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BROWN BAG

Our April Brown Bag Program pick up will be April 21 between 1 and 3 in the afternoon. This is where you can receive FREE groceries! We are never sure what we have for pick up until the day of delivery. Recently we have been fortunate enough to have canned proteins, vegetables, fruit, pasta or rice, dairy and meat and assorted breads. During this time of high grocery prices, Brown Bag can be a welcome addition to your grocery budget. If you or someone you know could benefit from this program, please call Lori at 726-2846 to see if you qualify.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS FOR ELDERS AND THEIR CHILDREN

Are you and your children prepared to handle difficult decisions in case of a physical or mental incapacitation? You never know when something might happen. The following list of questions can help you and your family if the need arises.

Do you have a durable Power of Attorney if you are unable to speak for yourself?

Do you have a Living Will also know as an advance health directive which indicates your wishes for end of life care?

DO YOU HAVE LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE OR ANOTHER PLAN INCASE LONG TERM CARE IS NEEDED?

Have you made sure your documents are current? It is wise to revisit your estate planning and care planning each year.

Are your necessary documents easily accessible in case of an emergency? Make sure you family knows where they are and how to get them.

If you can no longer take care of yourself, have you considered where you would prefer to live? Start the conversation about long term care before the need arises.

Do you visit your doctors regularly and do you understand the need for all the medications you have been prescribed? This helps you and your family gauge whether you can manage your meds independently or might need help.

"It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark." - Howard Huff

FUEL ASSISTANCE

There is still time to apply for Fuel Assistance! Fuel Assistance season ends April 30, 2022. If you would like to find out if you qualify, call Lori at 726-2846.

HERE ARE SOME SPRING-CLEANING TIPS I'VE LEARNED OVER THE YEARS:

Start with a plan. Consider: will this be a one-day project or will it last a week, or even a month? Can I do this myself, do I need to enlist family and friends. Try these easy things first you can do by yourself:

Clean out the medicine cabinet. Get out that magnifying glass and check out those expiration dates. If a date is in the rear-view mirror—or you if you've been hanging on to some that you thought you might need again in the future but haven't—it's time to get rid of them. (Be sure

to dispose of them properly.) If not, just throw them out. Old makeup and lotions?

Clean out the pantry. If you have a pantry where you can only see what is on the front shelf, be prepared for what is hidden behind! Clean out the refrigerator. You know the baking soda you put in your fridge to freshen up and remove odors five years ago? It is no longer effective—trust me, I know from experience! You will feel so much better looking at clean shelves that you can start to fill up all over again, I promise.

SENATOR VELIS OFFICE HOUR April 4, 2022 10:30am

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, March 7.

ANTHONY RUSSO OFFICE HOUR Saturday, April 16 at 10:00AM

Join Council member Russo for discussion in the conference room of the Agawam Senior Center if you have questions for him.

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CLASICO TRIO

April 1, 2022 at 7pm

The Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series continues on Friday, April 1, 2022 when one of distinguished and versatile music the most ensembles from Puerto Rico, Jose Gonzalez and Criollo Clasico Trio, takes the stage at the Agawam Senior Center at 7:00 PM for a performance of Latin. Jazz, Spanish, Brazilian, Smooth Jazz, Classical, Pop, and Caribbean music. The building will open to the public at 6:15 PM.

This Applause Series performance will also be live streamed on Agawam, Southwick, and Westfield Channel 15. Viewers outside of those towns can enjoy the broadcast in high-def from a browser "Watch" window by clicking the button www.agawammedia.tv, the "Watch Channel button on www.southwickma.org/channel-15-publicor "Click Here for Live Stream" www.cityofwestfield.org/511/Community-Access-TV.

FRIENDS MONTHLY MEETING

The FRIENDS Group has made the decision to take the month of March off for their meetings. The next FRIENDS meeting will be Wednesday, April 6 at 9:30am. Donations: Marion Gilbert, Jackie Morgan

GOLDEN AGE CLUB MEETING

Chapter 1

Golden Agers Club Chapter One is inviting visitors to come April 13, 2022 at 1:30pm or April 27, 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. Member's Dues are \$6.00 that is due in January and meeting fee is \$1.50. We look forward to meeting new people.

Golden Agers Chapter 2

April 20th: We will meet at the Senior Center at 1:00 P.M. We will play bingo today. Do you feel lucky?

Two flowers signify the month of April: the daisy and

ACC PRESENTS: JOSE GONZALEZ AND CRIOLLO the sweet pea. The daisy symbolizes innocence, loyal love, and purity. The sweat pea signifies blissful pleasure, and are used to say goodbye.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP April 13, 2022 in East Longmeadow

Pleasant View Senior Center (East Longmeadow) will be holding a new monthly support group for 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. This group will be 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 the Alzheimer's Association training program for support group facilitators. For more information please call 525-5436. Pre-registration is necessary.

