



LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Members,

Welcome to our Grateful and Thankful edition of the newsletter! As we approach the holiday season, we are reminded of the many blessings we have, including health, family, and friendships. The Senior Center is a vibrant place where friendships blossom daily, and it serves as a vital space for reconnection.

In late September, we experienced the profound loss of our Mayor Perry, a leader who loved our city beyond measure. He exemplified dedication and always sought the best for our community. We are truly thankful for the impact he made and the rippling effect he left on so many lives. His encouragement for everyone, especially our seniors, to participate and engage has inspired us all.

As we honor his legacy, we invite you to join us in making our Mayor's wishes come true. Please participate in our Grateful and Thankful event on Friday November 8 at 10am. This is a time for remembrance and appreciation of all we have at the Senior Center. Together, let's celebrate his contributions and express our gratitude for our community.

We also recognize that the holiday season can be a difficult time as we think of those we have lost. If you are struggling with loss, please reach out. Support is available, and you are not alone.

I am grateful to embark on this holiday season with each of you. Let's make it a time of connection and reflection.

Warm regards,
Ashley Shaheen
Council on Aging Director

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SPOTLIGHT ON OUR STAFF

Spotlight on Our Team: Honoring the Faces Behind Our Center

We are excited to introduce a new section in our newsletter dedicated to the heart and soul of our senior center—our incredible staff. In each issue, we'll be shining a spotlight on the dedicated individuals who work tirelessly to make our center a welcoming and vibrant community. We'll be starting with the team members who have been with us the longest, celebrating their years of service and commitment. Stay tuned as we take this journey together, recognizing the passion and dedication that make our senior center truly special.

Raymond Dupress Custodian 12 Years



It is with great pride that I, on behalf of the COA, present this month's staff spotlight. Ray has been an invaluable member of our Senior Center for over 12 years, serving as a key player in our Maintenance Department. He single-handedly supports the team by treating our center as if it were his own, and his dedication to maintaining our building in pristine condition is truly commendable.

In this edition dedicated to gratitude, I want to highlight Ray for his dedication and commitment. Not only does he keep our Senior Center in tip top shape, but he also makes himself available 24/7 to address any issues that arise, from kitchen leaks to other urgent matters. With over a decade of experience, he has encountered it all and consistently offers thoughtful solutions and support.

Ray is not just an excellent employee; he is an integral part of our center family and a fixture in our center. We are grateful for his hard work and dedication.

Thank you, Ray, for everything you do!
Ashley & the Entire Team

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Jennifer Loiselle, Activity Coordinator
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INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"Food is better in November than any other time of the year." - Cynthia Rylant

RESOURCE PAGE

CLINICS

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Tuesdays 9:00am-11:00am
Maggie LeBlanc, LPN and Faith Ouellette, RN

Thursdays 9:00am - 11:00am
Karen Ferullo, RN

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FLU CLINIC **with the City Nurse**

Thursdays
from 11am-2pm

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More Services...

Beverly Stoebel, Volunteer, is available
Thursdays from 9:00am-1:00pm
to offer support and referral services to those in
need. Call 978-983-8825 to request an appointment.

SHINE NEWS

What do I need to know about Medicare Open Enrollment?

Medicare Open Enrollment: October 15 – December 7.

SHINE counselors can help you with all things Medicare

Your health insurance costs are an important part of your budget and Medicare Open Enrollment is your opportunity to review your Medicare plans with a SHINE counselor to see what you can expect with your current plan in 2025, or to learn about all options that may be most cost-effective for you. You may also benefit from cost-savings programs which a SHINE counselor will explain to you.

Medicare plans can change annually, and changes are expected for 2025.

This can affect your health care and drug costs.

SHINE = Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone...on or eligible for Medicare.

Certified SHINE counselors are available all year, and offer free, unbiased confidential counseling on all aspects of Medicare health insurance.

Call SHINE 978-946-1374
for an appointment.

Fall into a Wonderful Volunteer Opportunity



Your time will be well spent helping
local older adults with transportation.
You decide when and where to drive.

Call 978-388-7474 or visit www.driveforneet.org/volunteer
to learn more and start helping today!

