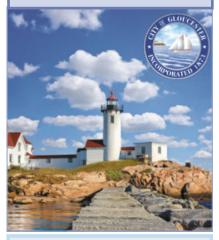
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#### Greetings!

We welcome July with an enthusiasm for laziness that only July and August command. July brings us summer, in all its sensory glory. It's the sound of waves lapping at the beach and the smell of sunscreen, grilled burgers, and ocean air. It's the feel of soft sand beneath our fingertips and between our toes and it's the deep gratitude that a cool breeze brings when heat and humidity do their best to make us wish it all away.

It's so easy to feel like summer is gone in a flash. As I watch my summer calendar fill, and I make tough decisions on summer activities and invitations that make me wish I could clone myself, I keep hearing this nagging little voice in the back of my head saying "it's gone...it's already gone...just look at my calendar...it's completely gone". But here's the thing, IT'S ONLY JUST BEGINNING!

With so much to do and see and enjoy and so many long-missed and overdue social occasions and gatherings, it's easy to get caught up in thoughts and preparations for the next thing on our schedule. One thing that can help us to lengthen our summers, to squeeze every last drop of goodness from this time of year, is to **slow down** enough to be mindful of every single opportunity that every moment of every day brings to really drink in ALL of the senses of summer. Quite often that means remembering how nice it can feel to simply SIT and BE and to hear, smell, taste, see and feel all the sensory experiences that summer brings us in this beautiful place that we call home.

While all of the senses are easy to indulge here on beautiful Cape Ann, in the summertime our sense of hearing might just get an extra dose of seasonal love. Music is in the air all over Gloucester! On Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00, the Gloucester Meetinghouse Foundation kicks off its summer concert series. If you haven't yet tried a Friday night concert on the Meetinghouse Green, you don't know what you're missing! And the Thursday night Harbor Loop Summer Concert Series is back at its home on Harbor Loop! Those weekly concerts begin at 6:00 p.m. and kick-off on July 28th. And of course our Sunday night summer concert series at Stage Fort Park is back and features the Cape Ann Big Band on July 10th, Beatles tribute band 4EverFab on Sunday, July 17th, a talented bluegrass lineup on July 24th, and Doo Wop All Stars on July 31st. Those concerts all start at 7:00 p.m. If you don't use a computer and you'd like more information about any of these summertime outdoor concert opportunities, just give us a call at the Rose Baker Senior Center. We'd be glad to help you figure out which night and which location features the musical style and setting that's just right for you!

If nighttime, outdoor music isn't for you at all, we've got you covered too! On the first 3 Mondays of every month at the Rose Baker Senior Center, the Old Salty Jazz Band plays from 12:30 until 2:30 to a crowd that's growing in numbers and in appreciation every time they play. When the summer dog days hit us with high heat and humidity, you might enjoy some jazz that's as cool as the air conditioning. Our Old Salty Monday afternoons are perfect for those occasions. It's hard to say what brings more of a smile; listening to the talent showcased during their soaring instrumental solos, or watching the band simply enjoy playing together as the old friends that they are.

Of course we're also VERY excited about the return of our beloved Fishtown Horribles Parade and the Stacy Boulevard Concert and Fireworks that follow on the evening of July 3rd. We live in a little slice of heaven. We'll all do well to savor every moment of it.

Happy Independence Day everyone!

Warmest regards - Elise Sinagra, Director of Elder Services

### Friends of the Gloucester Council on Aging Membership Drive

New Members as of June 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!

Monday Tuesday Wednesday



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Call 978-283-0359 or sign up in person at the Senior Center before 10:00AM the day before. These lunches can be enjoyed at the Senior Center or taken as a Grab and Go Lunch. There is a VOLUNTARY suggested donation of \$2.00 for these lunches. Daily menu items appear on the calendar on page 6.

Thursday Friday



We partner with



FREE Soup & Sandwich Lunch comes 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 expertly prepared by The Open Door's 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. You'll leave well-fed and whistling a happy tune!

#### 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 12:30 PM!













These cool cats sound amazingly good so come on down and dance or simply tap your toes to this feel-good music! The coffee is free and there's always a fresh pot brewing!