CHANNEL 12 PROGRAMING

Daily

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

Tuesday - 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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UPDATE FROM SENATOR VELIS

Hello Agawam!!

I hope you are doing well and gearing up for a great spring and summer, I can practically smell the backyard cookouts and bonfires already. It is so great to see many of our meetings and gatherings returned to an in-person format. Whether it is holding office hours at the Agawam Senior Center, jogging in Robinson State Park, or grabbing a pastry at Giovanni's, I love seeing and meeting with my constituents around Agawam.

The first quarter of 2022 has been extremely productive, both from a legislative and personal perspective. In January, my wife Emily and I welcomed our son Carson to the world. We sincerely appreciate the love and support that so many folks from Agawam and our entire district have shown us. Although we are still adapting to the new sleep schedule, I wake up every morning with a sense of vigor and ready to zealously advocate for the people that I represent.

Exciting news for the Senior Center! This month I was thrilled to join Mayor Sapelli to present \$75,000 in earmark funding to the Agawam Senior Center to purchase a new van. It is my hope that the van will help senior residents get to medical appointments, community events, and much more. I am so very proud to have been able to go to Boston and pound the table on behalf of our seniors, and I look forward to seeing the new van on the roads soon.

In other legislative news, my office is working diligently to get reforms for the governance structure at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home across the finish line. As the Chair of the Joint Committee of Veterans and Federal Affairs, and a Veteran myself, I am committed to ensuring that our Soldiers' Homes have a clear chain of command and oversight system in place. It is so important that we continue to support our Veterans and that includes providing state-of-the-art medical care to residents at our Soldiers' Homes.

My office is always 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 Velis

State Senator, 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District



Mayor Sapelli and Director Michael Squindo accept a \$75,000 check from Senator Velis for a New Van for our Transportation Team. We are excited for the new addition to the fleet.



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 beverage with you. Below is a list of movies being offered and a brief description.

Friday, April 1 - Under the Tuscan Sun

After divorcing her cheating husband, Frances Mayes tries to overcome her depression and writer's block by taking a vacation to Tuscany. Charmed by the location, she impulsively decides to buy a villa there. Rated PG 13 1 Hour and 53 Minutes

Friday, April 7 - The Money Pit

An up-and-coming entertainment lawyer and his yuppie girlfriend set out to renovate their dream house, only to be plagued by her exhusband, an unscrupulous construction firm and the house's crumbling structure. Rated PG 1 Hour and 31 Minutes

Friday, April 15 - Easter Parade 1 Hour and 43 Minutes

Judy Garland and Fred Astaire sing and trip the light fantastic to 17

Irving Berlin tunes in this romantic classic. The simple plot concerns a hoofer (Astaire) who teams with an inexperienced chorus girl (Garland) in order to show up his former dance partner, Nadine (Ann Miller).

Berlin's tunes, which include "We're a Couple of Swells" and "Happy

Easter," sparkle in Astaire and Garland's able hands (and feet). Peter Lawford co-stars.

Friday, April 22 - Jungle Cruise

Dr. Lily Houghton travels from London to the Amazon jungle and enlists wisecracking skipper Frank Wolff's questionable services to guide her downriver on La Quila, his ramshackle-but-charming boat. Lily is determined to uncover an ancient tree with unparalleled healing abilities, possessing the power to change the future of medicine. On this epic quest together, the unlikely duo encounters innumerable dangers and supernatural forces, all lurking in the deceptive beauty of the lush rainforest. The secrets of the lost tree unfold, the stakes reach even higher for Lily and Frank and their fate and mankind's hangs in the balance. Rated PG 13 2 Hours

Friday, April 29 - Respect Rated PG 13 2 Hours and 25 Minutes Follow the rise of Aretha Franklin's career from a young child singing in her father's church's choir to her international superstardom in the remarkable true story of the journey to find her voice and become the Queen of Soul.

All information provided is from Netflix.