SUPPORT GROUPS

LOSS & TRANSITION BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

November 20, 2024 at 10am

**For information, call Jacquie Marchand,
bereavement coordinators at Beacon
Hospice at 978-837-3333.**

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Free Legal Clinic
With Attorney Peter McQuillan
2nd Wednesdays of the Month
Call today to Schedule an in-person
appointment at 978-983-8825

Buried In Treasure SUPPORT GROUP

Support Group for Buried In Treasure
members. The Second Friday of EVERY Month
@ 10:30 a.m.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Pre-registration is now required for all programs.

**Please pre-register by 1.) calling 978-983-8825 or
2.) stopping by at the Methuen Senior Center, 77 Lowell Street.**

NOVEMBER 1 KINDNESS, ROCKS 10:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 1 MEDICARE 101 WITH ANDY FIRMAN
10:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 1 PHOTOGRAPHY 11:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 4 NO ACTIVITIES.
NOVEMBER 5 ELECTION DAY - NO ACTIVITIES.
NOVEMBER 6 SENIOR PICTURE DAYS WITH
NANCY REARDON 11:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 6 COLLETTE TOURS 2025 TALK 1:00
P.M.
NOVEMBER 6 ACTING MAYOR DJ BEAUREGARD
OFFICE HOURS 12 NOON
NOVEMBER 7 METHUEN MEMORIALS
INFORMATIONAL SESSION 10:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 7 MCTV 11:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 8 TRIBUTE TOTHE LATE MAYOR NEIL
PERRY 10:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 8 PHOTOGRAPHY 11:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 11 CLOSED - VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 12 MEDICARE 101 WITH HEATHER
HURD FROM BCBS 10 :30
NOVEMBER 12 JOHN WATERMAN PRESENTS
VETERANS SHOW 2:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 13 DAY TRIP MOHEGAN SUN
NOVEMBER 13 TRIVIA AND TUNES WITH VIN
PESCATORE 10:30 A.M.

NOVEMBER 14 METHUENS FOUNDING
MILLIONAIRES PRESENTATION WITH BEVBROWN
10:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 14 MCTV 11:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 14 BRIGHTVIEW HOUSING TOURS
11:30 A.M.
NOVEMBER 15 KINDNESS ROCKS 10:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 15 DIALOGUE WITH DIRECTOR 10:00
A.M.
NOVEMBER 18 CEDARVIEW PRESENTS: DIETICIAN
TALKS 10:00
NOVEMBER 18 BINGO SPONSORED BY
CEDARVIEW
NOVEMBER 18 THRIFT SHOP SALE \$5
NOVEMBER 19 KARAOKE 130
NOVEMBER 20 TRAVELING CHEF
NOVEMBER 20 LOSS IN TRANSITION 10:00A.M.
NOVEMBER 21 EVOLUTION OF A FUNERAL 10:30
A.M.
NOVEMBER 21 MCTV 11:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 22 HEALTH TALKS 10 A.M.
NOVEMBER 22 BOARD GAMES DAY 10:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 25 45'S 12:30 P.M.
NOVEMBER 26 COLOR DAY FALL YELLOW
NOVEMBER 26 TOMMY RULL 1:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 27 CLOSED AT 1230 P.M.
NOVEMBER 28 CLOSED - THANKSGIVING DAY
NOVEMBER 29 CLOSED

Monthly Groups: The following groups meet at the same days and times each month

- Adopt A Grandparent meets every Wednesday at 2:30pm
- Ambassador Coffee Hour held the Second Tuesday of the Month at 10am. November 12
- Beginners 45s meets every Tuesday at 1pm
- Dialogue with the Director meets the 3rd Friday of the month at 10am. November 15
- Happy Hearts meets every Thursday at 1pm
- Kindness Rocks meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of the Month at 10:00am. November 1 & 15
- Loss & Transition Bereavement Group meets the 3rd Wednesday at 10am. November 20

Visiting Office Hours with your Public Officials

Rep. Estella Reyes – November 8, 10-12noon
Rep. Ryan Hamilton November 1 & 15, 10am – 12noon
Senator Pavel Payano – November 6, 10am-12noon
Methuen Acting Mayor, DJ Beauregard – November 6,
12noon

Methuen Veterans Director, Paul Jensen
3rd Thursday of the month from 10am-12noon

Monthly Birthday Club

We are excited to celebrate YOU! On the fourth
Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. come and
celebrate your special day at the Senior Center.
Enjoy our daily lunch program and stay for cake!

Lunch reservations must be made no later than
11:30 a.m., 2 days in advance by calling 978-983-
8832.

