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AARP SENIOR TAX AIDE

The Gardner Senior is working with AARP Senior Tax Aid to provide free tax assistance and preparation and e-filing for taxpayers with low to moderate income at the Gardner Senior Center. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free tax assistance and preparation service, giving special attentionto those 60 and older. You do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use this free service.



Volunteers that work on site are required to be vaccinated. Volunteers and tax payers must wear masks.

Recent sharp increases in COVID cases in Massachusetts may effect our ability to do in person returns again this year. If in person is restricted, we will work to implement reduced contact visist that may include document drop off and scan.

Please contact the Gardner Senior Center with questions, procedure updates, and to make an appointment by calling 978-630-4067, subject to availability.

2021- WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

For our Covid Vaccination and Booster Team including: Community Health Connections, Ellen, Cynthia, Lisa & Crew, Drrs Harrington, Mulqueen and Skrzypczak, Stephanie, Paula, Gardner Public School Nurses, Chair City Church, Chair City Pharmacy, WalMart, Care Central VNA, Wachusett Medical Reserve Corps, Woods Ambulance, Gardner PD & Gardner FD

For our Program Leaders including Amy LeBlanc, Sue Medeiros, & Pauline Richard, Quimby Whitney Jr., Bob & Jane Bettez, Carol Baublis, Lorraine Manca, Lou Laliberte, Diane Pellet & Collette Travel, Diane McCamy, Rose Bibeau & Terri Hillman, Doris St. John, Michelle Tremblay, Jen Mulvey, Sophie Degrace, Helen Lindstrom, Lt. Nick Maroni, Therese Gustafson, Jennifer LaRoche & CSO, Annette Ducharme,

For our Special Program Partners & Supporters including The Knowlton Foundation, Tim & Lisa and the Gardner Lodge of Elks, Gardner Lion's Club, Gardner Rotary Club, Atty. Gina Wilson, Kim & Michele from the Gardner Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, Alyson and Tina from Beacon Hospice, Bonnie from Alliance Health at Baldwinville, Noah from the Veterans Preservation Project, GAAMHA, Stacey & Jess from HOPE, Julie, Amy, Amy, Gerry, Bruce & Deb from the Gardner CAC, RHR Real Estate, Gardner Ale House, Red Apple Farm, Normand Legere & the Templeton Fish & Game Club, Zach, Judy, & Larissa from Price Chopper Market 32, Hannafords, Market Basket, Chairtown Lumber, Horrigan Cleaners, Table Talk Pies, Whitsons Culinary Group, Heywood Commons, Williams Restaurant, Priscillas Candies, Heywood Hospital, the Gosse Family in memory of Maxine Rogers, MART, Fallon Senior Health, Anne, Tracy & Alex from MOC Nutrition, SHINE Counselor Gail, Integrity Medicare Advisor Keith, Lisa from Care Central VNA, TOPS, Central MA Caricature Carvers, Mediation Services of North Central MA, Mack Funeral Homes, Fidelity Bank, Wendy Poudrette, Gardner Housing Authority, Fitchburg Healthcare, GFA-FCU, Mendminder Pharmacy,

Workers Credit Union, Worcester County DA Joseph Early, State Representative Jon Zlotnik, Heywood Healthcare, Senior Medicare Patrol, Central Massachusetts Council on Aging, Julie Killbury, Senator John Cronin, the Gardner American Legion, Miracle Ear, Aging Services of North Central Massachusetts, MWCC, Dave Richard Excavating, Papa Ginos, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, WGET, WGAW, The McGuire Family, The Gardner Cultural Council

For our 2021 Performers including Dan Kirouac, Tom Rull, Denis Cormier, Sean Fullerton, Davis Bates, Christmas Chorus Group, and Dawn Kelley & Dick Miller,

For our Board Members, Associate Members, staff & Volunteers including Mayor Mike Nicholson, Gardner City Council, Ron Darmetka, Kathy O'Brien, Terri Hillman, Audrey Faucher, Gloria Tarpey, Pat Jandris, Cheryl Howes, Ken Fournier, Paul Leone, Mary Shaffer, Nancy Hebert, Richard Girardin, Sandy Barton, Lynne McCarthy, Maurice Lizotte, Robert Cormier, Nancy Costa, Anne Boucher, Anita Boudreau, Erana Landry, Ray & Sharon Lashua, Karen & Dave Olivari, Mary Shaffer, Bob & Barbara Goguen, Anne-Marie Laroche, Pat & Joe Westberry, Rick Pace & Cheryl Zadra, & a whole host of City Departments & Agencies (Deb, John, Jacki, Bob, Jim, Doug, Pat, Scott, Josh, Meredith, Roland, Lauren, Angela, Rick, Rachel, Colin, Julie, Mark, Ti, John, Faith, Sue, Kate, Jen, Lynette, Chris, and Marry)!!

