Robert Rock Senior Center



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January 2022

Message from the Mayor:

Happy New Year to you and your family. We have a lot to be grateful for in 2022 including the availability of testing, vaccines and boosters against COVID-19. It is important to know that even those who are fully vaccinated can still get the virus. The data, however, is showing that those who are fully vaccinated are less likely to be hospitalized and have milder symptoms. I encourage all to get vaccinated if you have not already done so and if you have been vaccinated, please don't forget your booster. The Senior Center is your place for information and assistance with setting up your testing and vaccine appointments. Please do not hesitate to give the Senior Center a call at 401-435-7800. The Senior Center has been given some self-test kits to hand out to our residents. If you are not able to go online at portal.ri.gov to schedule a test, the Senior Center can provide you a test kit (while supplies last). We do ask that if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, that you schedule a test at a test site via portal.ri.gov or at your local pharmacy or doctor's office. We kindly ask that if you have ANY COVID-19 symptom, that you not come into the Senior Center to protect our staff and our healthy seniors. Selfadministered test kits are reserved for those who may be asymptomatic (have no symptoms) and who want confirmation that they are negative. The East Providence vaccine site located at 585 Taunton Ave. We will continue to hold vaccine clinics through the end of February.

Happy New Year,

Mayor Bob DaSilva



COVID 19 Booster Shots

Make Your Appointment

vaccinateri.org

Vaccines available at

585 Taunton Avenue

East Providence

Additional clinic locations can be found on

https://covid.ri.gov

Taunton Avenue Clinic Dates:

January 5

January 10

January 19

January 24

January 31

9AM-3PM

BRING VACCINATION CARD

Please call the EPSC at 401-435-7800 if you need assistance making an appointment or need a ride to a clinic.



Letter from the Director:

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday. I can't believe it is 2022! I am not sure if you all have heard but on December 10th the Center was dedicated by Mayor DaSilva in honor our past Senior Center Director, Robert Rock. A beautiful new sign was unveiled to show our new name, The Robert Rock Senior Center. It was a very special day. I am optimistic that 2022 will be a great year! We have many plans for the New Year including but not limited to a new evidence-based Tai Ji Ouan Movement for Better Balance program, Diabetes Management classes and a newly hired afternoon receptionist.

Sincerely,

Laura Jones

Laura Jones, Director of Senior Services City of East Providence

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Medicare/Medicaid Assistance:

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)



Need Help with Medicare/Medicaid forms?

Make an appointment with SHIP Counselors at the East Providence Senior Center. If you are new this year to Medicare, our SHIP counselor can walk you through the process. Appointments are available on Mondays from 8:00 am-4:00 pm. Call 401-435-7876 ext. 1131 to make your appointment.

TAI JI QUAN AT THE SENIOR CENTER

New Balance Program

Please join us for a free series of balance screenings. Learn how you can reduce your risk of falling by improving your balance. Register to reserve your spot to be screened by stopping by the front desk of the Senior Center or by calling 401-453-7800.

January 10th 10AM-12PM

Michele Cornwell will be presenting on Fall Prevention and ways to improve your balance. She will be introducing a new evidence-based program being offered at the Senior Center in 2022 called Tai Ji Quan Movement for Better Balance. Come hear all about it! Call the Senior Center to reserve your spot. Balance screenings will be available on this day.

Balance Screenings will be held on the following dates and times:

Tuesday- January 11th 10-12:30 - Balance Screening Wednesday- January 12th 10-12:30- Balance Screening

East Providence Senior Center Advisory Board

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Robert Rock Senior Center Dedication- December 10, 2021













Holiday Celebration 2021 🐛













Programs Happening In January:

REWARDS CARD

The East Providence Senior Center is excited to announce a *Rewards Program* beginning in January 2022. The program aims to promote and encourage member participation in educational opportunities at the Senior Center!

Here's how the program works: Find a class on the monthly calendar that has a gold star. Attend the class and receive a stamp on your Rewards Card. Once you earn 10 stamps turn your card in for a prize! Prizes include postal stamps, gift cards, vouchers to the Senior Center gift shop, lottery tickets and much more! Ask a Senior Center Staff Member for more information.

One reward card per member. Reward cards are available in the Resource Specialist office.

