

# MANSFIELD COA HAPPENINGS

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# **NEWS & EVENTS**



#### INTRODUCTING **OUR NEW ASSITANT** DIRECTOR

We are excited to announce that Wendy Adams has joined us as our new Assistant Director. She has many years of experience working with older adults. We are excited to welcome her to our team. If you see Wendy around the office make sure to extend her a warm welcome.

#### **ELLIOTT PHYSICAL** THERAPY WORKSHOP

Join Elliott Physical Therapy at the Mansfield Council on Aging on Tuesday October 18th at 12:30pm, where Physical Therapists will discuss the risks for falls, what to do if a fall occurs. and most importantly, how balance and exercise can reduce fall risk! At Elliott Physical Therapy, their goal is to provide exceptional care and empowering results to all patients. They are committed to providing exceptional customer service com-

bined with an evidence-based approach to healing to help you achieve your goals! A light lunch will be



served, pls call the COA by 10/13 to reserve your spot 261-7368



The walking club will meet at the following locations in October. We **GLUR** always welcome new members!

October 4th- Bike path meet at Cobb St. October 11th-Wrentham outlets meet at Nautica October 18th-Chocolate Facto-

ry meet at the COA October 25th-Downtown Mansfield meet at the COA



# CIDER SOCIAL & **NEW ENGLAND TRIVIA**

Join us at the COA on Thursday October

6th from 9:30-10:00am to enjoy some apple cider and cider donuts learning some New England Trivia. This is a free event but pls call COA 261-7368 to sign up by October 3rd.

#### LIVE & LEARN-FLOPS what were they thinking?

Join Jav Elias from Dver Lake Funeral Home on Thursday October 6th at 10:00am. Jay will be reminiscing about things that were created that were flops. This is a free program but pls call COA 261-7368 to sign up.



# **HALLOWEEN CENTERPIECES CRAFTING**

Join Elisha on Thursday October

13th from 10:00-11:15 to create the centerpieces for our Annual Halloween Lunch. Call COA to sign up 261-7368



#### **DAWALI**

We will have a program on Dawali presented by Jyoti Joshi on Friday Oc-

tober 14th at 12:30pm. Come learn about Dawali, this 5 day festival of lights is one of India's most popular holidays. Tradional sweets and tea will be served. Please call COA to sign up 261-7368



#### **COOKIE DECORATING CLASS**

Come decorate cookies on Thursday October 20th from 10:00-11:00am. Join City Girl cookies in creating (3) Halloween themed cookies. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Call to reserve your spot 261-7368



## **MANSFIELD ELECTRIC** HALLOWEEN LUNCH COSTUME **PARTY**

The COA and Mansfield Electric will be hosting the annual Halloween party on Friday October 28th at 11:30am. Please come in vour Halloween costume, best costume wins a prize of a FREE BUS trip of your choice. Lunch will be top round roast beef with brown gravy, Au Gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, bread and butter and of course we can't forget dessert. This event is generously sponsored by Mansfield Electric and is for Mansfield residents only. Signups begin on October 3rd by calling COA 261-7368.



The Mansfield Board of Health will be at the COA on Thursday October 13th from 1pm-SHOT! 4pm giving flu

shots. Walk ins are welcome. NO appts necessary. If you have an insurance card pls bring it.



Thelma Reid. a Mansfield resident and long time member of our COA recent-

ly passed away. Thelma was a wonderful and kind women who will be truly missed. We thank the following people who have made a donation to our COA in memory of Thelma. Jane Alland, Evelyn Steele, Jerold & Lisa Murphy, Joan Hoey and The Jolicofu Family, Elsie Cary and Charles Cary, Lillian Stuart, Norma Barr and Marie Lowe



The Book club will be meeting on Thursday Oct 24th at 10:15. We are dis-

cussing the book Surviving Savannah by Patti Callahan. New comers always welcome!

# **NEWS & EVENTS**



### **VETERANS APPRECIATION** LUNCH

In recognition of Veterans Day and with appre-

ciation for their past military service, the Congregational Church of Mansfield will host its annual "Veterans Appreciation Luncheon" on Sunday November 6th at 11:30am in the church vestry, located at 17 West St. This popular and well received luncheon will feature a complimentary lunch, brief entertainment and an opportunity to thank those among us that have served our country. If you would like to join other vets for this distinctive event, please RSVP to the church office at 508-339-4793 or by email at office@occmansfield.org When you make a reservation please include your branch of service and a return phone number or email. Pls note that space is limited. A prompt response will guarantee a veteran's reservation.



# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022 NOON-7PM AT FULTON POND



# What's Happening - Fall Festival Schedule

To ensure the safety of your pets, the public is asked to refrain from bringing any pets due to the large number of people expected at the event.