With such enormous and dedicated support for the people, programs, services and activities, if we forgot someone we apologize. You are appreciated!!!!



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LGBTQIA+ SUPPORT GROUP & LGBTQ RESOURCES	Veteran-to-Veteran Café Gardner Senior Center, Friday, Janaury 21 10:00am				
The Gardner Senior Center is pleased to be able to offer a LGBTQIA+ support group for folks in our community. Please contact the Gardner	Refreshments, coffee, and just simply comraderie. Come enjoy this morning created just for you, our Honored Veterans.				
Senior Center at 978-630-4067 for more information on days and times of meetings.	SNAP APPLICATIONS You can now apply for SNAP benefits through the House of Peace &Education (HOPE). Applications will be taken by appointment only on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the				
GRAB & GO and ONSITE MEALS Come and enjoy a meal with your friends on site at	<i>month at the Gardner Senior Center.</i> What Is SNAP? Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is a 100% Federally funded program regulated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Administered by the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA).				
the Gardner Sr. Ctr. Meals on Wheels and Grab & Go meals for drive through are still available. Sign up at	DESSERTS WITH BALDWINVILLE NURSING HOME				
least 24 hours in advance by calling Anne Hall at 978- 632-1330 or by calling the Gardner Sr Ctr at 978-630- 406, extension 6.	Join Bonnie and our community for our monthly sweets provided by Baldwinville Nursing Home. Take the opportunity to chat with Bonnie Riley while enjoying a delicious dessert. Every third Tuesday of the				
MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & FRIDAYS 11:30AM	Month (January 18) BLOOD PRESSURE WITH BONNIE				
PICK-UP DAYS: MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & FRIDAYS 11:30AM PICK-UP LOCATION: GARDNER SENIOR CENTER Charles P. McKean Building 294 PLEASANT ST. GARDNER MA 01440 ***IMPORTANT: Pick-ups will be outside of the marked entrance. This will be a drive-up style pick-up.	Didn't have a chance to enjoy a delicious treat from Bonnie at our Dessert Hour? Too much going on, too many stressors, just not enough time? Well come and get your blood pressure checked and see Bonnie in person at the Gardner Sr. Ctr. Bonnie is here on the last Monday of each month (January 31).				
NEED ASSISTANCE WITH UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE? SHINE CAN HELP!	GARDNER VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE PROGRAM (VIPS)				
Certified SHINE counselors offer free, unbiased, confidential counseling on all aspects of health insurance to anyone on or eligible for Medicare. SHINE appointments are available on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. To schedule an appointment call the Senior Center at 978-630-4067	Senior Citizens may be able to reduce their property taxes by participating in the City's Volunteer Incentive <i>Program</i> . Applications are generally accepted at the end of February and volunteer work should be completed by October. There is no payment or benefits for service. This is a limited tax credit program to be applied to the volunteer's individual City of Gardner real estate tax bill.				
Integrity Medicare Advisors	Looking to make a difference iny our community? Become a Diaper Pantry Volunteer! Care Central/VNA & Hospice				
Keith Aubin of Integrity Medicare Advisors, is licensed and AHIP Medicare certified to help you make sense of the abundance of choices you are facing. Contact the	Thursdays from 1pm-3pm Contact Karen ar 978-632-1230 ext 311 for more infomati				
Gardner Senior Center at 978-630-4067 to schedule an appointment with Keith.	The Massachusetts "CIRCUIT BREAKER" TAX PROGRAM				
GARDNER AARP CHAPTER	The Massachusetts Circuit Breaker tax Program is for qualifying				
The Gardner AARP Chapter is looking forward to it's first meeting in over a year at the Gardner Senior Center. Join us for our meeting and installation on Wednesday. January 19, 2022, at 1:30 PM at the Gardner Senior Center. Check the Center's FACEBOOK and Website for updates.	persons age 65 or over whose property tax (or 25% of rent) exceeds 10% of their annual gross income. You may be eligible even if you receive a property tax exemption through your city/town. As soon as details are available, the Gardner Senior Center will post on our FACEBOOK, Website, and send an email blast. In the meantime, for more information contact the Gardner Senior Center.				

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SENIOR TRAVEL

Pacific Northwest & California featuring Washington, Oregon and California 6/03/2022 - 7/3/2022 Seattle, Mount St. Helens Visitor Center, Portland, Columbia River Gorge, Hood River, Newport, Bandon State Natural

Area, Rogue River Cruise, Redwood National Park, Avenue of the Giants

Bluegrass Country & the Smoky Mountains featuring Louisville, Lexington, Gatlinburg & Asheville 10/13/2022 - 10/21/2022

Churchill Downs, Kentucky Derby Museum, Old Louisville Walking Tour, Choice on Tour, Buffalo Trace Bourbon Distillery, Lexington Horse Farms, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Asheville

LENDING LIBRARY

We have many newer books & puzzles for you to enjoy. Stop in and check them out!