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FRIDAY	Macaroni & Cheese Stewed Tomatoes Corn Bread Pears	8 Baked Fish Tomato Rice, Peas Pineapple	Minestrone Soup Egg Salad Sandwich Lettuce & Tomato Fruit Cocktail	22 Tuna Casserole Tomato Salad Pudding	29 Turkey Vegetable Soup Fish Sandwich Lettuce & Tomato Mixed Fruit
THURSDAY		7 Pasta with Homemade Meat Sauce Broccoli Baked Good	14 American Chop Suey Spring Salad Pudding	21 Meatloaf, Gravy Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Jello	28 Chicken Cacciatore Peppers & Onions, Pasta with Sauce, Cucumber Salad Baked Good
WEDNESDAY		6 Pork Chop with Onion Gravy Carrots, Mashed Potatoes Applesauce Mixed Fruit	Roast Turkey, Gravy California Blend Vegetables Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce Applesauce with Cinnamon	20 Rice & Beans, Braised Cabbage Baked Good	27 Cheeseburger Tater Tots, Coleslaw Diced Peaches
TUESDAY	Meals on Wheels Suggested Donation\$2/meal \$10 a week or \$40 a month Our nutrition program is partially funded by a Grant from EOEA and the Federal Administration of Community Living	5 Chicken Chow Mein over Rice Crunchy Noodles, Fruit Juice Pudding	12 Kielbasa * Braised Cabbage Pierogi Baked Good	Spaghetti & Meatballs Homemade Tomato Sauce Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit	26 Asian Salad Topped w/ Chicken Mixed Greens, Tomatoes, Olives Mandarin Oranges, Pudding
MONDAY	Grab-N-Go pick 11-11:45 Congregate Dining at Noon Suggested Donation \$2/meal \$10 a week * = High Sodium	4 Shepards Pie Caesar Salad Fresh Apple	11 Chicken & Dumplings Garden Salad Orange	18 Senior Center Closed Patriots Day Observed	25 French Meat Pie Mashed Potatoes, Peas Fresh Pear







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DAILY EVENTS

Monday

09:00 AM Yoga (\$6)

10:45 AM Line Dance (\$3)

01:00 PM BINGO

Tuesday

08:30 AM Weight Training

09:00 AM Knitting Group

09:30AM Tai Chi (\$5)

12:00 PM Ladies' Billiards

Camp 1:00 PM Senior Boot

1:30 PM Creative Writing group

Wednesday

09:00 AM Yoga (\$6)

10:45 AM Healthy Bones

01:00 PM Bridge

01:30 PM Golden Agers

Friday, April 1

07:00PM ACC Concert

Monday, April 4

Eating Four Week Healthy Seminar Begins

10:30AM Senator Velis Office Hours

Camp

01:00 PM Senior Boot

01:00 PM Mexican Train Game

11:30 PM Drop In Cornhole

12:30 PM Bridge

08:30 AM Weight Training

Thursday

09:00 AM Quilting Club

Wednesday, April 6

2:00PM Monthly Dance 9:30AM FRIENDS Meeting

Richie Mitnick

01:00 PM Film Fridays

09:00 AM Yoga (\$1)

Friday

Mah Jongg

Monday, April 11

10:00AM Craft with Sunshine

Village

101 Seminar with Bill from Fallon 01:00PM Medicare

Card games

Cribbage Canasta

Tuesday, April 12

10:00AM Computer and Tech Support Group

Wednesday, April 13

Please contact Kristina to

register for programs

1:30 PM Golden Agers Meeting

Monday, April 18

SPECIAL EVENTS

Senior Center Closed

Wednesday, April 20

01:0PM Golden Agers Chapter 2 Meets

10:30AM Fall Prevention Thursday, April 21 Seminar

10:00AM Craft with Sunshine Monday, April 25

with

Village

Fuesday, April 26

10:00AM Computer and Tech Support Group

Wednesday, April 27

01:30PM Golden Agers Chapter 1 Meets

Thursday, April 28

Foot Care by Appointment

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!!

WEEKLY SEMINAR—HEALTHY EATING

Monday, April 4 - May 2, 2022 10AM

Ascentria Care Alliance's SNAP-Ed Program is offering a four-week nutrition education series with Agawam Senior Center. The series is designed for able-bodied, independent, older adults. They promote specific eating and physical activity behaviors shown to improve health and well-being. The sessions are designed to:

Encourage older adults to learn new skills

Provide leaders with facilitated discussions and activities that promote enjoyable. social. and interactive learning. Call Kristina at 726-2836 to register, space is limited.

"How are we Journeying Together?"

to the question, "How are we journeying together?"

Pope Francis has invited the whole world to participate in a global Synod, which means, "Together on the way."

What would you tell Pope Francis?

What would you tell Bishop Byrne?

Open to all/ Drop in's welcome. Refreshments provided. Join us the following Tuesday of April. April 5, 19, and 26 at 1:30pm in the Dining Room of the PAINT AND SWEETS SOCIAL Agawam Senior Center. Registration is encouraged. Call Kristina at 726-2836.

TURN YOUR CLUTTER INTO CASH Tuesday, April 12 at 1 PM

Attend this 1 hour workshop on Tuesday, April 12th @ 1pm at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street.