Thank You Sponsors! You Have Made This Festival Possible!













Need help paying The Fuel Assistance Program is now open for the 2022-2023 heating season. If you would like to apply for fuel assistance or have questions about the program

please call 508-261-7464 and we would be happy to help you. Please remember this program will assist you however you heat your home whether it be electric heat, oil, gas or propane. .



#### OPEN ENROLLMENT

October 15-December 7, 2022 You can change from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan. ■ Change from a Medicare Advantage Plan back to Original Medi-

care. Switch from one Medicare Advantage Plan to another Medicare Advantage Plan. 

Switch from a Medicare Advantage Plan that doesn't offer drug coverage to a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers drug coverage. ■ Switch from a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers drug coverage to a Medicare Advantage Plan that doesn't offer drug coverage. ■ Join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.

■ Switch from one Medicare Prescription Drug Plan to another Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. ■ To schedule an appt with a SHINE counselor please call the COA at 508-261-7368. There is a form on page 5 for you to bring to your appt.



#### **BRING A FRIEND TO OUR** FRIENDS MEETING

Please join the Friends

meeting on October 12th at 12:30pm. Bring a Friend!!!! Get to know us and what we do here at the COA. Drinks and pizza will be served. Pls sign up by Oct 7th by calling COA 261-7368.



#### **SENIOR SELF-DEFENSE & AWARENESS** SENIOR SELF-DEFENSE AND **AWARENESS**

Are you a senior looking for ways to protect yourself? Personal safety comes from an awareness of surroundings and situations, a fearless and confi-

dent presence, and an understanding of your abilities. Mansfield Police Department is teaming with TRIAD to offer seniors a class focusing on risk awareness, risk reduction, and basic selfdefense. This class consists of three 1.5-hour sessions that will help you feel more confident and knowledgeable of methods you can use to better protect yourself physically, financially, and situationally. The classes will be held at the Mansfield Public Safety Building on November 1st, 8th, and 14th from 1:00-2:30. Please call the COA 261-7368 to sign up as space is limited.

#### **NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE:**

November 2nd 1:00-Cooking Demo with Chef Sean November 9th-10:00am- Veteran Talk with Michael Raymond

November 10th 12:30pm-Astrology & Guided Meditation

November 18th 11:30am Friendsgiving Luncheon November 22nd Fridays Holiday Far and Bake Sale. Time

# **HEALTH** & WELLNESS

# 4 LEADING HIP FRACTURE RISKS FOR OLDER ADULTS

Experiencing a broken hip is painful at any age. It often requires surgery to repair the damage and can even result in life-threatening health complications. The hip fracture itself isn't usually the real problem. The culprit is the chain reaction of health issues older adults often experience after breaking a hip.

The risk for losing your life after a hip fracture increases even for adults as young as age 50. From infections to pneumonia, 1 in 3 people who break a hip will die from complications within a year. Almost everyone knows an older adult who never really recovered after they broke a hip.

Here are some tips on how you can lower your risk for suffering one.

# 1. GET SCREENED FOR OSTEOPOROSIS

The risk for developing osteoporosis increases with age. It's a condition many people aren't aware they have until they experience a fracture of some kind. There are screening tests your physician can order to identify if you have osteoporosis or the precursor for it known as osteopenia.

By undergoing routine bone density screenings, you may be able to avoid osteoporosis. Diet, exercise, and other lifestyle choices can all play a role.

#### 2. SCHEDULE A HOME SAFETY AUDIT

Falls are the leading cause of broken hips, and most happen in a senior's private residence. That's why it's a good idea to take an objective look at your home — inside and out — to identify potential hazards.

If you aren't sure how to do this, ask your primary care physician for advice. They may have a checklist or online tool you can use. A physician may also recommend a physical

or occupational therapist who offers this service to older adults. Check with your insurance provider to see if it is covered.

# 3. HAVE REGULAR VISION EXAMS

Another risk factor for experiencing a broken hip is a vision impairment. Vision loss increases the odds for a fall, which in turn increases the risk for experiencing a broken hip.

Whether it's glaucoma, cataracts, or another issue, vision changes are common with aging. That's why it's important to see the eye doctor regularly. By undergoing a yearly vision exam, you give the eye doctor an opportunity to identify and intervene in problems early.

# 4. ENGAGE IN STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISES

Core strength and good balance keep you limber and flexible no matter what your age. Both help lower your risk for a disabling fall. If you don't already exercise on a regular basis, talk with your physician for advice on getting started. They'll likely recommend a program that incorporates both aerobic activities, as well as strength training. The blog article 7 Kinds of Exercise for Seniors has some ideas for you to consider.