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BREAKFAST WITH A BADGE January 20, 2022 10:00am



Join us for coffee & conversation with our folks in uniformed services at the Gardner Senior Center while enjoying pastry and beverages. It's a great way to know who serve and protect our community.

BOOKS WITH FRIENDS Rose Bibeau & Terri Hillman

We hope your 2022 resolutions including more reading and visiting with book club members on the 4th Monday of each month. Here are the books members chose for the first three months of 2022

f 2022 Jan 2022- "**A Piece of the World"**- Christina Baker Kline Feb 2022- "**Take What You Can Carry**" - Gian Sardar

Mar 2022- "*Met Her Match*" - Jude Deveraux

We will also be discussing the December Book Selection "*The Last Apothecary*" by Sarah Penner. Come join us and relax for an hour after a busy Holiday Season. Even if you did not have time to read, come and hear about the book.

The Gardner Senior Café is open for business. Please join us for **in person lunch** at the Gardner Senior Center each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please call the Center and reserve your place.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN PERSON FOR LUNCH!!

PLEASE CALL THE CENTER AND UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION INCLUDING ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS!

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

The *Gardner Golden Age Club* at the Gardner Senior Center on Pleasant Street in Gardner will be having a **MAGIC SHOW with Magician Steve Charette** on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 1:30 pm. Please join us for a great time!



SAND FOR SENIORS

The Sand for Seniors is a NEW program collaboration between the Gardner Seniro Center and the Rotary Club of the Greater Gardner Area. It is designed to increase safety during the winter and created for seniors who are physically or financially unable to acquire their own bucket of sand or ice melt product.



The program is available to Gardner residents who meet the following criteria:

- Aged 60 or older
- Live in their own home
- Unable to physically get ice melt product or unable to afford ice melt product



Please contact the Gardner Senior Center at 978-630 -4067 to apply for your five gallon bucket of sand through January 10 or while supplies last. If approved, volunteers will deliver one five gallon bucket of sand to your home between January 13 and January 16.

HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTRAL

Call to inquire on any events listed.

YOGA WITH SUE

Mondays at 11:30am

Chair Yoga: Mondays, 8:30am-9:30am Chair Yoga: Tuesdays, 8:30am-9:30am Fridays, 10:00am-10:55am Mat Yoga: Chair Yoga: Fridays, 11:30am-12:30pm



The instructor gears these classes for everyone to benefit. Suggested donation of \$2.00

FUN & FITNESS WITH AMY



Fridays at 8:30 AM Fitness can be FUN!! We have friends, great music, move that you make your own and lots of laughter. This class is for EVERYBODY. Suggested donation of \$2.00

GARDNER STEPPERS WITH PAULINE

Mondays: 10:00am-11:00am Beginner level 1– some experience Tuesdays: 10:00am-11:00am

Tuesdays: 11:30am-12:30pm Levels 2 & 3- Experienced in Dancing 32 steps Dancing above Level 1 Thursdays: 10:30am-11:30am



Beginner- no experience needed- Learn the Basic steps

Line dancing is a fun way to exercise, reduce your stress and increase your energy. Suggested donation of \$3.00

ASK A PHARMACIST-

CHAIR CITY Come in and see Chris or Mikayla from Chair City Pharmacy on the 4th Monday of the month (December 27

from 9am-11am) to review your meds.

Care Central VNA and Hospice

Care Central VNA & Hospice, Inc. Come and meet Lisa Waller, RN, H ome Care Director for the Care Central VNA and Hospice. Lisa will be available to meet with Gardner Seniors on December 7 (1st Tuesday of the month from 9:30-11:00am.)

BREAD IS BACK

PHARMACY-



Join us for out weekly bread and pastry raffle at the Gardner Senior Center. Every Thursday morning at 11:00am features a Community guest caller for the raffle. Come and meet local organization representatives, have a coffee and chat and bring home some great food!

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carecentralvnahospice.org Formerly GVNA HealthCare, Inc.

Skilled Homecare Hospice Adult Day Health Services Private Duty Services **Healthy Familes Rehab Services** Support Groups

JANUARY SPECIAL PROGRAMS

January 1 January 3 January 4 January 5 January 14 January 17

January 18

January 19

January 20 January 21 January 24 January 26 January 31

HAPPY NEW YEARS **COA Board Meeting Care Central VNA AARP Board Coffee & Conversation** w/Gardner Rehab Golden Age Club– Magic SHOW **Caregiver Support Group** OFFICE CLOSED-MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY Desserts w/Baldwinville Nursing Home **AARP** Meeting & Installation Breakfast with a Badge Vet to Vet Café Ask a Pharmacist Armchair Travel– Hawaii **Blood Pressure w/Bonnie**

Please note: Our calendar chages from time to time with new programs or changes to existing programs. Please check with center staff for most up to date information

A NEW YOU!

