

MANSFIELD COA HAPPENINGS

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NEWS & EVENTS

Greetings!

On behalf of the Council on Aging staff and Board members, I would like to extend a Happy New Year! I would like to acknowledge the many loving seniors that have passed away. The COA had been their home away from home. We will miss them and hope that their time here was enjoyable. As we embark on a new year and reflect on 2022, we are so proud of all we have been able to accomplish. 2022 was our year to reconnect with each other. The center was filled with people engaging in activities, educational programming, lunches, and seeking out support from our social service staff. We loved every minute of it! In 2022 we took the first step in making the town of Mansfield a Dementia Friendly Community. We received an outpouring of support from our town departments and community members for this initiative. Dementia-friendly communities are vital in helping people live well with dementia and remain a part of their community. Our hope is that we are able to engage residents in understanding the importance of this initiative while providing support to individuals and their families affected by Dementia.

I would like to thank our volunteers, COA Board, Triad, Friends of the DIC, Select Board, State Representatives, Senator, Congressman, Town Manager, and residents for your ongoing support. All the best.

Josephine Madrazo



The COA has received many generous donations and we would like to extend our heartfelt thank

In memory of Thelma Reid-Mark and Diane Lynch and Sharon Fish and Game.

Thank you to the Elk's for donating to the COA for fuel assistance.

The following people have made donations to the Friends in memory of Doreen Mulcahy. Nancy Graf, Beverly Dand, Field of Honor, Evelyn Steele, Brenda Arduino, Paula & John Devine, Joan Hoey, Kathy & Paul Fasoli, Jane Alland, Ethel Carl, MaryJo & John O'Day, Judith & Gerard Plouffe, Louis Andrews, Mansfield/North Attleboro Emblem Club #531 Loretta & Earl Mason, Dawn McAulay, Normal Smith, Margaret Doherty, Roland & Barbara Cedarfield, Eleanor Jones, Karen Adams, Richard Murray, Julie Pollock and Barbara & Robert Mulcahy, Mansfield Elks The Friends of the Drop In Center thank you very much for your generous donations.



Join us on Friday January 20th from 11:30 -1:00pm for our Annual Birth-

day Bash. We will be serving pizza, salad and cake as we celebrate your 2023 Birthdays. Signs up begin on January 3rd, this is for Mansfield residents only. . Please call the COA to sign up 261-7368.

ELDER DENTAL PROGRAM

Join Christine from Elder Dental on Wednesday January 18th at 1:00pm for information on this low-cost dental insurance for seniors. Please call the COA to sign up 261-7368.



WOMENS SOCIAL HOUR! The first meeting in December was

fun!!! We had a great crowd. However we need to move our meeting time. Going forward we will now meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:30. See all January 18th for a fun gab session.

SHREDDING BIN

The COA has a shredding bin in our office where you can bring your old confidential documents for proper disposal. Come in anytime to shred your documents.



We are hosting a Memory Café at the COA starting on Wednesday January 4th at

1:00-2:30. We will meet the 1st Wednesday of every month. What is a Memory Café? It is a program for people living with Dementia and their care partners to meet with others facing similar experiences. It is a relaxed, safe environment to have fun and make connections. Often times individuals or the care partners become socially isolated and our goal is to prevent this from happening. Please call 508-261-7368 to sign up or just drop in on January 4th. Our Café is sponsored by Right at Home, The Residence at Great Woods, Old Colony Hospice and Care Patrol.



THE WALKING CLUB

The walking club will meet at the following WALKING CLUB locations at 8:30am in December. If you

would like to join pls call COA to sign up.

1/3-Wrentham Outlets meet at Nauti-

1/10-Bike Path meet at Cobb St. 1/17-Capron Park-meet in parking lot 1/24-Fulton Pond-meet at pond. 1/31-Chocolate Factory-meet at the COA

NEWS & EVENTS



NUTRITIONAL BINGO AND LUNCH

Join Dawn from Bristol Flder Services on Tuesday January 10th from 10:30-12:30 playing Nutritional Bingo. This will be a lunch and learn event. We will be serving beef tenderloin, mashed po-

tatoes, asparagus and red velvet cake. This is a free program pls call the COA to sign up 261-7368.



