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NUTRITION PROGRAM UPDATES, CHANGES, AND REQUIREMENTS

Our nutrition program is funded in part by Federal Grant through the Older American's Act of 1966 (reauthorized in 2020)—Title IIIC (OAA). While this plays an important role in the success of our program it only covers about 12-15% of our entire program costs. The town budget, additional grants, and your donations make up a significant portion of the operational support for this nutrition program.

Beginning October 1, there will be some changes related to grant funding and financial needs to run the program. To begin it is helpful to understand the basics of the finances. For those of you who were with us prior to March 2020, you will recall that our Nutrition Program ran only as Dine-In and Home Delivered Meals (known as Meals on Wheels). We ran this program for a donation of \$3 per meal, and on average received about 63% of our donation requests in 2019. That means that for every dollar we asked for as a donation you were able to provide about \$0.63. In 2022, we ran the program for \$2 per meal donation—with about a 75% return meaning that for every dollar we asked for you donated \$0.75, a 20% increase in the donation rate from 2019-2022! That's AWESOME, thank you!

What's not awesome is that at the same time, our cost to run the program

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EVENT HIGHLIGHT

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BROWN BAG

Our next Brown Bag pick up will be September 15th between 1 and 3 in the afternoon. If vou know someone who is interested in our program, please have them call me at 726-2846. Please drive around to the back of the center for pick up. Please keep in mind the Senior Center buses come and go picking up our seniors who have joined us for lunch. We ask that you do not get in line for pick up until 12:45. This way we can safely let our buses in and out. If you know someone who might be interested in this program, please call Lori at 726-2846.

FREE AND LOW COST AIR CONDITIONERS

It has been a super HOT summer and it not over yet. The Springfield Partners for Community Action through the Weatherization Program offers low income seniors free or low cost air conditioners. Those who are interested can reach out by calling 413-263-6538 and ask for the Weatherization department to apply.

FUEL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

It's just about time for Fuel Assistance recertification. Some of you will be receiving your recertification forms in the mail. If you already have them and need help filling them out, please feel free to call me for an appointment. It is very important to submit them to Valley Opportunity Council before November 1st.

For those of you who may not be familiar with fuel assistance and would like to know if you qualify, please stop by my office or call me at 726-2846. I will have blank applications by October to help you apply.

As we approach fall, this is the time we like to ask for "personal needs" items donations for our upcoming holiday baskets to be delivered to our homebound folks. Candy, puzzle books, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shavers, mittens, gloves and socks are all needed and appreciated. And o f course....baskets! If you have any larger size baskets you are not using, we would love to have them. Wrapping paper, bows, etc. also help. We will pick a day before the holidays and invite volunteers to come and help assemble the baskets! We are hoping to deliver 50-60 baskets!

WHAT'S NEW WITH SNAP?

DTA has determined that the rules for verifying medical expenses for public/subsidized housing are similar enough to the SNAP requirements. Elder and disabled participants can now give DTA their rent calculation sheet as proof of their medical expenses for SNAP. The SNAP participant does not need to gather copies of all the insurance statements. medical bills or paid receipts likely already given to the housing agency. As long as the rent calculation worksheet (or similar statement from their housing agency) includes medical expenses used in the calculation, it can be used for SNAP.

SNAP households can still claim "over the counter" health care cost (cost not considered in the public or subsidized housing rent) by providing proof of these cost to DTA.

Questions? Visit or call Lori at 726-2846.

HEARING SERVICES October 27, 2022 9:30am

Hearing screening and hearing aid cleaning will begin at the Agawam Senior Center on Thursday, October 27. 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.

OFFICE HOURS

413-572-3920

Office Hours with Councilor Russo
Tuesday, September 6 at 10AM
Office Hours with Senator Velis
Monday September 12, 2022
10:30am-11:30am
Legislative Contact Information
Senator John Velis
52 Court Street, Westfield

Representative Nicholas Boldyga
District Office Information
413-569-3137 ext 103

Agawam Town Hall 413-786-0400 Fax: 413-786-9927

ACC APPLAUSE SERIES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 7:00PM

Join us for a spirited evening as "Too Human" presents jazz standards from the Great American Songbook. Performed with vocals, guitar, percussion and upright bass with passion, innovation and humor, the songs and their arrangements are fresh — and ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP are sure to touch your spirit!

