

FEW GRAY HAIRS

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Director's Notes: When we first moved to our home forty years ago, I was a young mother & new to the area. During her first visit to our new home, my grandmother advised me to find a way to become involved in the community. Working on committees at church & in her town were some of the best times, she said. It was a good way to meet people & make some connections to others, she said, adding that it is those connections that stay with us & support us. At that time my grandmother was in her 80s. She thoroughly enjoyed working on her church's Christmas Bizarre but also assisted her niece with the annual fruitcake fundraiser for Multiple Sclerosis, & community dinners for people who were hungry not only for food but for socialization. Her favorite volunteer role was to play piano & lead sing-a-longs for the "seniors" at a nursing care facility in town! My grandmother was certainly role model for me but I have found so many similar role models in our community. Their volunteer service to others exemplify the significance of April's National Volunteer Week. As we finish a week that has included several large events, our volunteer program has more than ever stood out as the backbone of the work done by the Council on Aging. Filling a variety of roles, volunteers with the COA connect with elders & others in so many ways across the community. Their work enriches lives & deepens the healthy connections within the community. Each April, the national designation gives us an opportunity to recognize the extraordinary work accomplished by millions of Americans through service to their communities & the nation. We are grateful each day for the tremendous support that volunteers provide the Georgetown Senior Community Center. During the past year, 103 volunteers provided the COA with almost 4,000 hours of volunteer service, an estimated value of \$63,000. More than 20 volunteers lent their talents to help with seasonal parties & monthly events. Five volunteer drivers drove a total of 966 miles transporting elders to out-of-town medical appointments. Our volunteer SHINE Counselor assisted 58 people with health insurance issues while our three AARP Tax Aides prepared income tax returns for 124 people. Ever cheerful, our 10-member newsletter committee spent a total of 360 hours collating, folding & labeling 10,000 newsletters. Volunteers also served as board members, assisted with programs & activities, & provided many needed hours of office support. The COA is profoundly grateful for the care & support offered by so many volunteers & thankful that so many people are willing to connect with us!



It is with great sadness that we share the news of our dear friend Al Miller's passing in March. We feel so fortunate for the many years of friendship & service that Al provided the Council on Aging & Georgetown Senior Community Center. Working beside his longtime friend, Mickie Locke, Al served as the Meal Site Assistant for the Council on Aging for many years. Not only did he wash more pans than one can count, he always did so with a smile & often a song. A veteran member of the Over the Hill Band which

entertained at the Senior Center, Trestle Way & other local venues, Al always had his harmonica ready for a quick tune & accompaniment for our monthly birthday party. Al was an avid birdwatcher & an equally avid cribbage player. He was always ready to liven up a cribbage game at the Senior Center with a joke or quick harmonica rip. When the Georgetown COA meal site was still located at the First Congregational Church, he would mischievously call out "Bingo!" in the middle of very serious bingo games. We will miss that mischievous sense of humor & harmonica music. Al will be deeply missed & we send our sympathy to his family & his very dear friends Margie & the Lockes.



Annual Town Meeting Monday, May 6, 2019 7 p.m. at GMHS



Annual Town Election Monday, May 13, 2019 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. **Penn Brook School**

The COA and all activities will be closed on Monday, April 15 for Patriot's Day.





ALL ACTIVITIES ARE HELD AT GEORGETOWN SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

CALL US AT 978-352-5726.

VAN SCHEDULE 2019 APRIL

Shopping Date	Location	Recreation Date	Location
Apr. 2	NO SHOPPING VAN – Brown Bag	Apr. 4 9:30	Super Walmart/Salem, NH
Apr. 9 9:30	Plaistow, NH	Apr. 11 10:30	Poets' Inn/Whittier Tech/Haverhill
Apr. 16 9:30	Riverside/Haverhill	Apr. 18 10:30	Seabrook, NH
Apr. 23 9:30	Special trip to P.E.M./Salem	Apr. 25 10:30	Westgate/Haverhill
Apr. 30 9:30	Riverside/Haverhill	May 2 9:30	Super Walmart/Salem, NH

JOIN US MONDAY – THURSDAY MORNINGS from

8:30 - 11 a.m. for cribbage and card games! Puzzles, coloring materials & a pool table (call for availability) are also available for drop-in use. Hot coffee and snacks are a great way to meet-up with friends! Tuesday (9:30-11 a.m.) is Homemade Muffin Day!

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE: Wed. Apr. 3, 9:30 a.m.

