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COA Board Meeting:

Thursday, May 18th, 2023

5:15 pm

Location: Ames Senior Center

We will be closed on Monday, May 29th in honor of Memorial Day!

MAY 2023

Director's Message:



Dear Friends,

I hope you all remain happy and are enjoying good health.

As many of you already are aware, my retirement is coming up soon! I will miss you all and the fun hubbub of our busy Center. I wanted you all to know you are invited to a tea on May 18, 2023 at 2:00 pm here at the Ames Senior Center to celebrate with me. Inside the newsletter you will find the invitation and details, so I hope you will join us.

The search is on for a new Director of the Council on Aging, and the hope is to have a new Director on board soon after my last official day in July.

April has been warm and brighter than we sometimes experience here in New England, and I hope that will be carried on through the spring. It's so much more uplifting when it's sunny and pleasant.

We continue to offer all kinds of activities here, and I hope you will get outdoors (our walking group has started again), enjoy our patio and come by for a class or lecture.

Also, remember our transportation is available if you need a ride to the Center or for an essential trip.

I look forward to seeing you here and wish you a happy spring!

Stay well.

Warmly,

Sheila

Outreach

Medical Equipment Reuse Options in Massachusetts

Reused equipment loan programs provide donated equipment to children and adults so they can live more independently and safer in their homes and communities. Listed below are Reuse Programs and items they loan.

- 1) H.E.L.P. Freemason's Hospital Equipment Loan Program Reuse: Durable medical equipment is available to borrow free of charge for home use only. Includes items such as canes, commodes, tub seats, walkers, wheelchairs, transfer benches, hospital beds, a Hoyer lift, and wheelchair ramps. Contacts: Woburn: Geoff Bemiss, 781-322-1052, GABemiss@aol.com. HELP offers free equipment on Saturdays from their Woburn location in Cummings Park, 500 West Cumming Park, Suite 1150. Pick up hours: 9:00am-12:00pm.
- 2) Scituate Etrusco Associates Reuse: Provides at no charge a wide range of medical and nursing equipment to loan for home use for residents of Scituate, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Duxbury, Pembroke, and Kingston, but will also provide assistance for other towns if they have availability. Contact: 781-545-4411, Monday-Friday 10:00am-2:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-12:00pm, 1 Common Street, Scituate MA, or Visit website: http://www.scituateetrusco.com
- **3) REquipment** is a durable medical equipment (DME) re-use program offering free refurbished wheelchairs, scooters, shower chairs and more to adults and children living in Massachusetts. Call 800-261-9841 or Visit website: https://dmerequipment.org.

The Dedham Council on Aging does occasionally have a small number of walkers, canes and wheelchairs available, so certainly call us to check if you need that type of equipment.

In Service,

Tami Allen-Acevich Outreach Coordinator 781-751-9495, X 2

Dedham Council on Aging Transportation

The Council on Aging has 3 handicap-accessible vehicles.

We offer curbside transportation to local medical appointments, local errands, and local grocery shopping. Transportation service is available to seniors aged 55 and older and disabled residents. Please be ready 30-45 minutes prior to your appointment time.

<u>Monday:</u> Transportation for medical appointments and errands is available. The earliest appointment time being 9:30am and the latest appointment time being 2:00pm.

Tuesday: Stop and Shop, medical appointments

<u>Wednesday:</u> Transportation for medical appointments and errands is available. The earliest appointment time being <u>9:30am and the latest appointment time being 2:00pm.</u>

Thursday: Star Market

<u>Friday:</u> Transportation for medical appointments and errands is available. The earliest appointment time being <u>9:30am and the latest appointment time being 2:00pm.</u>

**To request a pick up or drop off, you must call the Senior Center 781-751-9495.

Please remember, we request a \$2.00 donation per trip. **



Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 RSVP 781-751-9495

Grocery Store Trips



Tuesdays: Stop and Shop Thursdays: Star Market Call to reserve your spot! 781-751-9495



April Fitness Classes

Monday

9:30am
Strength and Stretch with Nora
11:00am
Zumba with Alba

Tuesday

9:30am

Nora's Movement with Seniors

11:00am Tai Chi Class with Wanda

1:00pm Mat Yoga with Cathy

Wednesday

10:15am Grace's Yoga for Posture/Balance

5:30pm
Yoga and Meditation with Grace

Thursday

10:30am Tai Chi Class with Wanda

10:00am Weekly Walking Group

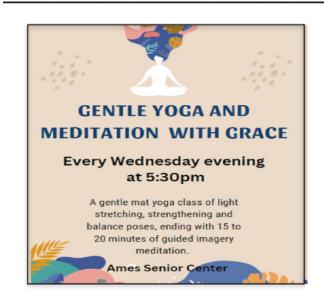
> 11:45am Zumba with Alba

1:00pm Mat Yoga with Cathy

Friday

10:15am Strength and Stretch with Nora

11:15am Strength and Stretch with Nora





All Fitness Classes are \$2.00 each or 10 tickets for \$15.00.