Menus available at the Senior Center.

EXERCISE AND ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Cost per class - \$2.00. Participants are asked to arrive and leave classes promptly. Please bring a change of indoor shoes for class. Before attending any center class or program, all participants are required to complete an annual "Emergency Form" and will be issued a scan card to sign in each visit. Thank you for your cooperation.

Classes are complimentary for members over 90 years young.

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES - UPDATED! Note: Some activities require pre-registration.
Call 978-983-8825 for information.**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>8:30-9:15 Aeroflex & Weights with Pat ~</p> <p>8:30—11:30 SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) For an in-person appt. call 978- 983-8825 ~</p> <p>9:30-10:15 Gentle Yoga with Pat ~</p> <p>1-3:00 Mahjong</p>	<p>8:45-9:30 Cardio Aerobics & Weights with Val ~</p> <p>9:00-11:30 Ceramics ~</p> <p>9:00-11:00 Blood Pressure Clinic ~</p> <p>9:30-10:15 Line Dancing with Val ~</p> <p>12:30-3:00 Ceramics ~</p> <p>12:30-1:15 Tai Chi ~</p> <p>1:00 Beginner 45's ~</p> <p>1:00-3:00 Dominoes</p>	<p>8:30-9:15 Balance, Bones & Brain with Brian ~</p> <p>9:00-11:00 Quilting ~</p> <p>9:30-10:15 Balance, Bones & Brain with Brian ~</p> <p>10:30-11:15 Zumba ~</p> <p>10:00-12:00 Painting ~</p> <p>1:00-3:00 Painting ~</p> <p>2:30 -3:45 Adopt A Grandparent</p>	<p>8:30-9:15 Gentle Yoga with Pat ~</p> <p>9:00-11:00 Blood Pressure Clinic ~</p> <p>9:30-10:15 Aeroflex & Weights with Pat ~</p> <p>1:00-3:00 Bridge Group ~</p> <p>1:00-3:00 Happy Hearts Chorus</p>	<p>8:30-9:15 Yoga with Joan ~</p> <p>9:00-11:00 Quilting Circle ~</p> <p>9:30-10:15 Yoga with Joan ~</p> <p>10:30-11:15 Line Dancing</p>

The weekday daily lunch program is available Monday through Friday at 11:30am. Reservations must be made no later than 11:30am, 2 days in advance by calling 978-983-8832. Suggested donation - \$2.00 per person/per day. Monthly menus are available at the center.

Discover Hidden Treasures

Tucked away like a well-kept secret, our Thrift Shop is the go-to destination for savvy shoppers looking to uncover hidden gems. Our Thrift Shop is not just a place to shop, it's also a hub of community giving!
Tuesday, November 19, 2024 Fill -A-Bag for \$5.00

ACCESSIBILITY NOTICE

Anyone needing an access accommodation to participate in City of Methuen programs or services, please contact Sandy Almonte, ADA Coordinator at 978-382-2123 or SAlmonte@ci.methuen.ma.us at least 2 weeks in advance, or 2 business days before any Board or Commission meeting. This notice is available in alternative formats upon request

TRAVEL WITH THE METHUEN SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER!

Tickets must be paid for at time of reservation. Tickets are non-refundable.

For complete details about trips with the Methuen Senior Activity Center, including participant responsibility, a comprehensive "Trip Policy" outline is posted at the Senior Center and copies are available in the main office. All participants are required to have "emergency contact" information on them throughout the trip. Wallet sized "File of Life" information packets are available free, in the office, for your convenience.

DAY TRIPS

- November 13 - Mohegan Sun Casino Trip. \$55. 7am - **Cancelled**
- December 11 - Nashville Christmas at Danversport Yacht Club. \$ 117. 10:45am.

EXTENDED TOUR TRIPS

Dec. 4-8, 2024 Discover Spotlight on San Antonio Holiday. Mission San Jose, The Alamo, El Mercado, Fredricksburg, National Museum of the Pacific War, Choice on Tour, Historic Pearl District, Paseo del Rio Cruise. \$1,999pp

JOIN THE CLUB...METHUEN SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER 50/50 CLUB

Three Winners each Month!

Membership: 6 months for \$24

OR 12 months for \$48

***For more information, or to join the club,
visit the office at 77 Lowell Street,
Methuen
(Your Donation is Tax Deductible)***

50/50 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the August 2024 winners:

***Frances Shibel \$174.80
Diane Shanahan \$104.88
Carol Rourke \$69.92***

If you haven't joined the club yet, it's not too late!

