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## Mission Statement

The Dennis Center for Active Living (DCAL) @ the Senior Center's primary mission is to enhance the quality of life for senior citizens of the town by providing multi-purpose programs especially designed to fulfill the health, educational, social, recreational, outreach and transportation needs of our most valued citizens in a safe, friendly and comfortable environment.

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Dennis Center for Active Living (DCAL)  
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While going through boxes of files to prepare for the Phase II renovation of the Center, I ran into old newspaper clippings and records of Select Board and Feasibility Committee meetings as far back as 1984. I was thrilled to learn the Dennis Senior Center featured variety shows and performances that packed Howell Hall on weekends and many enchanted evenings. A former director, Paula Dolan, was a performer and she brought her passion for the performing arts to her work at the Dennis Senior Center. I feel a deep connection with her passion and hope to revive some of it when we re-open the full 22k square foot Center for Active Living, after renovation is completed next summer in the original building. Thank you for your patience during the renovation. Sherrie and the staff are doing their best to accommodate activities, meetings and special events in half the space, without sacrificing vital age-friendly exercise, socialization, learning and life enrichment programs and services. You can stay ahead of the winter blues with a variety of group and individualized fitness programs, including a new Men's Fitness and Exercise program (p.8). Now that summer season is officially over, we are bringing back day trips. Join us for popular Provincetown and Canal Side Dining excursions (p.5). With the uptick in activities comes the need for support and staffing. The Town's Senior Tax Work-Off Program is offering up to \$1500 off your tax bill in exchange for work (p.7). Need legal advice? Get it for no cost with the Mass Bar Association (p. 9). Lastly, don't forget to make your appointment for Medicare Open Enrollment (p.20). Your counselor will help you navigate the maze of choices tailored to the best outcome for you. The future is bright and we're having fun getting there. We welcomed the first social gathering of Vets and Friends in July. Join us in September! (p.11). DCAL's house band, the Sound Dunes, opened their rehearsals to all who wish to come enjoy their music and get a couple of dance steps in. As I have shared before, our goal is to achieve national accreditation as a state of the art, age friendly senior center, in an age friendly town within a year from now. Join us! *"Mindset is indispensable when working towards any goal successfully, whether it's personal – like starting an exercise regime, or community focused – like building a modernized senior center that strengthens the community it serves. Perseverance gets us there."* Brenda Vazquez



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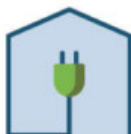
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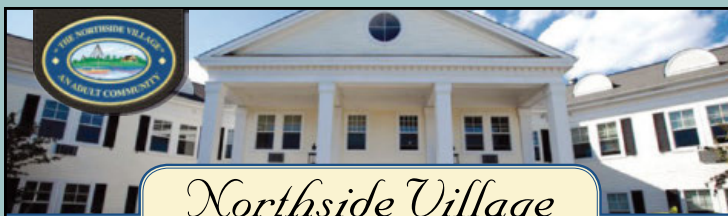


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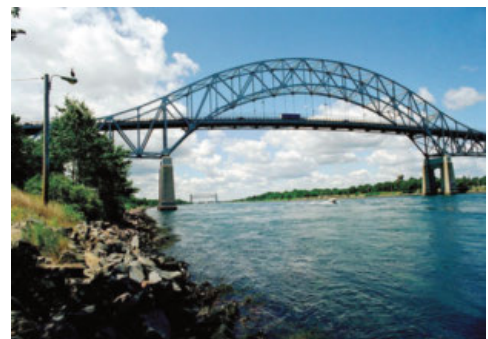
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**Marion Prendergast, LSW**  
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**508-694-2004 Direct**

