

March & April 2023

# **COUNCIL ON AGING NEWS**

The Mission of the Council On Aging is to advocate for Groveland's older adults, to identify their needs, to develop and implement services, to meet their health, economic, social, and cultural needs, to encourage maximum independence, and to improve their quality of life.



### WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIRECTOR SHAWN CASS

It is an honor and privilege to serve you in this important role. I look forward to getting to know all of you!

A little about me, I grew up on the North Shore and come from a large family. I spent 16 years in marketing at a bank in North Carolina. I moved back to the area a few years ago to be closer to family and friends and as part of that move, I decided to change careers. Before coming to Groveland, I worked for the town of Merrimac Council on Aging and Senior Center and I am thrilled to join everyone here. I am very passionate about serving the community and as the warmer months approach we will be working hard to put together fun activities and connect you to essential resources to help improve your quality of life. If you have ideas for events and activities, or if you would like to share any feedback, I would love to hear from you.

#### Stop by to say hello. My door is always open!



Town Hall - 183 Main St., Groveland, MA 01834—www.Grovelandma.com (under Town Depts.) Groveland Council On Aging- Facebook / Phone 978-372-1101 / Fax 978-469-5008 Open Monday 8:00-4:00pm / Tuesday - Thursday 8:00-4:30pm / Friday 8:00-12:00pm

# - NEWS & UPDATES -

# FOR MARCH AND APRIL

# Did you know our food pantry now includes fresh food?

The Council on Aging food pantry is a certified partner with Our Neighbor's Table in Amesbury and the Greater Boston Food Bank.



The food pantry is located in the Groveland Town Hall within the COA Outreach Office Wednesdays - Drop In 2pm-4pm Thursdays - By Appointment 9am-3pm

Call 978-372-1101 by 11am on Tuesday to reserve your appointment!

## **REMINDERS!**

- Closed April 17th for Patriot's Day
- Maureen Lee-Lock will serve as our interim Outreach Coordinator and is available Monday and Tuesday. Call the COA at 978-372-1101 for assistance or to make an appointment.



• Interested in volunteering for the COA?! Call and ask for Shawn or Nisha to learn about the various opportunities available!



- We still have a couple of open spots for the tax work-off program.
   If you would like more information, let us know.
- Health maintenance appointments available with the Board of Health Nurse Anita Wright AEWright@grovelandma.com or by calling 978-556-7210.

# - NEWS & UPDATES -



FOR MARCH AND APRIL



### NEW EVENTS! CALL US TO PRE-REGISTER!

- MAR. 7TH NEW STAFF MEET & GREET PIZZA PARTY 11:30AM-1PM IN THE CENTER MEETING ROOM
- MAR 9THJOIN US FOR A SPECIAL LUNCH AT HOLY GRAIL DEPART AT 10:45AM.RETURN: 3PM. VAN \$15 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN.
- MAR. 21ST COFFEE HOUR WITH REP. ADRIANNE RAMOS AT 10AM IN THE CENTER MEETING ROOM
- MAR. 23RD LEARN ABOUT SCAMS WITH DET. DANIELLE BURRILL AT 10:30AM IN THE CENTER MEETING ROOM. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
- MAR 27TH PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM. CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY FOR MUSEUM PASSES. SENIOR ADMISSION \$18 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN AT THE MUSEUM OR ON ESSEX STREET MALL. DEPART: 9AM / RETURN: 3PM. VAN \$15
- APR. 3RDLUNCH BUFFET AT THE POET'S INN. \$13.95 PER PERSON.SPACE IS LIMITED. DEPART: 10:45AM / RETURN: 2PM VAN \$8.
- APR. 10TH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH AT 10:30AM IN THE CENTER MEETING ROOM. MUSIC, FOOD AND FUN!
- APR. 27THTRIP TO ENCORE CASINO. TIME FOR TABLE GAMES, SLOTS.15 DINING OPTIONS, EXHIBITS AND SPA.DEPARTS: 9AM / RETURN: 3PM. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN. VAN \$15

