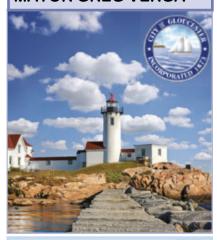
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Greetings!

I've not much to say this month because the Mayor's Proclamation above says it all. This month we celebrate YOU! Although the COA Board and staff celebrate you every day, we're extra happy to have an entire month carved out where the whole community and the whole nation celebrates older Americans.

Please read the contents of this months Coastline News with all due haste so that you can take advantage of as many celebratory opportunities as possible. This year's OAM theme is *Age My Way* and boy can we get behind that! So come on down to the Rose Baker Senior Center to see what we offer to help you age your way. If you have some ideas about additional ways that we can do that, please let me know. We are always open to new ideas about how we can make this place feel special to **YOU**.

Happy Older Americans Month! Elise Sinagra, Director of Elder Services

Friends of the Gloucester Council on Aging **Membership Drive** New Members as of April 16, 2022

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LUNCH IS SERVED!

We are happy to report that the Rose Baker Senior Center is once again serving lunch 5 days a week!

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays we partner with SeniorCare to offer the menu items listed on the calendar that appears on Page 6.

To sign up for lunch on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday or to order a Grab and Go Lunch, please call 978-283-0359 or sign up in person at the Senior Center.

You must reserve your lunch by 10:00 a.m. the day before. There is a VOLUNTARY suggested donation of \$2.00 for these lunches.

On Thursdays, and Fridays we partner with The Open Door to offer

Rosie's Pienie Lunch which is a FREE Soup & Sandwich Lunch complete with a side salad (like potato salad, coleslaw, pasta salad, garden salad etc.), a bag of chips, fruit, dessert, and also a cup of **DELICIOUS SOUP** that's lovingly prepared by The Open Door's expert chefs.

Sign up by 4:00 on Tuesday for Thursday's lunch. Sign up by 4:00 on Wednesday for Friday's lunch.

Sign up for Thursday or Friday lunches in person at the Senior Center or by calling 978-325-5814.

Thursday lunches feature musical accompaniment by Malcolm Ingram on the ukulele.



THE GOOD OLD SALTY JAZZ BAND IS BACK!

Dave Sag and the gang have returned and are playing your favorite tunes at the Rose Baker Senior Center on

THE FIRST 3 MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 1:00

Nothing shakes off the cobwebs of winter like dancing to Ole Salty so come on down and get your dance on or simply tap your toes to this feel-good music! The band would love to see you!







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Please visit our table at WellFest on Sunday, May 15th from 11:00 to 2:00 at the Glen T. MacLeod Cape Ann YMCA!

WellFest Vendor List

4GBS (For the Grand Banquet of Sexuality)

ABC Home Healthcare Professionals

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Avurveda Wellness

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The Rose Baker Senior Center will also have an informational table at the WALK MASS CHALLENGE Kick-Off event!

Join us on May 4th at 11:00AM at Back Beach in Rockport to pick a walking route that's perfect for you.

Register your personal challenge to be eligible for prizes! Go to www.walkmachallenge.com to register or drop by the Rose Baker Senior Center to have a staff member assist you with registration. The first 100 registrants will get a FREE picnic lunch on the day of the kick-off event.

SPRING IS HERE SO LET'S GET WALKING!



The Office of State Senator Bruce Tarr will offer

CONSTITUENT SERVICES AT THE ROSE BAKER SENIOR CENTER

On Wednesday, May 11th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The Senator's Office may be able to accept walk-ins, but an appointment will hold your spot. Please call 978-325-5800 and press 4 to reserve your time.

VNA Care's Keep Well & Blood Pressure Clinics

are offered on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at the Rose Baker Senior Center.

Keep Well Clinics are FREE and open to residents age 60 and over. Services include health assessments (blood pressure, blood sugar, and weight monitoring; cardiopulmonary assessments, etc.), information (medication, diet, disease management, preventive health. etc.), and referrals to community resources.