What a summer it has been. This COVID era has wreaked havoc on our lives, our plans, our reentry into what seems a different world. If you are struggling, give me a call-508-694-2004. Your calls are important to me, and they can be about virtually anything questions, concerns, complaints, worries-always call-talking to someone is good for our health. I have a new program to share with you, or shall I say "new to me." The program was run by us, and then transferred to the police department before I came. Now, we have the opportunity to bring the program home. It is called THE TELEPHONE REASSURANCE PROGRAM. How it works is volunteers commit to calling a person who wants a reassurance call at the same time

each day. From talking to my colleague and old office mate, Kathy at the police department, callers and callees often establish close phone relationships-and one time when the callee did not get a call from their caller, THEY called Kathy and it turned out the caller had fallen-so it is a great program-literally seniors taking care of seniors. Once we get our program up and running, you might get a call from me (or may have already)-to either be a caller, or see if you want a call. I believe the calls traditionally have been set for mornings, but I think we can be flexible on that, as long as it is at the same time, every 24 hours. Needless to say, it has to be a time agreed by both participants. Please do feel free to call me if you are interested in joining, or if you know someone who might be interested in a call. Oh, and this program is not just for seniors-any age can be a caller or want a call. Speaking of any age-if you, friends or family struggle to pay heat, food, or medical bills, do call me around October first to get a fuel assistance application in. (The fuel assistance program runs from Nov.-Apr.). At the same time, you can apply for SNAP and I can introduce you to my food programs. And, one other real important reminder. If you know of anyone who you feel is not safe-in any way, whether it is in their own living environment, or living with another, do call me so we can talk about it. There are anonymous ways for you to get help to the people who you think might need it. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Grief Group time is now Thursday afternoons from 1:30-3:00 (or so). It is filling up, and I may be starting a waiting list. (If we get enough people on the waiting list, we can start a new group.) The Rigorous Hiking Group gathers here at 3 to go off on a hike. If you want to join either group, call me (508-694-2004). Re the hiking group, one of the hikers plans the hikes and sends out emails each week to discuss where the group is going. (One time, in the hottest of days, they went to a ball game:). If you are in the building stop in- My office is in the new lobby. I look forward to seeing you.

## SENIOR TAX WORK OFF PROGRAM

The Town of Dennis has a Senior Tax Work-Off Abatement Program (MGL Chapter 59 section 5K) that allows an eligible participant to volunteer services and earn a credit up to \$1,500 (net of Medicare deduction and any other required withholdings) to be applied to their Actual Real Estate Tax bill. Only one tax credit may be applied per household per year. Participants will receive an annual W-2 in the amount of their tax credit earned in this program. The program is open to 30 participants. To get the full \$1,500 credit, volunteers will complete 150 hours of service to the Town. A participant who works less than 150 hours will receive a prorated credit. Eligible participants must meet all of the following requirements: Minimum age of 60 by January 1 of program year; Owner and full-time resident of property where the tax abatement is applied; Annual income limit of \$25,000 for single person and \$50,000 for married couples. Applications to participate in the program are available October 1 for the following calendar year and will be accepted through December 15. The volunteer work begins on January 1 ends December 31. Please call the Dennis Senior Center with any questions (508) 385-5067.

## EVERGREEN FITNESS STUDIOS @ DCAL



The *Evergreen Fitness Studios @DCAL* is open for registration! You can register in person at the Center. Annual fitness memberships are \$99 and include reserved access to Cardio and Mirror rooms up to three 45-minute sessions per week, first come first served. Professional instruction on safe use of equipment during orientation sessions and a signed release are

required prior to use of facilities. A VNA rehab and fitness specialist, will offer orientation sessions every first Wednesday of the month. Schedule your orientation when you sign up for membership. Fees will support maintenance of the equipment, instructors, and supplies. For more information, call (508) 385-5067.

### NEW CLASS! MEN'S FITNESS



#### Men's Fitness Exercise Program

This hour long group fitness class aims to improve strength, balance, flexibility, and address health concerns that affect men as they age.