Public Health Nurse Pam Lara provides blood pressure checks, heart assessments, & medication information & discusses any medical concerns seniors have.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Thurs. Apr. 4, 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Dan Tollman will speak on men's health issues. With great appreciation, the COA thanks Crosby's Markets for their sponsorship. To make reservations, call 978-352-5726. Next breakfast: May 2 Speaker: Selectmen

KAREN TYLER, DIR. VET. SERVICES OFF. HOURS:

Thurs. April 4 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

SHINE OFFICE HOURS: Mon. Apr. 8, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

SHINE Counselor Nancy Aberman will be here to answer health insurance questions. APPOINTMENTS MUST BE SCHEDULED THROUGH THE COA OFFICE. If you cannot come to the scheduled hours, the COA can contact our SHINE counselor to make other arrangements for you. To schedule an appointment, call (978) 352-5726.

Local Legislators' Office Hours

State Rep. Lenny Mirra & Senator Bruce Tarr, or their representatives, will be on hand at the Georgetown Senior Community Center to meet with constituents to answer questions, hear comments or provide assistance. The next scheduled office hours for both will be:

Tues. April 16, 11 a.m. – noon

The public is welcome. No appointment necessary. If you cannot come to the Center, both legislators can be contacted through the email addresses below.

Rep. Lenny Mirra: Leonard.Mirra@MAhouse.gov Sen. Bruce Tarr: Bruce.Tarr@masenate.gov For more information, contact the COA at 978-352-5726.

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL: GREECE & BAHAMAS

Tues. April 9, 10:30 a.m. See pg. 3.

LIGHT & WATER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

Tues. April 23, 10:30 a.m. See pg. 3.

STROKE EDUCATION:

Wed. April 24, 10:30 a.m. See pg. 3.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:

Thurs. April 25, 9:30 a.m. See pg. 6.

TOE-TAPPIN' DANCE CLASS:

Rescheduled Tues. April 30, 11 – 11:45 a.m. See pg. 6.

Tues. April 23, 2 p.m. **APRIL BOOK CLUB:**

"Dear Mrs. Bird" by AJ Pearce COA Friends will meet Tues. April 9 at 1 p.m.

APRIL BIRTHDAY:

Wed. April 24, 12 p.m. Join us as we honor our friends who were born in April. Birthday celebrants will receive a free lunch (everyone else is \$2). Lunch reservations are required. RSVP before 4/17/19 to assist with planning. To make reservations, please call the COA office at (978) 352-5726.

Free Legal Help offered by Atty. Elaine Dalton

Tues. April 23, 10 a.m.

Assistance available for: *Health Care Proxies,

*Durable Power of Attorney, *Elder Law Issues

*15 min. appts. available by calling COA at 978-352-5726

Special Van Trip to Poet's Inn Thursday April 11

Join us for a van trip to enjoy lunch at the Whittier RTHS's well-known Poets' Inn Restaurant. The van will begin to pick people up at 10:30 a.m. For van reservations, please call the COA at 978-352-5726. Seating is limited.

Health & Wellness Classes

All classes are held at Georgetown Senior Community Center unless otherwise noted.

Newcomers & beginners welcome.

There is a SUGGESTED DONATION of \$3.00 per class.

Class	Meets on	Time
Seated Meditation Class	*On hiatus until	Spring*
Yoga (Bring a mat or towel)	Monday	10:30 a.m.
	Wednesday	9:30 a.m.
Strength Training	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Tai Chi	Thursday	12:30 p.m.
Fitness Room	Mon. – Thurs.	Call for equip. Availability

Walking Program

Meets Rain or Shine

Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m.

Participants will meet at the GSCC and will embark on one of several pre-determined routes.

Walking Club is free of charge.



This program has been provided by a grant awarded to the MCOA by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

Bereavement group resumes April 9 1:30 p.m. and 2nd Tuesday of the months to follow.

Armchair Travel: Greece & The Bahamas

Presented by Joe & Linda Corcoran

Joe & Linda are back to share more of their world travels.

This month we split the globe with two presentations.





Tues. April 9 at 10:30 a.m. Georgetown Senior Community

For more information or to let us know that you will attend, call the COA at 978-352-5726.





