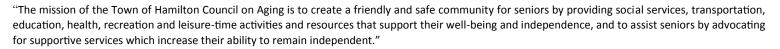
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DONATIONS TO THE COA

Please consider making a tax deductible * donation in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. Or, if you prefer, you can support a service provided by the Hamilton Council on Aging. Donations may be mailed to the Hamilton Council on Aging, 299 Bay Road, Hamilton, MA 01982. Please contact the Director at 978-468-5595 for further information *Please check with your tax expert to determine if this donation is right for you.

CarFit for Seniors

Thursday November 7th - 10 to Noon

Come and attend the program and lunch is on us. A reservation is required so call 978-468-5595 by 11/4 noontime.

What is CarFit for the older driver? CarFit is an educational program that offers older adults the opportunity to check how well their personal vehicles "fit" them.

The CarFit program also provides information and materials on community-specific resources that could enhance their safety as drivers, and/or increase their mobility in the community.

Why is CarFit important? Older drivers are often the safest drivers in that they are more likely to wear their seatbelts, and less likely to speed or drink and drive. However, older drivers are more likely to be killed or seriously injured when a crash does occur due to the greater fragility of their aging bodies. (Source: NHTSA)

Driver safety programs improve adult driver safety by addressing cognitive abilities and skills, however, older drivers can also improve their safety by ensuring their cars are properly adjusted for them. A proper fit in one's car can greatly increase not only the driver's safety but also the safety of others.

How is a CarFit check completed? At a CarFit event, a team of trained technicians and/or health professionals work with each participant to ensure they "fit" their vehicle properly for maximum comfort and safety. A CarFit check takes approximately 20 minutes to complete.



In honor of Veterans Day on the 11th, the Hamilton COA would like to buy lunch for any of our active or retired service men and women on Friday 11/8. Please call Heidi at 978-468-2616 to make your reservation.

Eagle Scout Project



Dedication

Wednesday, November 6 at 2:00

Please join us November 6th at 2 PM at the Senior Center for the dedication of the Eagle Scout Project designed and constructed by Trent Blatz of Hamilton. Trent wanted to give back to the seniors of Hamilton and built a beautiful 14 foot square patio for the enjoyment of our residents.

Please call Mary Beth to RSVP that you will be coming at 978-468-5595. Light refreshments will be served.



Myopia Hunt Glub

Thursday, November 7th at 1:30 sharp

Join The Myopia Hunt on Thursday, November 7th at 1:30 sharp at the home of Augusta Ayer Ledyard, who will be hosting the Stirrup Cup at her home located at 82 Walnut Street. Meet the riders as they stop for a check point with their horses and hounds and enjoy refreshments at the Ledyard farm. Reservations are required so call Mary Beth at 978-468-5595.

Senior Center Activities

COA WEDNESDAY OPEN HOUSE

Open House starts at 10:00

Program at 10:30

November 6

Bingo and Hot Dogs

November 13

Deb Davidson from Senior Care on Decoding Nutritional Information

November 20

Gretel Clark—Recycling Committee for cell phones

November 27

Open Social Hour

November Luncheon Specials

SeniorCare Special
Thursday, November 21 at Noon
"Thanksaiving"

The Council on Aging invites you to this event which is FREE for Hamilton residents. The SeniorCare Special this month is a menu of Turkey, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing, Butternut Squash, Dinner Roll and Pumpkin Pie for dessert. Please make a reservation with Heidi at 978-468-2616.

The Hamilton Foundation (THF) was created to help meet unexpected, urgent, and short-term needs of Hamilton residents due to job loss, death, divorce or catastrophic illness. All requests are confidential. Contact Coordinator, Jane Wetson, 978-233-1816. The Hamilton Foundation, c/o Town Hall - P.O. Box 429, Hamilton, MA 01936. Through financial support and referrals, THF helps Hamilton residents when unexpected emergencies occur. THF provides up to \$750 for urgent, short term problems such as: Mortgage or rent assistance, Emergency home repairs, Emergency heating and utilities, Temporary transportation, Food and nutrition, Home health care, Prescription medicine and medical supplies.

FREE DVD AND BOOK LENDING LIBRARIES FOR SENIORS

Senior Center Movie DVD Library list is posted on entry bulletin board. Seniors may borrow movies for 3 days. We also have a large take-home book library. Come and check it out! See Mary Beth.