**Cost:** FREE  
**Where:** Dennis Center for Active Living  
**When:** Fridays, 11:30am- 12:30pm  
October 7- November 18, 2022  
*\*no class October 21*

#### ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

A completed VNA application is required prior to start of program.  
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#### TRANSPORTATION

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Summer 2022

## LUNCH & LEARN IN SEPTEMBER

### LISBON, PORTUGAL

Thursday, September 15th, 1:30PM—2:30PM | FREE



Together we will be exploring one of the oldest districts in Lisbon: Alfama. The name Alfama comes from Al Hamm, the root word for hammam, a bathing space during the Islamic occupation. We will find out why the neighborhood has received such name, and why and how the Islamic presence lasted for about 400 years in the city that is nowadays the capital of Portugal. We will visit the viewpoint of Portas do Sol (Doors of the Sun) and while walking down the narrow streets of Alfama, we will

find out more about St. Vincent and his connection to the city's history, the Tagus river and its importance for the city's development), St. Anthony's festivities in June and our traditional song, Fado, ending our walk by the museum dedicated to this immaterial world heritage.

## BRUNCH & LEARN IN OCTOBER

### MILAN, ITALY

Wednesday, October 12th  
10:30AM—11:30AM | FREE

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the incredible "salotto elegante" Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, the first shopping mall in the world with a very innovative architecture, walking through it to reach the real symbol of the city: the Duomo cathedral. This church is the breathtaking heart of Milan since 1386 and we will focus on its history and the most interesting details, we will explore the mesmerizing architecture made of shining marble and thousands of statues. The perfect tour to discover Milan for the first time or to go in depth in its culture and life with a lot of fun facts, curiosities and stories.



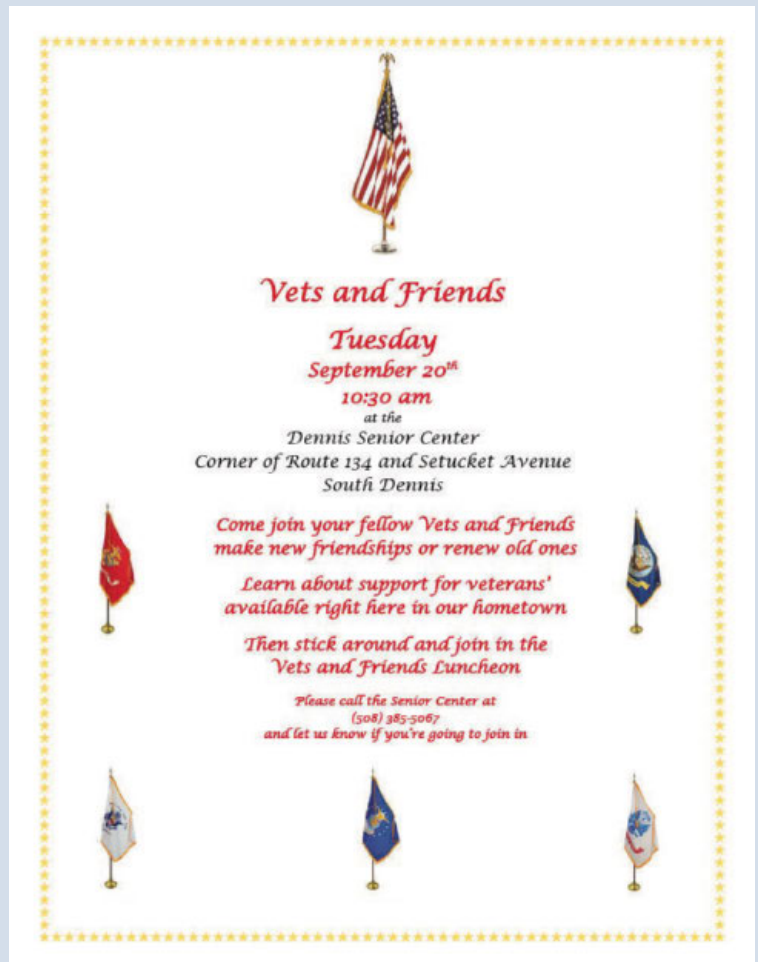
## New Senior Center Program Supports Veterans

Recent analyses reveal that perhaps the biggest single issue facing the elderly, including veterans, is self-isolation and a lack of socialization. According to a University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) study, **more than 40 percent of seniors regularly experience loneliness**. This feeling of separation and disconnection from others may predict serious health problems and even death, the UCSF researchers found. The federal government's Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) studies on loneliness and social isolation in older adults also found them to be a serious public health issue that affects a significant number of the elderly, putting them at risk for dementia and other serious medical conditions.