Call the Rose Baker Senior Center at 978-325-5800 and press 4 to sign up for our next clinic.



The Open Door's Mobile Market (formerly known as the Brown Bag) will take place on:



Friday, May 27th at 10:15 a.m.

Please call 978-325-5800 and press 4 to reserve your time to come to the Senior Center on Friday, May 27th to "shop" for free nutritious groceries courtesy of The Open Door!

This program is open to all senior center members age 60+, and offers fresh fruits and vegetables, delicious prepared meals, and pantry staples. The program starts at 10:15 a.m.

YOU MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE TO PARTICIPATE.

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SHINE/Medicare Counselor Updates Baker Senior Center has 2 SHINE (Ser

Rose Baker Senior Center has 2 SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone)
Counselors to help you. Read on to learn how to make an appointment:

SHINE Counselor Mirta Ulivi: Ongoing and weekly on Mondays at RBSC from 2-4pm. Contact directly at: 978-309-9761. Note: Mirta speaks both Spanish and English.

SHINE Counselor Lydia Bertolino: Weekly on Tuesdays at RBSC from 9:00 to 12noon. Call RBSC to schedule your appointment: 978-325-5800.

Please bring your Red, White and Blue Medicare card, other insurance cards (if applicable), and a list of your prescription medications to your appointment.

Movies, Memory, and Meaning...



Please join us at the Rose Baker Senior Center on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 12:30 for Fun, Food and Film. After the movie we'll have a short chat about the film with some light refreshments.

May 19, 2022 — Age of Champions

Age of Champions is the inspiring story of a group of athletes—a 100-year-old tennis champion, 86-year-old pole vaulter, team of basketball grandmothers, and a pair of swimming brothers—all chasing gold at the National Senior Olympics.

FREE FINANCIAL CONSULTATIONS

Certified Financial Planner, Tom Dexter provides free financial consultations to Rose Baker Senior Center members on the **3rd Thursday** of each month.

To schedule an appointment please call 978-325-5800 and press 4 to speak with Michael.



A REMINDER...

Discount Trash Bag Sales Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:15AM until 3:45PM. If you arrive at the Senior Center as we are opening our doors in the morning, you will be asked to wait for our VOLUNTEER Receptionist to get set up to sell bags at 9:15.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION.

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9:30 Gentle Yoga 10:00 Art Program 11:00 Bridge Lessons 11:30 SeniorCare Lunch 2:00 SHINE	9:00 SHINE 9:30 COA Meets 10:00 Art Program 10:00 Knit & Crochet 11:00 Duplicate Bridge 12:30 Scrabble 1:00 Cribbage Tournament	9:15 Line Dancing 10:00 VNA North Shore 11:30 SeniorCare Lunch 12:30 Bingo 1:00 Arthritis Exercise	10:00 Art Program 10:00 Memoir Writing Group 11:30 Rosie's Picnic Lunch 12:30 Legal Consultations 12:30 Thursday Movie 1:30 Chess Club Happy Cinco de Mayo	10:00 Arthritis Exercise 11:30 Rosie's Picnic Lunch 12:30 Bingo
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Line Dancing Lessons at the Rose Baker Senior Center!

We offer FREE Line Dancing lessons on Wednesday mornings at 9:15!

Did you know that Line Dancing can improve strength and muscle function? It can also help with balance and brain health. Most of all it can be a heart healthy way to

SOCIALIZE AND HAVE FUN!

Happy Older Americans Month!

HERE ARE SOME SPECIAL LUNCHEONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED IN HONOR OF **OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**:

May 9th
11:30AM
PIZZA LUNCHEON and presentation by Element Care about how they might help you Age Your Way. Call 978-325-5814 to sign-up by 4:00 on Friday, May 6th.

May 16th
11:30AM
SeniorCare sponsors TRAVELING CHEF CARVING STATION
LUNCHEON and provides information about how they might help
you Age Your Way. Call 978-325-5814 to sign-up by 4:00 on
Monday, May 9th.