URI Pharmacy Diabetes Series

Friday, January 28, 2021





Whether you have been living with diabetes, newly diagnosed or on the verge of prediabetes, education is key to understanding the disease process and improving your overall health. The East Providence Senior Center has partnered with the University of Rhode Island Pharmacy Outreach Program to offer a monthly *Diabetes Series* beginning in January to help educate and inform seniors on Diabetes. We will break it all down in simple terms for you to understand and we will do so in a friendly, supportive environment. Let this be the start of a New Year of gaining a deeper understanding of how you can live a healthier life with all the tools, tips and recommendations proven to enhance the lives of those living with diabetes.

Registration is required.

Fitness Programs

Chair Exercise with Cyn

Tuesdays-10:45-11:45

Instructor-Cynthia Charron

Cost-\$2.00

Room-Multipurpose Room

Registration Required-Limited to 25 Participants

Zumba Gold

Mondays-10:30-11:30

Instructor-Sue Young

Cost-\$2.00

Room-Multipurpose Room

Registration Required-Limited to 22

Line Dancing

Mondays-1:30-2:30

Instructor- Sue Young

Cost- \$2.00

Room-Dining Room

Registration Required-Limited to 20 Participants



Pace Chair Exercise

Wednesdays and Fridays -10:45-11:45

Instructor-Muriel Woodcock

Cost - No Cost

Room-Multipurpose Room

Registration Required-Limit to 25 Participants

20/20/20 Exercise

Thursdays-9:30-10:30

Instructor-Robin Cullinan

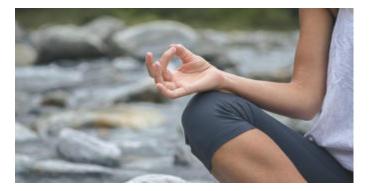
Cost-\$2.00

Room- Multipurpose Room

Registration Required-Limit to 25 Participants

MINDFUL MEDITATION

Fridays at 11:00 am Join us every Friday for an hour of mindful meditation.



Space is limited. Registration is required.

Senior Center Services

Healthy Aging Nurse Coordinator

Shahnee Lagor, BSN, RN-BC

Office hours: Monday, Thursday and Friday
9:00 am-2:30 pm
Nurse is located in the Health Office

Registered Dietitian

Ann Marie, Sabula, MA, RDA, LDN, CDE, CDOE

Office hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment Call 401-447-6299

Eastside Clinical Laboratory

When: The first Wednesday of each month, January 5th Time: 8:30 am-11:30 am Drop In Service: Just bring your lab slip

Notary Public Pat Thomas, Receptionist

The Senior Center now offers the services of a notary. Pat is available M-F 8:00 am-12:00 pm to notarize documents for our seniors.

Blood Pressure Clinics

10:30 am-11:30 am
No Registration Required
Grace Barker
2nd Tuesday of each month
Hattie Ide Chafee
3rd Tuesday of each month

Senior Shopping

Thursday Mornings by Appointment
Call 401-435-7800
The Senior Center will pick you up at your home and take you to
Stop and Shop or Shaw's in East Providence.



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8:00-4:00 SHIP	8:00 -4:00 Nutritionist	8:00-4:00 Nutritionist	9:00 Senior Shopping	8:30 Scrabble
9:00 Senior Center	*	10:00-12:00 Balance	9:00-2:30 Nurse	8:45 Blended Yoga
Advisory Group Meeting	Screenings	Screenings	9:30 20/20/20	10:00 Mah Jongg
10:00 Better Balance Talk	10:30 BP Clinic	1:00 Cribbage	10:30 Computer Basics	10:45 Pace Chair Exercise
10:30 Rev James P, Keller Presentation	10:45 Chair Exercise /Cyn		12:30 Bridge	11:00 Meditation
10:30 Zumba Gold	2:00 Multi-Media Art Class		1:00 Knit and Crochet	12:30 Hi Lo Jack
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Martin Luther	8:00 -4:00 Nutritionist	8:00-4:00 Nutritionist	9:00-2:30 Nurse	8:30 Scrabble
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Technology Assistance

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Computer Basics with Amanda

When: Thursdays, starting 1/6/22.