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

FRIENDS MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 9:30am

FRINEDS would like to thank those who came out to the Spaghetti Supper with entertainment by Sarah the Fiddler. The Friends group will be meeting in the cafeteria on Wednesday, September 7th at 9:30 a.m.

opened Coffee Shop for a beverage and/or Sunshine Village for two crafting events at the Senior snack. Thanks for your anticipated support.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB MEETING CHAPTER 1

Golden Agers Club Chapter One is inviting visitors to come September 14,2022 at Captain Jimmy's for lunch at 11:30 at 1:30. Regular meeting September 28, 2022 at 1:30pm at the Senior Center. Join us for one of our meetings. We enjoy conversation, coffee and a treat.

Chapter 2 - Wednesday, September 21 1PM

Sept 21, 2022; We will meet at the Senior Center at 1:00 P.M. Come to the Sr. Center for one of their great lunches at 12:00, just call the center to make a reservation the day before. If you need a ride by the Sr. Center Van, please call at least 1-2 weeks in advance for a reservation. New members always welcome! Join the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2. Come to one of our meetings on the first or third Wednesday of each month.

CARD MAKING

Tuesday, September 13 at 3:00pm

Join us in the dining room of the Agawam Senior Center for Card Making. Please call Kristina at 726-2836 to register, space is limited. We hope you can join us for this fun event.

September 14, 2022 in East Longmeadow

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.

CRAFTING EVENT WITH SUNSHINE VILLAGE September 12 & 26

Please support Friends by stopping in the recently The Agawam Senior Center is excited to partner up Center. September 12 we will be making a scarecrow



On September 26 we will be making a Pumpkin Pot.

Call Kristina at 726-2836 to register. Class is held in the Auditorium



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

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FINALLY, CROCHET WITH MARK IS BACK!!!

class, but I'm happy to say we will be having a Fall crochet class at the Agawam Senior Center this year! Classes will meet on Wednesday mornings in the Garden room from 9am to 11:30am and will run for PRE-PLANNING LUNCH AND LEARN 10 weeks, beginning on October 5 and running COLONIAL FORASTIERE FUNERAL HOME through December 7.

The first 3 classes (October 5, 12, and 19) will be beginner/refresher classes and are open to any and all who wish to attend. Basics of crochet will be covered during these classes.

classes will be project-oriented and will dive into pre-planning! Not only will you receive lunch by intermediate crochet techniques. All classes are free attending this seminar, but you will also have a of charge and yarn will be available for those who do chance to win a raffle! Seminar will take place in the not have the means to acquire it. Anyone wishing to Veteran's Hall at 12:30. You must pre-register with take these classes should have their own hooks, Kristina at 726-2836 by Wednesday, October 12, sizes F. G. H. and I are recommended. Complete sets 2022. of hooks are available on Amazon.com and Ebay.com for prices ranging between \$10 and \$25. Class size will be limited to 20 students and seats will be filled on a first come/first serve basis. If you wish to attend, please contact Kristina Lynch at 726-2836 at the Agawam Senior Center to enroll.

TREATS AND TRIVIA

WITH NICOLE MATSON FROM HOME HELPERS Thursday, September 15 2022 10:30 a.m.

Join Nicole Matson from Home Helpers for some fun all while testing your trivia knowledge. Bring a team or join one when you are here. Call Kristina at

726-2836 to register for this fun event.

PAINT AND SWEETS SOCIAL

Thursday, September 15 10am

Come enjoy a nice morning of sweets 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!! Cost is \$25. Call Kristina 726-2836 to register.

*This is the rescheduled class that was going to take place in August. *



NO BINGO

Thanks to COVID, it's been a long time since our last In the Month of September there will be no Bingo. Bingo will re-start in October

WITH

Friday, October 14, 2022

"Pre-Planning Lunch & Learn: Join Colonial Forastiere Funeral & Cremation for a free lunch as they discuss the benefits and steps to pre-planning funeral arrangements. This is an opportunity to address any From October 26 and ending on December 7, all questions that you've been afraid to ask regarding

IDENTITY AND FRAUD PREVENTION SEMINAR Tuesday, October 25, 2022 1:30 pm

Robin Putnam, Events & Outreach Manager from the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation. will present on identity theft & fraud prevention. The presentation will include information about the Office and what we do. It will also cover how to spot and avoid scams, recent scams that the Office has learned about, how to prevent identity theft & steps to take if you have fallen victim. Please call Kristina at 726-2836 to register.