Stroke Education Program
Wed. April 24, 10:30 a.m.
Presented by
Tara Cunningham, RN, BSN/Lahey Health

Topics to include:

- Signs & symptoms of stroke
- Knowing risk factors for stroke
- Learning ways to remain strong and resilient if/when stroke occurs
- Interactive and fun activities

VAN TRIP TO PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM



Tuesday, April 23
"Nature's Nation:
American Art
& Environment"

Join us as we venture into Salem to the **Peabody Essex Museum.** This is the first exhibition to trace environmental awareness in American art over the last three centuries. More than 100 works, including iconic masterpieces as well as rare works by such artists as John James Audubon, Albert Bierstadt, & Thomas Cole, compel us to reconsider the relationships between art, the environment and ourselves.

The van will leave at 9:30 a.m. Cost for seniors is \$2 for the van and \$18 senior admission to PEM.

Lunch is on your own. **Seats are limited.**

To make a reservation, please call the COA at (978) 352-5726.

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Will the Light & Water Depts. merge? Do you have questions?

Join Dave Schofield, Manager GMLD

For an informational discussion on the Town Meeting Article.

Tues. April 23, 10:30 a.m.Georgetown Senior Community Center
Contact the COA at 978-352-5726



Please join us for a

Women's Breakfast

Sponsored by the Friends of the COA
Thurs. April 25, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

To reserve your seat, please call the COA before 4/18/19. 978-352-5726

Rescheduled from March:

Toe-Tapping, Knee Slapping Dance Class Instructor: Joyce Sartorelli Tuesday April 30, 11:00 a.m.

Join us for 45 minutes of fun & instruction:

- Gentle Warm-up Exercises
- Polka & Charleston line dances
- Hand Jive & the Stroll



No charge. ~ All skill levels welcome. Contact the COA to sign-up as soon as possible. 978-352-5726

Ongoing & Monthly Activities

For more info on any activities call the COA 978-352-5726



COA Marketplace: Nonperishable items are located at GSCC. No income restrictions apply. Appointments are required by calling 978-352-5726.

BINGO: Mon. at 12:30 p.m. \$1 per card covers all games.

General meeting followed by stamp auction (open to public).

<u>Knitting Group:</u> 2nd & 4th Thurs., 9:30-11:30

Drop-ins welcome.

Grief Support for Living with Loss: 2nd Tues., 1:30-3 p.m.

Emergency Quilts for Comfort: 2nd & 4th Tues., 12- 2 p.m. Free. Fabric/batting provided. Drop-ins/beginners welcome.

Beginner's Quilting Class: 2nd & 4th Tues., 2 – 3 p.m.

Free. Fabric/batting provided.

Mah Jong Group: Wed. at 12:30 p.m.

Book Club: 4th Tuesday of each month, 2 p.m.

Introduction to Medicare scheduled May 16

Join us for an evening "Intro to Medicare" with a SHINE presentation on Thursday May 22, 6:30 p.m. at the Georgetown Senior Community Center. representatives from Elder Services of Merrimack Valley will be on hand to provide people who are new to Medicare with information about their options. SHINE is federally funded program, supported by the Administration for Community Living (ACL), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) & the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA). SHINE counselors are trained extensively, attend monthly meetings, & are required to recertify each year, ensuring they have the most up-to-date accurate information to share with the community. Refreshments will be served! For further information & to register for the event, please call the COA at 978-352-5736.

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Federal Trade Commission Scam Warning

The Federal Trade Commission is getting reports about people pretending to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA) who are trying to get your Social Security number & even your money.

In one version of the scam, the caller says your Social Security number has been linked to a crime (often, he says it happened in Texas) involving drugs or sending money out of the country illegally. He then says your Social Security number is blocked – but he might ask you for a fee to reactivate it, or to get a new number. He will ask you to confirm your Social Security number.

In other variations, he says that somebody used your Social Security number to apply for credit cards, & you could lose your benefits. He also might warn you that your bank account is about to be seized, that you need to withdraw your money, and that he'll tell you how to keep it safe.

All of these are scams. Here's what you need to know:

- The SSA will never call & ask for your Social Security number. It will not ask you to pay anything. It won't call to threaten your benefits.
- Your caller ID might show the SSA's real phone number (1-800-772-1213), but that's not the real SSA calling. Computers make it easy to show any number on caller ID. You cannot trust what you see there.
- **Never** give your Social Security number to anyone who contacts you in this way. **Do not confirm the last 4 digits**. Do not give a bank account or credit card number ever to anybody who contacts you by phone asking for it.
- Remember that anyone who tells you to wire money, pay with a gift card, or send cash is always a scammer no matter who they say they are.

If you're worried about a call from someone who claims to be from the Social Security Administration, get off the phone. Then call the real SSA at 1-800-772-1213.

