# **AVON SENIOR CENTER**



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## SEPTEMBER 2023

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



# Senior Center Coordinator's Message

September is National Senior Center Month!

"Discover Yours" encourages taking an active role in exploring new activities, hobbies, experiences, and self-discovery. It's never too late to try something new!

"Discover Yours" sets the stage for an inclusive environment where people from diverse backgrounds feel encouraged to explore personal interests and find activities that resonate.

"Discover Yours" invites an opportunity to focus on personal growth and self-improvement. It encourages us to tap into our potential, try new things, and uncover hidden talents or passions. "Discover Yours" fosters a sense of community and camaraderie. Encourages us to discover individual interests, share our experiences with others, sparking conversations and connections within the senior center.

Avon Senior Center has great programs, new classes and activities and you want to sign up!

Thank you for coming to the Senior Center and making it a homey, inviting, exciting, active and special place. We're here for you!

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







NationalInstituteOf **SeniorCenters** 

September 2023

Chorus

# **National Senior Center Month**

Discover your...



Songbirds Children's Choir was established in September 2018 under the musical direction of Kimberly Perteet. Kimberly is passionate about singing and teaching others to use their voices to make beautiful music. This year, we are inviting older adults in Avon & surrounding areas to join us with their hearts and voices to produce an intergenerational chorus. Rehearsals begin Fridays @ 2:30 in October at Avon Senior Center. songbirdschildrenschoir@gmail.com



Please call to sign up!

Tuesday, September 12- Bingo at 12:45 pm Erika from Anthem-Bingo Caller

Tuesday, September 19 at 12:45 pm Dessert Social

Tuesday, September 19 at 2:00 pm **Trinhaitia Bijoux Beading Therapy** with Miss Natalie

Thursday, September 21 at 12:45 pm **Ice Cream Social** 

Tuesday, September 26 at 12:45 pm **M&T Bank- Scams** Flora, Branch Manager, VP



"There is always light. If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it."

AMANDA GORMAN





**September 27, 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, September 11, 18, 25 **Avon Land Trust (ALT)– History Chats** Presenter: Janet Conner, Historian

9/11: Edgar M. Woodford-Cottage Farm, Hartford County Surveyor, cartographer, abolitionist, Civil War soldier

9/18: Little Red Barn: Huckleberry Hill Road-Early Owners, Working Farm, Tragedy, Donation to ALT

9/25: ALT Trails: Early land owners of properties for Hazen Park to Tower, Garvin & Maher, Metacomet Ridge Presenter: Scott Lewis-Trail Master, ALT

## \$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.



FVHD (Farmington Valley Health District) will be presenting a FREE Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training on (Thursdays) September 14 and 21 from 4-8 pm at Avon Senior Center. Please call the Senior Center at 860-675-4355 to sign up. This is an 8 hour training, please attend both classes.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) helps you assist someone experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis. Learn risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help someone in both crisis and non-crisis situations, and where to turn for help. Gain skills to reach out, provide initial help and support. Learn how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders.



# 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, September 28, from 10-12.















#### Fraud Watch Network

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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Do Not Call Registry: www.donotcall.gov or call (888) 382-1222

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

# THE **E**



Big E Fair Grounds
CT Day Wednesday, Sept 20, 2023

9:00 am-6:00 pm, Tickets on bus, Explore/Enjoy Motor coach, Tour Director, ALL SALES FINAL Gratuities for driver, tour directors not included For Information & Reservations— please call Avon Senior Center #860-675-4355

Cost Per Person \$99, Deposit \$20.00 pp

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

Starting September 2023, we will be accepting and asking for \$1.00 donation per meal. We did not receive the full grant amount requested and the funder is asking for donations to help offset the cost of the meal.

We appreciate your kindness in giving donations, your understanding and your patience.

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

For All Ages~ Tea @ 3 Community Intergenerational Friendship Program https://forallages.org/tea-at-3



If you're a CT resident age 55+ or young adult (age 18-25) or CT college student, we invite you to join the fall 2023 Tea @ 3 Community which runs mid-September -end of November 2023.

Discover the health benefits of drinking tea & making time for yourself, Enjoy the wonderful experience of talking via phone or video call once a week with your Tea-Mate from another generation, Join fellow community members for 2 virtual Community-wide sessions.