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# SHINE OPEN ENROLLMENT

Medicare Open Enrollment October 15th - December 7th

# Insurance and Drug Plan Pre-Enrollment Intake Form:

- •You DO NOT need to fill out and submit this form if your drug coverage is included in your HMO or PPO plan and you have not changed medications, or are not experiencing high co-pays.
- •If you want an in-person or phone appointment, please fill out this form and return it to the Mansfield COA 255 Hope St., Mansfield MA 02048 We will call you after we have completed your drug search

Name D.O.B Address				
Name of current drug plan:  Do you have a Supplement / Medigap Plan?	Pharmacy:	Pharmacy:		
Medicare #Part A effective date _ Medicare.gov Account Info: Username: Password:	Part B effec	tive date		
LIST YOUR PRESCRIPT	ION MEDICAT	IONS:		
NAME OF DRUG (as it appears on bottle)  Example: Lipitor	STRENGTH Example: 10 mg	DOSAGE Example: Twice Daily		
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#### MANSFIELD COA/SOCIAL SERVICES RESOURCE GUIDE.

#### LOCAL FOOD RESOURCES/SNAP

SNAP-Federal program that provides monthly cash benefits to purchase groceries on an EBT card. We can assist you right here at the COA with your application. Our Daily Bread Food Pantry-15 West St. Mansfield MA 508-339-1343

SHINE COUNSELORS work one-on-one with individuals providing information, counseling and assistance on health care programs including Medicare, Medigap, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage, Public Benefits, One Care Plans, and more

<u>GATRA TRANSPORTATION</u> This service will run Monday-Friday 7am-8pm and Saturday and Sunday 12pm-8pm. To request a pick up, rides can download the Transloc mobile app on their smartphone or dial 508-697-1911 where they will be assisted by a dispatcher. Any questions call GATRA customer service 774-226-1270

**TRIAD:** Mansfield Triad is a dynamic organization of older citizens and staff members from the Mansfield Council On Aging, Fire and Police Departments, the District Attorney's Office and the Bristol County Sheriff's Office. Mansfield Triad initiates and sponsors programs which enhance community safety for all citizens. They meet every 4th Wednesday each month at 1:15pm.

<u>DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT-</u>If you are in need of durable medical equipment give us a call. We offer free loans of walkers, crutches, shower benches, wheelchairs, canes.

NUTRITION PROGRAM-Popularly known as "Meals on Wheels", Bristol's Nutrition Program offers a well balanced meal each weekday to people 60 years or older. Meals are delivered to your home based on your mobility and ability to prepare meals. An in-home assessment by one of Bristol County Elder Services caseworkers determines whether you quality for meals on wheels. We also offer daily hot congregate lunches. Please call the COA 2 days before to sign up.

FUEL ASSITANCE/FINANICAL ASSITANCE-There are several programs in Mansfield that assist residents with their utility bills, rent etc in addition to federal programs we can assist you in applying for. You must meet certain guidelines. Call us for more info.

FRIENDS: The Friends of the Drop in Center (DIC) is a non-profit incorporated organization. The Friends have been incorporated since 1979. The purpose of the Friends Organization is to raise funds to help supplement special programs, luncheons, and items for the Council on Aging department. The Friends also help supplement the Council on Aging (COA's) newsletter mailing once a month. The Friends meet every month on the 2nd

# DESCRIPTION OF THE EXERCISE PROGRAMS WE OFFER: <u>NEW MEMBERS AL WAYS WELCOMED!!!</u>

<u>Strong Body & Mind</u> A fun and energetic workout for all fitness levels. This workout will offer seated as well as standing options to build strength, stamina, balance, flexibility and brain power!

<u>Chair Yoga</u> A gentle form of yoga that can be done sitting on a chair or standing on the ground while using the chair for support. Benefits of chair yoga include. improved flexibility

<u>Balance in Motion</u>- Develop balance, coordination, core strength, flexibility, and range of motion with this very gentle, upbeat, and supportive class for all fitness levels.

<u>Drums Alive</u>-Using rhythm as the source of inspiration for a group fitness experience that combines the benefits of a traditional physical fitness program with the brain-affected benefits of music and rhythm

<u>Line Dancing</u> Basic line dances focus on movements of the legs and feet, with more advanced dances including the arms and hands.

<u>Endurance</u>: For all fitness levels and will work for all major muscle groups in the body, while also incorporating active movements to fulfill your body's need for cardiovascular activity. And we cannot forget to stretch! We will be sure to lengthen those muscles, tendons, and ligaments.

<u>Tai Chi</u> A slow and gentle exercise that is suitable for older adults, even if they are managing chronic conditions. It offers the benefits of flexibility, muscle strengthening, and endurance training

<u>Flexibility & Stretch</u> Stretching keeps the muscles flexible, strong, and healthy and we need that flexibility to maintain a range of motion in joints. Regular stretching keeps muscles long, lean, and flexible.