Tickets can be purchased at the front desk.

We want all our seniors to feel comfortable attending classes.

For a waiver of the fees, see Director Sheila Pransky.

Weekly Activities Schedule

Monday

1:00pm—2:00pm Coffee and Conversation Drop-in group

Tuesday

9:00am-12:00pm Bridge

Wednesday

9:30am-11:30am VNA Drop-in Health Clinic (1st and 3rd Wednesday each month)

> 10:00am Knitting & Crocheting

12:30pm Needle and Thread (quilting, embroidery, etc.)

> 1:00pm Mahjong

1:00pm Chess Club

Have questions or need additional information.
Please call us at 781-751-9495.

Thursday

9:00am Decorative Painters/Open Studio

> 9:00am-1:00pm SHINE (call for an appointment)

> > 1:00pm RummiKub

3:30 Tech Help with Noble and Greenough Students (RSVP please!)

Friday

10:00am Computer Club (call for appointment)

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!

Are you feeling lonely or disconnected?

Are you looking for opportunities to build 'relationships and connect with other people?



Mondays at 1:00pm

Please join us for

<u>Coffee and Conversation!</u>

Enjoy coffee, pastries and connect with others in a laid-back friendly environment.

There will be some easy conversation starters to get people talking but the atmosphere will be casual and centered around socializing and enjoying each other's company.

Please call the Ames Senior Center at 781-751-9495 with any questions.

Food Pantry



The Dedham Food Pantry is open for shopping!

The Dedham Food Pantry will be open from 1:30pm-3:00pm on the

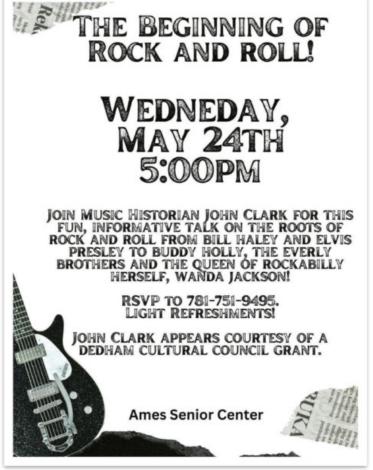
Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month for Senior Citizens only. The qualifying criteria will again be observed.

Wednesdays, May 10th and 24th, 2023

Call the COA for a ride at 781-751-9495 if you cannot get to the Pantry.

May Wednesday Night Events Ames Senior Center

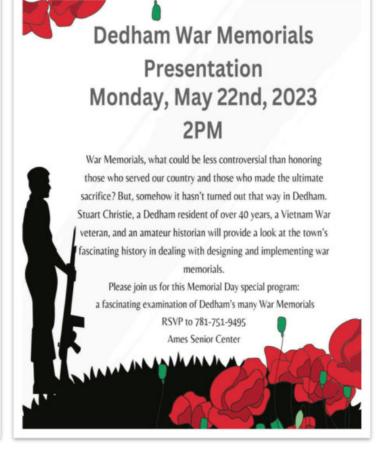




May Events







Dedham Council on Aging



Harriet Rynkiewicz is the SHINE counselor at the Ames Senior Center. She is available for appointments every Thursday (except for the second Thursday of each month) from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please call 781-751-9495 to schedule an appointment with her!



VNA HEALTH CLINICS

Do you need your blood pressure or blood sugar checked or have a health question you would like to talk to the VNA nurse about?

Come to our free bi-monthly VNA clinics held the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. No appointment required - drop ins are welcome!

Services include blood pressure and glucose screenings, heart rate and lung checks, medication review and teaching about your health.



First and Third Wednesdays of each month 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Ames Senior Center



Please note this clinic is now being offered only bi-monthly!

On-Going Tech Support

Computer Help



Need some help with your iPad or laptop?

Join us every Friday from 10:00 a.m. to noon to get some hands-on assistance!

An appointment is necessary Please call 781-751-9495 to reserve a spot!!



Tech Help Available!!

Do you need some individualized tech help??

Meet with the Noble and Greenough students every Thursday,

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm at the Ames Senior Center.

Get assistance with your phone, iPad, laptop, email, apps, photos and more! Please call 781-751-9495 to reserve a spot and be matched with a student for the session!

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Friday, May 5th, 2023 9:30-12:30



\$10 for a relaxing 12 minute chair massage with professional licensed massage therapist, Kris Sloan

> RESERVE A SPOT! 781-751-9495





DEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING

BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH, 2023 12:00 P.M.

Join us for a discussion of our latest book and pick up our next read!