## **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 Jongg** 

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** 

Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sept. 18—Dec. 11

(No Class Oct. 9)

Fee: \$86.00 Senior Fee: \$77.40

Non Resident Fee: \$94.60

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**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** 

Wednesdays, 6:45-8:45 p.m. Oct. 4—Dec. 13

(no class Nov. 22)

Fee: \$65.00 Senior Fee: \$58.50

Non Resident Fee: \$71.50

**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

**Line Dancing** 

Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Sept. 28-Nov. 16 Fee: \$77.00 Senior Fee: \$69.30

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Non Resident Fee: \$84.70

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

https://avonct.myrec.com/





## **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 Ayon Public Schools

March 14

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

## **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

# Renters' Rebate

Please call Assessor's Office 860-409-4335.

Unearthing History: The Discovery of a 12,500 year old Paleo-Indian Site Along



## September 21:

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



# **Favarh Brighter Days-ies**

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



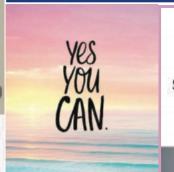
# **3-13 CARD GROUP**

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.



66 Every star shines a little differently.

LOVEOKNOW



"Be there for others, but never leave yourself behind."

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

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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.





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

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# Avon Emergency Updates!

<u>SUBSCRIBE</u> - (https://www.avonct.gov/ subscribe). "Town Alerts" & "Town News and Announcements"

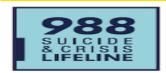
**CT ALERTS -** Critical emergency info: (https://portal.ct.gov/ctalert)



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.



"KNOWING OTHERS IS INTELLIGENCE: KNOWING YOURSELF IS TRUE WISDOM. MASTERING OTHERS IS STRENGTH: MASTERING YOURSELF IS TRUE POWER."

**LAO TZU** 

# **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:

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# **CRT LUNCH**

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TUESDAY			THURSDAY	
5	Meatloaf w/ Gravy	7	Grape Juice	
	Mashed Potatoes		Ham & Cheese	
	Steamed Spinach		Sandwich on Roll	
	Whole Wheat		w/Lettuce & Tomato	
	Bread		Potato Salad	
	Fresh Fruit		Yogurt Cup	
12	Chicken Marsala	14	Orange Juice	
	Pesto Pasta		Turkey w/ Gravy	
	Italian Vegetables		Cranberry Sauce	
	Dinner Roll		Mashed Potatoes	
	Fresh Fruit		Mixed Vegetables	
			Wheat Bread	
			Butterscotch Pudding	
19	BBQ Pork	21	Beef Meatballs	
	Baked Beans		Garlic Smashed Potatoes	
	Green Beans		Vegetable Blend	
	Wheat Bread		Whole Wheat Bread	
	Fresh Fruit		Fresh Fruit	
26	Chicken w/ Gravy	28	Potato Crumb Fish	
	White Rice		w/ Tartar Sauce	
	Steamed Broccoli		Rosemary Potatoes	
	Wheat Bread		Baby Carrots	
	Fresh Fruit		Whole Wheat Bread	
			Fresh Fruit	
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# 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.



# AVON@LIONS FIREWORKS -- GAMES -- RIDES -- FOOD

Sept. 22-24 99 Thompson Rd Avon

# Fireworks Friday at 9!

## Carnival Hours:

Friday, Sept. 22 from 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Saturday, Sept. 23 from 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM Sunday, Sept. 24 from 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Rides, games, carnival fare-cotton candy, snow cones, fried dough, candy apples, food trucks, mobile pub. Trucks include Lane's BBQ, New London Shaking Crab, Milkcraft ice cream, Betzy's Puerto Rican food, Farmington Polo Club's mobile eatery, Soulfully Vegan, Sweets n' Eats sausages & more.



# Митиаь У Отана

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).

Would you like to work with other Avon residents to help fund effective, efficient projects that benefit our Avon community? Consider applying for the Avon Greater Together Community Advisory Committee!

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: avontogetherfund@gmail.com.



**Every morning** vou have two choices: continue to sleep with your dreams or wake up and chase them.

CARMELO ANTHONY

# Medicare & Beyond: in-person program Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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 the Avon Senior Center and the Avon Free Public Library. Please register so that we can set up the room with appropriate spacing.

https://www.avonctlibrary.info/event/medicare-sept2023/

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









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