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Events and Information

July 26, 2012



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NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!! **Get Your Virtual Membership Plaque**

Studies have shown that consumers are 63% more likely to buy goods and services in the future from a business that is a member of a chamber of commerce . . .

Show the world that you are a proud Avon Chamber of Commerce member by displaying our new, FREE **AVON CHAMBER VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE**. The Chamber will send you your plaque in jpg format that you may then use on your business cards, business letterhead and website. If using it on your





September 12 - Business After Hours/PIG ROAST

For a complete listing of all **UPCOMING AVON CHAMBER EVENTS** [CLICK HERE](#)

FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT

DISPLAY YOUR BUSINESS CARDS AND BROCHURES

Did you know that the Chamber has a **display available where you can showcase your business cards or brochures?**

With the warmer weather upon us, people are dropping by every week looking for information on our member businesses -- make sure they see you!

Marketing your business has never been this easy -- simply drop off, mail or give to Lisa at any Chamber event **20** of your business cards or brochures and take advantage of this great member benefit!

To see **ALL THE BENEFITS** your Avon Chamber has to offer [CLICK HERE](#)



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE MEMBERS

ARDEN COURTS OF AVON

Next Thursday, August 2, 2-5 PM, at Blue Fox Mini Golf, 1603 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, **Arden Courts of Avon** is hosting a **Miniature Golf Tournament** to benefit the *Walk to End*

website, the Chamber will also provide you with HTML code to link your plaque back to the page where your listing appears in the Chamber's Online Membership Directory. For more information or to request your plaque please contact Lisa at the Chamber.

Plaque Artwork generously donated by
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NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!!
A CHET Advisor 529 Plan Just For You



The **Avon Chamber of Commerce** has established a relationship with the **CHET Advisor 529 Plan**. Members and their employees are eligible to participate in this program at no cost - the up-front sales charge of up to 5.5% is waived for Chamber members. In addition, saving for your child's education in this CHET Advisor 529 Plan can reduce your state income tax burden, as the CHET Advisor 529 Plan includes a state income tax deduction for taxpayers contributing up to \$5,000 for individual filers and up to \$10,000 for those filing jointly. Start with as little as \$50.

For more information please contact Chamber member
Edward Jones-Peter Vignati at 860.676.1442

Ad Sales Are Now OPEN!!
Put Your Business On The Map and Have Your Ad Delivered to Every Home in Avon

Avon Chamber of Commerce
AND
My Hometown Map

My Hometown Map and the **Avon Chamber** have teamed up to offer you a great **new** promotional opportunity. **My Hometown Map**, located in Marstons Mills, MA, has worked extensively with chambers of commerce throughout Massachusetts to create print and complimentary online versions of town maps available free of charge. The **Avon Chamber of Commerce** is one of the first chambers in the state to be able to offer

Alzheimer's Cost is \$10/Individuals, \$36/Foursomes, \$25/Sponsor A Hole. For more information contact **Ashley Michele-Stearns, Arden Courts of Avon, 860.678.7500, avon@Arden-Courts.com**

**BELLE TERRACE AT AVON
OLD FARMS
and
GIFTS OF LOVE**

Next Friday, August 3, 6:30-9:30 PM, **Belle Terrace at Avon Old Farms** is hosting **Ready...Set...Cook!** to benefit fellow Avon Chamber member **Gifts of Love** Cooking showdown features Michael Lee of Max's Oyster Bar, Van Hurd of Hell's Kitchen fame, Matt Cormier of **The Meat House**, Chip Miller of The Society Room. They will be joined by sports celebrities including former New England Patriot Tebucky Jones, former Hartford Whaler Bob Crawford, former UConn football star Andre Dixon, and more. The event includes a Wine Tasting, Complimentary glass of Italian Sparkling, Live Music by *OnCall*, and Silent/Teacup Auction. Tickets are \$60/person and are available at Avon Chamber members: **Belle Terrace at Avon Old Farms - 860.404.5051, Gifts of Love - 868.676.2323, The Hair Loft - 860.674.9460**

**FARMINGTON VALLEY
ARTS CENTER**

Registration is underway for the **Farmington Valley Arts Center Summer Arts Adventures Camp** Week-long camp sessions run from 9 AM-1 PM daily and are for ages 6-15. A different themed session is available each week and is designed to spark creativity and foster young artists' confidence in their abilities. July 30-Masterpieces, August 6-Sculpting with Clay, and August 13-Abstract Impressions. For more information call **860.678.1867**

its members this targeted marketing opportunity!