2023 FALLON HEALTH OPEN ENROLLMENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Monday, October 24 10AM in Seminar Hall

Circle the calendar and plan to attend the 2023 Fallon Health Medicare plan meeting on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 10:00AM in the Seminar Hall of the Agawam Senior Center. At this meeting you will have an opportunity to learn about the new rates and expanded benefits at Fallon. This meeting is open to everyone and questions are welcomed. Please register to attend, so we can reserve a seat for you.

Call Kristina at 726-2836 to register.

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Friday Films are Back‼

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, September 9

King Richard

shows how family and perseverance can achieve the impossible and Based on the true story that will inspire the world. Richard Williams, father of legendary tennis champions Venus and Serena Williams, impact the world.

Rated PG-13 2 Hours and 25 Minutes

Friday, September 16

2021 West Side Story

amidst the hustle and bustle of New York City's Upper West Side. She neritage. Despite the warnings from the duo's traditionalist families, In the mid-1950s, the young Maria yearns to make a life for herself Maria and Tony fall irrevocably in love, pushing the rivalry between quickly catches the eye of Tony, a charming young man of Irish their respective gangs to the brink of violence.

Rated PG-13 2 Hours and 36 Minutes

-riday, September 23

Victoria & Abdul

from India to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee, he is surprised devoted alliance with a loyalty to one another that her household and emarkable rule. When Abdul Karim (Ali Fazal), a young clerk, travels Queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes and joyfully constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and The extraordinary true story of an unexpected friendship in the later nner circle all attempt to destroy. As the friendship deepens, the to find favor with the Queen herself. As the Queen questions the years of Queen Victoria's (Academy Award® winner Judi Dench) eclaims her humanity.

Rated PG-13 1 Hour and 51 Minutes

Friday, September 30

Radio

disabled man nicknamed "Radio" -- who's the target of teasing -- their friendship raises eyebrows. But Radio's growth under the coach's When a high school football coach befriends a developmentally guidance causes the townsfolk to think differently. Rated PG 1 Hour and 49 Minutes



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FRIDAY	2 Pasta Primavera With Chicken Spinach Salad Diced Pears	Garden Salad Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cheese, Topped with Chicken Mandarin Oranges	16 Chicken Capri Mashed Potatoes Carrots & Peas Peaches	23 Shepards Pie Spinach Salad Applesauce	30 Lasagna & Meatballs Homemade Tomato Sauce Broccoli Salad Fruit Cocktail
THURSDAY	Minestrone Soup Seafood Salad on a Roll Lettuce & Tomato Baked Good	Pork Chops with Gravy Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Baked Good	15 Swedish Meatballs over Egg Noodles California Blend Vegetables Pudding	Cream of Broccoli Soup Tuna Sandwich Fruit Juice, Baked Good	Chick Pea Salad, Pudding
WEDNESDAY	Our nutrition program is partially funded by a Grant from EOEA and the Federal Administration of Community Living	Baked Breaded Fish Rice Pilaf Brussel Sprouts Pudding	Cheese Burger Sw Tater Tots Coleslaw Mixed Fruit	21 BBQ Chicken Cra Pasta Salad, Corn Pineapple Fru	28 Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Pears Chie
TUESDAY	Meals on Wheels Suggested Donation\$2/meal partifrorn \$10 a week or \$40 a month Admir	Chicken Breast Supreme Scalloped Potatoes Peas Fresh Apple	13 Roast Turkey, Gravy Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce California Blend Vegetables Baked Good	20 Hamburg Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Carrots, Pudding	Low Sodium Hot Dog Baked Beans, Coleslaw Baked Good
MONDAY	Grab-N-Go pick 11-11:45 Congregate Dining at Noon Suggested Donation \$2/meal \$10 a week * = High Sodium	Senior Center Closed Ct	Oven Fried Chicken Drumsticks Tomato & Bean Rice Stan Broccoli Banana	19 Ham Dinner * Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Peas c Pineapple Sauce, Pears	26 Chicken Cacciatore Pasta with Sauce Caesar Salad, Baked Good



