SCARECROWS

OCTOBER 2022

It's Scarecrow time here at the Essex Senior Center! The 3rd Annual Great Scarecrow Fest is upon us and most of you know what that means whimsical, clever, and creatively decorated scarecrows will be on display throughout Essex for the month of October! The Friends of the Essex Council on Aging have been working diligently creating kits for even more scarecrows to be added to the mix this season. Fall is such a special time of year and the Great Scarecrow Fest has proven to be a tradition enjoyed by most community members, young and old alike, and many people in our surrounding communities follow the map to get in on the fun, too! Again this year the COA will be hosting a Scarecrow Tour, including a stop at Russell Orchards, so check inside for the details.

Fall is also the season to think about MEDICARE because October is the start of Medicare's Open Enrollment Period. The Open Enrollment Period (OEP) is an important opportunity for you to check your coverage for next year and make any appropriate changes during this time. Please see Page 2 for more information and details and be sure to book your Medicare appointment with Kristin or Tess.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

Senior Care, Inc:

978-281-1750

Offers Information and referral services, Meals on Wheels, Home-based Services, Money Management, and other services designed to help people stay in their homes. seniorcareinc.org

Essex Housing Authority: 978-768-6821

Veteran's Services: 978-356-3915

Protective Services: neglect 800-922-2275 Call 24 Hours/day to report abuse or

Energy Assistance:978-256-6650Used Medical Equipment:Masonic Hall, Ipswich 978-356-9716 and Essex CouncilOn Aging978-768-7932

Essex Senior Center 17 Pickering St. Essex MA 01929

978-768-7932

Hours of Operation: Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Additional hours: Tuesdays 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Thursdays 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Board Officers:

Chairman - Kay L. Joseph Vice Chairman -Gil Frieden Treasurer - Dick Denton Secretary - Beverly Dolinsky

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Outreach Coordinator: Tess Leary tleary@essexma.org

Clerk: Kim Lufkin Williams kwilliams@essexma.org

Follow us on Facebook!

Social Services

Medicare Open Enrollment is here! October 15 through December 7

It is important that each Medicare beneficiary take time to review their coverage for 2023. Please call the Essex Council on Aging to schedule an appointment with our SHINE Counselors, Kristin and Tess. (*even if you think you don't want to make a change!*)



Part A: Hospital Insurance

- Part B: Medical Insurance
- Part C: Medicare Advantage Plans
- Part D: Prescription Drug Coverage



Deceptive Marketing

With the Annual Open Enrollment Period upon us, you can expect to see an increase in marketing materials, commercials, etc from the various insurance providers. Scammers know this this, and are more than willing to take advantage. Deceptive marketing is the use of false and/or misleading information to capture the attention of the consumer through the usage of false information to persuade buyers into a business transaction that will not typically be beneficial to you but "yes" beneficial to the one doing the deceptive advertising. If you receive an offer that is too good to be true, it probably is!

If someone calls you and says they are calling from Medicare, hang up. Medicare does not call beneficiaries to offer them any goods or services.

If someone calls you with insurance offers, tell them to send you the information in writing.

When you receive flyers, calls, mail enticing you to respond and purchase, please don't.If you have any questions about anything you've recieved, please reach out to Kristin, Tess, or the Massachusetts SMP Program

Open Enrollment FAQs

<u>What is Open Enrollment?</u> Open enrollment is the one time of year in which you can change your Medicare Advantage Plans and/or your Part D Coverage.

<u>I am happy with my coverage, do I really need</u> <u>to do anything during the Open Enrollment</u> <u>Period</u>? If you do nothing, <u>and your plan will</u> continue to be offered next year, your plan will carry over. However, Medicare Advantage Plans and Prescription Drug Plans do make changes each year. You should still compare plans.

I have retiree health coverage, does Open Enrollment apply to me? If you receive your coverage through a former employer, you should be aware of your Open Enrollment Period and review your plan options at that time.