<u>Zumba</u>-Aerobic fitness exercise based on Latin American dance rhythms. Participants are taught some basic easy-to-learn movements

# Community Service Awards Hominations How Open8



The Community Service
Awards are presented
annually to three honorees
who exemplify the spirit of
public service by sharing their
time, talent, and energy for
the betterment of our community.

The CSA Committee is seeking nominations for this year's awards. Nominations will be accepted through October 31st.

Visit the CSA Committee's webpage at mansfieldma.com for complete information.

# **Community Service Awards Winners by Category:**



# Debra Britt - 2021 Adult Recipient

Adult Award: This Community Service Awards is open to Mansfield residents 19 years and older.

# Charles Spath - 2021 Lifetime Achievement



Lifetime Achievement Award: For 20 or more years of service. Nominee does not have to be a current Mansfield resident

# Ryan Morley - 2021 Youth Recipient



Youth Community Service Award: Open to Mansfield youths 18 years and younger.

Submit your nomination for a deserving candidate today!

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# HOW TO SNEAK EXERCISE INTO YOUR DAY

# START WITH BEING INEFFICIENT.

Instead of taking the short cut, go the long way. Park a little bit further away from your office, the grocery store, wherever you go today! Don't wait for the elevator, take the stairs. If you're at home, take an unnecessary detour to the basement or the second level just for fun. Take a turn around the block, or just around your yard if you're short on time.

# GET INTO (HOUSE)CLEANING.

It's true, all of our household chores count as movement. Take your vacuum for a walk around the house, scrub the bathtub, start a load of laundry (in many homes this includes a trip up and down a set of stairs!), make the bed, cook dinner — whatever you do, put a little spring in your step, put on some music and make the most of moving your body.

# POWER UP WITH A 10-MINUTE WORKOUT.

Studies now show that a workout of any length not only "counts" as exercise, but that shorter workouts are just as beneficial as longer ones. So, stop worrying about fitting another 45 minutes into your already overpacked day! Most of us can find 10 minutes at lunch, in the morning before hopping into the shower, or just after work, before starting whatever is next. Try some of these quick hit ideas at Self.

#### STRETCH YOURSELF.

Daily stretching has all kinds of benefits, from stress relief to better posture. It's a great idea, no matter when you fit it into your day. You can stretch before you get out of bed in the morning or spend a few minutes following a spurt of activity. Maybe the only time you can find in the day is at night. If that's the case, don't stress! Stretching before bed can lead to better sleep!



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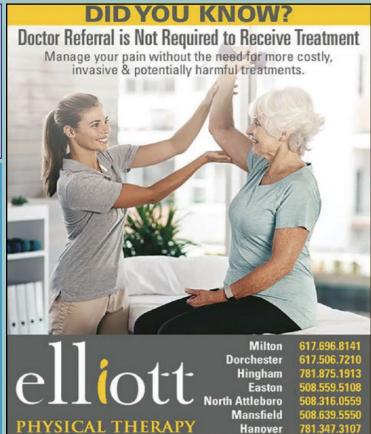
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# 6 Recipes

# SUMMER SQUASH CASSEROLE 2 cups summer squash or schini

2 cups summer squash or zucchini 1/2 cup mayo 1/2 cup chopped onion 1 egg, beaten

1 tsp. sugar 1 cup grated Cheddar cheese 1/2 stick margarine Salt, pepper, bread crumbs

Cook and drain the squash. It's not necessary to peel it. When soft, drain the squash and mash it. Add mayo, onion, egg, sugar and salt and pepper to taste. Put into greased small casserole dish. Sprinkle with cheese, than with bread crumbs. Dot with margarine. Bake uncovered 30 minutes at 350.

Recipe: Unknown but given by Loretta Mason



# SLOW COOKER SPLIT PEA SOUP

Ingredients:
1 ib dried split green peas
1/2 onion chopped
3 carrots, peeled and sliced
2 pieces of celery, sliced
2 gloves of garlic, chopped

8 oz cubed ham 1 qt. chicken stock 4 sprigs fresh thyme 2 sprigs parsley 1 bay leaf Salt and pepper to taste Directions:

Place the split peas in a colander. Rinse them well and pick through for any tiny pebbles or debris. In the base of a slow cooker combine the peas, onion, carrots, celery, garlic, ham, chicken stock and 11/2 c of water. Tie the sprigs of thyme, parsley and bag leaf together with a piece of kitchen twine, wrapped around the bundle of couple times, than add to the slow-cooker. Cover and cook on high heat for 4-5 hours or low heat for 8-10 hours until the peas are tender and have split to thicken the soup. Season with salt and pepper to

Recipe from www.thepioneerwoman.com

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