# - HEALTH & NUTRITION -

## **MEALS ON WHEELS**

AVAILABLE FOR HOMEBOUND ELDERS. CALL THE COA OFFICE AT 978-372-1101 TO ARRANGE ASSISTANCE. CURRENT CLIENTS WITH CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES CALL THE PROGRAM DIRECTLY AT 978-686-1422

## MOBILE MARKET GROCERY DELIVERY

A BAG OF FRESH GROCERIES CAN BE AVAILABLE ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH. CALL 978-372-1101 FOR MORE INFORMATION

## **UTEC FOOD BOXES - FREE**

FRESH FOOD BOXES WITH FRUIT, VEGETABLES, MILK, AND 2 PREPARED MEALS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR WEDNESDAY DELIVERY. BOXES ARE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 5 GROVELAND SENIORS. CALL 978-372-1101

## **OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE**

PHONE IN OR ONLINE ORDERS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP WED - SAT (ANYONE 18+) OR DELIVERY SCHEDULED ON WED AFTERNOONS FOR GROVELAND HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS. CALL 978-388-1907 FOR INFO

## TRAVELING CHEF MEAL

FREE COURTESY OF AGESPAN AND THE GROVELAND COA. THE FIRST 40 CALLERS RECEIVE DELIVERY OF A FREE LUNCH! DELIVERY BETWEEN 12PM-2PM

MARCH 16TH - SHEPARD'S PIE, GARDEN SALAD, DESSERT

APRIL 20TH - PANINI GRILLED ITALIAN SANDWICH, FRESH FRUIT SALAD



# - TRANSPORTATION -

## **ONE-TIME REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**

## **COA VAN RIDES**

AT LEAST 2 BUSINESS DAYS NOTICE REQUIRED TO BOOK A RIDE. PLEASE NOTE THE INCREASE IN COST PRIOR TO BOOKING TRANSPORTATION. LOCAL \$8.00 (GROVELAND, HAVERHILL, GEORGETOWN) OUT OF TOWN \$15.00 ROUNTRIP. CALL TO BOOK A RIDE 978.372.1101.

## **NEET (NORTHERN ESSEX ELDER TRANSPORT)**

PROGRAM FOR MEDICAL AND OTHER NECESSARY APPOINTMENTS. REQUIRED REGIS-TRATION FORM FOR RIDERS AVAILABLE AT THE COA. WE REQUIRE AT LEAST TWO (2) BUSINESS DAYS NOTICE. AVAILABILITY IS NOT GUARANTEED. CALL COA AT 978-372-1101 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

# **MEVA (FORMALLY MVRTA) FREE RIDES**

CALL MEVA "RING & RIDE" FOR RIDES WITHIN GROVELAND AND TO AMESBURY, GEORGETOWN, HAVERHILL, LAWRENCE, METHUEN AND NEWBURYPORT. CHOOSE SPECIAL SERVICES WHEN PROMPTED AND THEN OPTION #3. CALL AT 978-469-6878 LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO BOOK. FIXED BUS ROUTE MAIN STREET, TOWN HALL AND RIVER PINES.



## CARERIDE

IS A SUBSIDIZED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS FOR PEOPLE 65 AND OVER WHO RESIDE IN GREATER LOWELL AND GREATER HAVERHILL.

# - TRIPS & TRAVEL -

## GOT THE TRAVEL BUG? WE HAVE TRIPS NEAR AND FAR!

### **SHOPPING TRIPS**

FREE RIVERS EDGE PLAZA SHOPPING TRIP EVERY WEDNESDAY. PICK UP TIME IS 9:00AM WITH 11:00AM RETURN. TRIPS TO WESTGATE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR \$8 ROUNDTRIP.

## LUNCH AT THE HOLY GRAIL

JOIN US MAR. 9TH FOR A SPECIAL LUNCH JUST IN TIME FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY DEPART AT 10:45AM. RETURN: 3PM. VAN \$15 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN.

### PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM

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## LUNCH BUFFET AT POET'S INN

LUNCH BUFFET APR. 3RD AT THE POET'S INN. \$13.95 PER PERSON. SPACE IS LIMITED. DEPART: 10:45AM / RETURN:2PM VAN \$8.

## **ENCORE CASINO**

APRIL 27TH. TIME FOR TABLE GAMES, SLOTS. 15 DINING OP-TIONS, EXHIBITS AND SPA. DEPARTS: 9AM / RETURN: 3PM. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN. VAN \$15

### **GREEK ISLES JULY 15-25, 2023**

VENICE TO ROME 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS.TRAVEL WITH OCEAN CRUISES FROM VENICE, ITALY TO ROME TRAVELING ALONG IONIAN SEA, ATHENS, MYKONOS, SANTORINI, AR-GOSTOLI, GREECE AND FINALLY THROUGH SOLERNO, ITALY AND ROME. DEPOSIT \$850 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY OR \$1700 SINGLE. FINAL PAYMENT DUE 4 MONTHS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

2023 Overnight Trips with Grand American Tours! \*Flyers available in the COA office\*



# - ONGOING EVENTS -

# CALL THE COA AT 978.372.1101 FOR MORE INFO!

## MOVIE MORNINGS AT 11AM TUESDAYS:

#### MAR.14TH

She Said: R 2022 2h 9m Drama/Biography Zoe Kazan & Carey Mulligan

## MAR. 27TH (Monday this week only)

The Banshees of Inisherin: R 2022 1h 54m Drama/Comedy Starring Colin Farrell & Brandon Gleeson

#### APR. 4TH

A Man Named Otto: PG-13 2022 2h 6m Drama/Comedy Starring Tom Hanks & Mariana Travino

# APR. 18TH

Alice Darling: R 2022 1h 30m Drama / Thriller Starring Anna Kendrick & Kaniehtiio Horn

## GAME DAY WEDNESDAYS

FROM 1PM-4PM IN THE CENTER MEETING ROOM. FREE RUMI CUBE, SCRABBLE, CHECK-ERS, UNO AND OTHER GAMES! BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS! ALSO SEEKING BRIDGE PLAYERS

### WATERCOLORS FOR BEGINNERS



WITH PEGGY POPPE WEDNESDAYS ON APRIL 5, 12, 19, 26 FROM 10AM-11:30AM IN THE FIRE STATION MEETING ROOM. \$40 FOR A 4-WEEK SESSION. MUST PRE-REGISTER CHECKS MADE OUT TO MARGARET POPPE

### YOGA

WITH MARY VAN ABS ON FRIDAYS AT 10:45AM IN THE CENTER MEET-ING ROOM AT TOWN HALL OR TOWN HALL LAWN \$5 PER CLASS.



## **3B FITNESS: BONES, BRAINS & BALANCE**

JOIN CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER BRIAN COYNE TUESDAYS AT 9AM IN THE FIRE STATION MEETING ROOM OR UNDER THE TENT STARTING IN APRIL \$5 PER CLASS.