Thursday Afternoon Movies

Showtimes on Thursdays 1:00 pm

Nov 7 "Chernobyl 5—Vichnaya Pamyat" Douggie McMeekin, Jamie Sives, Michael Socha

Drams, History, Thriller. Valery, Boris and Ulana risk their lives and reputations to expose the truth about Chernobyl.

Nov 14 "Yesterday" Himesh Patel, Lily James, Sophia Di Martino *Comedy, Fantasy, Music.* A struggling musician realizes he's the only person on Earth who can remember <u>The Beatles</u> after waking up in an alternate timeline where they never existed.

Nov 21 "Maiden" Frank Bough, John Chittenden, Bruno Du Bois Documentary, Sport. The story of Tracy Edwards, a 24-year-old cook on charter boats, who became the skipper of the first ever all-female crew to enter the Whitbread Round the World Race in 1989.

Nov 27 Senior Center closed for Thanksgiving.

Painting with Robbin Wednesday, Nov 13 at 2:30 pm

Robbin McMath will be starting a new painting class like the one Aleah used to teach. The class is on Wednesday, November 13th at 2:30 pm and will run approximately 2 hours. Robbin will guide you step by step to create your painting. No experience necessary. The COA provides the canvases, paints, easels and brushes. The cost is \$10 for this 2 hour class. Please sign up with Mary Beth to reserve your place.

Heritage Films Historical Presentations This Month:

"Rescue of the Crew of Squalus 1939"

November 12 at 10:30am

The second Tuesday of every month Dan Tremblay brings a historical film to the Senior Center, which he himself has made, edited and narrated for the enjoyment of our seniors who have welcomed him with open arms at past Open House events.

If you like history even a little and love to see well-produced films about incredibly interesting true life subjects of all kinds, that will have you emotionally involved, and utterly amazed, check out Dan's films.

These events are FREE! Light refreshments will be served.

Senior Center Activities

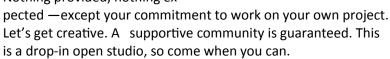
Artist's Open Studio

Wednesday Afternoons

(Except the second Wednesday of the month)

1-4 PM

Artist's Open Studio meets from 1 to 4 on Wednesday afternoons. No experience necessary. Bring your own materials in any medium; Nothing provided, nothing ex-



Questions? Call or email katharinepickering11@gmail.com or 978-473-9818



Quilt & Kvetch*

(plus knitting, crochet, embroidery, etc.)

Tuesdays at 1:00

The Quilting Group includes anyone who enjoys quilting, sewing, knitting, crochet, and other handiwork and it is as much about getting together as anything. Led by experienced quilter, Rachel Pearlstein, there is help for those who are learning to quilt and the group supports one another in their projects. Bring your own sewing machines, but the COA has purchased an additional machine which is available for use.

*We use the word Kvetch affectionately, meaning to get things of your chest, sound off, say what's on your mind.



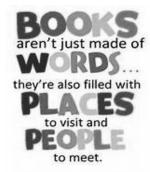
The Senior Center needs:

- coffee and tea K-cups
- ♦ canes in good condition
- gently used wheel chairs

Readers Club

First Mondays at 1:00

The Reader's Club is very informal. There's no pressure. No books are assigned to you. You can read any book you like and share your thoughts with the group. Many times members may have already read the books being



discussed and can share their opinions, too, for a great discussion. At the end of meetings, we often chat about what's going on locally and in the world, or just talk about movies we have seen or restaurants we have found. We would love to welcome anyone to stop by the Senior Center and join us for a delightful two hours.

Call Ginny Seavey (978-468-1667) for more information or just pop in to say hello to see if the Readers Club is for you!



Tech Time starts up again on the last Wednesday of the month from 9 to 10:30. The COA is partnering with the Miles River Middle School to bring this monthly tech seminar to Hamilton seniors. Bring your laptops, cell phones and tablets.

You have been asking for our tech program to be a regular feature and now it is! So, bring your laptops, cell phones and tablets and let our students work with you to help you understand better the technology you own.

