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Beautiful Holiday Baskets assembled by The Agawam Senior Center Outreach Director, Lori Arsenault and our fabulous crew of volunteers. Baskets were delivered to homebound seniors in town. A HUGE Thank You to the FRIENDS Group, Polish American Club and the Tuesday Morning knitters as well as all others who donated towards the baskets.



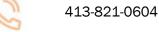


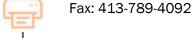
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EVENT HIGHLIGHT

Check Page 4 for an exciting Winter Word Search.

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NEWS FROM OUTREACH

F O R Y O U R INFORMATION.....

BROWN BAG

Our next Brown Bag pick up will be January 20 between 1 and 3 in the afternoon. Please drive around to the back of the Center and your bag will be put in your car. If you know anyone who might be interested in the Brown Bag Program, please have them call Lori 726-2846.

NEWS FROM OUTREACH

It's that time of year again...... Scam Season! Scam artists have been practicing all year in hopes of taking advantage of you as you gather all your information for the upcoming tax season. Please remember the IRS will not call you for your personal information should they threaten you if you refuse to comply. The IRS will contact you through the mail with legitimate numbers to call if you have questions. Never give anyone your Social Security number over the phone. The IRS should already have this information therefore should not be asking you for it. To verify any calls you might receive, you can call 1-800-829-1040.

There are also a number of scams involving your Medicare and other insurance numbers. No one should be asking for this information other than your doctor/providers.

One of the most cruel scams are the calls you might get from someone telling you a loved one has been in an accident or has been arrested and needs money sent immediately. Before sending money anywhere, please call family members or friends to confirm there has been an incident that requires your help. Do not give credit card numbers to anyone asking for money for medical bills, bail or lawyer fees. These scammers are very practiced in their ability to instill fear and to get you to send money. Ask them for a phone number to call them back. In most instances, they will hang up on you. Be wary of these calls and stay safe!

HEARING SERVICES March 31, 2022 9:30am

Hearing screening and hearing aid cleaning will begin at the Agawam Senior Center on Thursday, March 31. Gary Winn, a licensed hearing specialist, offers hearing screenings & testing, along with hearing aid checks, servicing & cleaning. Appointments are required by calling the Agawam Senior Center at 821-0604.

FOOT CARE SERVICES Fourth Thursday of the Month

The Agawam Senior Center offers foot care service once a month. Appointments can be made by calling the Senior Center. There is a cost for this service.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

The Agawam Senior Center will be closed in observation of the Martin Luther King Jr. day.

NEW YEARS WISH

May the Year 2022 bring us all good health, happiness and love in our hearts.

SENATOR VELIS MONTHLY OFFICE HOURS

First Monday of the Month from 10:30-11:30

Senator Velis will be offering monthly office hours here at the Agawam Senior Center. Senator Velis will be available the first Monday of every month from 10:30-11:30, he will be located in the Dining Room of the Senior Center.

Monday, January 4 Monday, February 7 Monday, March 7 Monday, April 4

Thank you to Senator Velis and his team for making these office hours available.

Legislative Official Information

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FRIENDS MEETING

MONTHLY MEETING

The FRIENDS Group will be taking the months of January and February off. We will meet again on ACC PRESENTS: TOO HUMAN Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 9:30am.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB MEETING

Chapter 1

Golden Agers Club Chapter One is inviting visitors to come January 12, 2022 at 1:30pm or January 26, 2022 at 1:30pm to one of our meetings. We enjoy conversation, coffee and a treat.

Chapter One has been meeting twice a month since July and we look forward to seeing our members. If there is inclement weather or schools are closed, Chapter One will not meet. Members Dues are \$6.00 that is due in January and meeting fee is \$1.50. We look forward to meeting new people.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB MEETING

Chapter 2

Chapter 2 voted in November to eliminate the January and February meetings due to the possibility January Events of inclement weather. We wish everyone a Happy The Agawam Senior Center is excited to promote the and Healthy New Year.

Chapter 2 will not have a February meeting due to the hope you can join us. possibility of inclement weather. Looking forward to seeing you on March 16, 2022.