*Enrollment forms are available in the office
6 months (\$24.00) or 12 months (\$48.00)*

Three chances to win each month!

Sign up today!

Membership (only \$4.00/month)
Must be paid 6 months or 12 months

Donation: \$ _____

6 months = \$24.00 12 months = \$48.00

(Make checks payable to: MSC 50/50 Club)

Name _____

Date _____

Address _____

(Cut out and mail in your membership today!)

MEMORIALS

*Memorial donations received by the Center will be used for special memorial items only.
Memorial cards are available at the Center Office and from your funeral director.*

The Methuen Council on Aging provides the following services and programs. For more information, call the Center Monday through Thursday from 8am-4pm and Friday from 8am-12:30pm at 978-983-8825 or visit Methuen.gov/seniorcenter then click newsletter, for the latest information.

- EXERCISE CLASSES AND WORKOUT ROOM WITH TREADMILLS, ELLIPTICAL, AND RECUMBENT BIKES
- DAILY HOT LUNCH PROGRAM AND MEALS ON WHEELS
- TRANSPORTATION FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS
- SENIOR/DISABLED PROPERTY TAX RELIEF WORK PROGRAM
- TRIAD SENIOR SAFETY PROGRAMS
- FINANCIAL AND RETIREMENT PLANNING WORKSHOPS
- THRIFT SHOP
- EDUCATIONAL AND LIFE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS
- HAPPY HEARTS CHORAL GROUP
- ADVOCACY WORKSHOPS INFORMATION
- TRIPS: DAY AND OVERNIGHT AND EXTENDED TOURS
- SUPPORT COUNSELING FOR ELDERS FOR GRIEF, DEPRESSION, GRANDPARENTS, ETC
- INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE
- INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMS SUCH AS ADOPT A GRANDPARENT
- INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES
- FUEL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION HELP
- FOOD ASSISTANCE INFORMATION SNAP
- FREE DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOANS WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, CANES, ETC
- FILE OF LIFE EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION REFRIGERATOR MAGNETS
- OUTREACH SERVICES
- BLOOD PRESSURE HEALTH CLINICS TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 9:00 TO 11:00
- HEALTH PROXY FORMS, HOMESTEAD ACT APPLICATIONS
- TELEPHONE OUTREACH REASSURANCE CALLS
- RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS SUCH AS: ICE CREAM SOCIALS, LUNCH AND DANCE EVENTS, AND MONTHLY & WEEKLY GAMES INCLUDING MAHJONG, SCRABBLE, CARD GAMES, 45'S TOURNAMENTS, AND SO MUCH MORE!

Book Club with Maureen Sharrock

Join us for our brand-new book club at the Methuen Senior Activity Center, *hosted by COA Board Chair Maureen Sharrock!*

November 6, 2024 at 1pm

Whether you're a seasoned reader or just looking to dive into something new, this club is the perfect place to share your love of literature and connect with fellow book enthusiasts.

KARAOKE with DON RICCIO

Tuesday November 19 at 1:30

Come sing your heart out with new & old friends!

45's Tournaments

Come Play 45's!
All are welcome!

Monday, November 25 at 12:30 p.m.

\$3.00 to play

September 23 winners: Bob Mahoney & Doris Giles-
2nd Place Susan Skaff & Jim Dionne

**Join Yvonne Paplaskas & Elaine Anderson on
November 1 & 15 at 10:00am for a great time
painting kindness rocks.**

Rocks, paint, and a fun time supplied!

MEDICARE 101

Friday November 1, 2024 @ 10am

2025 Medicare Changes and the Potential Impacts to
Your Plan

There are a number changes in Medicare coverage taking place beginning in 2025. These changes include a \$2,000 Maximum-Out-Of-Pocket (MOOP) for prescription drug plans, effectively eliminating the coverage gap (commonly known as the donut hole). This change among others will likely have an impact on many plans. Join Independent Medicare Plan Advisor, Andrew Firmin for an interactive discussion on the changes, the potential impacts to coverage and the resources available to you.