REFLEXOLOGY WITH LOUISE

Sign up for your half hour reflexology session with Louise on Wednesday January

11th. Half hour time slots are available from 9:00am-12:00pm. The cost is \$35. Pls come into the COA with payment to sign up.

LIVE & LEARN WITH JAY

Join Jay Elias from Dyer Lake Funeral Home on Wednesday January 4th from 10:30-11:30 for another live and learn chat. Call COA to sign up 261-7368



MEN'S CLUB PIZZA LUNCH

The men's coffee club will be meeting for a pizza lunch on Monday January 23rd from 11:30-1:00pm. There is no

cost but pls call COA by January 16th to sign up so we have an idea of how much pizza to order 261-7368.



JEWERLY MAKING WITH PAULA DEVINE

Join our own talented Paula Devine in making your own crea-

tive jewelry piece on Friday January 27th at 12:30. This is free but space is limited pls call COA to sign up 261-7368



COA BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet on Monday January 30th at 10:15am. We will be discussing The Personal Librarian. New members welcome! Call COA to

sian up 261-7368



FUEL ASSISTANCE

We are currently assisting residents with applying for fuel assistance. This program runs from November-April. Please call us to see if you may qualify. 508-261-7368



YARN DONATIONS

The knitting group is looking for donations of "fun fur" yarn. Any colors!! Please drop off any time at the COA. We thank you in advance.



REAL ID Credential Won't Be Needed Until 2025 to fly Domestically or Enter Some Federal Facilities U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended REAL ID full enforcement date to May 7, 2025For more information https://atlas-yrmv.massdot.state.ma.us/ myrmv/_/n

The Friends of the Drop In Center would like to thank the following chairpersons in helping make our Holiday Fair a success. Lynda Christianson and Loretta Mason heading up on Crafts. Joan Hoey, Jane Alland and Evelyn Steele on behalf of our bake sale. Nancy Graf and Paula Devine cochairs of our jewelry sales. We thank all those who worked at the fair as well as all those who baked in making this a rewarding fundraiser.



WINTER TEA SAMPLING

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Join Elisha in sampling some popular winter tea blends on Tuesday January 24th from 12:30-1:30. No cost for program, please call COA to sign up 261-7368.





February 3rd- Valentine Card Craft 12:30 February 8th-Superbowl Wednesday \$5.00pp pizza. Chicken, raffles

February 10th-Presentation of the Golden Age of Music

February 14th- CPR Training/ Valentine Party

PUZZLES OF THE MONTH

Sudoku

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ARTICLE OF THE MONTH



FURRY FRIENDS BRING GREAT HEALTH BENEFITS

Having a four-legged, furry companion is good for our mental and physical well-being. A pet provides unconditional love and a sympathetic ear on difficult days. For older adults, the health benefits of having a pet are numerous.

Let's look at a few reasons why pets are good for us and why an older adult might want to adopt a senior pet.

4 Reasons to Adopt a Pet

- 1. Unconditional support: Animals are typically loyal creatures that stick by us through thick and thin. They are there for us in ways most people can't be. Sometimes it's listening when we are sad, other times hearing our joys and secrets. For an adult who has recently experienced the loss of a loved one, a pet makes an ideal companion during the process of grieving and healing. The individual has someone counting on them and giving them purpose.
- 2. Stress and anxiety relief: Research shows that pets lower stress levels and blood pressure. The very act of petting a furry friend is soothing. Finding natural remedies for

reducing stress is important for maintaining optimum health.

- **3. Activity:** An older adult might be reluctant to go for a walk around the neighborhood on their own but will happily share the journey with a pet. Walking is one of the best forms of exercise for people of all ages, but especially for seniors. It helps maintain stamina and balance while reducing the risk for depression.
- **4. Socialization:** Pets attract attention and make new friends easily. If you routinely take your pet for a walk, it won't be long before you make new friends, both human and animal. It's a great way to get to know the neighbors.

Tips for Adopting a Pet

First, consider your budget. Some breeds of cats and dogs are more expensive to maintain. It might be higher grooming expenses, a specialty food, or more frequent veterinary care. Before you adopt a pet, make sure you are confident you can afford the monthly expenses.

