



HOPEDALE SENIOR NEWS August 2020

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KAYAK EVENT ON HOPEDALE POND WE REALLY NEED THIS!

The Hopedale Sr. Center will hold a Kayak paddle on Hopedale Pond in August. The daytime date will be determined upon a successful sign-up of eight (8) individuals. Participants must be at least age fifty-five (55). The Outfitter is Fin and Feather Sports of Upton, MA.

All kayaks and equipment will be sanitized in compliance with COVID-19 regulations for recreational programs.

Cost is \$23.00 per person - 1.5 hour paddle

Sign-up is on a first come basis. Please register by calling the Hopedale Sr. Center at (508)634-2208.



FY'2021 SUMMARY OF TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

The Assessor's Office is updating the increased values for this fiscal year. We will print the revised chart in the September Newsletter. Call us with any questions. (508)634-2208.

Hopedale's Sr. Center Errand Van is available for rides for seniors and disabled adults.

Note: All van fares are waived until further notice.

Seniors and disabled adults who don't drive and need transportation may use the Sr. Center van to go grocery shopping, personal shopping or get to the bank, hair salon, barber or other local non-medical destinations.

The current van schedule is:

Monday through Thursday

9:00 am - 2:00 pm (Times and dates subject to availability of the driver.)

The cost for roundtrips is \$0.00. Please call to schedule an appointment at least forty-eight (48) hours before your appointment.

If you would like to use the Hopedale Sr. Center van you must register as a van rider by calling the Sr. Center at (508)634-2208. The van will come directly to your home and pick you up!

Please remember that we have a separate van service for medical appointments and prescription pick-ups. Call the Sr. Center directly at (508)634-2208 for rides to your medical appointments.

COVID-19 Requirements:

All van riders will be required to:

- Answer screening questions
- Have temperature taken
- Wear a mask
- Use hand-sanitizer before taking a seat



The van's high-contact surfaces will be wiped-down with sanitizing cloths between trips. There is a two (2) person maximum on each trip. Please let us know if you have particular questions or concerns. We can assist with your van rider registration.

The van is available through a partnership between the town of Hopedale and The MetroWest Regional Transit Authority. The service offers Hopedale residents a wonderful opportunity for expanded transportation services. Spread the word.

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT THE SR. CENTER

OUR SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL - WE CAN MAKE COVID-19 SAFE HOME VISITS

(Visits are currently outdoors only.)



OUTREACH SERVICES

Confidential counseling, caregiver support, information and referral services are available on aging issues for seniors and caregivers.

VETERANS' SERVICES FOR VETERANS AND SPOUSES OF VETERANS

Confidential counseling with our Veterans' Agent, Pat Morris. Individuals issues or medical conditions do not have to be "service-related".



MEDICARE, MEDICAID AND HEALTH AND DRUG INSURANCE COUNSELING SHINE PROGRAM

Information and assistance is available on all aspects of Medicare coverage and assistance plans available through Medicare & Medicaid. Supplemental health and drug insurance coverage information and assistance for Medicare eligible individuals.

HOME REPAIR (May be on hold due to COVID-19)

Any senior age sixty (60) and older, who owns and resides in their home, can apply for home repair assistance. **The repair must be deemed a safety concern** in order to qualify for this service. There is no income guideline for this program.

For more information or to apply you can call Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance Elder Home Repair Program at **(774)243-3815**. You can also check- out the website at www.cmhaonline.org and click on "Read more about our organization" to access the information on Elder Home Repair. Contact the Hopedale Senior Center for additional assistance.

FOOD STAMP APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

Information and application assistance for the Food Stamp Program is available at the Sr. Center or projectbread.org



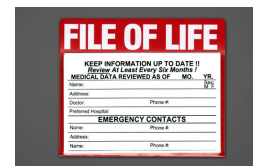
FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Re-certification for current clients August 2020

New applications available late Oct. 2020 for fuel season effective **Nov. 1, 2020**.

FILE OF LIFE PROGRAM - FREE

The Sr. Center will provide you with a magnetic card that can be placed on your refrigerator or carried in your purse. The pre-printed card has space for emergency contact numbers, your current medications as well as you attending physicians' names and phone numbers. In the event of an emergency if you are unable to communicate, the card may provide information critical to your care.



HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS PROGRAM - FREE

A wooden number sign is available to all Hopedale residents. As a public safety measure, all residences are required to display house numbers. The TRIAD program will provide you with **free** house number sign. Please contact us for more information on how to obtain a free house number sign.

COPY/FAX SERVICES - We will make copies for you or Fax documents.
10 cents per page (Call for an appointment).



FUEL ASSISTANCE

RE-CERTIFICATION FORMS WILL BE MAILED IN AUGUST 2020 FOR EXISTING SMOC CLIENTS FOR SEASON 2020 - 2021


If you were a Fuel Assistance client for the 2019 - 2020 season, prior to August 31, 2020 you should receive a pre-printed form for your review. The Sr. Center will gladly help you review the form and answer any questions related to completing your re-certification. Delays in returning your pre-printed form and submitting any requested documentation will delay your benefit. Please call us to schedule an appointment. *Contact The Hopedale Council on Aging at (508)634-2208 for more information.*



We are the Fuel Assistance resource for everyone in Hopedale.

ATTENTION VETERANS AND SPOUSES OF DECEASED VETERANS

Need help paying for your medical insurance premiums? You may qualify for a Veteran's program which provides direct or partial payment of your insurance premium and Medicare Part B costs. Our Vet's agent Pat Morris can call you to discuss program eligibility. Please call the Hopedale Sr. Center for more information. These benefits are underutilized by those who have given so much to our country. All inquiries are confidential.



LOCAL MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Hopedale Sr. Center can provide critical medical appointment transportation for senior citizens and disabled adults not receiving Medicaid.

Medical and prescription transportation services available through the Hopedale Sr. Center:

Hopedale, Milford and Upton only:

Call the Hopedale Sr. Center at (508)634-2208 at least 48 hours in advance of appointment date.

- Appointments between 9:00 am 2:30 pm - Monday - Friday
- **No transit between 11:30 noon and 1:00 pm daily**
- \$2.00 one way / \$3.00 round trip
- Handicapped Accessible Van Curb to Curb service only.
- COVID-19 precautions require a brief medical query.
- All riders must wear a mask

These services are available to adults age 60 and older. Please call us with any questions.



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In lieu of flowers or other gifts, please consider making a tax-deductible donation in memory/honor of a loved one to the Friends of Elders, by using this form.

Your gift will go directly to services for senior citizens for today and tomorrow. Donations can be made in honor of births, birthdays, and anniversaries as well as in memory of loved ones. No minimum donation is required. We will acknowledge all donations.

Donations can also be dropped off at the Curiosity Shoppe of Hopedale on Depot Street in Hopedale
Curiosity Shoppe hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9:30am to 12:30pm
We always need volunteers to work in The Friends' Shoppe

I am enclosing \$ _____ (please make checks payable to the Hopedale Friends of Elders).
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Cable TV Programs for Hopedale Seniors

Watch our line-up of programs on:

Verizon - Channel 29

Xfinity - Channel 8



Mon. - Fri. - 9:30 am and 6:00 pm

Coming in late August: Art Classes with Mari Steinmann

Other new programs will be listed on Sr. Center Web page.

The Hopedale Friends of Elders want to thank
Matthew Masnik
for his generous donation in honor of
"the love of his life"
his wife,
Jean Masnik.