- best ways to eliminate clutter.
- how to use Facebook to sell your items.
- get rid of unused items using a "curb alert".
- got collectables you want to sell?
- understanding estate sales.

the best places to donate your goods.

REGISTRATION: Walk-Ins are welcome - or reserve a seat by calling Kristina Lynch at the Senior Center at 413.726-2836 or send her an email at KLynch@agawam.ma.us

Bring a Friend - It'll be Fun!

DECREASE YOUR RISK FOR FALLS Workshop & Refreshments

Thursday, April 21 at 10:30 AM

Join Nicole Matson from Home Helpers as she discusses ways to decrease your risk of falls at home. This short workshop is filled with tips on fall prevention, exercises to strengthen leg muscles & core along with refreshments. Please Pre-register for this seminar by calling Kristina at 413-726-2836.

CRAFTING EVENT WITH SUNSHINE VILLAGE

Monday, April 11 & Monday, April 25

The Agawam Senior Center is excited to partner up Join us for an opportunity of encounter and reflection, once again with Sunshine Village for two crafting along with neighbors and local residents, giving voice events at the Senior Center. April 11 we will be

making Sun Catchers and on April 25 I

we will be making Terra Cotta Call Search Results For: Coasters.

726-2836 to register.

Kristina at



Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 1PM

Come enjoy a nice afternoon of socializing, snacks

and painting. You will be guided by an artist, step by step to your completed painting. You will go home with your work of art to show off to your family and friends!!

LOCATION: Agawam Senior Center Auditorium

TIME: 1:00pm

COST: \$25 cash paid to instructor day of class



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Lunch Sign Up Available At myactivecenter.com

The West Springfield & Agawam Councils on Aging encourage residents of all ages from area communities to attend sessions of their "101 Series". Each presentation will be held twice - once in Agawam and once in West Springfield - and individuals may attend either. Space is limited.

To register for a presentation at the Agawam Senior Center call Kristina at 726-2836.

MEDICAL REHABILITATION & PACE PROGRAM 101 PRESENTED BY MERCYLIFE

Monday, April 4 at 1:00pm at the Agawam Senior Center

A hospital stay is stressful enough! Then having to go through the discharge process and choose a rehab facility while trying to heal can be overwhelming. Learn how the process works, what to expect in a rehab facility and how to transition back to your home. You'll also hear information about the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) which is administered by insurance companies & Medicare to provide a wide range of services to eligible participants (there are income qualifications). The goal of PACE is to allow older adults to live safely in their homes instead of in nursing homes. Maybe you're not ready for PACE, but someone you know could benefit. April 25 at 6:00pm at the West Springfield Public Library

MEDICARE 101 PRESENTED BY FALLON HEALTH April 11 at 1:00pm at the Agawam Senior Center

Signing up for Medicare is a rite of passage for everyone... but they don't make it easy! What are parts A, B, C & D all about? Learn the basics of Medicare, the differences between original Medicare, a Medicare Advantage and a Medicare Supplement. We'll also discuss important deadlines and you'll have a chance to ask questions. (Note: This is general information - not a sales pitch for Fallon) April 4 at 6:00pm at the West Springfield Public Library

HOMECARE 101 PRESENTED BY HOMEWATCH CAREGIVERS

April 25 at 1:00pm at the Agawam Senior Center

We all want to manage and maintain our personal independence for as long as possible. In this presentation you will learn how to age at home, how to pay for it and what to look for when choosing the right solutions for your needs. April 26 at 6:00pm at the West Springfield Public Library

ASSISTED LIVING 101 PRESENTED BY ARMBROOK VILLAGE Monday, May 2, at 1:00pm at the Agawam Senior Center

Making a move to Assisted Living is a big decision and there is a lot you should know before you decide to go! Learn what services assisted living offers, what amenities are available, how much it costs, how to defray the cost and more



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A Night Out with Studio 954 Featuring: Whiskey Traveler

Friday, April 8, 2022 6:30PM-8:00PM

Studio 954 will be hosting an evening out at the Agawam Senior Center. Studio 954 is a collaboration between the Agawam Media and the Agawam Council on Aging to bring entertaining programs and opportunities to you, these exciting events can also be delivered into your home through local cable channel 15.

Join us at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street on Friday, April 8 from 6:30-8:00PM. You can also watch along on your TV on Channel 15 if you have cable or stream online at www.agawamvod.cablecast.tv

Reservations to attend are strongly suggested as seating is limited. If you are not a member of the Senior Center you will be asked to register either at the time of registration or on the evening of the event.

Early access to the event will be at 5:45 for those who are pre registered. For those who do not register doors will open at 6:15pm.

Call 413-821-0604 or Kristina at 413-726-2836 to register for the show.

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