Cost: Free

Registering now for January's 4 -week session. Chrome Book computers available to use or bring

your own laptop or tablet.



Call 401-435-7800 or stop by the Senior Center reception desk for more information and to register. Space is limited.

Age Well Get Connected

Sponsored by Eastbay Community Action

Computer Classes

Learn tips and tricks on a computer. Learn some new skills!

January 26 –10:30-11:30

Monthly Computer Classes for Older Adults 4th Wednesday of each month.

To Register Call EPSC at 401-435-7800

Chromebook computers will be available to use or you can bring your own tablet or laptop.



NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR Smart Phone?

Drop by the East Providence Senior Center on

TUESDAYS FROM 10AM-11AM

Learn some tips and tricks with your Smart Phone!

No registration required



Tuesdays

Cost: \$6.00 to play Pull-tabs-.50 each Dabbers for sale:-\$1.00 1:00 pm arrive to buy your BINGO

packets.

Game starts at 1:30 pm. Looking for BINGO Volunteers

Mark your Calendars



Blood Pressure Self -Monitoring Program INFO Session

Elevated Blood Pressure is often referred to as the "silent killer" because there can be no signs or symptoms until it's too late putting many people in danger of heart disease and stroke.

According to new research nearly one in two adults living in the United States have hypertension. Could you be one of them?

Join us for an informational session on our Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring Program on Thursday, January 20th at 10:30. Registration is required.

Come learn about the program and how you can:

- Receive a free loaner blood pressure cuff to take home
- Learn how to properly take your blood pressure
- Meet with our nurse monthly to review your numbers
- Take part in our monthly nutrition seminars



Library News

January's Book Club Selection

Discover a new way to connect yourself with others by joining the Senior Center Book Club hosted by the Weaver Library. Book clubs help improve brain function and expand vocabulary. Stay sharp by diving into a good book.

January's book selection is: <u>The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah.</u> Meeting time is Wednesday, January 19th at 10:00 am.

Please see Senior Center receptionist to sign up and receive a loaner book.



Looking Back at 2021

Over the course of 2021, we have overcome many hurdles during the COVID-19 pandemic. Reopening the Senior Center in June 2021, we had the opportunity to bring in new vendors and programs that are educational and beneficial to all that participated! We would like to take the time to thank our vendors for helping us have another successful year!













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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



AARP Tax Assistance



Do you need help with your taxes? Make an appointment with Patty from AARP to get the ball rolling on your taxes. The AARP team will be at the Senior Center every Monday from 2/7/22-4/11/22. Appointments are mandatory. If you are interested, please see below for items you will need to bring with you the day of your appointment to better prepare for tax season!

ITEMS TO BRING- MASKS MUST BE WORN

- Photo ID, Driver's License, last year's tax return
- Social security card for taxpayer, spouse, dependents
 - Birth dates for taxpayer, spouse, and dependents
 - W2-Wages/Earnings
 - W2-G Gambling Winnings
 - 1099G Unemployment
 - 1099R Pension/Annuity
- SSA-1099 Social Security Statement (has a pink box)
 - 1099INT and 1099DIV Interest and dividends
- 1099B Brokerage Statement (APPOINTMENT MUST BE AFTER MARCH 15).
 - 1099MISC Miscellaneous Income
 - 1099NEC Non-employee Compensation
- Alimony, date of divorce, amount, former spouse full name, former spouse SS#
- Form 1444 Stimulus payments received, Form 6419 Advanced child tax credit
 - 1098-T Education, tuition
- Dependent/Childcare-Provider's name, address, EIN #, amount paid for each child
- Rent- Landlord's name, address, phone #, amount paid- for property tax relief credit
 - Proof of health insurance-1095A if from the marketplace/Healthsource RI
- COVID-19 sick leave, family leave information, advanced child tax credits if applicable.

Returns will be prepared by a volunteer tax preparer. It is expected that the return will be completed within three hours subject to missing or incomplete Information. The taxpayer will be notified and can pick up the return along with signing the documents after a quality review is conducted.

For information or an appointment, please call Patty Breen at 401-246-1678

Patty will not answer phone calls until after 1/15/2022.