Next, learn more about the animal's disposition and needs. For example, a dog like a Jack Russell Terrier may require more exercise than, for example, a family with two working adults can safely manage. A calmer breed might be better.

Also take the home environment into consideration. If you don't have outdoor living space or easy access to a park, a cat could be a better choice. Some families also find birds make good companions.

One last tip is to consider adopting an older pet. They generally make great companions for seniors. Most are house-trained and past the exhaustingly active puppy stage. Local shelters often have photos of the animals up for adoption on their websites. You can log on and read more about them before leaving home.

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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 Wednesday at 12:30

DESCRIPTION OF THE EXERCISE PROGRAMS WE OFFER: <u>NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS 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.

<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

<u>Arthritis Exercise</u> The class consists of a warm up stretching, toning , hand weight training , balance , low impact endurance and ends with relaxation. Done seated.



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TIPS FOR WINTER WELLNESS

There are a number of techniques that can help keep your immunity high and your body in good condition to support wellness all season long so that you can enjoy the chillier months.

Get Up & Moving

Winter brings fewer hours of sunlight during the day, and per the National Sleep Foundation, darkness naturally causes the brain to release melatonin, a hormone that triggers sleepiness. Exercise can counteract this drowsiness.

Add Herbal Supplements

Herbal supplements can help support overall health. For example, the supplement turmeric, derived from root extracts of the Curcuma longa plant, is widely regarded to have numerous positive health implications.

Get Ample Rest

The National Sleep Foundation recommends older adults get at least 7-8 hours of sleep each night for optimal health.

Boost Immunity

During the winter months, when fresh fruit can be harder to find, supplements like Echinacea & Vitamin C from Nature's Way can be another source of vitamin C.

Maintain Skin Health

You can take steps to minimize painful redness and flakiness or cracking by regularly moisturizing your skin with fragrance-free lotions and herbal oils.

Note: Always consult your healthcare provider when contemplating new ideas to promote better health.

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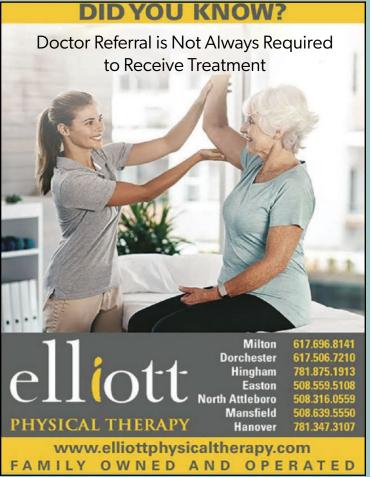
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If you've ever seen rice thrown at a wedding ceremony, you already know that it can be a symbol of prosperity. Enjoy it with beans (another symbol of luck) for a filling New Year's Eve meal.



Sausage and Rice Stuffed Peppers Recipe by: Pioneer Woman

Ingredients: 6 large red, orange or yellow bell peppers 3 tbsp. olive oil 1 ib loose sweet Italian sausage 4 plum tomatoes, diced 2 red onions, diced 3 garlic cloves, minced 1 tsp. dried Italian seasoning

Kosher salt and black pepper to taste 2 cups cooked brown rice 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese.

Directions: Cut the tops off the peppers. Remove and discard the stems, then finely chop the tops, set aside. Scoop out the seeds and as much of the membranes as you can. Place the peppers in a microwave safe bowl, add 1/2 cup water and cover with plastic wrap. Microwave until just beginning to soften, about 12 min. Than uncover and set aside. Preheat oven to 450. Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in large skillet over med. Heat. Add the sausage and cook. When done remove and set aside on plate. Add the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil to the pan, add tomatoes, red onions, garlic, Italian seasoning and the chopped peppers tops and cook, stirring until tender and browned-about 10-12 min. Season the mixture with salt and pepper and stir in the sausage and rice. Place the peppers upright in a baking dish just large enough to hold them. Fill with the rice mixture and bake for 10 min. Sprinkle with cheese and continue baking until the cheese is browned. Enjoy!

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