Ames Senior Center, 450 Washington Street, Dedham 781-751-9495





THURSDAY MAY 11TH, 2023 1:30PM-2:30PM

Join us for this fun interactive drumming session!
\$5 per person
Sign up to reserve your spot at
781-751-9495



Military Mondays! Held the last Monday of every month, at 10:30 a.m.

Join us on Monday May 22nd, 2023 10:30 am

A Monthly Veterans Social Group held in the Community Room of the Ames Senior Center Led by Joe Hamilton, Veteran Services Officer for the Town of Dedham.

Drop in for coffee and conversation!!







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Know your

Legal Rights

Monday, May 15th, 2023 2:00pm

with Attorney Maria C. Baler of Samuel, Sayward and Baler LLC

*Getting Your Legal House in Order
*Documents Everyone Should Have
*Powers of Attorney,
*Health Care Documents
*Wills and Trusts

RSVP 781-751-9495



Feeling Your Best Presentation

Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023 1:00pm

Mental health is one of your greatest assets. It helps you focus, overcome obstacles, and stay well.

Learn the symptoms to see if you are struggling, learn about coping tools and strategies, and how to stay grounded - no matter what!

Presented by Dedham
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Joanne Keaveney, M.S., R.D, L.D.N.

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Coping With Caregiver Stress

As the population continues to age, more caregiving is being provided by family and other people who are not health care professionals. A caregiver is anyone who provides assistance to another person in need such as a disabled child, an ill spouse, partner, or an aging relative. Caregiving can be very rewarding, as you are there for a loved one when they need you and give them the love and care they might not otherwise receive from anyone else. It also can be exhausting and difficult in many ways. Caregiver stress is very common. Signs of caregiver stress can include feeling overwhelmed, tired, depressed, anxious, irritated, experiencing physical problems and ailments, and abusing drugs or alcohol. Too much stress, especially over a long time, can be harmful to your health. It is important, not only for you but for your loved one that you are caring for, that you take advantage of the resources and tools available to help reduce your stress. Some of these include accepting help from others, asking others for help, setting realistic goals for what you can do to help your loved one, not overextending yourself, seeking social support from friends and family and giving yourself time to take care of yourself physically, mentally, and emotionally. Another helpful tip would be to join a caregiver support group which can provide validation and encouragement and problem-solving strategies for difficult situations. It helps to be with people who can understand what you are going through and provides opportunities to build meaningful relationships.

Here at the Senior Center we will be starting a Caregiver Support group meeting weekly on Wednesdays from 4PM-5:15 PM, starting on May 17th. There is no need to sign up beforehand. You can drop in for this group whenever it meets. Please call the Senior Center with any questions at 781-751-9495.

Warm regards, Danielle Gilson, LCSW



Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 4:00pm - 5:15pm

A caregiver support group can provide validation and encouragement, as well as problem-solving strategies for difficult situations. It helps to be with people who can understand what you are going through, and it also provides opportunities to build meaningful relationships.

Please join us for this new weekly group starting on Wednesday, May 19th. There is no need to sign up beforehand, you can drop in for this group whenever it meets. Call the Senior Center with any questions at 781-751-9495.

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April 1 - May 31, 2023



A lifelong desire to create and learn led Barbara to the oil painting studios of Evelina Brozgul Krone and more recently, Thomas R. Dunlay and Christina Mastrangelo who opened the door to generations of master painters before them.

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- Buffet Lunch
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Trips are back at the Dedham Council on Aging! Join us as we offer outings to different parts of New England through our new tour company BRS Tours.

Sign up at the Senior Center Front Desk if interested. Checks are made out directly to BRS Tours. Meal choices if offered need to be chosen at time of registration.

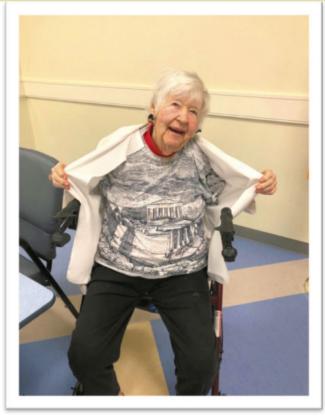
Price includes bus, lunch and gratuity!

Questions? Call 781-751-9495!

In Memoriam

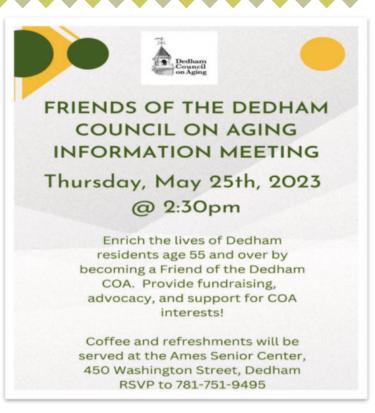


Remembering Harlan Sherwin, school teacher, budding stand-up comic and summer front desk volunteer here at the Senior Center.



Remembering Claire Pauley, kindergarten teacher, active participant here at the Senior Center and longtime member of the Troubadours.





MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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