Join us at TOPS Chapter 449, a nonprofit weight loss program on Thursdays at the Gardner Senior Center at 9am. This group



not only supports weight- loss, but also provides a warm and supportive Atmosphere with great fellowship.

Fees: \$32.00 a year/\$3 per week includes subscription to TOPS magazine and special events held throughout the vear. For more information, call Brenda at 978-868-0211

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT



The Senior Center has gently used durable medical equipment (subject to availability) including walkers, wheelchairs, commodes, and shower chairs. If you or someone you know needs to borrow one of these items, please contact the Gardner Senior Center.

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Home Delivered Meals

January 2022

Suggested voluntary donation: \$3.00

Individual Sodium Contents are listed beside each item. To Cancel or Resume meals please call: (978) 345-8501 Ext:2 Menu Subject to Change

Total Sodium for each meal is listed below each meal Asterisk * Indicates the item is > 500 mg Sodium

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1	Spinach	65	Asian Vegetable Blend	21	Wheat Dinner Roll	105	Stewed Tomatoes	251
41	Wheat Bread	170	Multigrain Bread	164	Brownie	160	Wheat Bread	170
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64	Scandinavian Veg Blend	61	Broccoli & Cauliflower	31		12	Corn	1
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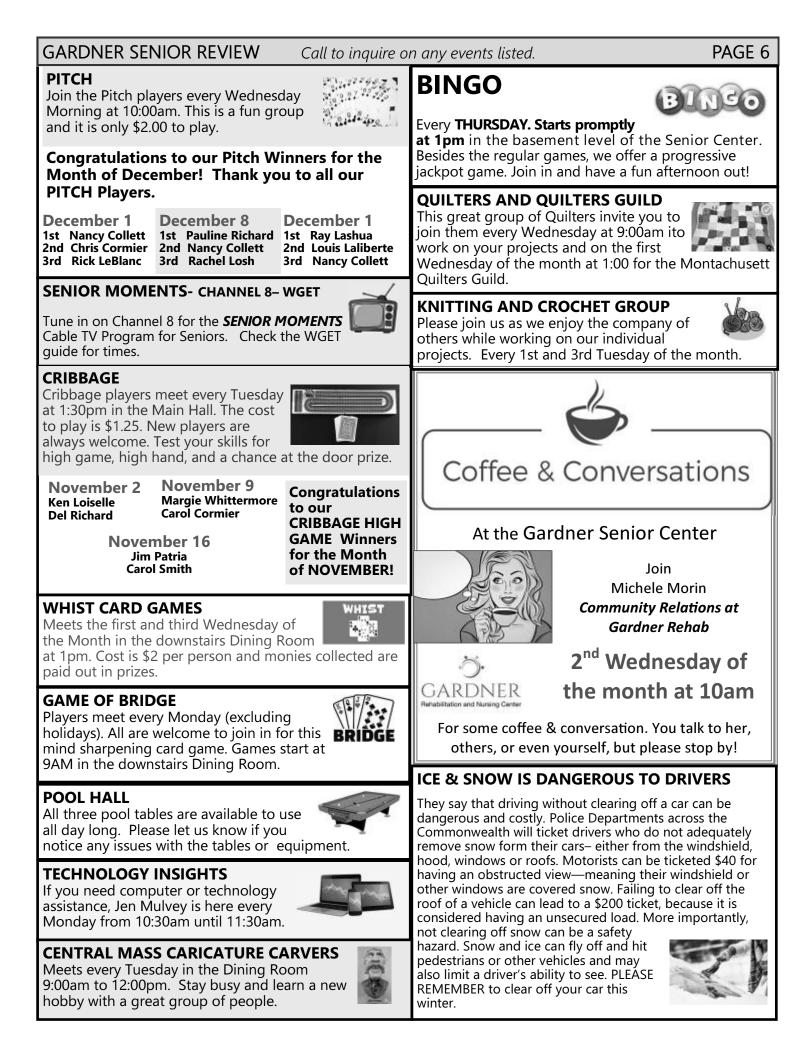
Reduce the Carbohydrate content of any meal by saving the Bread, Milk and/or Dessert for a snack.

Reduce the Sodium content of any meal by saving the Bread, Milk & Non-Fruit Dessert for the following lighter meal or snack.

To Cancel a Meal or Resume Meals call (978) 345-8501 EXT 2 Nutrition Questions? Contact Alex Welch, RD at (978) 785-5340 or awelch@mocinc.org

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