May 18th CareDimensions presents "Making Decisions When it Matters 10-11:00AM Most: Conversations About Health Care Proxy, Five Wishes, & more." Call 978-325-5812 to sign-up.

May 19th A special installment of "Movies, Memory, and Meaning" featuring 12:30PM the inspiring documentary "Age of Champions"

May 19th
6:00PM
The Sawyer Free Library presents "Lives Well Lived" with light refreshments provided by the Council on Aging and brief opening remarks by Director of Elder Services, Elise Sinagra. This critically acclaimed documentary celebrates the incredible wit, wisdom, and experiences of adults age 75 to 100 who reveal their secrets to living a meaningful life.

May 25th
11:30AM
SeniorCare's Wednesday lunch will feature a chicken and cheese
quesadilla, black beans with onions and peppers, steamed rice,
fresh salsa, and a churro (fried dough with cinnamon and sugar)
prepared by ROOT. Located in Salem, ROOT's mission is to help
young adults create a pathway to independence through foodservice
training and employment. Call 978-283-0359 by Wednesday,

...and last but definitely not least, the culmination of Older Americans Month will feature an

May 18th to sign-up for this special luncheon.

der Americans Month will feature an

ICE CREAM SOCIAL! On Thursday, May 26th from 1:00 to 3:00PM

Drop by to choose your ice cream flavor and toppings and enjoy a relaxed, friendly, cheerful and tasty culmination of Older Americans Month and kick-off to your Memorial Day Weekend!

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First, my heartfelt gratitude for the contributions to our Art Program that are helping to ensure an inventory of art supplies that will last for years to come.

One has only to walk through the lobby and the hallways of our Senior Center to see examples of remarkable creativity by our Senior Citizens. It is gratifying to know that such opportunity for artistic expression will be available here for many years to come thanks to such generosity as mentioned above. This month's exceptional exhibition in the lobby includes watercolors by Donald Fox, Barbara Jobe, Ed Leavitt, Florence Martin, Marilyn Monroe, Doreen Ross, and Maureen Surrette.

On May 7th, The Open Door will present The Empty Bowl Dinner TO GO 2.0, a drive through style event that will be held at their location at 28 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester. For the price of a "Pay what you can" ticket, you will be given an appointment time when you will be greeted by one of several volunteers who will offer you a lovely ceramic bowl (perhaps made by one of our amazing seniors!) and... a cup of delicious soup!

Exhibition One continues through May 12th at the North Shore Arts Association in celebration of the talent of its Associate Members. If you would like to attend the exhibition, please let me know.

Meanwhile...remember...

Stay Young at Heart: Investigate the Arts! Juni

Element Care is offering a FREE Arthritis Exercise Class! WEDNESDAYS AT 1:00 P.M. at the Rose Baker Senior Center

Join Carol for Element Care's Arthritis Exercise class and enjoy exercises specifically for people with arthritis. Learn gentle activities to help increase joint flexibility, range of motion, overall stamina and to help maintain muscle strength.

Just call the Senior Center at 978-325-5800 and press 4 to speak with Michael or register in-person by stopping by the Senior Center.

FREE CHAIR YOGA PLUS WITH DIANNA DALY VIA ZOOM!

The Gloucester Council on Aging is offering Chair Yoga Plus with Dianna FREE of charge on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m., via Zoom.

Get moving in the comfort of your own home!

Chair Yoga Plus for Seniors can help you: improve strength and balance, increase flexibility, promote mobility, increase oxygen intake, and help reduce stress and the emotional response to stress.

To join the Zoom class, call the Senior Center at

978-325-5800 and press 4 to provide your email address to Michael. We'll email you the Zoom link and Passcode.



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The Gloucester Council on Aging is offering this class FREE to you. It will take place at 9:30 A.M. on Mondays. Bring your own yoga mat.