Can choosing a new drug plan really make a difference? Medicare drug plans can differ in ways that can have a big impact on your out-ofpocket costs, including monthly premiums, the list of drugs covered by each plan, how much the plan charges for preferred and non-preferred drugs, preferred pharmacies and how much the plan charges for high-cost specialty drugs. It is important to look at the overall anticipated costs, instead of just the monthly premium and/or deductible. Not everyone will save money by switching plans, but it generally makes sense for everyone to compare their plan options each year to see if there is a less expensive option for the coverage you need.

Social Services /

POLICE

Talk of the Town

Coffee with a Cop:Wednesday October 510:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.Join officers from the Essex Police Department for
refreshments and conversation.

Town Administrator, Brendhan Zubricki:Apple St. ProjectWednesday November 210:00 a.m.

What will we do when this happens more and more often in the future? Learn more about this project, followed by a tour of the project location.

Fuel Assistance

While warm days are still ahead, winter is just around the corner. This means heating season and high energy costs. As many as 1 in 3 households may be eligible for Fuel Assistance.
This is a free program for those who qualify! Applications typically open November 1.
For more information, call Action at 978-281-3900

3G SHUTDOWN

Several months ago we included information about the shutdown of 3G devices. Carriers nationwide are no longer supporting 3G service. This definitely impacts cellphones, but also certain medical devices, alert systems, vehicle SOS services etc. Please remember to check ALL of your devices before there's an emergency.

Apple St. Project

When the Route 133 causeway floods, if the coastal storm event is large enough, the only other way for emergency responders and public works equipment to get back and forth between the two halves of Essex is via Apple Street, which can also flood. The Town is currently working on finalizing design plans and all necessary permitting to elevate a low area in the Apple Street roadbed along an 800-foot section at its Southern Avenue end.

Experts predict that coastal flooding will sharply increase over time. Having an alternative, dry travel path during any size storm surge when the causeway is flooded is essential for emergency response, public works, and other services that seniors count on.

For more information, go to www.essexma.org/apple You may also contact Town Administrator Brendhan Zubricki at (978) 768-6531 or bzubricki@essexma.org, see Council on Aging Director Kristin Crockett, or join us on November 2 at 10:00 for our Talk of the Town.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an annual designation observed in October. For many, home is a place of love, warmth, and comfort. It's somewhere that you know you will be surrounded by care and support. But for millions of others, home is anything but a sanctuary. Are you an older adult who has been abused by a companion, caregiver, child or grandchild? Do you know an older adult who has been abused? Remember, abuse can come in a variety of forms physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, self-neglect, and abandonment. CONTACT: Elder Abuse Hotline, 7 days a week, 24

hours a day. 1-800-922-2275 or dial 9-1 -1

activities and Special Events

MONDAYS Zumba Video 9:30 TUESDAYS WEDNESDAYS THURSDAYS FRIDAYS VIRTUAL

Balance in Motion 10:00

10:00

Zumba Video 9:30

Fit Over 50

Balance in Motion 10:00

For. Every. Body Fitness Channel 67 Part of the Cape Ann Virtual Senior Center

Essex Eats

Plans are still in the works for October. Check in at the front desk if you are interested in joining us!

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Annual Essex Scarecrow Tour!

Hop on the bus, and take a tour around Essex. You will view all of the scarecrows! The tour will include a stop for some Apple **Cider and Cider Donuts at Russell Orchards! Register at the COA.**

Monday, October 17 1:00 PM

October has 3 great days we bet you didn't know about: Make New Friends Day, National I Love Lucy Day, and National Chocolate Cupcake Day. Lets have some fun and celebrate them together - Good Food, Some Laughs, and Great Company!! THURSDAY, OCT 13



2:00 PM

Games

Drop-in Cribbage Wednesdays 9:30 am



Board Games Thursdays 1:00

BOOK CLUB

Join us at 1:00 p.m. for a lively discussion about the current book of the month and other topics!

Tuesday, October 25

"The Reading List" by Sara Nisha Adams **Tuesday November 29**

"One Thousand White Women" by Jim Fergus

Through the generosity of the Friends, multiple copies of each title are available to borrow! New members are always welcome!

Arts and Crafts



Do you love to knit, crochet, or sew? Do you like creating different projects? If so, join us with your own project, or help with items for the Friends Boutique.

Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 Arts and Crafts

Monthly Art Class with Lowell and Kate Wednesday, October 26 2:00PM

Ongoing Activities and Programs

COA FITNESS PROGRAMS

BALANCE IN MOTION: Tuesdays 10:00 AM Fridays 10:00 AM \$5 Donation Requested

FIT OVER FIFTY: Wednesdays 10:00 AM

\$5 Donation Requested

CAPE ANN VIRTUAL SENIOR CENTER Tune into Channel 67 for a number of fitness programs sponsored by the Cape Ann Councils on Aging and the Friends of the Essex Council on Aging

COA ACTIVITIES

						
Afternoon Games	Thursdays	1:00 PM				
Arts & Crafts	Tuesdays	1:00 to 3:00 PM				
Book Club	Tuesday Oct 25	1:00 PM				
Crafts with Lowell & Kate	Wednesday Oct	26 2:00 PM				
Cribbage	Wedensdays	9:30 AM				
Cooking with Dawn	Wednesday Oct	5, 12 3:30 PM				
Grab & Go Meals	Mondays & Thu	ırsdays NOON				
Mobile Market	Friday Oct 7,	21 10:30 AM				
COA Board Meeting	Tuesday, Oct 4	6:00 PM				
Friends Meeting	Tuesday, Oct 11	3:00 PM				
Ladies Brunch	Tuesday, Oct 18	11:00 AM				
Men's Coffee & Donuts Wednesday, Oct 12 9:00 AM						
Heritage Films	Tuesday Oct 25	11:00 AM				
Monthly Cookie Deli	very	Call to sign up!				
Tech Help Sarah	Every other Tues	day 3:30 PM				

Tech Help SarahEvery other Tuesday3:30 PMSarah, a middle-schooler with rad tech skills, will helpanswer your questions about your phone, zoom, & more!

ZUMBA DROP IN (Video)

Mondays 9:30 AM Get your dancing shoes on and join this fun, energetic dance class! *Congratulations Shelby on your new job! We will miss you.*

THURSDAY DROP IN VIDEO:

9:30 AM Get your daily workout in with friends! Fitness videos will be used, no live instruction

WALKING CLUB: One month left to win prizes for you and the Essex Senior Center! Register and log your steps at: www.walkmachallenge.com

COA SERVICES

INFORMATION AND REFERAL SERVICES Individual assistance with a variety of topics, including, but not limited to SNAP benefits, Caregiver Support, Transportation, Housing, Social Security, etc. SHINE Counseling Individual counseling about Medicare, prescription coverage, supplemental and Medicare Advantage plans, etc. RMV and Me: The Essex COA is partnered with the RMV to assist Essex residents with various online transactions such as license and registration renewals. SHREDDING: Stop by and use the Essex COA shredder, an individual machine which shreds 10 pages at a time. MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOANS Mon-Fri 9-1 The Senior Center has a variety of medical equipment available at no cost. Please remember to complete the Release Form before taking any equipment. **CONSTITUENT SERVICES**: 3rd Thursday, 10:30 a.m. Ms. MaryAnn Nay, Assistant to Senator Bruce Tarr, comes to the Senior Center to address any issues you may have. No appointment needed. **VETS SERVICE OFFICE HOURS:** 3rd Thursday

12:30, Karen Tyler will be available to meet with you.

SNAP APPLICATIONS: The Essex COA can provide assistance with applying for SNAP/food stamp benefits.

activities and Special Events



Did you get your survey in the mail? Please send it back to us! Planning for 2023 is underway and we want to hear from you!



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Fall



Just for Fun

October Word Search

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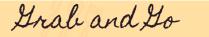
Monthly Recipe: Nasaump



Nasaump is a traditional Wampanoag dish made from dried corn, local berries, and nuts. It is boiled in water until it thickens, and is similar to a porridge or oatmeal.

- 1 1/2 cups cornmeal
- 1 cup strawberries, raspberries, blueberries or a combination of all three
- 1/2 crushed walnuts, hazelnuts, sunflower seeds or a combination of all three1 quart water
- maple syrup or sugar to taste (optional)

Combine cornmeal, berries, crushed nuts, and the optional sweetener in a pot of water and bring to a boil. Turn down the heat to medium and cook, stirring frequently, for 15 minutes. (*From Plimoth Patuxet Museums*)



Mondays and Thursdays at 12 Noon, and must be picked up by 12:30.