Dues are \$7.00 per year and all are welcome. Come to the Senior Center for a great lunch (call ahead for reservation) and stay for our meeting. Please • consider joining this wonderful group of people.

EAST LONGMEADOW TO HOST AN ALZHEIMER'S

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

We will be holding a new monthly support group for Trivia Nights people caring for a loved one living with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. The group will meet monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, beginning on December 8th. This group will be ◆ Monday, January 31st @ 6:30 p.m. facilitated by Carol Sachs PhD and Lissa Fontaine RN. Carol and Lissa have professional and personal experience caring for people with dementia. They also bring a wealth of experience in support group facilitation and have both completed Alzheimer's Association training program for support

group facilitators. For more information please call 525-5436. Pre-registration is necessary.

Join us for a spirited evening as Too Human presents jazz standards from the Great AmericanSongbook. Performed with vocals, guitar, percussion and upright bass with passion, innovation and humor, the songs and arrangements are fresh — and sure to touch your spirit! THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. CONSIDER CALLING (413) 821-0604 TO LET US KNOW YOU'LL BE ATTENDING.

Join us on Friday, January 7, 2022 at the AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER located at 954 MAIN STREET, AGAWAM. SHOW TIME 7:00 PM / Building open to public 6:15 PM ADMITTANCE THROUGH LOWER LEVEL ENTRANCE ONLY ~ LIVE STREAMED ON AGAWAM, SOUTHWICK & WESTFIELD CHANNEL 15.

AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

following events for the Agawam Public Library. We

Book Clubs

Tuesday, January 4th at 7:00 p.m.

The" Nightbookers" Book Discussion Group

Monday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Non-Fiction Book Discussion Group

January 26th at 2:00 p.m.

"The Page Turners" Book Discussion Group

Monday, January 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Topic TBD

Topic: Romance in Books and Film

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beverage with you. Below is a list of movies being offered and a brief Join us each Friday at the Senior Center in the Veteran's Hall for a movie. Movies will begin at 1:00pm. Feel free to bring a snack or description.

Friday, January 7, 2022

Queen Bees

repaired, widowed Helen is dismayed to find a social scene Rated PG 1 hour and 31 minutes change as she makes new friends and gets a second Friday, January 28, 2022 Moving into a senior community while her home is being Starring Tom Hanks resembling high school. But her perspective begins to chance at love

Rated PG-13 1hour and 41 minutes

Friday, January 14, 2022

disappearance of her partner, she turns into an improbable superspy. Rated R 1 hour and 34 minutes Bond type, but when she's thrust into the field to investigate the Starring Liam Neeson Unassuming CIA analyst Susan Cooper is far from being a James

Starring Melissa McCarthy

Comedy—Rated R 1 hour and 55 minutes

Friday, January 21, 2022

The Money Pit

husband, an unscrupulous construction firm and the house's An up-and-coming entertainment lawyer and his yuppie girlfriend set out to renovate their dream house, only to be plagued by her excrumbling structure.

Made in Italy

sell the house they've inherited, they're shocked at the villa's When London artist Robert travels to Italy with his estranged son to condition. As they work on repairs, their relationship becomes even more strained, but a bond slowly begins to form.