AMUSING TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLDER

- 1) Growing up is mandatory; growing old is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 5) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- 6) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

Health and Wellness



Balance, Bands and Strength Wellness Class 11 - 11:45 am

Join us on November 26th. at 11:00 -11:45 for a brand new

HCOA wellness offering in partnership with the Gordon College Center for Balance, Mobility and Wellness. Through the use of bands and your own body weight, you will become stronger, better balanced and will feel better as a result of this 45 minute offering. You will also learn exercises to implement at home for your continued stability and well-being. Taught by nationally Certified Personal Trainer Sara Twombly, BS, ACSM-CPT, you will leave each session energized and educated.



Chair Yoga

Monday Mornings at 10:30

First timers can try a class for free. \$8 per class for drop-ins or \$40 for an 8 week series.

Gentle Joints

Friday Mornings at 10:00

Gentle Joints is an exercise class that is easy on your joints and will improve your strength and balance. Safe movements and proper body alignments are emphasized . All exercises can be done while seated or standing and everyone moves to their own ability. The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program was developed especially for people with arthritis who wanted to maintain their fitness goals while reducing arthritis pain. Foundation certified instructor, Linda Greenwald, leads our seniors in this class and provides lots of individual attention to participants.

How is Your Balance? Free Assessment Monday, November 18

Gordon College's Center for Balance, Mobility and Wellness will be at the Senior Center at 11 am to do free assessments of your risk for falling and the factors that contribute to balance, stability and overall wellness. Learn how you can reduce your risk of falling, become or remain independent throughout your daily life. You will receive helpful hand outs on:

- Your fall risk screen results
- Safe and effective exercise
- How to prevent falls at home and more!

Screening is performed on a first come, first served basis and takes approximately 8 minutes.

The Center will be doing screening in Hamilton every month.

T.O.P.S. (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)

Is now meeting at the Hamilton Senior Center. Come join us every Friday at 8:45 AM: we're usually finished by 10

AM. The first visit is free. \$32 per year to TAKE OFF POUNDS join and very small dues. Let's lose

SENSIBLY

weight and have good fellowship together. For more information call 978-468-7253

Exercise on Your Own

Don't want to pay for a gym membership? Your Senior Center has exercise equipment you can use for free on your own. Times of use are just limited to times when there is NOT another activity going on in the exercise area. We have a treadmill, recumbent bike, and other equipment to build strength. Come on in and check it out!



Podiatry

The last date for a podiatry appointment in 2019 is October 30th at the Hamilton Senior Center. Podiatrist, Dr.

Van Ess', will start seeing patients at 9:00 scheduled 15 minutes apart. The Wenham COA will book all appointments at 978-468-5534. Bring Insurance Card. .



Free Blood Pressure Screening

Nurses are on duty on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am at the Hamilton Senior Center. No appointment needed.



Our audiologist is on family leave at present but is expected to return later this year.



Day Trips

Here are the trips being planned for 2019. More information is available. Please call Ann at 978-468-4404 or email charles.chivakos@verizon.net for more details or pick up the information at the COA from the Day Trips binder.



Sunday, December 8

Holiday Trip to Maine

(Time: 8:30—5:30 Cost: \$99pp)

Get into the spirit as we kick off the holiday season & head north to tour <u>Portland's Victoria Mansion</u>, all dressed in holiday garb. The National Historic Landmark is a Victorian treasure, where each year local designers, decorators, and florists transform the mansion into an over-the-top Victorian holiday showcase. The home itself is a marvelous display of pre-Civil War opulence, but in December they

jump into the holidays to create a truly awe inspiring wonderland - this is definitely an "ooh and aah"stop!

Next we will enjoy a <u>Sunday Buffet Brunch</u> at a local restaurant north of Portland. Legend has it that many years ago, the tugboat Portland slowly wound its way up the nearby Cousins River. Its destination was Yarmouth, and its purpose was to provide a place for good food, drink, and hospitality. A harsh nor'easter besieged the boat at its mooring and strong winds grounded and overturned her. Although the Portland is gone, its spirit lives on in the historic spot where we will enjoy the view and some great food!

Our last stop will be at a local **Art Museum** to enjoy their annual <u>Festival of Trees</u>. This community event is held to benefit their programs & outreach throughout the year, and will feature lovely and lovingly decorated trees and wreaths that will fill the Museum's Main Gallery. The rest of the museum's historic galleries will also be decorated for the holidays and open for viewing.