Unfortunately, the impact of loneliness can often be overlooked, even in a friendly place like Dennis. A 2020 town census revealed there are over 1100 veteran residents. Unfortunately, the census did not capture the number of veterans or their close relatives living on their own or without a socialized life. But, based on information from various town departments, conversations with many town residents, and inputs from charitable organizations in the town, we know there are many.

The Dennis Senior Center is leading the fight against loneliness with a new approach spearheaded by the Center's newly formed "Vets and Friends" program. Gone are the days of quietly sitting in rows of chairs listening to formal briefings by representatives of various agencies. Instead, this new approach is based on a regular series of informal gatherings in casual settings that encourage conversations among attendees to form and expand friendships, and by providing opportunities to talk with representatives of organizations that work to help improve the lives of veterans and their families.

In summary, veterans, spouses and partners of veterans, veteran widows and widowers, their family members and friends, and in-home caregivers are invited to take part in Vets and Friends casual gatherings. It's easy to do. Come to a meeting. Mingle. Take a chance and say hello to a fellow soldier, sailor, airman, Marine or Coast Guardsman. Share experiences both in and out of the service. You might be surprised at what you have in common. And chat with our friends from the visiting agencies. They are leaders in their organizations, and they want to know how they can best work for you.





Close the books on Summer 2022! I'd have to say this was the summer of extremes, but I guess that matches the political spectrum right now. The sleepy little seaside community of Dennis is merely a microcosm of society at large, probably most of humanity, in fact. Not much going on in the middle anymore, everything is polar opposite, and few have been able to compromise to meet in the middle. As police officers, we usually solve problems through compromise, and yes, often times the old adage of "A good compromise leaves everybody mad" was often the case, but whoa, these days of

extremism is leaving everyone super mad. Even the weather was operating at the extremes: early summer, cool, rainy and lousy. End of summer: hot, humid, hazy, drought. Extremism is in the air. We had some rough days over the summer. The mass gatherings issue is a relatively new phenomenon triggered by a multitude of technological "advancements" via cell phones and cell phone apps. July 4<sup>th</sup> Mayflower Beach comes to mind, and while downright scary for many, I will say I am proud of the way my colleagues handled the dicey situations. Crowds of that size are powder kegs just waiting to go off. Thousands of rowdy gathering participants can instantly turn on a few dozen police officers and complete pandemonium can ensue. We were fortunate that we managed to escape significant and substantial injuries to people and property. And this instant mass-gathering problem is not just limited to Dennis. Barnstable had the same issues, so did Yarmouth. The Jersey Shore experienced the same issues. The cops in Florida probably just said "Hold my beer" – but we're not used to things like that up here on the Cape. If there is a Silver Lining, it's that we learned lessons, we've looked at best practices, and rest assured, next year we, as a town, not just a police department, will be ready and better suited to handle issues next year. Traffic was also a big issue for us this year. I blew the dust off the 'ol ticket book and wrote up a ton of "cell phone use" citations. Many of my colleagues did as well – and I would venture to say, that distracted driving is the reason for so many crashes. On one stop, an operator argued that he was looking for a song in his iTunes, that he wasn't texting ... still got the ticket. This summer, I think I wrote more parking tickets than I have in the past 16 years *combined*. I had one instance where a young lady pulled up to me and asked me to write her the parking ticket, and she would throw it on the windshield once she figured out where to park. She told me it was just easier than waiting for a spot at the beach. I told her that depending where she chose to park, I might come by with a tow truck as well. She pulled away, but that was a new one. That's the cool thing about my job: it'll be 20 years come December – and there's always new stuff. It's one of the reasons I keep putting this synthetic fabric, dark-colored, not-summer-friendly uniform on every day. And the stories get more interesting as folks get more brazen. Maybe they're not, and I'm just getting older and more open-minded about being amused. The truth is probably somewhere in the middle...whoa look at that! Not an extreme! In any event, we survived, time marches on. If you want to hear some more "war" stories from the front lines here in Dennis, watch for our Citizens Police Academy, which we are putting together for this fall. This is a great way to get involved, and to see the inner-workings of your police department. We will advertise on social media and through some of our local media outlets. I'm hopeful for a return to a slower pace, some nicer weather, and maybe a little more calmness. September usually brings some of these. Remember to bring your patience, as the Cape will stay busy yet many of the summer employees are gone. And kudos to these businesses. It's been a long season, folks are burned out and tired. Thank you all for your hard work. It's what makes this place so darn special. Enjoy the fall. I know I will. Watch out for school buses. Stay safe! See you out there. - Sgt. Ryan Carr