Brain Teasers

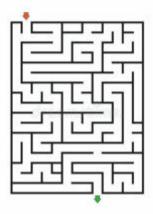
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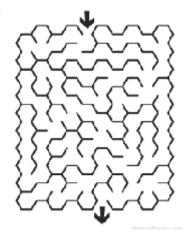




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Please call our dining room at 401-270-1814 to place your lunch order 24 hours in advance.

January 2022 Lunch is served at 12:00 pm

Menu Items are subject to change due to being unavailable to obtain.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CLOSED	4 Tomato Vegetable Soup Baked Ham w/ Pineapple Sweet Poiato	5 Beef Noodle Soup Herb Roasted Grilled Chick- en	6 Lentil Soup Italian Sausage w/ mustard Tortellini	7 100% Juice Turkey Chili w/ Low Fat Cheese
Happy New Year	Prince Edwards Vegetables Mixed Fruit Oatmeal Bread Harn and Cheese on Oat- meal	Rice Pilaf Garlic Spinach Fresh Fruit Wheat Bread Herb Roasted Grilled Chicken on Wheat	Peppers and Onions Garlic Roll Mandarin Oranges Italian Sausage on Roll w/ mustard	Corn Bread Seasoned Broccoli Spears Fruit Cocktail Hamburger on a bun w/ mus- tard
10 Barley Soup Veal Parmesan Seasoned Pasta	11 Chicken Vegetable Soup Pork Loin w/Applesauce Wild Rice	12 Italian Wedding Soup Meatballs w/Sauce Pesto Pasta	w	14 Red Chowder Stuffed Sole Mashed Potato
Italian Blend Vegetable Cookie Italian Bread Veal Parm on Bulky Roll	Capri Blend Vegetables Ryce Bread Sliced Peaches BBQ Pork on Roll	Mixed Vegetables Snow Flake Roll Fresh Fruit Meatball Grinder	California Blend Vegetables Marble Bread Fresh Fruit Turkey and Cheese w/ mayo on Marble	Roasted Brussel Sprouts Pudding Wheat Bread Fish Sand w/ tartar sauce on wheat
17 <u>CLOSED</u> Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	18 100% Cranberry Juice Beef Stroganoff Buttered Noodles Sliced Carrots Marble Bread Fresh Fruit Pub Burger w/ mustard on Hamburger roll	American Chop Suey w/ American Chop Suey w/ Whole Wheat Elbow Pasta Winter Blend Vegetable Butterscotch Pudding Rye Bread Ham Salad on Rye	20 Chicken Escarole Soup Pot Roast w/ Gravy Mashed Potato Asparagus Cuts Pumpernickel Bread Frosted Cupcakes Pot Roast on Pumpernickel	21 Clear Chowder Tuna Salad Tossed Salad w/ Italian Dressing Croissant Sliced Pears Tuna salad on Croissant
24 Split Pea Soup Knockwurst w/ mustard Seasoned Potato Baby Whole Carrots Fresh Fruit Marble Bread Knockwurst w/ mustard on roll	25 Chicken Soup / Orzo Chicken Cordon Bleu w/ gra- vy Lyonnaise Potatoes Roasted Zucchini Rye Bread Fruit Cocktail Chicken Loaf w/ mayo on Rye	26 Pasta & Bean Soup Garlic Shrimp Seasoned Shells Capri Blend Vegetables Sponge Cake Multi Grain Bread Shrimp Salad on Multi Grain	27 Lentil Soup Meatloaf w/ Gravy Mashed Potato Mixed Vegetable Yogurt 9 grain bread Meatloaf on 9 grain w/ ketchup	28 Chili Soup Veggie Burger Au Gratin Potato 3 Bean Salad Brownie Wheat Bread Veggie Burger on wheat
31 Vegetable Soup Italian Style Chicken Cutlet Wild Rice Stewed Tomatoes Oatmeal Bread		All Grab and Go Lunches Include Sandwich 100 % Juice L/S Chips	All menu item may contain. Nuts, Seeds, Bran, Beans, Wheat, Eggs and other aller- gens MENU ITEMS ARE	Funded in part by the US administration on aging and state funds by the RI OHA
Italian Style Chicken Culet on Roll		Milk	SUBJECT TO CHANGE	