### WALKING CLUB

WILL RETURN IN THE SPRING AT THE HAVERHILL STADIUM TUESDAYS AT 9AM. CONTACT PAOLA HUSSEIN AT 978-374-2390 X 3916

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Watch For Older Americans Day Celebration in May!		1 9-11 Shopping 12:00 UTEC 1:00 Game Day	2 Pantry Open 9-3	3 10:45 Yoga AARP Tax Prep @ Fire Station
6 Start your order now!	<ul> <li>7 place your pantry order by 11</li> <li>9:00 3B Fitness</li> <li>9:00 Mobile Market</li> <li>11:30 –1:00 Pizza Party /Staff M&amp;G</li> </ul>	9-11 Shopping 12:00 UTEC Box	9 Van Trip– Holy Grail depart 10:45 Pantry Open 9-3	10 10:45 Yoga AARP @ Fire Station
13 Legal Monday Call Atty. Dalton for phone appt.	14 9:00 3B Fitness 11:00- Movie She Said place your pantry order by 11	15 9:30 COA Board Meeting 9-11 Shopping 12:00 UTEC Box 1:00 Game Day	16 11:00 Traveling Chef— Menu: Shepard's pie, garden salad, dessert assorted pie Pantry Open 9-3	<ul> <li>17</li> <li>10:45 Yoga</li> <li>AARP Tax Prep</li> <li>@ Fire Station</li> <li>10:00 Rep. Ramos</li> <li>office hrs.</li> </ul>
20	<ul> <li>21 place your pantry order</li> <li>9:00 3B Fitness</li> <li>10:00 Coffee hour with Rep. Adrianne Ramos</li> <li>12:00 Sen. Tarr office hrs.</li> </ul>	22 9-11 Shopping 12:00 UTEC Box 1:00 Game Day	23 10:30 Scam presentation w/ GPD Pantry Open 9-3	24 10:45 Yoga AARP Tax Prep @ Fire Station
27 9:00 Van Trip—PEM 11:00 Movie– Banghees of Inisherin 1:30 Veterans' Services Office Hrs.	28 place your pantry order by 11 9:00 3B Fitness	29 9-11 Shopping 12:00 UTEC Box 1:00 Game Day	30 Pantry Open 9-3	31 10:45 Yoga AARP @ Fire Station

April 2023 Programs-Services-Events						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri		
3 Van Trip 10:45 - Poets Inn 10 10 Volunteer Appreciation Brunch	4 9:00 3B Fitness 9:00 Mobile Market 11:00 Move- A Man Named Otto Place your pantry order by 11 11 9:00 3B Fitness place your pantry order by 11	5 9-11 Shopping 12:00 UTEC Box 10:00 Water color 1:00 Game Day 12 9-11 Shopping 12:00 UTEC Box 10:00 Water color 1:00 Game Day	6 Pantry Open 9-3 Start your order now 13 13 Pantry Open 9-3	7 10:45 Yoga AARP @ Fire Station 14 10:45 Yoga		
17 Closed Patriots Day	18 9:00 3B Fitness 11:00 Movie– Alice Darling 12:00 Sen. Tarr office hrs.	19 9:30 COA Board Meeting 9-11 Shopping 10:00 Water color 12:00 UTEC Box	20 Pantry Open 9-3 11:00 Travelling Chef	21 10:45 Yoga 10:00 Rep. Ramos office hrs.		
24 Town Meeting 1:30 Veterans' Services Office Hrs.	place your pantry order by 11 25 9:00 3B Fitness place your pantry order by 11	1:00 Game Day 26 9-11 Shopping 10:00 Water color 12:00 UTEC Box No Game Day	Menu: Panini Grilled Italian Sandwich, fresh fruit salad 27 Pantry Open 9-3 9:00 Van Trip- En- core Casino	28 10:45 Yoga		

# WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!



**APRIL IS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH!** 

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO CONTINUOUSLY GO ABOVE AND BEYOND!

WATCH YOUR MAILBOX FOR A SPECIAL INVITE TO CELEBRATE!

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES OUT TO...

THE GROVELAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH THE FRIENDS OF THE GROVELAND COUNCIL ON AGING



LAUREL PUCHALKSKI SIOBHAN MAHONEY NANCY EDWARDS VINCENTE LEO DIFRAIA TOM & DEB ROTONDO CHERYL MESSENGER KRISTIE EATON MARY HENDRY BARBARA SANBORN LARRY MACELHINEY MARTHA HOWARD CHARLIE HERMAN CARROLL GUSTAFSON CHRISTINE REAGAN AMY SZAREK JULIE FABRI DEB STEPHENSON SARAH MCGRATH MARIE WALLER

## A Message for Seniors from the

# **Groveland Police Department**



Good Afternoon,

The Groveland Police Department and surrounding towns are becoming inundated with scams. The two common scams are the "grandparent scam" and companies requesting gift cards for payment. No company will ever request gift cards! This is a red flag. The grandparent scam claims to be your "grandchild" and has been arrested. They will request thousands of dollars in cash to be picked up at your home or even meet at a location. Many times, they are Uber delivery drivers and unaware of the scam in progress. Sometimes they pose as an attorney or bail bondsman. No one will ever call you directly with these requests, they are scams. As a reminder, never give out any personal information over the phone or internet.

