Avon residents.

Application: https://www.hfpg.org/donors/ways-to-give/community-funds/avon

Completed application: <u>avontogetherfund@gmail.com</u>.

If you have questions or trouble accessing the application, please call: 860-833-4643



Medicare & Beyond: in-person program

Monday, October 16 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Mention the word Medicare and you're likely to get a confused look in return. The Father/Daughter Team of Lou & Jessica Pelletier will sort through the Parts (A- Hospital; B - Physician & Outpatient Coverage; D-Drug Coverage) and review the pros and cons of Medicare Supplement Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans. Learn about IRMAA (Income Related Monthly Adjusted Amount), Medicare Savings Programs, a Medical Power of Attorney, Social Security Options and how to protect your assets from nursing homes without having Long-Term Care Insurance. Join us if you are a senior, a child of a senior, or just want to know more. PelletierSeniorPlanning.Com

Sponsored by Avon Senior Center & Avon Free Public Library. Please register for appropriate room spacing.

https://www.avonctlibrary.info/event/medicareoct2023/









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