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The Senior Center will be closed on Monday, January 17 in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. day. Please plan accordingly if you rely on the center for meals or transportation.

With winter settling in and the return of cold temperatures, the threat of storms and weather related emergencies becomes a real concern for many seniors. Local, state and federal agencies are stressing the importance of residents, and especially seniors, assembling or replenishing a well-stocked emergency kit in case you need to evacuate your home or shelter in place for multiple days. Things you should include in the kit are:





* WATER
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

* FLASHLIGHT

* FIRST AID KIT

LIST OF ANY MEDICATIONS THAT YOU TAKE AND THE DOSAGES



* UTILITY TOOL/POCKET KNIFE

* MANUAL CAN OPENER



If you need assistance assembling this type of emergency storm kit, please contact the KCOA Community Outreach Coordinator, Martha Shanahan at (781) 831-6044.

Massachusetts residents are encouraged to call **211** to get information during an emergency. The line is staffed by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is also important to register with the Council on Aging so that we can add you to our special needs list for environmental events. *Call us at (781) 585-0511* to update your information and let us know of any unique needs that you, or another family member in your home may have.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TOWN RESIDENTS

Inclement Weather Policy:

If Silver Lake Regional/Kingston Schools are closed due to snow/poor weather conditions, the Senior Center will be closed for all programs and events scheduled for that day. Staff will be available to answer phones. Only medical rides will be provided on a case by case basis, if deemed safe to do so. When the Town of Kingston and the school system are both closed due to snow/poor weather, the Center will be closed, unstaffed and no rides will be provided.



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Staying Safe From Scams



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COA Board Chairman, Joe Favaloro keeps us updated on how to Protect Against Scammers and Spammers Tricks (PASST)

Home Repair Scams- Here's how they work: Someone knocks on your door or calls you. They say they can fix your leaky roof, install new windows, or provide the latest energy-efficient solar panels. They might find you after a flood, windstorm, or other natural disaster. They pressure you to act quickly, might ask you to pay in cash, or offer to get you financing. Then they run off with your money and never make the repairs, or they do shoddy repairs that make things worse. What you can do: Stop. Check it out. Before making home repairs, ask for references, licenses, and insurance. Get three written estimates. Don't start work until you have a signed contract. And don't pay by cash or wire transfer. *Source: Federal Trade Commission*

A Facebook post by a person who was nearly scammed shows how sophisticated some scammers are. This individual received a call purportedly from the fraud department of her bank asking if certain purchases were made on her debit card and stated the last four digits correctly. The scammer also knew her phone number and address. The scam came to light when the caller asked for the pin number to allow further research and the woman realized the bank would never ask for her pin number. When challenging the caller, he hung up. Contact with the real fraud department of the bank confirmed they would never ask for a pin number and the card was closed and a new one was issued. **Never, ever give a pin number over the phone to anyone.**Source: Facebook

As travel numbers skyrocket, so do travel scams. Scammers will send out emails and text messages containing malicious links for you to click on that could install malware on your computer. Or they could rope you in, to try and get you to pay up with a deal that sounds too good to be true. Tips to avoid travel scams:

- See a deal you like? Do a separate search on the company before booking. Look up reviews and ratings to see if other customers were satisfied.
- Know the cancellation policy before you book. Make sure all reservations and rental policies are in writing.
- Pay with a credit card; you'll get more protection than paying with cash or a debit card. Source: Rossen Reports, WCVB & FBI

Senior Safety Tips

Burned, Cooked or Gassed Winter Safety Concerns



By: Austin R. Sennett

As temperatures drop, we older adults (*like me*) are faced with numerous different challenges to our safety and health. Some great tips on preparing for winter are provided on page one of this newsletter.

Outside cold weather issues include: frostbite, hypothermia, slips and falls on ice, macho snow shoveling initiatives and driving Miss or Mr. Daisey on snow covered roads. Inside concerns include: boredom, carbon monoxide poisoning, improper positioning and use of portable space heaters and improperly used and maintained fire places.

Burned and Cooked!

Hypothermia and Frostbite result from outside exposure to cold air. Those two conditions do not have a cookbook recipe to assist you from getting "burned." There are no documented specific temperatures or times that will let you know when you are "cooked" and you most likely will not know when you are overdone. Know that shivering is not a reliable warning sign and becomes less reliable as we grow older. Some practical tips:

- **Stay inside:** If possible, not always practical
- **Stay Dry:** Wet clothing chills your body quicker
- Dress in Layers: Far more protective than a single covering garment
- Protect your mouth and nose: Inhaling ridged air makes you "cook" faster

Gassed

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning is not the getting gassed situation that many of us have experienced and even enjoyed. Carbon monoxide poisoning will certainly result in a hangover and can easily become deadly. Be certain that any gas producing devices in your home are properly vented and maintained. Properly placed and maintained carbon monoxide detectors are essential to keeping you safe this winter. If you experience any of the symptoms below, get into fresh air and seek medical care immediately:

- Nausea or vomiting
- Dizziness
- Headaches
- Confusion
- Blurred vision
- Weakness

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Nutrition News

Will You Outlive Your Savings? Older Adults & Money Management

One of the greatest fears that retirees have is outliving their savings. Concern over having enough money from Social Security, pension (if applicable), and savings (including a 401(k) or IRA) to last a lifetime is not uncommon.