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FRIDAY	7 Macaroni & Cheese Stewed Tomatoes Corn Bread Pineapple	14 Asian Salad Topped with Chicken, Mixed Greens, Tomatoes, Olives, Crunchy Noodles Jello	21 Chicken Supreme with a White Sauce Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Baked Good	28 Oven Fried Chicken Drumsticks Rice & Beans, Carrots & Peas Fruit Cocktail	Meals on Wheels Suggested Donation \$2/meal \$10 a week or \$40 a month
THURSDAY	6 Breaded Baked Fish Tomato Rice Spinach Baked Good	13 BBQ Pulled Pork on a Roll Potato Salad Corn Pudding	20 Cheese Manicotti Homemade Tomato Sauce Garden Salad, Garlic Bread Pears	27 Beef Stew Vegetables and Biscuit Beet Salad Baked Good	Our nutrition program is partially funded by a Grant from EOEA and the Federal Administration of Community Living
WEDNESDAY	Soast Pork with Gravy Roasted Potatoes & Carrots Applesauce Mixed Fruit	Minestrone Soup Egg Salad Sandwich Fruit Juice Diced Peaches	19 Broccoli & Cheddar Quiche Hash Brown Coleslaw Pudding	Spaghetti & Meatballs Homemade Tomato Sauce Green Beans Applesauce with cinnamon	Grab-N-Go pick 11-11:45 Congregate Dining at Noon Suggested Donation \$2/meal \$10 a week
TUESDAY	Chicken Cacciatore Tomato Sauce with Peppers and Onion over Ziti Spinach Salad, Pudding	11 Roast Turkey and Gravy Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce Mixed Vegetables Baked Good	18 Delicious Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Peas Fresh Orange	25 Turkey Noodle Soup Tuna Sandwich Lettuce & Tomato Pudding	
MONDAY	Sweet and Sour Meatballs over Rice Italian Blend Vegetables Fresh Pear	10 Shepards Pie Caesar Salad Fresh Apple	17 Senior Center Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed	24 Stuffed Veal with a Marsala Sauce, Mashed Potatoes Brussel Sprouts Banana	31 Baked Crusted Cod Rice Pilaf, Vegetable Blend Fresh Fruit





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DAILY EVENTS

Monday

Line Dance (\$3) Yoga (\$6) BINGO MA 00:00 10:45 AM 01:00 PM

Tuesday

Senior Boot Camp (\$1) Creative Writing group Ladies' Billiards Weight Training **Knitting Group** Tai Chi (\$5) 08:30 AM MA 00:00 12:00 PM 09:30AM 1:30 PM 1:00 PM

Wednesday

Healthy Bones Golden Agers Yoga (\$6) Bridge 01:30 PM 09:00 AM 10:45 AM 01:00 PM

Thursday

Drop In Cornhole Weight Training **Quilting Club** 08:30 AM MA 00:60 11:30 PM

Bridge 12:30 PM

Senior Boot Camp (\$1) Mexican Train Game 01:00 PM 01:00 PM

Friday

Film Fridays Mah Jongg Cribbage Sanasta 01:00 PM

Drop In Cornhole

Squindo." We hope to see you there. against Michael the "Cornhole King Join Les and staff every Thursday Cornhole Game in the Veteran's Hall. Put your skills to the test from 11:30-12:30 for Drop In

register for programs.

Monday, January 17

10:30AM Senator Velis Office

Monday, January 3

SPECIAL EVENTS

Closed in Observance of Martin Luther Senior Center King Jr. Day

Monday, January 24

02:00PM Ballroom Dance

Wednesday, January 5

Hours

10:00AM Craft w/Sunshine Village

Tuesday, January 25

10:00 AM Computer and Tech Support Group

10:00AM Craft w/Sunshine

Village

Monday, January 10

Card games

07:00PM ACC Event Friday, January 7

1:00PM Coffee, Cookies, and

Conversation with Colonial

Forestiere Funeral Home

uesday, January 11

Wednesday, January 26

01:30 PM Golden Age Chapter 1 Thursday, January 28 by Foot Care Available Appointment Only

Please contact Kristina to

10:00 AM Computer and Tech

01:30PM Golden Age Chapter 1

Wednesday, January 12

Support Group

New Year New You

Senior Boot Camp Tuesday & Thursdays @ 1

Senior Boot Camp is an exercise program to improve your strength through weight training and band resistance. Participants will be able to improve energy, flexibility, balance, and circulation with stretching and other exercises. Exercises are done both seated and standing. Classes are tailored to an individuals needs and abilities with room to grow. We look forward to you joining us.

FREE CRAFTING EVENT

Monday, January 10th at 10:00AM

Sunshine Village will be hosting an Arts and Crafts activity at the Agawam Senior Center on Monday, January 10 from 10am-11:30am. This month we will be making winter gnomes. We will supply all the material! As new



members of the Agawam Community, we are very friends!! excited to meet folks within our community. We look LOCATION: Agawam Senior Center Stage Area forward to seeing you very soon.