DO YOU NEED DIABETIC SHOES?

On Wednesday, May 18th, starting at 1:30 PM, we will have a professional at the Rose Baker Senior Center providing measurement services to fit you for a pair of diabetic shoes.

Appointments take 10 minutes.

YOU MUST BE DIAGNOSED WITH DIABETES
TO PARTICIPATE!

Prescription forms will be available at the Senior Center front desk. Your doctor will need to approve you for this service and fax the forms to ProMedical East at the number provided prior to your appointment.

CALL 978-325-5814 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT.



LEARNING INSTITUTE

Making Decisions When It Matters Most: Conversations about Health Care Proxy, Five Wishes and More!

Please join us for a program for family and friends presented by

Care Dimensions

(Hospice/Palliative Care/Support Services)

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

This program will discuss the importance of advance care planning and making one's health care wishes known through use of Five Wishes and other planning tools.

To RSVP, please contact Ann Freeman at 978-325-5812

> Rose Baker Senior Center 6 Manuel F Lewis Street Gloucester, MA

ALL ABOARD!

The Gloucester COA van will be taking a trip to Walmart and for lunch someplace OVER THE BRIDGE!

The van will depart at 10:00 AM from the Rose Baker Senior Center on Wednesday, May 11th.

Seniors will be dropped off for shopping at Walmart and then the group will decide on a restaurant for lunch (participants must purchase their own lunch.)

Participation is limited to 8 passengers so call to reserve your spot today! Reservations will be made ONLY by speaking with Elise at 978-325-5815. Leave a message and your call will be returned, first come, first served to reserve your spot for this trip or put you on the wait list for the next trip.

IF YOU LIKE COLD, SWEET TREATS AND HELPFUL INFORMATION, FRIDAY THE 13TH JUST MIGHT BE YOUR LUCKY DAY!

Aaron Scola, Outreach & Marketing Specialist from Commonwealth Care Alliance will have an informational table in the lobby on

Friday, May 13th at 10:30 AM.

Aaron will be handing out some cold tasty treats and providing information and answering questions about Commonwealth Care Alliance's Senior Care Options plan.

CELEBRATING PEOPLE GLOUCESTER AND OUR PAST

Gloucester will be marking its 400th anniversary in 2023. Planning for this anniversary began a few years ago with the goal of making 2023 a year of

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celebrating community. Part of this goal is to highlight the stories and people who contributed to making Gloucester what it is today.

The web site for the 400th is **gloucesterma400.org.** On this web site you will see the Stories Project. A number of stories and photos are featured.

GLOUCESTER 400 welcomes you to go to this web site to check out the Stories Project and enjoy what they have already shared.

Do you have a story you would like to share? How you or your ancestors came to Gloucester? Special people or events that have contributed to the fabric of our city?

If you would like to participate but need some assistance, please call the Rose Baker Senior Center at 978-325-5811 and speak with Julie.

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS TO OUR AARP TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE VOLUNTEERS...

Edward Anderson, Nancy Jo Delaney, Ron Alpert, Bill Kyrouz, Ana Garcia, David Gross, Barbara Soreng, Yvonne Leach their intrepid fearless leader Mary Gundy.

On behalf of the countless senior citizens who could breath just a little bit easier knowing that they had your expert help preparing their 2021 Tax Returns, the entire staff of the Rose Baker Senior Center and the COA Board offer a heartfelt THANK YOU!



\$AVE GREEN AND GET GREEN will be at the Rose Baker Senior Center to help you:



Make your home more energy efficient, add renewable energy into your energy mix, and save money!

The process can seem daunting, which is why they will be here to walk you through the steps.

SIGN UP FOR A CONSULTATION! \$AVE GREEN AND GET GREEN will be at the Rose Baker Senior Center on Tuesdays, May 10th and 24th from 9:30 to 1:30

\$AVE GREEN AND GET GREEN is a new green energy program created by the Cape Ann Climate Coalition's Community Building & Education Group.

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