Visions of Sugar Plums can dance in your head as you enjoy the trip home!

This trip is great fun, & sure to fill you with Holiday cheer!

Price includes: Motorcoach, driver gratuity, escort, visit to Victoria Mansion and Art Museum, Brunch, and lots of surprises en route! Please make all checks payable to All Around New England, and mail or bring to Hamilton Senior Center, 299 Bay Road, Hamilton, MA 01982. Leaves from Hamilton Senior Center.

All trips leave from and return to the Hamilton COA. For more information and to register, please contact Ann Chivakos at 978-468-4404 or email Ann at: charles.chivakos@verizon.net. Please be aware that there are <u>NO</u> refunds when you cancel your reservation. You are responsible for finding someone to take your place and be reimbursed by them directly. The COA maintains a "wait list" for our full trips and will make every effort to put you in touch with someone who wants to go on that trip.



The Hamilton-Wenham Low Vision Group has expanded to include Essex and each community's Senior Center will take turns hosting our group. It will continue to be moderated by Lucy Frederiksen.

The upcoming schedule for 2019 and 2020:

Sept 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Hamilton Council on Aging, 299 Bay Rd, Hamilton, MA. Call 978-468-2616 for lunch reservations

Dec. 19, March 19, April 16, Essex Council on Aging, 17 Pickering St, Essex, MA. Call 978-768-7932 for lunch reservations. Van transportation and carpooling are recommended as the building has only on-street parking.

May 14, June 18, July 16, Wenham Council on Aging, 10 School St., Wenham, MA. Again, van transportation and carpooling are recommended as the building shares parking spaces with the Buker Elementary School when school is in session.

Outreach Corner

ShopLocalHW Holiday Festival! Saturday, Nov 30th

ShopLocalHW is organizing a fun Holiday Festival on Saturday, November 30th, with a variety of family-friendly events and activities happening throughout the day in Hamilton and Wenham!

While the Festival's schedule is still being finalized some things are firmly on the list of offerings for the day, featuring activities such as:

- a pop-up market at the Hamilton Council on Aging and First Church of Wenham,
- gingerbread cookie decorating at Wenham Museum,
- baby-sitting drop-off and
- mini holiday performances from BoSoma Dance,
- hot cocoa from 15 Walnut,
- a Cornhole Tournament hosted by Plumeria Realtors at 300 Main,
- a visit from Santa and tree lighting with caroling on Railroad Ave from the Community House,
- and wreath-making at TM Landscaping

A free holiday trolley will also be available to take people to various stops in Hamilton and Wenham. Come out for a wonderful day and a fun way to kick off the holiday season! For more information visit facebook.com/shoplocalhw, the Town of Hamilton website, or email shoplocalhw@gmail.com.

Do You Have a Cell Phone? Please let Mary Beth know if you do not have a cell phone.

We are trying to ensure that all of our senior residents have a way to be contacted when the power goes out and a Code Red message can be sent on their cell phone to let them know of updates and that the shelter is open. You must meet the Circuit Breaker guidelines to be eligible for a free cell phone.

SHINE COUNSELING

While Lucy is enjoying her much deserved retirement, she will still be back to volunteer as a SHINE counselor each Wednesday from 9 to noon at the Hamilton Senior center. Call 978-468-5595 to request an appointment with her.



"Generals for Generations" has returned to help seniors in Hamilton. This

program is a partnership with the Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School. Honor Society students will be going to the homes of seniors weekly starting Saturday, October 6th from 10:00 to 11:00 AM to help with chores and small projects around the house. Please note that the day and time is a change from last year's programs. We are very proud of the fact the National Honor Society has recognized this worthy club at the High School and the good work these students are performing for our seniors. Please call Mary Beth at 978-468-5595 to make your request for a student to help you.

If you have a volunteer coming to work at your house outdoors, and it is inclement weather, it is up to the discretion of the volunteer as to whether or not they feel comfortable working in those conditions. We have many people who request help through this program and have a waiting list. It isn't fair to either the volunteer or the person whose request could have been filled and is on a wait list. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding that will allow this program to succeed in reaching the most seniors possible each weekend.