Planning & Budgeting

Planning ahead is key. Most likely, you already know the income you need each month to cover necessities - food, rent/mortgage, transportation, medical and other expenses. By creating a budget, you'll have a better handle on where your money is spent each month and can then have more control over it.

Consider ways that you may be able to reduce expenditures, so you can leave more of your savings invested for continued growth. Beyond clipping coupons and enrolling in shopping rewards programs, consider taking advantage of senior citizen discounts offered by retailers, restaurants, pharmacies and others. All of those dollars saved really do add up over time.

Look for community programs offered free or at a reduced cost to seniors. The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) offers reduced fares for seniors on the subway, commuter rail, bus and ferry. Many local Councils on Aging offer a daily meal at their centers at a low cost (see the Kingston menu on page 6).

Money Management



Worried about managing your money? Unable to tackle that pile of mail? If you're an older adult in need of assistance organizing your finances, OCES can help provide you with peace of mind when managing your money. Visit www.ocesma.org for more information. The more aware you are of how you use your retirement savings, the greater likelihood you'll be able to extend your savings.

Happy New Year!

As we enter another new year, many of us will embark on making changes to how we eat. Kristin Kirkpatrick, MS, RDN, founder and president of KAK Consulting provides the following nutrition tips for a healthier New Year in 2022!

Determine the why

Write down why you want to lose weight or change your diet – and only one of them can be related to looks. Do you want to get on the ground and play with your kids or grandkids? Do you want to live longer than your parents did? Do you want to have more energy? Think about it and write it down!

Eat until your satisfied - not full

Do you eat while distracted, eat too fast, eat low nutrient-dense foods, or simply keep eating because the food tastes good? Find foods that fill you up and eat until you are no longer hungry, not full. Focus on slowing down and losing distractions so you can develop more mindful eating.

If you fall of the wagon – pick yourself up and keep going

Falling off the healthy habit wagon is inevitable. No one is perfect, and occasionally allowing indulgences is not what ultimately impacts overall health. It's when we have a cookie, feel bad about the choice and respond by finishing the entire box. It's important to realize you will most likely have times when you eat too many of the wrong foods- so enjoy it, move on from it, and keep going. You're not weak, you're human.

2022 is a great time to start making healthier changes!

Submitted by Marcia Richards, MEd RD MCHES Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Plymouth

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KCOA Programs

Registration is required unless otherwise noted.
To register, call Brenda Fitzgerald, Programs & Activities Coordinator at (781) 831-6042



Color Me Cancer Free!

Cancer survivors coloring group January 13 1-3 pm

Adult coloring books and colored pencils are provided.

*Meets 2nd Thursday of each month

Donna's OCES Special Luncheon! January 18 at 11:30 am

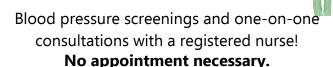
New Year's Special:

Sweet and sour chicken, fried rice, oriental vegetable blend, dinner roll, peach crisp

OCES Special lunches will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am Register in the lobby - Limit 40 \$2.50 suggested donation

Nurse Clinics!

1st and 3rd Thursday of every month 10:00 - 11:30 am



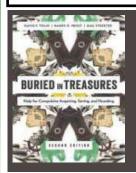
Bereavement Support Group

There really is no "wrong way" to grieve the loss of a loved one. It is important to reach out and talk to someone and cry when you need to in a safe place. Continuum Care Hospice of Southeastern MA holds a bereavement support group at the Kingston COA the 3rd Friday of each month at 10:00 AM. All are welcome.



It's That Time of Year Again

The AARP Tax-Aide Team will be back in February to help take some of the "ugh" out of tax return preparation!! They are getting ready now for the upcoming tax season and plan to be at the Kingston Senior Center each Monday and Tuesday from February 7th - April 12th. Appointment scheduling will begin during the last full week of January. Look in the February newsletter for more specifics.



© OCES BURIED IN TREASURES WORKSHOP

Buried in Treasures Workshops are:

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WORKSHOP DETAILS

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January Meals Menu				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Honey mustard chicken, brown rice & orzo, broccoli, cracked wheat bread, pineapple chunks	Cheddar cheese omelet, pancakes, peppers & onions, yogurt, orange juice	Lemon pepper chicken, herbed brown rice, Scandinavian vegetables, scala bread, oatmeal raisin cookie	COA LUNCH "Resolution salad" with chicken, served with a roll, and oatmeal chocolate chip walnut cookie	Roast turkey w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans, snack loaf, Lorna Doones
Meatloaf w/gravy, baked potato half, green peas, cracked wheat bread, brownie cookie	Breaded cod filet, brown rice pilaf, Jardiniere vegetables, pumpernickel bread, diced pears	Veal chop w/gravy, roasted potatoes, carrots, whole wheat roll, Mandarin oranges	COA LUNCH Fish cakes served with beans, cole slaw, and spice cake with vanilla icing	Hot dog on a whole wheat bun, vegetarian baked beans, zucchini squash, fresh pear
17 Center Closed	18 Donna's Special New Year's Lunch Sweet and sour chicken, fried rice, oriental vegetable blend, dinner roll, peach crisp	Turkey chili, white rice, chuckwagon vegetables, corn muffin, lemon square	COA LUNCH Chicken with lemon sauce over egg noodles, broccoli, lemon pudding	Pot roast w/ apple cider gravy, roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, scala bread, chocolate pudding
Lasagna rolls w/ Italian sauce, Tuscany vegetables, garlic roll, strawberry oatmeal bar	Chicken marsala over parslied rotini pasta, parmesan spinach, rye bread, fresh orange	BBQ pork patty on a whole wheat bun, tater tots, Scandinavian vegetables, mixed fruit cup	COA LUNCH Tomato soup, oysterettes, grilled cheese, chocolate pudding	Baked ziti casserole, broccoli/red peppers, whole wheat bread, cinnamon peaches
Oven fried chicken w/gravy, roasted sweet potatoes, Jardiniere vegetables, oatmeal bread, lemon square		Congregate meals offered through Old Colony Elder Services. Suggested donation of \$2.50	COA Lunches \$3 Kingston residents \$4 out of town *menu subject to change without notice	



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January Events Calendar				
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Groups and Clubs at the KCOA

All groups and clubs are free with no registration required!

KCOA Book Club

Meets 3rd Monday* of each month at 10:00 am

*subject to change due to holidays

January 24

Season of Wonder By: RaeAnne Thayne





Needlers

Meets Fridays at 9:30 am

The Needlers would like to thank everyone who donated items to our group. We have distributed all of our items to various organizations that we partner with. We wish you all a happy, healthy holiday season, and a wonderful new year!



Oil Painting Meets Wednesdays at 9:00 am

The oil painters have put their work on display around the Senior Center. Come take a look at these one of a kind paintings.

The group is full of talent!

Quilting with Louise
Meets Tuesdays at 9:00 am

"Wishing all of our friends and neighbors Happy Holidays, and a prosperous New Year!"

-Louise

South Shore Quilts for Kids Meets Tuesdays from 5 - 7 pm

We are always looking for new quilters.

We will give you all the fabric - both front, back and the batting, and teach you how to make the quilt. The only thing you need to supply is the sewing machine and thread. Our only request is that you make a quilt for Quits for Kids. Then you can make a quilt for yourself or keep on making quilts for kids. Please join us! Some of us just come to gab and don't bring anything to work on.

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Staying Up-to-Date

There are a variety of ways to keep in touch with the COA:



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Look for our monthly article in Kingston Living Magazine!

Outreach Coordinator, Martha Shanahan has been hard at work since she started in early October, and has put together a new Outreach Resource Library where you can *check out* and borrow books about aging, death, grief, dementia & care giving to support older adults

and their families. If you or someone you know could benefit from borrowing one of these books, please stop by and see Martha, or give her a call at 781-831-6044!



Monthly Memory Corner

Horsing Around

By: Charlotte Young and Janine Boutin



Jennifer's love for horses was always a conversation starter; especially when moving to a new town, not knowing anybody, and eager to make new friends. Soon, word got out that she worked closely with horses and knew everything there is to know about the gentle giants. She instantly bonded with a group of girls with this same interest, and the rest is history.

Growing up, Jennifer and her friends took jobs at the local fair grounds as hotwalkers, or caretakers of racehorses. After the horses had completed their events, they needed to be tended to and cooled down for their next race. Each day Jennifer would rinse the horses who were often caked in mud and walk them in an attempt to lower their heartrate. After years of working so closely with the horses, Jennifer grew to create an inseparable bond with the horses and surrounding friends that would last a lifetime.

It was a dangerous job working with such massive animals in an environment where chaos often erupted due to a rowdy audience, but the girls had each other's back. The job of a hotwalker had its challenges, but the young girls enjoyed every waking moment they had with the horses they had grown to love so much.

To this day, Jennifer and her friends still remain in touch and have even raised some of their own horses alongside their own families. Despite living on opposite sides of the country, the girls will forever be reminded of the happy, often messy memories of being a hotwalker each time they see the magnificent creatures that ignited a lifetime of memories and happiness within their group.

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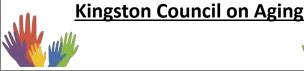
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 11 at 11:30 am via Zoom Meeting ID: 966 9437 2281 Passcode: 053483



We are seeking volunteers for these positions at the Senior Center:

Welcome Desk Greeter
 BINGO calling, selling BINGO cards, Giving out prizes
 Please Contact Brenda Fitzgerald at 781-831-6042 if you would like to volunteer!

Monetary check donations to the Council on Aging Gift Fund should be made out to



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