- **4-Color Print Map mailed direct to EVERY RESIDENCE in Avon**
- **Online version of the map compatible with mobile devices -- including a link to your business website at no additional charge!**
- **Limited number of preferred advertising opportunities available**
- **Published and produced by Avon Chamber member MyHomeTownMap.com**

My Hometown Map is offering two basic ad sizes:
--Small 4-color ads, about the size of a business card, for \$325, and
--Larger 4-color ads, approximately double business card size, for \$550.

Need more information?

Visit www.MyHomeTownMap.com and take a peek at what the map and online ads look like

This opportunity is available only to Avon Chamber Members -- Don't Miss Out

If you are interested in advertising please contact

Jerry Saval, Advertising Sales Director, My Hometown Map, 1.800.649.6277 x102 or jsaval@myhometownmap.com



**Join Us For Our August 2012
Morning Business
Network Connection**

Start August off right by attending this popular morning networking event!

This group provides an excellent opportunity to network with other Chamber members and guests in a more intimate setting. All attendees have the chance to briefly introduce themselves and their business. So stop by, promote your business, and exchange ideas and referrals.



Another Great Reason to Attend -- At the conclusion of the networking portion of this event a different Avon Chamber member is

FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

Starting Saturday, July 14 and running consecutive Saturdays through Saturday, August 4, from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM, the **Farmington Valley Arts Center** is holding its **Arts Play for Adults**. The instructor will guide participants through various paper art projects including paper folding, card making, creative gift wrapping, journal making, monoprinting, and paper sculpture. To register please call **860.678.1867**

FARMINGTON VALLEY VISITORS ASSOCIATION

Next Friday, August 3, 7-10:30 PM, at Bridge Street Live in Collinsville, **Farmington Valley Visitors Association** is holding its 3rd annual **Film Fete & Mixer**. Enjoy an evening of fun, networking, refreshments, entertainment, and film screenings. Have your picture taken on the red carpet in their VIP Limo. Film screenings begin around 8 PM, emceed by Chion Wolf. Admission is \$20/Adult, \$15/Students with valid ID. For more information call **860.676.8878**

HARTFORD FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

For a limited time **Hartford Federal Credit Union (HFCU)** is offering **Discounted Lake Compounce Tickets**. HFCU and **Avon Chamber members** can purchase tickets for those 4 years of age and up for only \$28.50 (a \$8.49 savings!) Children under 3 are admitted free. Tickets are valid for a one-day park admission from now through Sunday, September 9. To get your discount tickets visit **Hartford Federal Credit Union** located at **29 Albany Turnpike/Route 44, West Simsbury**

NATHAN ACCOUNTING GROUP

featured and has the opportunity to offer a **3-Minute Presentation**. A new member is chosen each month -- YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO BE CONSIDERED

August's Presenter is:

Susan Lederman of

P'zazz



We are also Collecting Non-Perishable Food every month at this event to be given to the Avon Food Bank
PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FOOD DONATION!!!

August 2012 Morning Business Network Connection

hosted by: **COSI**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free



Network/Golf with The Chamber August 2012

Registration is Open

LAST CHANCE -- If you love to play golf and enjoy meeting and networking with other Chamber members and their guests that also share your love of the game then don't miss out on our final **Network/Golf with the Chamber** for the summer of 2012!



Play 9 challenging holes at beautiful **Farmington Woods Golf Club** for only \$25 with cart (*what a deal for a private club!!*) And after you have finished your round, don't forget to cool off with a refreshing drink or grab a quick bite to

On Tuesday, August 14, 8-10 AM, **Nathan Accounting Group** is holding **Setting Up QuickBooks for Your Company**. During this two-hour training certified ProAdvisor Jeanine Longfritz will take you through the QuickBooks software and get your company set up on QuickBooks. She will answer the questions that may have held you back from setting up QuickBooks for your company, as well as provide guided step-by-step instructions to completely customize QuickBooks for your company. Cost is \$75/person. **Nathan Accounting Group** is located at **200 Fisher Drive, Avon**. For more information contact **Jeanine Longfritz**, **860.677.5001**, [jlongfritz@nagcpa.com](mailto: jlongfritz@nagcpa.com)

THE MEAT HOUSE

From now through September, the last Tuesday of the month, 3:30-6 PM, **The Meat House** will be holding a **Farmers' Market**. Enjoy food, music and local produce. For more information please call **860.676.4444**. **The Meat House** is located at **395 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

