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Hi There - Just a reminder that you are receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in the Avon Chamber of Commerce. Please remember to share this email with other area businesses that may be interested. Thank you!

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## Your Business Connection - Now beginning its 48th Year



## Events and Information



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July 5, 2012

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Click on the link to check out our current **Featured Member River Ridge at Avon**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

[July 11 - Morning Business Network Connection](#)

[July 17 - Network/Golf with the Chamber](#)

[August 1 - Morning Business Network Connection](#)

[August 21 - Network/Golf with the Chamber](#)

### 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



[August 22 - Business After Hours](#)

[September 5 - Morning Business Network Connection](#)

[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 make your business cards and brochures available to the public?**

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**

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.



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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

## FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

This Saturday, July 7, from 10 AM-4 PM **Farmington Valley Arts Center** is holding their monthly **First Saturday Open Studios** **Farmington Valley Arts Center** is located at **25 Arts Center Lane, Avon**

## 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 9-Puppet Parade, July 16-Animal Kingdom, July 23-Superheroes & Villains, July 30-Masterpieces, August 6-Sculpting with Clay, and August 13-Abstract Impressions. For more information call **860.678.1867**

## 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**

## 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

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](http://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](mailto:jsaval@myhometownmap.com)**



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

**NEXT WEDNESDAY**

Enjoy your July 4th week -- but then get ready to network with the Chamber next Wednesday as we welcome another month of opportunities to market your business -- different day just for this month but same great networking!!

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



\$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**

**HELEN & HARRY GRAY  
CANCER CENTER IN AVON  
AND  
BIKERS EDGE**

Help **Bikers Edge** support fellow **Avon Chamber member** the **Helen & Harry Gray Cancer Center in Avon** **Everyone Ride/Run Against Cancer Everyday -- ERRACE Event** scheduled for Saturday, July 14 at the **Helen & Harry Gray Cancer Center in Avon, 80 Fisher Drive** Come ride, walk, or volunteer. For more information please visit [www.errace.org](http://www.errace.org) or visit **Bikers Edge** at **16 Ensign Drive, Avon 860.678.7770**

**HOP MEADOW COUNTRY  
CLUB**

This Monday, July 9, starting at 2 PM, **Hop Meadow Country Club** is hosting a **Chamber Day** You and up to 3 guests can play 9 holes of golf (greens and carts) and following play enjoy an hors d'oeuvre and cash bar reception on the Club's Golf Deck all for \$50/player. (Payment is due the day of the event via cash or check) For more information or to register contact **Jason Waters, Head Golf Professional** at [jwaters@hopmeadowcc.net](mailto:jwaters@hopmeadowcc.net) or call **860.658.7623 ext. 232**

**THE MEAT HOUSE**

From now through September, the last Tuesday of the month, from 3:30-6 PM, **The Meat House** will be holding a **Farmers' Market** Enjoy food, music and local produce. For more information please

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 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

July's Presenter is:

**Janina Cummings** of



**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!!!**

**July 2012 Morning Business Network Connection**

hosted by: **COSI**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 11**  
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free



**Network/Golf with the  
Chamber - July 2012  
Registration is Open**

It's opportunity number two to spend a great summer afternoon networking with other Chamber members and their guests who enjoy a friendly game of golf as much as you do. **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,



call **860.676.4444** **The Meat House** is located at **395 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

### THE SHOPPES AT FARMINGTON VALLEY

This Saturday, July 7, and every Saturday through August 25, from 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, from 9 AM-3:30 PM, **Valley Sports 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](http://www.ValleySportsCenter.com)

### VERIZON WIRELESS

On Tuesday, July 10, from 6-8 PM, at Angelo's on Main Rockledge, 289 South Main Street, West Hartford, **Verizon Wireless** will be holding a **Small Business Solutions Workshop** Come by and learn about communications solutions that will address your business challenges. Learn more about Smartphones, Tablets and other devices that help grow and support your business; Discounts on service, equipment and accessories; Online access to My Business Account. RSVP by Friday, July 6 to **Eric**

don't forget to cool off with a refreshing drink or grab a quick bite to 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 - July 2012**  
hosted by: **Farmington Woods Golf Club**

43 Heritage Drive, Avon  
**TUESDAY, JULY 17**  
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

**Registration Required by MONDAY, JULY 16**

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



## 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 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:

**TBA** of  
**TBA**



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Walbridge, Verizon Wireless Avon  
Store Manager at  
[Eric.Walbridge@vzw.com](mailto:Eric.Walbridge@vzw.com)



## 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.

To learn about these new health insurance options

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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 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

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

click on the images below for  
more information

### MEDICARE ADVANTAGE



## Join Us For Our August 2012 Business After Hours

After a brief summer hiatus **Business After Hours** is back with a great summer event. 2012 recipient of the Advocate *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**

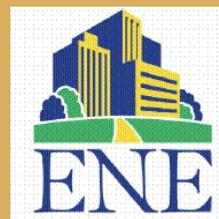
at: **Progressive Animal Wellness**  
70 East Main Street/Route 44, Avon  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22**  
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**RESERVATION REQUIRED** by **MONDAY,**  
**AUGUST 20**

Members - Free, Non-Members - \$20

## Remember to Shop Local

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## 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 \* [tcbvavon@att.net](mailto:tcbvavon@att.net) \* [www.TCBYct.com](http://www.TCBYct.com)**



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