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Subject: YOU'RE INVITED TO THE AVON THEATRE GROUND BREAKING EVENT!
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Dear Community Leaders, Elected Officials, and Friends of the Avon Theatre:

After months of planning, fundraising, collaboration, and preparation, we are honored to invite you to join us for a truly historic milestone as we officially break ground on Avon ReCreated — a transformational \$19 million+ renovation and expansion project that represents the most significant investment and evolution in the Avon Theatre's 87-year history.

This extraordinary project will preserve one of Stamford's most beloved cultural landmarks while creating a state-of-the-art cinema arts center for future generations. The reimagined Avon Theatre – Deborah & Chuck Royce Cinema Arts Center will feature expanded community and educational spaces, a new third screen, enhanced accessibility, a café/bar, cutting-edge cinematic technology, and gathering spaces designed to bring people together through the power of film, storytelling, and conversation.

None of this would be possible without the generosity, vision, advocacy, and support of our donors, public officials, community partners, members, and friends who believe in the Avon's mission and its importance to Stamford and the greater Fairfield County region.

We would be delighted to have you join us as we celebrate this exciting moment alongside our Mayor, elected officials, community leaders, project partners, donors, members, and supporters.

AVON RECREATED GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Arrival: 10:30 a.m.

Ceremony Begins: 11:00 a.m.

Location:

**Avon Theatre – Deborah & Chuck Royce Cinema Arts Center
272 Bedford Street
Stamford, CT**

The ceremony will take place outside the Avon Theatre rain or shine.

Following and prior the ceremony, please join us for appetizers and light refreshments at The Brick House, located next door to the theatre, through 12:30 p.m.

This groundbreaking represents far more than the start of construction — it marks the beginning of the next chapter for a cultural institution that has served our community since 1939 and will continue inspiring, educating, and connecting audiences for decades to come.

We hope you will join us as we celebrate this landmark occasion for the Avon Theatre, Stamford, and our entire region.

No RSVP is required.

Event details:

https://lnkd.in/erCPY_De

With gratitude,

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