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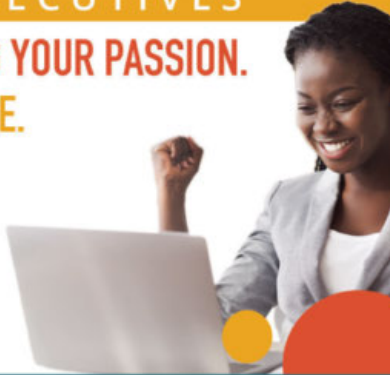


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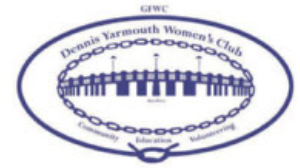
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## WELCOME! DENNIS-YARMOUTH WOMEN'S CLUB

Allow me to introduce the Dennis-Yarmouth Women's Club (DYWC) to all Dennis Center for Active Living (DCAL) members! First, I want to say how delighted we are to be in our new home with you! And, we are all DCAL members. What is the DYWC? Perhaps, some of you have been members in other states and towns. We are the local club of the National General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) and the Massachusetts GFWC. As a national organization of volunteers, we focus on Community, Education, environment, and human needs. We welcome membership to any women interested in good fellowship and working together on various projects to benefit our Dennis and Yarmouth communities. Here are a few examples: Community Impact and Outreach - we support organizations such as A Baby Center, Safe Harbor, Food Pantries, summer camps for children, Meals on Wheels and many others through both active volunteering and donations. One of our special programs we've had for about eight years is our "No-Sew Blanket Tying" December meeting. We gather around tables tying lively patterned fleece blankets for Safe Harbor and A Baby Center. The blankets are given to the sheltered women and their children at Christmas. One mother wrote us to say that she and her young son had escaped their abusive home on Christmas Eve and she had no Christmas gift for him. The Safe Harbor staff gave her and her son each a blanket and her son wrapped himself in it and finally smiled. For many years we've been assembling Christmas stockings for young children through A Baby Center. Education - We support local education in several ways...Scholarships at Cape Cod Community College (4 C's) through its Education Foundation. Our portion of the foundation's endowment enables us to support one or two CCCC students each year with \$1200-\$1500 scholarships. At the Mid Cape Technical High School, we annually award a \$500 "tool ship" which enables the winner to purchase tools relevant to their technical careers. We provide \$500 annually to the Dolphin Fund at DY High School to support needy students enabling them to achieve their diplomas. And we also provide classroom supplies to teachers in our DY Regional Elementary and Middle school. When do we meet? What do we do at a meeting? We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month (Sept-May) at 12 o'clock noon at the Dennis Senior Center. We begin with Members taking turns providing a light tea sandwich and dessert luncheon where we catch up with each other's news and make new friends. At 1 p.m. we host a program speaker. Our September meeting this year on September 14th will feature the Massachusetts GFWC President "T" Jablonski. We'll be posting our programs right there in the Center lobby and in the Cranberry Scoop so watch for programs that may interest you. If you would like to attend a meeting, please call or email: Mary Anne Thompson, Club President, at 508-394-9723 or mathompson67@comcast.net. You may attend one (1) meeting as a Guest and we hope you join us in making Dennis and Yarmouth even better places to live. Working together with new and old friends for the benefit of our communities is rewarding and great fun! Hope to see you soon!