ADOPT A GRANDPARENT

****Join Our "Adopt a Grandparent" Program!****

We're inviting you to be part of a heartwarming tradition at our center—the "Adopt a Grandparent" program. In partnership with Methuen High School, this program pairs our seniors with students who visit us weekly throughout the school year. Together, you'll share stories, play games, enjoy field trips, and celebrate special events. It's a wonderful opportunity to form meaningful connections and pass on your wisdom to the next generation. Sign up today and be part of this unique experience where the Eyes of the Past greet the Eyes of the Future!

Every Wednesday at 2:30pm

ENTERTAINMENT



JON WATERMAN

VETERANS SHOW

**Tuesday November 12, 2024
at 2pm**



We are excited to welcome back Jon Waterman for his powerful one-man show honoring our veterans. Through storytelling, music, and heartfelt performances, Jon captures the spirit and sacrifices of those who have served. This moving tribute is a must-see, offering a meaningful way to reflect on and appreciate the bravery of our veterans. Don't miss this special performance!



Tommy Rull

Tuesday November 26 at 1pm

Come for lunch and stay for a show.
Dance, Sing, Enjoy a show with new & old friends!

PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION

SENIOR PICTURE DAY

with Nancy Reardon

Wednesday November 6, 2024 @ 11am

Remember school picture day? Now it's your turn! Join us for Senior Picture Day and strike a pose—whether you're dressing up or keeping it casual, it's all about capturing you! Photos will make great keepsakes for yourself or the perfect holiday gift for your loved ones.

Bring your best smile and enjoy a fun, relaxed experience that will turn your special moments into timeless memories!

\$12 per person

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Our Very Own Artist!



We are thrilled to announce that the crosswalk right outside the Senior Center has been beautifully transformed with vibrant artwork, thanks to our talented Activity Coordinator, Jennifer Loisele! Jennifer's creativity and dedication have brought this special project to life, adding color and charm to the street right next to our center. Congratulations, Jennifer, on this amazing achievement, and thank you for all that you do for our community and our seniors. We are so happy to have you on our team!

SAVE THE DATES

Is it Normal Aging or Memory Loss? December 6
Day Trip Nashville Christmas December 11
December Open House & Happy Hearts Show
December 12
AgeSpan 101 December 16
Traveling Chef December 16
Adopt A Grandparent Holiday Party December 18

Big Thanks... to all who contributed to the services and programming in October including: the Methuen Fire Department for the delicious spaghetti supper, Attorney Peter McQuillan for hosting free legal consultations, the Gemstones for a Fun Performance, KevTech Services for teaching us how to use our devices, the COA for hosting a Fun Welcome Back Event, Jeanne Perrault for Sound Meditation, MCTV for hosting a Camera Basics Class, Thomas Spittleire for the Ghost Talks presentation, MPD Drone unit for the demonstration, all of the participating vendors who sponsored Trunk or Treat and to State Representatives Ryan Hamilton, Estella Reyes, State Senator Payano, City Councilor DJ Beauregard, thank you all for your office hours held at the Senior Center, AND to all of the wonderful volunteers for all that they do daily for our center.

EXTENDED TOURS 2025

COLLETTE TOURS

Wednesday November 6, 2024 @ 1pm

Explore the World in 2025
with Collette Tours!

Join us for an exciting info session to discover Collette's extended travel tours for 2025. Imagine worry-free adventures to breathtaking destinations across the globe—from Europe's castles to Africa's wilds. Learn about luxurious accommodations, stress-free itineraries, and where you could be traveling care-free next year. Get ready to make 2025 your year of adventure! Don't miss out—join us and start planning your next journey!

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR PERRY



We invite you to join us in fulfilling our Mayor's vision as we celebrate his legacy. Please take part in our Grateful and Thankful event

on **Friday, November 8, at 10am.**

This will be a time for reflection and appreciation for all we have here at the Senior Center.

Together, let's honor his contributions and express our gratitude for the community we cherish.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

METHUEN MEMORIALS

Thursday November 7, 2024 @ 10am

Join us for an informative session with Methuen Cemetery Memorials to learn about the wide range of memorial options available to honor your loved ones. This session will cover everything from headstones and markers to personalized memorial designs, providing guidance on making meaningful choices.

Whether you're planning ahead or exploring options for a family member, this session offers valuable insights and answers to all your questions.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Monthly Housing/Rehab Tours

November 14 @ 1030 for Brightview Residence

Join us once a month while we explore local senior living and rehab facilities. Meet at the center, transportation is provided.