COLONIAL FORASTIERE FUNERAL & CREMATION AND THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER PRESENT Coffee, Cookies, & Conversation

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FREE CRAFTING EVENT

Monday, January 24th at 10:00AM

Sunshine Village will be hosting an Arts and Crafts

activity at the Agawam Senior Center on Monday, January 24th from 10am-11:30am. This month we will be making blue snowflakes. We will supply all the

material! As new members of the Agawam Community, we are very excited to meet folks within our community. We look forward to seeing you very soon.

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PAINT AND SWEETS SOCIAL

Tuesday, February 15 at 1:00PM

Come enjoy a nice afternoon of socializing, snacks and painting. You will be guided by an artist, step by step to vour completed painting. You will go home with your work of art to show off to your family



TIME: 1:00pm

COST: \$25 cash paid to instructor day of class REGISTRATION: Call Kristina 413.726.2836

CHANNEL 12 PROGRAMING

THESE PROGRAMS RUN DAILY

Monday - Friday 11:00 AM Exercise with Dr. Gorman

Monday - 10:00 AM Exercise with Jules

Wednesday - 10:00 AM Exercise with Jules

Thursday - 10:00 AM Exercise with Jules

Friday - 10:00 AM Exercise with Jules

Programs on channel 12 are available for viewing on demand visit: https//agawamvod.cablecast.tv

Scroll to bottom click on "Senior Living" chan. 12

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SENATOR JOHN VELIS

Season's Greetings!

I hope everyone is doing well! Wishing everyone a healthy and happy holiday season as we enter further into the winter months.

The holidays are a great time to get together and see the ones you love, but as the weather gets colder, we are reminded of the serious threat of COVID-19 that still prevails in our communities. COVID-19 Booster vaccines are now available in Massachusetts! Visit mass.gov/covid-19 to find a location near you. Additionally, you can also call the toll-free number 2-1-1 or 877-211-6277 to set up an appointment, however, do not hesitate to reach out to my office for assistance.

In recent and exciting news, the Legislature is finalizing our ARPA Bill (America Rescue Plan Act) which provides necessary and important federal funding for our state's economic recovery during these unprecedented times. I am proud that as part of this bill I was able to secure \$75,000 for the Agawam Senior Center to purchase a new transportation van, and an additional \$150,000 to address significant infrastructure and road improvements throughout Agawam! This is an important step to continue to maintain the welfare of our communities here in Western Massachusetts and I was glad I could advocate for Agawam during our Senate debate on the bill.

I am also excited to announce the airing of my new, monthly local cable TV show, "Beacon Hill to the 413". This show aims to give viewers an inside look into the work happening on Beacon Hill, and how it impacts our district. I am excited to bring on some special guests to help answer pressing questions about policy changes in the district! Keep an eye out on your local channel 15, or you can stream episodes online from Agawam Media.

Big things are happening here in Western Mass and it's been great to get back out in the community recently. My team has been holding office hours throughout our district, including at the Senior Center, and it has been fantastic to see so many residents stop by. In December I also joined Mayor Sapelli, Representative Boldgyga, and Director Squindo to announce \$50,000 in Fiscal Year 2022 budget funding for resources and programming at the Senior Center. I look forward to being back soon to present this new funding from the ARPA Bill.

As always, my office is available to help or assist in any way that we can. You can reach me at 413-572-3920 or at john.velis@masenate.gov. I can be also found online at senatorjohnvelis.com, where you can sign up for my newsletter.

Sincerely,

John C. Velis

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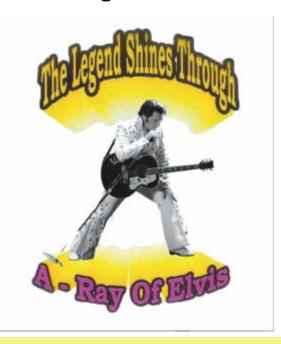


A Night Out with The Floyd Patterson Band Friday, February 11, 2022 6:00PM-8:00PM



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