Dear Artists,

July! How beautiful the summers on Cape Ann! No wonder so many famous artists have lived and worked here. Inspiration abounds on Cape Ann! Shall we paint the boats? How about a hurricane surf? Or... the Fireworks over Norman's Woe? Or the Greasy-Pole acrobats as they dance and slide their way toward the abyss? All are artistic possibilities within your grasp. You can do this!

If you can write your name...you can draw. If you are right handed and it's creativity you're after, try drawing with your left hand. The gift of creativity is bred in our bones, and there are many ways to "unlock" that gift. If you would like to investigate the possibilities by way of paint or pastel or collage or clay... the art room is a place where you will find encouragement and promise.

At this writing, we are about to submit our painted "Rosy The Bluefin Tuna" for The Bluefin Blowout Bash — a July 13th auction that will benefit The Alzheimer's Association. Thanks to our *amazing* senior artists, "Rosy" is festooned with roses of every dazzling variety and color. ("Rosy" is quite marvelous as will surely be noted by the bidders!)

This past spring, several seniors expressed an interest in viewing the exhibition of Judy Rotenberg's floral paintings at The Cape Ann Museum. We are most grateful to the museum for the delightful experience. Our next "art destination" will be The North Shore Arts Association. Do let me know if you would like to attend the current juried exhibition which runs through July 29th.

**Also!...**In recognition of Gloucester's upcoming 400th anniversary... The Cape Ann Museum has organized a special exhibition exploring the important legacy of the family owned commercial fishing vessel. This meaningful exhibition will continue through September 18th. Please let me know of your interest in attending this exhibition and I will happily accommodate your availability!

As always, we invite you to join us on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. You will be amazed by your creativity and by the joy that it brings.

Meanwhile Remember...Stay Young at Heart: Investigate the Arts! ...all the while savoring those HAPPY FIESTA MEMORIES!

#### 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 or sign up in person at the Senior Center Front Desk.

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



Friday, July 22nd 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, July 22nd 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.

#### The Office of State Senator Bruce Tarr will offer

#### CONSTITUENT SERVICES AT THE ROSE BAKER SENIOR CENTER

On Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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. This class has a loyal following because it's a **GREAT CLASS** but we can always make room for YOU if you'd care to join this friendly group for some beneficial exercise.

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 and convenience 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.

#### 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 978-325-5801 and sign up with our Front Desk Receptionist

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#### **Cape Ann Virtual Senior Center**

By partnering with other Cape Ann Councils on Aging, as well as SeniorCare, and 1623 Studios, we are able to bring some Senior Center programming to you i**n** your home.

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# You are cordially invited to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Gloucester Senior Health & Wellness Fair 2022

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At the Rose Baker Senior Center, 6 Manuel F. Lewis Street in Gloucester

Monday July 11th, 2022 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Come get some useful information from local health and wellness related organizations. Each exhibitor will provide a PRIZE to be raffled off during the event!

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Cape Ann Farmers Market will not be in operation this year and as such, this event will not distribute Farmers Market coupons as had been the case in the past. However, SeniorCare does have a limited number of coupons that can be used at other eligible farmstands/markets.

Eligible seniors will receive \$25.00 in coupons that can be used to purchase fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables at participating farmstands/markets.

To receive coupons, individuals must be 60 years of age or older and meet the income eligibility guideline. Household of (1), \$2,096 or (2) \$2,823 per month.

Coupons are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact Melinda at SeniorCare's Nutrition Department at 978-865-3552 between 12pm-4pm. Messages will be returned within 2 business days.

USDA Non- Discrimination Statement and additional information can be found on SeniorCare's website <a href="https://www.seniorcareinc.org">www.seniorcareinc.org</a>

### SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL COOKOUT AT STAGE FORT PARK!

The annual SeniorCare/Rose Baker Senior Center cookout will take place on Thursday, August 18th at 11:30

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#### July 2022 SHINE/Medicare Schedule

Rose Baker Senior Center has 3 certified SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) Counselors to help you. **Read on to learn how to make an appointment:** 

#### SHINE Counselor Mirta Ulivi:

#### Weekly on Mondays at RBSC from 12-4pm.

Contact directly to schedule your appointment: 978-309-9761.