Disclaimer: We do our best to ensure accuracy in the newsletter, however; often times there are last minute program changes and/cancellations. For the most up to date information, please call the Senior Center.

ATTENTION PARTICIPANTS! WINTER WEATHER INSTRUCTIONS

If Methuen schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Center is CLOSED. Look for postings on the TV or the internet.

Methuen's website is:
www.cityofmethuen.net



If schools are not closed, but it has begun snowing in the early hours and the storm is due to continue throughout the morning, please call the Center (978-983-8825) to find out if we are open for activities and classes. Because of plowing issues, we often have to cancel the early morning class because we cannot guarantee that the parking lot will be plowed in time.

Please be sure you have the Center's phone number 978-983-8825

so that you can call if there is any question.

A MESSAGE WILL BE POSTED ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE AT 7:00AM.

Our main concern is for your safety!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Methuen's Founding Millionaires

**Thursday November 14, 2024
@ 10 am**

Beverly Brown, a dedicated member of the Methuen Historical Society, will present an engaging talk on the founding millionaires of Methuen. She will explore the lives, fortunes, and lasting impact of these influential figures who played a pivotal role in shaping the town's history. From their rise to wealth to their contributions to the community, this presentation offers a unique glimpse into Methuen's past and the legacies that still resonate today.



INFORMATIONAL SESSION

MEDICARE 101 WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD

Tuesday November 12, 2024 at 10:30 am

Planning for Medicare-Countdown to 65 is a no-cost seminar that helps you understand your Medicare health insurance options outside of your employer-sponsored coverage, whether or not you're planning to retire.

Topics to include: Medicare Parts A & B, Medigap Plans, Medicare Drug Plans, & More!

EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT

TRIVIA AND TUNES

with Vin Pescatore

**Wednesday November 13, 2024
@ 10:30 am**

Join us for a fun-filled morning of Trivia and Tunes with Vin! Test your knowledge with exciting trivia questions and enjoy classic hits as Vin mixes in music for a lively, interactive experience. Whether you're a trivia buff, a music lover, or just looking for a good time, this event promises plenty of laughs and entertainment. Bring your friends and enjoy a morning of friendly competition and great tunes!

DIALOGUE WITH DIRECTOR

Whether you have ideas for new programs, suggestions for improvements, or concerns you'd like to discuss, this is your chance to be heard. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us shape the future of the center. Come be a part of the conversation and make a difference in our community! Every third Friday of the month.

We invite you to join our *Dialogue with the Director* program—a monthly opportunity to sit down with Director, Ashley Shaheen, and share your thoughts.

Friday November 15, 2024 @ 10am

Ambassador Program

If you are interested in becoming part of our Ambassador Program, we invite you to reach out and sign up!

Join us the 2nd Tuesday of the Month for an Ambassador Coffee Hour at 10am.

By doing so, you'll be matched with an active COA Ambassador. This dedicated individual will guide you through a special tour of the building, accompany you to a program that interests you, and share their own experiences at the center. We understand that sometimes taking the first step is challenging. But with the friendly atmosphere and support of our Ambassadors, we're confident that you'll find the experience enjoyable. Give us a call today!

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

HEALTH TALKS WITH DONALD MARCUS, DVM

Friday November 22, 2024 at 10am

Dr Marcus hosts a monthly Health Talks Series focusing on a wide range of medical topics affecting seniors today.

Join him for an informational and intimate discussion on Health

Color Sprirt Days

Wear the color of the month - make your outfit as colorfilled as possible

- **FALL YELLOW**

November 26, 2024

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

THE HISTORY AND EVOLUTION OF THE AMERICAN FUNERAL

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2024 @ 10:30AM

Where we began, where we are, and where we may be headed. Presentation by Richard Dewhirst, a third generation funeral director, educator and planning advocate.

TRAVELING CHEF

TRAVELING CHEF

Wednesday November 20, 2024

Lunch Served at 11:30am

Join us for a delicious fall meal with friends, old and new.

Chicken Pot Pie
Apple Salad
Roll
Apple Pie
& Juice

Register Today. Space is Limited.
\$2 Per Person

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Health Management Workshop Hosted by Cedarview

Monday November 18, 2024 at 10am

A Cedarview Dietician will host a Basic 101 Health Workshop discussing topics such as healthy eating, food shopping, & exercising. Join us for a fun informative conversation!