THE SHOPPES AT FARMINGTON VALLEY

Every Saturday now through August 25, 6:30-9:30 PM, **The Shoppes at Farmington Valley** will be hosting **Movies, Music & More**. This free event features a movie shown on a huge outdoor screen. Free popcorn is available along with face painters and clowns to entertain the kids. Chairs are available for rent. **The Shoppes at Farmington Valley** is located at **110 Albany Turnpike/ Route 44, Canton**

VALLEY SPORTS CENTER

From now through Friday, August 24, 9 AM-3:30 PM, **Valley Sports**

eat in the well-appointed clubhouse. This event is open to any Avon Chamber member - regardless of experience - that wants to play a round of golf. Tee times to be assigned. *Maximum 20 Golfers*

Network/Golf with the Chamber - August 2012
hosted by: **Farmington Woods Golf Club**

43 Heritage Drive, Avon
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Registration Required by MONDAY, AUGUST 20

With Cart - \$25/Golfer - **A great deal for a private golf club!!!**, Walking - \$20/Golfer



Join Us For Our August 2012 Business After Hours

After a brief hiatus **Business After Hours** is back with a great summer event. Recipient of the Advocate's 2012 *Best of Hartford* Readers' Poll **Progressive Animal Wellness (PAW)** and the Chamber's 2012 Large Business of the Year **Max a Mia Ristorante** are teaming up to offer you a great networking opportunity.



PAW is an advanced, full-service veterinary clinic focused on personalized care offering modern medicine along with massage therapy, behavior and training consultations. **Max a Mia**



Ristorante is the quintessential Italian dining experience; sophisticated yet friendly and family-oriented.

Don't be left out - sign up today!!

August 2012 Business After Hours
hosted by: **Max a Mia Ristorante**
Progressive Animal Wellness

at: **Progressive Animal Wellness**
70 East Main Street/Route 44, Avon
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Center is offering **Multi-Sports Day Camp** for children ages 6-12.

This active multi-sports day camp combines team building activities, exciting sports and popular PE games together to create a full day (or half day) of laughter, healthy exercise, friendship and lots of fun play time. Cost for Full Day is \$200/week, Flexible Day Option is \$50/day, and convenient Half-Day Option is \$30/day. to register please call **860.693.2378** or visit www.ValleySportsCenter.com

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Small Group Health Insurance for Chamber Members

We are pleased to announce Aetna is now offering Chamber members **SMALL GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE**. These plans include several consumer-directed, HSA-compatible options.

With any of the plans available, Chamber members will receive access to Aetna's industry-leading online tools, as well as other Aetna resources specifically designed for small businesses, including: the **Small Business Tax Credit Calculator** that quickly helps you determine if your company is eligible for a tax credit through the Affordable Care Act, along with the **Aetna Resource Connection** that gives participants access to discounts on a variety of services.

Also, this insurance may be integrated with Aetna's new **Chamber Hospital Indemnity Plan** an exclusive opportunity for Chamber members that provides a flat-dollar payment for a hospital stay plus a per diem payment for each day in the hospital.

RESERVATION REQUIRED by **MONDAY, AUGUST 20**

Members - Free, Non-Members - \$20

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Click on the AETNA LOGO above



Affordable Dental Benefits for Chamber Members

Chamber Dental Prime and **Chamber Dental Complete** are competitive insurance programs with one of the largest dental PPO networks in Connecticut.

Three core plans are available -- VALUE Dental Plans that include coverage for basic services such as cleanings, x-rays, and fillings; CLASSIC Dental Plans that include coverage for basic services and most major services, all with high annual maximum benefit levels; ENHANCED Plans that offer the greatest level of coverage and include even higher annual maximum benefit levels and lower co-insurance amounts. In addition, VOLUNTARY Dental Plans are available that allow employers to offer dental coverage to their employees at no additional cost.

For more information click on this link:

[Chamber Dental Prime and Chamber Dental Complete](#)

MORE CHAMBER INSURANCE PROGRAMS

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MEDICARE ADVANTAGE



PET INSURANCE



10% Discount for Chamber Members



This and many other offers are available to Avon Chamber members and their employees as part of our **ACBD (Avon Chamber Business Discounts) Program**. To take advantage you **MUST HAVE AN ACBD CARD**. Cards are available at all Chamber events or you may contact the Chamber office.

Offered by: **TCBY * Avon Marketplace * 530R Bushy Hill Road * Simsbury, CT 06070 * 860.658.4520 * tcbavon@att.net * www.TCBYct.com**



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