

# HOPEDALE SENIOR NEWS February 2022

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#### Dear Friends,

For the next month or two we will continue our Grab and Go meals but will delay inperson large gatherings. However, our Errand Van, exercise classes and smaller group activities are still active. Please consider Yoga, Meditation or Tai Chi for a calmer, healthier 2022. In consideration of everyone's health, masks are required upon entering the Community House Building. Remember, we're here to assist you. Don't hesitate to call. Carole

FREE Grab & Go Meal From Olivas' Market Hopedale Sr. Center 11:30 am



Wed. February 9, 2022 Pick from one of three options:

- Pick-up your meal at 43 Hope St. (Sr. Center)
- Pick-up your meal at Griffin-Dennett Housing (Hopedale St.)
- Request Home Delivery of your meal Menu: Chicken Marsala, rice, vegetables, roll and dessert

Reserve by: 2/7/2022 - 60 person maximum.

Please do not leave a sign-up message on our answering machine. Please speak to a Sr. Center staff member in order to sign-up for the meal. Free AARP Tax Filing Assistance at the Hopedale Sr. Center

February 10, 17, 24 March 3, 10, and 17 9 am to 2 pm.



By appointment only. Masks required. See the flyer on the back of the February Activity Calendar in this newsletter for complete program requirements and details. Sign-up by calling (508)634-2208.

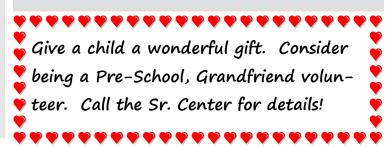
Play Bridge at the Hopedale Sr. Center We're seeking a few more folks to add to our existing group. Call (508)634-2208.



The Sr. Center has free Panera Bread pastries and bread goods on:



Mondays at: 9:30 am - (No Mon. holidays)



## ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT THE SR. CENTER

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

#### VISITS

## OUTREACH

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 AND HOME WEATHERIZATION PROGRAMS (SMOC)

New applications available for fuel season effective Nov. 1, 2021. Re-certifications going out in Sept. Program open to renters and home owners. All forms of heating eligible.

## 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. Ten cents/copy.



Nutrition

Assistance Program











News from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Please be aware that Agents and Brokers are prohibited from the following behavior when marketing Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plans:

They cannot state that they are "approved, endorsed or authorized by Medicare or calling on behalf of Medicare.

They cannot market door-to door or leave material at your doorstep.

They cannot send unsolicited text messages or leave voicemail messages.

They cannot make unsolicited calls under the guise of selling non-Medicare Advantage or non-Prescription Drug Plan products.

They cannot conduct marketing or sales activities at an educational event including distributing marketing material or enrollment forms.

Please contact CMS at (1-800-633-4227) or (1-877-772-3397) if you have been subject to these violations.

# HEATING ASSISTANCE (SMOC)

The Hopedale Sr. Center is taking appointments to assist with Fuel Assistance for the 2021-2022 season. SMOC re-

certification paperwork was sent later than usual. Please call us if you have not received your packet. New Fuel Assistance clients can make appointments for application assistance now. Income Guidelines are:



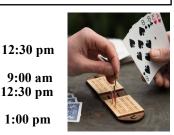
**1 person \$40,951 - 2 People \$53,551** Additional guidelines for larger families.

Please call the Sr. Center at (508)634-2208 for details. Additional weatherization assistance may be available.

#### COME PLAY WITH US !!!

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CRIBBAGE WEDNESDAYS



Hesitant to drive

during bad weather...let

the Sr. Center take you



to your medical appointments.

### MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

Local (Hopedale and Milford) Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:30 pm (appointments) No transit between 11:15 am -1:00 pm \$3.00 Rd. Trip Schedule appointments 3 business days in advance.

## LIMITED OUT OF TOWN MEDICAL

## TRANSPORTATION

Monday - Thursday (Subject to Change) No appointments earlier than 10:30 am Ready to return home by 1:00 pm

Framingham \$10.00 Rd. Trip / Boston \$25.00 Rd. Trip Natick /Westboro/Worcester Franklin/Bellingham/Uxbridge \$5.00 Rd. Trip Schedule appointments 3 business days in advance.

## New Art Class!

Hand-building with Clay

## Thursdays 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Hopedale Sr. Center

Learn basic hand-building skills



including pinch pot, coil, slab techniques and sculpture. Self-hardening clay and acrylic paints will be used to enhance the clay creations. The class instructor is Jackie Alagna retired Hopedale and Milford art teacher who has specialized in clay techniques.

Sign-up required. Call (508)634-2208. \$5.00 per class

The Sr. Center is closed on: Monday February 21, 2022



Presidents' Day Holiday

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