#### SHINE Counselor Lydia Bertolino:

Tuesdays July 5th, 12th and 26th at RBSC from 9:00 to 12noon.

Call RBSC to schedule your appointment: 978-325-5800.

#### SHINE Counselor Former Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken

#### Weekly on Fridays at RBSC from 2-4pm

Call RBSC to schedule your appointment: 978-325-5800.

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

To apply for a Medicare card:

- Online at <a href="https://www.medicare.gov/">https://www.medicare.gov/</a> and click on "Apply for Medicare."
- 1. Call the Social Security Administration at (866) 248-2394 (Salem) or (800) 772-1213 (National number).

#### **Medicare 101**

Are you turning 65 years old in the next 6 months?

Is your employer insurance ending?

Do you want to make the most of an upcoming appointment with a SHINE Counselor?

The **Medicare 101** presentation sponsored by SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) Massachusetts is a great resource. This 2-hour Zoom meeting is offered several times each month, with morning, afternoon and evening times available. Go to **shinema.org** to register. Scroll down to "**REGISTER HERE FOR MEDICARE 101**." You need to complete a short form and you will need an email to register. This interactive presentation requires no prior knowledge and will help you understand how to make the best choices for you.

If you would like to use a RBSC computer, or if you have any SHINE/Medicare questions, please contact RBSC Outreach Coordinator, Julie Smith at 978-325-5811.





#### Mark your calendars for our first ever

#### Rose Baker Senior Center & O'Maley Academy Cornhole Tournament!

When: Wednesday July 20, 2022 9:30am - 11:30am

Where: Rose Baker Senior Center: 6 Manuel F Lewis St, Gloucester

What: Cornhole is a competitive "lawn game" (but we'll play inside) where players toss beanbags toward a slanted platform. The goal of the game is to pass the beanbag through a hole in the center of the platform. Seniors and middle school students from O'Maley Academy will combine to form teams for a fun morning of cornhole and camaraderie!

Sign-up at the Front Desk of Rose Baker Senior Center.

QUESTIONS? Contact Julie Smith at 978-325-5811



### These folks will leave in a great mood!

## 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!

Call 978-325-5814 to sign-up and reserve your spot or drop by to check it out. If there's space available, you can join in the fun and fitness!

#### IN-PERSON YOGA IS BACK!

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FLOOR WORK IS OPTIONAL. Appropriate for beginners and for experienced students who seek a gentle yet energizing class. (Note: Marilyn will offer modified chair versions of floor work as needed for those who don't wish to get on the floor).

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.

#### DISCOUNT TRASH BAG SALES ARE NOW CASH ONLY!

We can no longer accept checks for the purchase of discount trash bags.

Also, 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.



#### Bocce Anyone?

No matter how it's spelled, it's always a blast to play a game of bocce!

This game is tailor-made for laid-back summertime fun!

...and how can you beat a pair of bocce courts with a view like that!

The Stacy Boulevard Bocce Courts are reserved for Rose Baker Senior Center on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. We have 2 bocce sets and a great group of welcoming regulars who are willing to show you how it's done!

GIVE US A CALL FOR FULL DETAILS AND TO SIGN-UP FOR BOCCE STARTING ON THURSDAY, JULY 7th! Call Michael at 978-325-5814

The courts are flanked by benches for easy breaks between play. If you've always thought you might like to try this fun, easygoing game, now is the perfect time to *give it a shot!* 

## SAVE THE DATE! YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

The Annisquam Village
Players have once again
kindly donated a limited
number of tickets to their



This summer's production is *Mary Poppins!* Our special performance will take place on Monday, August 8th, at 7:30 p.m.



Limited transportation will be available. Please save the date for now and call or drop by the Rose Baker Senior Center

after July 13th for full details.

AFTER JULY 13TH, PLEASE CALL 978-325-5814.

#### **CELEBRATING PEOPLE AND OUR PAST**

Gloucester will be marking its 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023. Planning for this anniversary began a few years ago with the goal of making 2023 a year of 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 400<sup>th</sup> is **gloucesterma400.org.**On this web site you will see the Stories Project. A number of stories and photos are featured.

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?

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OUR PEOPLE, OUR STORIES

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

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.

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