Council on Aging Services

For information on any of the following services, contact the COA at (978) 352-5726.

TRANSPORTATION/SHOPPING:

The Van is available Tuesdays & Thursdays for door-to-door shopping and errands. Reservations should be made at least two days in advance by calling the COA office at (978) 352-5726. Monthly Van Schedules are printed in the Newsletter. A small donation is suggested to help with program expenses.

TRANSPORTATION/MEDICAL:

Northern Essex Elder Transport, Inc.

This program provides rides for elders to medical appointments. Arrangements should be made at least **ONE WEEK** in advance by calling the COA office at (978) 352-5726. If the office is closed, please leave a message (and remember that the COA is not open on Fridays). After the ride is arranged, the **DRIVER** will call you the day before the ride. A donation of 43 cents per mile is suggested to help support the program, but no one is turned down due to inability to pay. Please remember: Reservations must be made through the COA office. Clients should not call the drivers directly.

RING & RIDE: Medical, Shopping & General <u>Purpose</u> Transportation & Medi-Ride

Ring & Ride is a free shared van service available to Georgetown residents. It requires 24 hour notice w/reservations made through MVRTA (978-469-6878, option #3). The van can be used for any purpose including medical and shopping in Amesbury, Boxford, Georgetown, Haverhill, Groveland, Newburyport, Lawrence, Methuen, Newbury/Byfield, North Andover, West Newbury, & Rowley Train Station & Market Basket. MVRTA also provides Medi-Ride to Boston area hospitals. For brochures, contact the COA.

HANDICAP PLACARDS

The COA has applications for **HANDICAP placards** available from the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Meals on Wheels

Available to eligible seniors by calling Elder Services of Merrimack Valley at 1-800-892-0890.

Congregate Meals

The COA Meal Site offers nutritious lunches Monday-Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. Please make reservations by the previous Wed. by calling the COA or in person at the Georgetown Sr. Comm. Ctr.

FOOD AND HEAT RESOURCES

For information & assistance w/state & local resources, contact the COA office at (978) 352-5726.

Board of Health Nurse

On the first Wednesday of each month, from 9:30 - 10:30 AM, Pam Lara, RN is available at the Georgetown Sr. Community Center to perform blood pressure checks, etc.

S.H.I.N.E.

Serving Health Information Needs of Everyone will help you understand your health insurance concerns. Appointments can be scheduled with SHINE counselors Jerry Goldberg & Nancy Aberman @ Georgetown Sr. Community Center. See newsletter for specific dates.

EQUIPMENT LENDING PROGRAM

COA has medical equipment (Walkers, Canes, Wheelchairs, Bath Seats, etc.) for long- or short-term lending.

FILE OF LIFE & YELLOW DOT PROGRAMS

Both programs provide a health history document to be used by emergency personnel in case of illness or injury. One is for your home, the other for your car.

HEALTH CARE PROXIES

COA has fact sheets and Health Care Proxy forms available upon request.

THE FILE A handy folder which serves as a summary of record of Financial Information, Investments & Insurance, Legal Documents & Estate Management information.

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Georgetown Council on Aging 51 North Street Georgetown, MA 01833

Return Service Requested

We strive to keep our mailing list up-todate. Please let us know if you would prefer not to receive the newsletter or if the addressee is no longer at this address.



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Monday – Thursday 8 am - 4 p.m.

Georgetown Senior Community Center 51 North Street Georgetown, MA 01833

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Monday – Thursday 8:30 am - 4 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

C.O.A. board meetings are open to the public. They are held at 12:45 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Georgetown Sr. Community Center 51 North Street, Georgetown NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday April 23, 2019

Georgetown Council on Aging:

Director: Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello **Office:** Julie Pasquale, Newsletter Kirsten Klueber, Outreach Dave Hall, Van Driver

Meal Site Coordinator: Mickie Locke
Assistant: Carol Westhaver

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Esther Palardy, Chair Sue Clay, Vice Chair Jill Benas, Co-Secretary/Clerk Darcy Norton, Co-Secretary/Clerk Diane Klibansky, Jean Perley, Diane Prescott, Nancy Thompson

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Georgetown COA Webpage is

located on the town's official website www.georgetownma.gov.

Council on Aging Mission Statement: The main objectives of the Georgetown Council on Aging are to advocate on behalf of older adults, to identify their needs, to develop and implement services to meet their health, economic, social and cultural needs, to encourage maximum independence and to improve their quality of life.