Please register 2 business days in advance. Mondays Shursdays

Provided by Open Door Provided by Senior Care

Monthly Root Meal

Wednesday. Oct. 26 Chicken Cacciatore (RSVP by Friday, October 14, 2022)

> Wednesday, Nov. 30 (RSVP by Friday, November 18, 2022)

Breakfast/Brunch

Ladies Brunch: Tuesday, Oct.18, 11:00 Please RSVP and enjoy a delicious meal: Eggs Benedict Strata and scones



Men's Coffee and Donuts: Wednesday, Oct. 12 9:00AM

Iransportation



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Transportation for Essex seniors is provided through CATA for \$2.00 fare. Please call to schedule your ride by 1:00pm at least 2 BUSINESS days in advance.

978-283-7916

TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE MONDAY - FRIDAY, TO AND FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITIES: *ROCKPORT *GLOUCESTER *MANCHESTER

*ESSEX *IPSWICH *HAMILTON *WENHAM *BEVERLY *PEABODY *SALEM *DANVERS

Other transportation options may be available for medical appointments, please contact: Senior Care Medical Transportation 978–281–1750

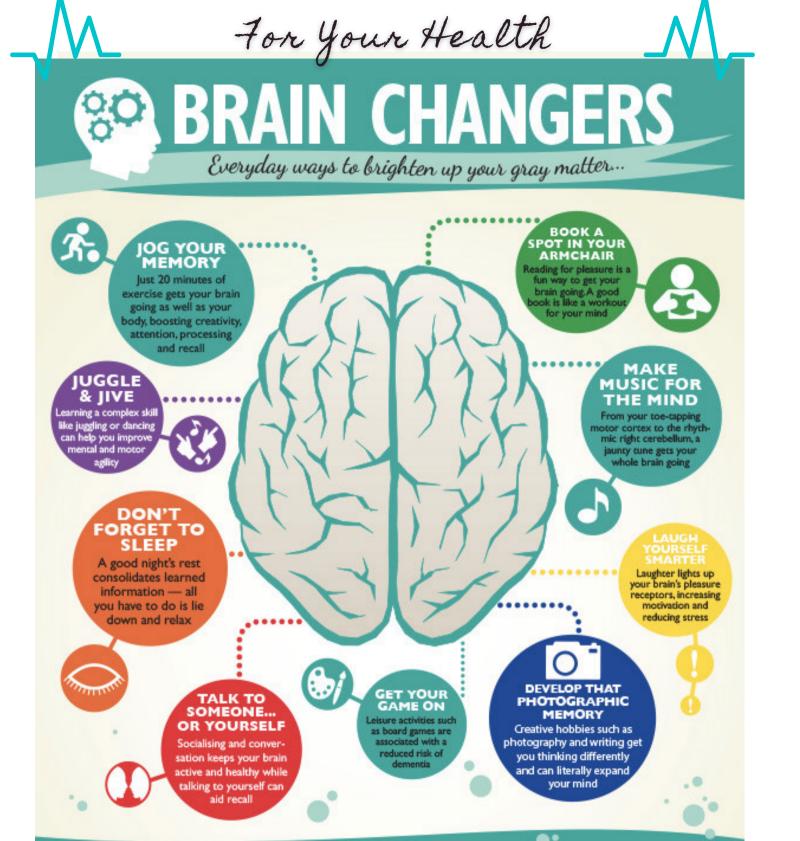


THURSDAYS

Grocery Shopping @ Stop n Shop, Market Basket & Shaws & Gloucester Fish Markets

PICKUPS from your home start @ 10:00 am RETURN home starts @ 11:45 am

Reserve your free seat by calling CATA (978) 283-7916



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Friends of the Council on aging

The Friends of the Essex Council on Aging is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose purpose is to financially assist the Essex Council on Aging in providing social services to residents over the age of 60 in Essex, and to do other things that necessarily render a service for the elderly residents of Essex. Please consider joining the Friends or making a donation!

