



Avon Chamber of Commerce

Citizens & Business Working Together

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call forth its powers,
build up its institutions,
promote all its great interests,
and see whether we also,
in our day and generation,
may not perform something worthy
to be remembered.*

Daniel Webster

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President Mike Carroll welcomed everyone to Peppermints for our Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Around the table enjoying a delicious lunch were Maureen Wheeler, Maureen Kingston, Leann Hill, Dot McCandless, Bonnie Davis, Ann Younger, Chris Quinlan, Bob Westfall, Steve Harrison, and Mike Carroll. Absent but missed Secretary Barb Herman.

- Mike Carroll described Studio Sales Pottery's construction improvements funded in part by Livingston County's Extreme Makeover grant. The 10th Annual Western NY Pottery Festival will be held on Father's Day weekend, June 18-19, from 10-4 at Studio Sales Pottery, 5557 Avon-East Avon Rd. Kudos to Mike!

- Leann Hill shared the Welcome Wagon bag items and Avon Rotary CornFest booth applications. Leann has a friend named Weston Treszie from the Avon Business Networking International Chapter who owns 3 Fox Marketing. Weston has offered to review the Avon Chamber website for free and provide recommendations. Chamber members unanimously voted yes to this offer!

- Maureen Kingston reported that she and Clara Mulligan, Avon Town Historians, met with the Avon Town Board on April 28th to discuss Paper Mill Park. The historic marker dedication will be on June 9th at 4:30 p.m. at Paper Mill Park. A brochure has been developed and will be part of the ceremony.

- Maureen Wheeler, Livingston County Economic Development, provided an Economic Development and Tourism Update:

- [Grant Funding Programs-more info. at Back to Business Program-43 businesses assisted](#)
- [First Impressions Program-41 projects funded](#)
- [Extreme Makeover-19 projects funded](#)
- [Dream-O-Vate-15 businesses assisted](#)
- Business Events & Training-more info. at
 - Tourism Brand Rollout from 6-8 p.m. on 5/2 at NoBS Brewing, 5/3 at Battle Street Brewery, and 5/4 at Dublin Corners Farm Brewery.
 - Social Media for your Small Business & Networking on 5/10 from 6-8 p.m. at Battle Street Brewery
 - Destination Creation Course on 5/24 & 5/25 from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at LivCo Govt. Center

[LivCoWalls-more info. at www.livcowalls.com](http://LivCoWalls.com)

- Festivals on 7/9-Avon, Caledonia, Lima
- Festivals on 7/16-Genesee, Leicester, Livonia
- Festivals on 7/23-Dansville, Mt. Morris, Nunda
- Tourism - VisitLivCo.com where the new website is live!
- LivCo Seasonal Magazines available
- Tourism Event grants coming this Spring!

Maureen also described the upcoming Avon Mural Festival on July 9th from 2-8 p.m. Avon will be close a portion of Genesee St. for mural painting, sidewalk chart art, rock painting, live performances, food, family fun, local shopping and more! At 3 p.m., the Avon Park Theater is hosting a lively variety show of comedy improv, music, puppetry & more from local theater group Shake on the Lake. 5 p.m. will be the mural unveiling and dedication with Miami artist Ivan Roque. Put on your dancing shoes for Bob's Brothers Band from 5:30 to 8 p.m. sponsored by Howlett Farms. Any questions, please call Chris at the Village of Avon, 226-8118.

- Chris Quinlan reported that the Village Board awarded the timber structure bid for the pocket park at 97 Genesee St. This structure will provide outdoor meeting and dining space. Funding is provided through a NYMS technical assistance grant.

- Vice-President Harrison stated seven submissions have been received for the Chuck McFadden Student Service Award. The judging took place at Hurricane Technologies and once again a very worth recipient of our award is found in Gabrielle Koehler. A terrific lunch was provided by the Village Restaurant. Also, Woody's II was purchased by two sisters who are looking for a tenant for the first-floor space. Any interest, please call Carrie Gruschow at 585-314-3447.

- Ann Younger reported that the first two events were held at the Avon Park Theater. On March 25th, the Theater hosted comedian Sky Sands to entertain all the people that helped get them to the finish line with the project. Ann stated that they couldn't have done this without the support of the Village and Town of Avon, Livingston County Economic Development, their general contractor Loyal Nine Development as well as their family and friends. Sky has been voted "Rochester's Favorite Comedian" 7 times by the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle's readers' poll, Rochester City magazine's "Best of Rochester" poll, and Freetime magazine's entertainment poll. He has appeared on Showtime and Cinemax, as well as entertaining many more through corporate and charitable events. The Younger's can't wait to have Sky Sands back at the Park! On April 9th, Mr. Mustard, Rochester's favorite Beatles tribute band, played to a sold-out show! People were dancing in the aisles. The acoustics were fantastic. A wonderful time was had by all. The Theater is now gearing up for the summer with a schedule of more bands, more comedians, and finally... MOVIES!

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• Dot McCandless, Friends of the Avon Free Library, shared the Avon Free Library's 2021 Director's Annual Report and the upcoming improvements to the front entrance and backyard preliminary plans. Exciting developments!

• Avon Preservation & Historical Society President Bob Westfall provided upcoming event information and boy, are they busy!

- Beginners Genealogy Workshop at the Avon Free Library with Presenters Avon Free Library Director Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn and AP&HS Trustee Stephanie Dempsey

May 12, 2022, at 7 p.m.

This event is free but pre-registration is required. Information and registration can be found at <https://avonfreelibrary.org/>

- Free Community Program/Lecture: The History of Area Cheese Factories by Historical Speaker Jane Oakes

May 15, 2022, at 2 p.m.

Location: Avon Village Hall

- AP&HS Members-only event
Historical Tour of the Avon Cemetery with Tour Guides AP&HS Trustee Stephanie Dempsey and Avon Town Historian Clara Mulligan

June 12, 2022, at 1 p.m.

Location: Avon Cemetery between Rochester St. and North Ave.

- Avon Trivia

Visit the Avon Free Library or the AP&HS Museum during the month of May to enter your name into a drawing. To participate in the drawing, 5 trivia questions must be answered relating to Avon's history. Three individual prizes will be awarded. One entry per person. Drawings will be held on Sun., May 29. Prizes include a puzzle from AP&HS gift shop, a history book donated by the Avon Free Library, and a basket of goods including a family genealogy workbook, a free year AP&HS membership, an AP&HS children's coloring book, and a Five Arch Bridge magnet.

- Avon Free Library Book Display of local Avon authors and research old Avon newspapers, Avon High School yearbooks and audio tapes of long-time Avon residents and a local history section.

- Avon Museum showcasing Interactive Map from 1872. See how much has changed over the last 150 years by using switches and lights on an oversized map. Thank you to our volunteer John Liccini for making this display possible. View Avon land deed from 1793 signed by Timothy Hosmer and his wife Elizabeth Hosmer. Timothy Hosmer was one of the original purchasers of Hartford, now Avon, a doctor on General George Washington's staff during the Revolutionary War and first presiding judge at the first court case of Ontario County (before the formation of Livingston County).

NEXT MEETING: Hope you can join us for our next meeting on Tues., June 7th, at 12 p.m. at Peppermints Restaurant!