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# SEPTEMBER 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<p>Looking for some fun on a Tuesday afternoon, why not come over to DCAL and join us and our in-house guest band, SOUND DUNES! Listen and even dance with friends to the great tunes! A variety of music era's rehearsed every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Show time starts at 1pm. Complimentary light refreshments provided. FREE!</p>	<p><b>1</b> 10:00 Alzheimer's Family Support Center 10:30 Mindful Stretching 12:00 Joe Guardino Exercise 1:30 Grief Support Group</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9:00 Tai Chi 9:00 Zumba Gold 10:00 Brown Bag Program 10:00 Chair Zumba 10:00 Walk &amp; Talk 12:30 Cribbage 1:00 Hand &amp; Foot 1:00 Scrabble</p>
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**SEPTEMBER 14TH—2:00PM  
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### DCAL GARDEN CLUB

The West Dennis Garden Club will be holding their next meeting on Tuesday, October 4th, 12pm, at the Dennis Center for Active Living. Following a luncheon and a brief business meeting there will be a demonstration on how to create dried hydrangea wreaths Members are asked to bring peanut butter, tuna fish, or canned meats for the Family Pantry.. New members are welcome. \$10 donation for non-members. For further information, please call 08 385-7722..





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## TURKEY CHILI—NO BEANS

### INGREDIENTS

- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 ½ pounds ground turkey
- 1 (1 ounce) package taco seasoning mix
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon chili pepper flakes
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can beef broth
- 1 (7 ounce) can salsa
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can crushed tomatoes
- 1 (7 ounce) can chopped green Chile peppers
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, diced
- 3 medium zucchinis, halved lengthwise and sliced
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese



### DIRECTIONS

Heat 1 tablespoon of oil in a large stock pot over medium-high heat. Crumble turkey into the pot. Season with taco seasoning mix, coriander, oregano, chili flakes, and tomato paste, and mix until meat is evenly coated with seasonings. Continue cooking, reducing heat if necessary, until turkey is well browned. Pour in beef broth, and simmer to reduce liquid slightly, about 5 minutes. Add salsa, tomatoes, and green chilies, and continue cooking at a moderate simmer for ten minutes. Adjust the thickness at any time by adding water. While chili is still cooking, heat one tablespoon of oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook onion and green bell pepper, stirring occasionally for 5 minutes, or until onion is translucent and bell pepper is lightly browned. Add onion and bell pepper to the chili, and continue cooking at a very low simmer. In the same skillet, heat the remaining tablespoon of oil over medium-high heat. Add the zucchini, and cook stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes, or until lightly browned. Add the zucchini to the chili, reduce heat, and continue cooking 15 minutes more.. Adjust the consistency with water as needed. Ladle chili into serving bowls. Top with sour cream, green onion, and cheddar cheese, and serve.

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## WHO ARE THE SUPPORTERS?

The Supporters are a not-for-profit, fully-volunteer organization that is committed to fund special social and educational events for Dennis seniors throughout the year. Our Mission is to ensure the programs and services of the Dennis Senior Center are available to all who needs them. Our Vision is to sustain an active and accessible Dennis Senior Center. We publish the Cranberry Scoop, sponsor participation in the GAP program, purchased fitness equipment and helped if there was someone in crisis in the community. How rewarding to see Dennis seniors participating in the many programs offered at the Dennis Center for Active Living. We look forward to providing continued support for our ever-growing and valuable senior population.

## WHAT'S NEW...

Since our last issue of the Scoop, we participated in the National Night Out at the Mike Stacey Park in Dennis Port on August 2. Some of our members greeted participants and passed out informational brochures for the Dennis Center for Active Living, candy, fruit, toys and hula hoops. Everyone had a wonderful time and some even took hula hoops home.

Supporters Board members, Gary Barber and Helen Ann McElhaney, have joined the Cape Cod's Dennis Age & Dementia Friendly Action Team. Their plan is to continue to take action to improve our community's dementia-friendly capabilities, by optimizing the health, well-being and community engagement of people living with dementia and their care partners.

We continue to work closely with the Outreach Program and aid it financially when needed. What better way to help our needy Dennis residents and what a rewarding way for us to share the generous donations of our members.

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