November 2019 Calendar

Hamilton Senior Center Programs and Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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10:30 Chair Yoga 12:00 <u>Lunch</u> - Chicke Mirabella 1:00 Readers Club	12:00 <u>Lunch</u> - Stuffed Shells 1:00 Quilt & Kvetch Pa3:00-7:00 FLU CLINIC at HW Library	8:30 COA Board Mtg 9:00-12:00 Shine Counseling 10:00 Open House 10:30 Bingo and Hot Dogs 12:00 Lunch - Ribecue 1:00 Artist's Open Studio 2:00 Eagle Scout Project Dedication	7 10:00-12:00 <u>CARFIT</u> 12:00 <u>Lunch</u> – Dijon	8:45 TOPS 10:00 Gentle Joints 12:00 Lunch - Sloppy Joe (complimentary lunch for veterans)
Closed for Veteran's Day	10:30 Heritage Films "Rescue of the Crew of Squalus 1939" 12:00 Lunch - Meatball Sub 1:00 Quilt & Kvetch	9:00-12:00 Shine Counseling 10:00 Blood Pressure Clinic 10:00 Open House 10:30 Decoding Nutritional Information 12:00 Lunch - Chicken Scampi 1:00 Artist's Open Studio 2:30 Painting with Robbin	12:00 Lunch— Beef Burgundy 1:00 Movie: "Yesterday" 2:00 Craft Circle @Wenham COA	8:45 TOPS 10:00 Gentle Joints 12:00 <u>Lunch</u> - Asian BBQ Pork
9:00 Balance Assessment 10:30 Chair Yoga 12:00 <u>Lunch</u> - Meatl 1:00 Cribbage	18 19 12:00 <u>Lunch</u> - Chick- en Pot Pie 1:00 Quilt & Kvetch	9:00-12:00 Shine Counseling 10:00 Blood Pressure Clinic 10:00 Open House 10:30 Recycling Committee 12:00 Lunch-Lasagna 1:00 Artist's Open Studio	11:00 Low Vision 21 Group at Hamilton Senior Center 12:00 SeniorCare Special "Thanksgiving"- Traditional Turkey Dinner 1:00 Movie: "Maiden"	8:45 TOPS 10:00 Gentle Joints 12:00 Lunch-Ham & Cheese Egg Bake
10:30 Chair Yoga 12:00 <u>Lunch</u> - Sweet Sour Meatbal 1:00 Cribbage		9:00 Tech Time 10:00 Blood Pressure Clinic 9:00-12:00 Shine Counseling 10:00 Open House 10:30 Open Social Hour 12:00 Lunch - Pulled Pork 1:00 Artist's Open Studio	Closed for 28 Thanksgiving Thanksgiving	Closed 29 for Thanksgiving

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Hamilton Senior Van Transportation Information

Provider: Beauport Ambulance Service

Booking Line Phone Number: 978-281-6955, 24-hour open dispatch

line

Cost: \$3.00 round-trip for non-medical trips. **FREE** for medical appointments and trips to and from the Senior Center. Long distance outings offered at discounted rates.

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 9 am until 3 pm.

Booking a Pickup: Can be done 24 hours a day. 24-hour notice needed (though exceptions can be made if possible.)

BOOK YOUR RETURN TRIP WHEN YOU BOOK YOUR PICK-UP

Points: Beverly, Hamilton, Wenham, Ipswich, Rowley, Rockport, Gloucester, Manchester, Essex.

Please note that trips to Salem, Peabody and Danvers have been discontinued.

Daily Senior Lunches

SeniorCare serves daily lunches at the Hamilton Senior Center for all those age 60+ and their spouse of any age. Meals include an entrée, side



dishes, bread, milk and dessert. They are designed to be nutritious and flavorful. Reservations are necessary and must be made by 10 AM - 2 days before the day you wish to eat lunch by calling Kim at 978-468-2616. COA staff does not take lunch reservations. (Note: You can make a reservation ANY TIME prior to 24 hours of your reservation. You can make multiple reservations at the same time.) There is a voluntary donation of \$2.00 per meal.

Lunch Menus are at the front desk of the Senior Center and can be found on-line at www.hamiltonma.gov/government/council-on-aging

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