> LEARN MORE ON MARCH 23RD JOIN DET. DANIELLE BURRILL AT 10:30AM IN THE CENTER MEETING ROOM. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

# - WAYS TO GET INVOLVED! -

## *Be a Lucky Charm* Volunteer to Drive

Older adults in your community need help with transportation. You decide when and where to drive. *Mileage reimbursement provided.* 





Call NEET at 978-388-7474 or visit www.driveforneet.org/volunteer to learn more.

#### COA Tote Bags!!

Donate to the COA and receive a free tote bag!

\$12.00 donation (1 tote) \$20.00 donation (2 totes) Available in the COA office.

Friends of COA officers Update: JoAnna Donnelley—President Valerie Osborne—Vice President John Osborne—Treasurer Lisa Collins—Secretary Next meeting Thurs., March 2nd & April 6th 3:00-4:00 pm Center Meeting Room-Town Hall

Donations accepted any time! Mail to "Friends of Groveland COA" P.O Box 301 Groveland MA 01834 or contact JoAnna Donnelly At 978-374-6225

## Council On Aging Board of Directors Meeting

at 9:30 am Wed., March 15th Wed., April 19th

Center Meeting Room - Town Hall Always open to the public!

## HELP CUT DOWN ON PAPER! RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL



Join our newsletter email list and be the first to see the events and luncheons happenings at the COA!

**Perks** ~ Join our newsletter folding group and be the first to be able to sign up for the trips and events.

# - RESOURCES AND MORE! -

## **Legal Mondays**

With Atty. Elaine Dalton 2nd Monday of the month For a 15 min. phone appt. call Atty. Dalton's office directly at (978) 373-1120

### **AMERICAN LEGION**

(NATHAN WEBSTER POST 248) VEASEY PARK USUALLY 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY 7:00PM For more info re. next meeting CALL DAVE TUTTLE 978-360-8107

> Veteran's Services Mike Ingham (978) 973-2118 Office Hours Last Monday of the month March 27th & April 24th 1:30PM-3:30PM In the Veteran's Services Outreach Office

Sen. Bruce Tarr's Office Hours

with Mary Ann Nay Tuesdays March 21st and April 18th 12PM-1PM In the back meeting room

Problems/Concerns? Call (617) 722-1600 or Maryann.Nay@masenate.gov

#### Rep. Adrianne Ramos Office Hours Fridays March 17th & April 21st 10AM-11:30AM In the back meeting room

### HAIRDRESSER

AVAILABLE FOR IN-HOME "HAIR CARE" FOR WOMEN AND MEN. FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE DAY/EVENING HOURS. WOMEN WASH/CUT \$25 COLOR / STYLE \$30 MEN'S CUT \$30

## **Ecosmith Recycling to Support COA**

Please check out the recycle bin in the parking lot behind the police station (just before, and to the right of the entrance to River Pines) The purpose of the textile recycling bin is to collect clothing, towels, blankets, stuffed animals, curtains, shoes, purses and rags.

All textiles are acceptable – even if the clothes are ripped or stained! **Important:** Please use a plastic bag to deposit textiles to be sure the materials are dry. Wet materials will create mold and mildew and the load will be discarded.

(Note: Ecosmith DOES NOT accept furniture, books, TVs electronics, or paper)



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River Pines Community Room, Ultimate Perk, Water Dept., Electric Dept.

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