Inclement Weather Policy: The Georgetown Council on Aging and Senior Center will be open for business in inclement weather unless all Georgetown town offices are closed. If the Georgetown Public Schools are closed, there will be no van rides or NEET rides, and all COA activities/programs will be cancelled. If the Elder Services of Merrimack Valley Lunch Program is closed, there will be no lunches served at the COA Meal Site located at the Georgetown Senior Community Center.

April Menu - Lunch reservations must be made by the previous Wednesday. Call (978) 352-5726.

Lunch is served Monday through Wednesday at the Georgetown Sr. Community Center at 12 p.m. Cost is \$2.00.

Congregate meals are made possible in part by funding from the Older Americans Act as granted by Elder Services of the M. Valley Nutritional information regarding meals is available upon request by calling the COA office at (978) 352-5726.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>			
1 Salisbury Steak/Gravy, Mashed Pot., Carrots,	2 Orange Chicken, Asian Blend Veg, Rice, Dinner	3 Cream of Broccoli, Omelet, Sausage Patty,			
WW Bread, Fruit Loaf/Lorna Doones	Roll, Pineapple	Pot O'Brien, Yogurt, Juice (no milk), Oat Bread			
8 Chicken Scaloppini/Sauce, Pasta/sauce,	9 Hot Dog/Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw Hot dog	10 Clam Chowder, Breaded Fish/Bun, Herbed			
Carrots	Warm Peach Crisp/peaches	Rice, Broccoli, Fresh Fruit			
WW Bread, Berry Cup/Fresh Fruit					
15	16 Meatballs/Sub Roll, Pasta/Marinara sauce,	17 Chicken Noodle, Breaded Chix, Veg. Rice,			
Closed: Patriots' Day	Zucchini, Mandarin Oranges	Beets, WW Bread, Fresh Fruit			
22 Vegetable Frittata, Roasted Pot, Baked Apples,	23 Pork Ragout, Pasta, Broccoli, WW Roll,	24 Tomato Tortellini, Hamburger Bun, Potato			
		Chips, Green Beans, Berry Cup/Fresh Fruit			
29 BBQ Chicken, Butternut, Spinach, Applesauce	30 Beef Stew, Mashed Pot, Garden Salad/Dressing				
Oat Bread	Dinner Roll, Diet Gelatin				

Where Did THAT Come From?

WHY is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'? **BECAUSE**: Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

APRIL VAN & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY		
1 9:30 Dolls 10:30 Yoga 12:00 Lunch 12:30 Bingo	2 No Shopping Van— Brown Bag 8:30 Walking Club 9:30 Strength Training 12:00 Lunch	3 9:30 Yoga 9:30 BOH Nurse 12:00 Lunch 12:30 Mah Jong	4 9:30 Mens' Breakfast 9:30 Van: Super Walmart 8:30 Walking Club 10:30-11:30 Karen Tyler, Veterans' Serv. Office Hrs. 12:30 Tai Chi *Tax Prep By Appointment*		
8 SHINE Appts. Available 9:30 Dolls 10:30 Yoga 12:00 Lunch 12:30 Bingo	9 9:30 Van: Plaistow, NH 8:30 Walking Club 9:30 Strength Training 10:30 Armchair Travel 12:00 Lunch 12:00 EMS Quilts 1:00 Friends of COA Meeting 1:30 Bereavement Group 2:00-3:00 Beginners' Quilting	10 9:30 Yoga 12:00 Lunch 12:30 Mah Jong	11 10:30 Van: Poets' Inn/Hav'll 8:30 Walking Club 9:30 Knitting Group 12:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Stamp Club *Tax Prep By Appointment*		
15 CLOSED: PATRIOTS' DAY	16 9:30 Van: Riverside/Hav'll 8:30 Walking Club 9:30 Strength Training 11:00 Sen. Tarr/Rep. Mirra Off. Hrs 12:00 Lunch	17 9:30 Yoga 12:00 Lunch 12:30 Mah Jong	18 10:30 Van: Seabrook, NH 8:30 Walking Club 12:30 Tai Chi		
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<u>Van Trips:</u> The cost is \$2.00 roundtrip. The pick-up time for Tuesday shopping trips, as well as the monthly Thursday trip to Super Walmart in Salem, NH, is 9:30 a.m. The pick-up time for all other Thurs. trips is 10:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted. Please confirm pick-up times when you call. Make your reservations ASAP by calling the COA at (978) 352-5726.