MONTHLY MEETING: 2nd Tuesday of the Month October 11 3:00 PM Dawn Burnham, President Gil Frieden, Vice President Ellen Hull, Secretary Kay Joseph, Treasurer



FRIENDS BOUTIQUE

Save the Date - Friday, November 4th 6:00-8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 5th 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



Anyone interested in helping with set-up or working on the days of the sale should sign up and a Boutique Coordinator will contact you. Donations of Handmade items are appreciated.

Irips and Excursions



Cogswell Grant Tour When is the last time you explored your own backyard? A mecca for lovers of American folk art, the rooms at Cogswell's Grant overflow with folk art portraits, painted furniture, redware, hooked rugs, weathervanes and decoys in an 18th century farmhouse.

Friday, October 7 1:00 PM FREE Space is limited! Be sure to RSVP early!



"BEST OF TIMES" SHOWS*



CHER TRIBUTE - THE BEAT GOES ON~ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 ~ \$74 includes Show and Thanksgiving Dinner with all the fixins' and Dessert.
 CHRISTMAS WITH PAUL ANKA TRIBUTE ~ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 ~ \$74

includes Show and luncheon with your choice of Chicken or Fish entreé with Dessert.

ALL SHOWS ARE AT DANVERSPORT YACHT CLUB. PAYMENT IS DUE AT REGISTRATION

Reserve your tickets soon, deadlines come and go quickly! Transportation is on your own. Contact the COA for assistance.

		Sctober		
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 9:30 Fitness Video 10:30 Shredding 12:00 Grab 'n Go <i>Turkey Train Trip</i>	4 10:00 Balance Class 1:00 Arts and Crafts 3:30 Teen Tech 6:00 COA Board Meeting	9 :30 Cribbage 10:00-12:00 Coffee with a Cop <i>10:00 Fit over Fifty</i> 11:30 FLU CLINIC 3:30 Cooking for 1 or 2 with Dawn	 9:30 Drop-in Fitness 10:00 Activity Planning Meeting 12:00 Grab 'n Go 1:00 Games 	7 10:00 Balance in Motion Class 1 0:30 Mobile Market 12:00 Senior Club 1:00 Cogswell Grant Tour
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	November 8 State Election	Public Safety Building, 11 John Wise Ave, 7am-8pm	October 29	Oct 22 - Nov 4	November 1	Postmarked or received by Nov 8
	November 14 Fall Town Meeting	EES Gym, 12 Story St, 7:30pm	November 4	N/A	N/A	N/A



October 1-9

Quick Draw Competition Cox Reservation Sunday Oct 2 9:00AM - 2:00 PM

Artist Demo with Mary Rose O'Connell **Ship Building Museum** Monday October 3 12:00 PM

EHSSM Historian Kurt Wilhelm has been studying Essex Genealogy for over 30 years. Join Kurt for a look at the community of Essex through the lens of families that have lived here. View primary source > documents from throughout the past century. Add your family

tree to the forest!

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2ND 2022

OUR FAMILY FOREST

10AM-12PM

66 Main Street



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Farmers & Market

In the Shipyard

October 10

3Pm - 6PM

We are looking for

volunteers to pass out

candy/treats at the **Senior Center on** Halloween. If you are

interested, please sign up at the front desk.

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FLU CLINIC

Essex Senior Center Wednesday, October 5 11:30 - 1:30

Please Register for an appointment online, or call the ssex Senior Center. Anyone age 12+ who has completed a primary series or received a booster at least 2 months ago is eligible for a bivalent booster, regardless of immunocompromised status. If you need assistance scheduling an appointment, please let us know.

COVID BOOSTER

Below are upcoming regional clinics:

Manchester9:00 to 12:00Hamilton4:30 to 6:30Topsfield2:00-4:00Rockport9:00-11:00

10/3 11/7 12/5 Every Wednesday 10/20 11/10 12/15 10/8, 10/29





Fly Shot

Season



Vendor Booths, Entertainment, Clam Chowder Competition

Shepard Memorial Park - Essex

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