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DAILY EVENTS

Monday

8:30 Coffee Shop Open

9:00 Yoga (\$6) 10:45 Line Dance (\$3) 1:00 NO BINGO in September

1:00 Advanced Line Dance

Tuesday

8:30 Coffee Shop Open

Weight Training Knitting Group Tai Chi (\$5)

9:00 Quilting Club

1:00 Mexican Train Game

1:00 Senior Boot Camp (\$1)

Friday

8:30 Coffee Shop Open

9:00 Yoga (\$1)

1:00 Film Fridays

Canasta

Mah Jongg

Senior Boot Camp (\$1) Creative Writing group

1:00

12:00 Ladies' Billiards

9:30

8:30

Cribbage

Card games

8:30 Coffee Shop Open

Wednesday

1:30

9:00 Yoga (\$6)

10:45 Healthy Bones & Balance

Monday, September 5

Senior Center Closed - Labor Day

Monday, September 6

1:00 Advanced Line Dance

Golden Agers

1:30

Bridge

1:00

8:30 Coffee Shop Open

Thursday

Weight Training

8:30

10:00 Office Hours with Councilor Russo

Wednesday, September 7

9:30 FRIENDS Meeting
2:00 Dance with Richie M

2:00 Dance with Richie Mitnick Thursday, September 8

10:00 Four Week Nutrition

Seminar Begins
Friday, September 9

7:00 Applause Series Monday, September 12

10:00 Craft with Sunshine Village

10:30 Senator Velis Office Hours **Tuesday, September 13**

10:00 Computer & Tech Support 1:30 Seminar with Ray Rose 3:00 Card Making

Wednesday, September 15

SPECIAL EVENTS

10:00 Paint & Sweets Social

10:30 Treats & Trivia Friday, September 16 1:00 Discussion Group with Glen Wednesday, September 21

01:00 Golden Ager Chapter 2 Meeting

Thursday, September 22
Pedi - Care by Appointment
Friday, September 23

06:30 A Night Out with Studio 954 - "DECADES"

Monday, September 26 10:00 Craft w/ Sunshine Village

Tuesday, September 27
10:00 Computer and Tecl

Wednesday, September 28
01:30 Golden Ager Chapter One

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grant money. In 2022, we expensed \$20,574.24 or if you will be transitioned to a fee-for-service. beyond what we brought in from your generous donations and the grants. Thankfully we had built enough reserves over the decades of providing this service, we were able to cover the necessary money. is not a sustainable However, this indefinitely.

In addition we have been informed that only individuals who "qualify" under the terms of the grant would be eligible to have their meals subsidized by the grant. This means that we would have to turn Home Delivered Meals-\$3* per meal away over 5% of our current recipients or create an alternative way to show that these individuals were Non-Traditionally eligible recipients, fee-for-service not utilizing grant money.

First, we will be screening all of our recipients in the Grab-N-Go-\$4 per meal program for "Traditional" nutrition Traditional" eligibility. "Traditional" eligibility simply means that you meet the requirements of the OAA to receive services and have your meals subsidized by the grant. Your meals will be provided for a donation request.

fiscal year (June-July) and will be effective for the forms in any given month. federal fiscal year following assessment (October-September). Having a 3 month gap from assessment to implementation going forward will give us the ability to provide the public with ample opportunity to receive, prepare and provide feedback on the changes.

Individuals who are fee-for-service will be required to help to sustain this program into the future! pay for the cost of their meals at the assessed rate, *For those home delivered meal recipients who are which will factor in the cost of meals without subsidy from the OAA grant.

and continue to make this program affordable for and receive the additional benefits of SCO.

everyone. If you are over 60 years old you are (excluding tax funded and grant funded costs) also automatically covered by the grant meaning that you jumped by nearly 40%. Over the years we have been will be asked to provide a donation. If you are under fortunate to offset the difference between your 60 we will send you a letter to inform you of whether donations and actual expenses with some of the you would remain as a traditionally eligible individual

> The average cost per meal across the whole program in the preceding fiscal year was right around \$3 when subsidized by the grant.

practice Beginning October 1, 2022:

Traditionally eligible recipients suggest donation -

Congregate—\$3 per meal

Grab-N-Go—\$3 per meal

Congregate—\$4 per meal

Home Delivered Meals—\$4 per meal

In addition—as you know we have been diligently requiring you to complete forms related to our nutrition program. Beginning October 2022, everyone will need to fill out a new form regardless of when you Individuals who do not meet the eligibility under OAA, filled out your last form. If your form is not completed will be considered "Non-Traditionally" eligible. You will by the 15th month following your first meal with us, still be able to receive meals from the program; your you will not be able to receive a meal until the form meals will be provided as a fee-for-service. The has been returned. This is a direct result of a policy request for both donations and fee-for-service tightening from our funders who will withhold our payments will be assessed based on the prior state funding if 5 or more individuals do not submit these

> We will continue to send you a notice each month requesting a donation or payment. Please make your checks payable to Agawam Council on Aging. If you are a traditional meal recipient and you cannot afford the full donation request, please consider making out what you can afford—anything you can contribute will

eligible, due to income limits, SCO insurance plans may pay for your meal. Please ask Lori for As always we will do our best to keep our costs down information on how to find out if you might be eligible

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ASCENTRIA/SNAP-ED Nutrition seminar—BingoCize

four week educational nutrition seminar. The classes with run Conference Room September 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 10-11:00am in the seminar Hall.

increase physical activity and reduce Bingocize® can increase older adults' functional fitness, knowledge of falls prevention, and social engagement in a variety of settings, including community senior centers and congregate meal sites. The program combines a bingo-like game with physical activity and/or health education (falls prevention and nutrition).

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS!

Speaker: Raymond Rose

Attend this workshop on Tuesday, September 13 at 1:30 PM at the Agawam Senior Center. Learn how to: Determine the value of your home. The pros/cons of selling "for sale by owner". How using a real estate agent costs you money! - and saves you money! The importance of a Buyer's Agent.

6 CRITICAL steps of selling/buying. The importance of your credit report. We'll have fun. Bring a Friend! Senior Center to reserve your seat. Walk-ins are also welcome.

DISCUSSION GROUP WITH GLENN THOMAS OLSON

Join the Agawam Senior Center for a Friday, September 16, 2022 1:00pm

A little bit about Glenn. A physical science, Special Educator with a vast This curriculum is designed to experience adapting and modifying general education curriculum to sedentary behavior. Specifically, enable student success. My previous goal was to enable creativity in children seeking new opportunity in school for building positive social behavior.

January 26, 2010 I had a stroke that disabled me from continuing my path of education. The next 12 years I was receiving rehabilitation from my injuries. I had a choice to go with what my Dr. wanted which was go THE SMART WAY TO BUY OR with Statins and use a walker or go SELL A HOME - AND SAVE with my own experience with muscle testing which I have learned at Springfield College. Though many searches for better health through the web, I ended up with Dr. Fitzpatrick from New Hampshire to extend my rehab. So this is were my story begins! On Friday, June 10 at 1:00pm in the Conference Room Glenn will hold a session on muscle testing and the usage of having electromagnetism throughout the He will explain how body. electromagnetism is the basis of all living things. Finally, we will explore the paranormal light and light spectrum. In conclusion, we will dive Call Kristina 413.726-2836@ the into what is meant by having a guardian angel. If you are interested in signing up please call Kristina at 413-726-2836.



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A Sock-Hop with Studio 954 Featuring: DECADES

Friday, September 23, 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, September 23 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. Call 413-821-0604.

Doors will open at 6:00pm.

OPEN HOUSE

Alongside the performance, the Agawam Council on Aging will be hosting an open house. To go along with the theme of the 1950's/1960's, Lions Club will be selling hotdog's and chips in the dining room, and Leo's will be selling root beer in the Coffee Shoppe while Agawam Housing Authority will be giving out free Ice Cream! We will stream the music throughout the building so you can enjoy the entertainment wherever you are. Stop in and see what the Senior Center has to offer. We will be trying to pull together a 1950/1960's dance in the veteran's hall if you want to bring your dancing shoes!



The entire building will be open to the public from 5:00-8:00pm this evening!

DONATE TO THE "FRIENDS OF AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER"

Your tax deductible gift/donation to the "Friends" will help to improve programs; and support the purchase of

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