

April 2016

The Newsletter of the Groton Council On Aging

lt's not about age, it's about attitude!

1-978-448-1170

163 West Main St. (Rt.225) Groton, MA 01450

Hours: M-F 8:00am - 4:00pm

COA Building Feasibility Study

On April 25 at the Spring Town Meeting the Council on Aging will have an Article on the Warrant. We are requesting funding for a Building Feasibility Study to address the challenges of the current senior center. A positive outcome of this vote we will enable us to hire a professional to analyze the potential sites. It will ensure:

- 1. The COA will maintain a culture of excellence in program and services for the Groton senior population.
- 2. Groton's older adults will have the most efficient facility possible while being fiscally responsible to the Groton taxpayer .

The results of the Needs Assessment and focus groups will provide a guideline for the architect when addressing program and space needs therefore, while keeping the needs of Groton's seniors a priority, this study asks the architect to analyze the following:

- 1. We will look at the current senior center, do we remodel? Do we build an addition to the building? Do we build a new building on this property? What is the cost and impact all of this?
- 2. There are two current town owned properties that we feel we have a responsibility to the Groton tax payer to consider; the Country Club and Prescott School. We will examine the benefits and challenges of relocating to these sites.
- 3. We will also consider a new building on a yet unidentified site. What would the benefit and challenges be of this move?

The monies for this study will be transferred from available funds which will not have an impact the tax rate, however as of this writing, we don't yet know the cost. We should have the cost information on or about April 4th.

Please join us for one of the two remaining informational sessions to have your questions answered. Should you be unable to attend you are always welcome to call me or stop in at the senior center.

Friday, April 1 Sunday, April 17 10:00am at the senior center 2:00pm at the Groton Library

Kathy



Held at the Fire Station Wednesday, April 13
12:00PM

Cost: None

The annual luncheon with the Groton Fire Department making their famous Firehouse Chili and corn bread to share with us. After lunch, Groton Fire and EMS personnel will share the life saving equipment used in the day and life of a firefighter. It is an afternoon of amazing food, lifesaving information, and a good time spent with this dedicated department.

Mission Statement:

The Groton Council on Aging seeks to enrich the lives of Senior Citizens by providing opportunities for learning, leisure, creativity, health and fitness, information and referral, and social services.

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SNAP—SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FOOD STAMPS)

General Program Requirements

In order to qualify for this benefit program, you must be a resident of MA and fall into one of two groups: (1) those with a current bank balance (savings and checking combined) under \$2,001, or (2) those with a current bank balance (savings and checking combined) under \$3,001 who share their household with a person or persons age 60 and over, or with a person with a disability (a child, your spouse, a parent, or yourself).

In order to qualify, you must have an annual household income (before taxes) that is below the following amounts:

HouseholdSize	Maximum Income Level (Per Year)		
1	\$23,540		
2	\$31,860		
3	\$40,180		
4	\$48,500		
5	\$56,820		
6	\$65,140		
7	\$73,460		
8	\$81,780		

Applications are available at the Senior Center. If you need help applying, we'd be happy to help you.



TOWN MEETING

Monday, April 25 7:00PM

The COA van is available for transportation. Please call 978-448-1170 for your reservation *prior to*Wednesday, April 20.



Girl Scout Troop #65203 is looking forward to helping you with Spring clean up. They will bring your patio furniture out rake, clean out gardens or other Spring chores.

Please call Stacey, 978-448-1170, at the COA if you would like some assistance from these dedicated girls!

NEWS FROM SHINE APRIL 2016

ARE YOU TURNING 65 WITH A HEALTH CONNECTOR PLAN



People with Health Connector coverage nearing Medicare eligibility face many obligations – to enroll in Medicare in a timely way, to notify their Connector plan about their Medicare eligibility, and to cancel their Connector plan.

Despite these responsibilities, people with Connector plans receive no notice about their Medicare eligibility unless they auto-enrolled in Medicare because they receive Social Security cash benefits. In addition, Connector enrollees receive no notification that their access to premium tax credits automatically terminates when they become Medicare eligible.

These notification gaps put people in the Health Connector who are nearing Medicare eligibility at serious risk. Honest enrollment mistakes can lead to lifetime premium penalties, gaps in coverage, disruptions in access to needed care, tax penalties and recovery, by the IRS resulting from the loss of premium tax credits and delayed Medicare enrollment. To avoid these consequences, it is imperative that Health Connector members who are eligible for Medicare enroll in Medicare in a timely manner, notify their Connector plan about their Medicare eligibility, and cancel their Connector plan. If you need to speak to Groton's SHINE counselor, please call us at 978-448-1170, and we will put you in touch with her.

Brains Matter

Discover the path to a healthy brain through current nutrition and exercise sciences, music and its effects on the brain and the power of meditation and mindfulness.

April 4–25

Your choice at the library in the evening or the Senior Center in the morning

Nutrition for Memory Preservation

Dr. Emerson Lombardo Brain Health and Wellness Center



Thursday, April 7 6:30pm at the Groton Public Library or Monday, April 11 9:30am

at the Groton Senior Center

Music Improves the Brain

Kara Wetzel, Indian Hills Music

Thursday, April 14 6:30pm at the Groton Library or

Monday, April 4 9:30am at the Groton Senior Center



Meditation Strengthens the Mind Barbara Rich



Thursday, April 21 6:30pm at the Groton Public Library or

Monday, April 25 9:30am at Groton Senior Center

This program is possible through generous grants made available by:

Friends of Nashoba Valley Medical Center Community Health Network Area 9 (CHNA 9)

Special Events

Please make your reservation by calling the center, 978-448-1170

Veteran's Breakfast

Thursday, April 7 10:00am Cost: None

Nine months a year the Groton Police Union sponsor a free breakfast for our area's veterans and spouses. Head Chef, Police Chief Palma will serve eggs, sausage, bacon and hash brown potatoes with the assistance of his officers and other town employees. At each breakfast, Bob Johnson, Groton's Veterans' Agent/Veterans' Service Officer; will schedule a veterans themed presentation or speaker.

Guest Speaker: LTC Charlette K. Woodward Commander Fort Devens

Groton Women's Club Sponsored Luncheon



Wed, April 20 12:00pm
For lunch treat yourself to noodle
and ham casserole with
pineapple slices, Parker rolls and
strawberry delight for dessert.

Following lunch:
Speaker: Spring Birds
Sandy Hurd Wild Birds Unlimited

Please make your reservation b Friday, April 15 by calling the senior center, 978-448-1170.

Nashoba Tech Catered luncheon

Wednesday, April 27 12:00pm Cost: \$10 with optional tip



Entertainer:

New England Humorist David Shikes

Menu:

Seafood Casserole in a lemon and white wine sauce or Chicken Marsala

Please make your reservation by Friday, April 22. Please call the senior center, 978-448-1170.

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9:30 Board Meeting 4 9:30 Music / the Brain 10:00 Groton Swim 11:30 Strength Training 12:30 Cribbage 1:00 Coloring 1:00 Town Budget Presentation	10:00 Painting Club 10:00 Writing Creatively 10:00 Take a Walk 10:30 Hand & Foot 12:30 Mahjong	10:30 Strength Training 12:00 Pizza & Movie "Spotlight"	9:00 Yoga 7 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast 10:30 Take a Walk 10:30 Line Dancing 12:30 Hand & Foot 1:00 Tai-Chi 1:00 Police Academy 6:30 Nutrition/Brain @ Groton Library	VAN Walmart 10:00 Strength Training 10:00 Groton Swim 11:15 Hearing Screening
9:30 Nutrition Memory 10:00 Groton Swim 11:30 Strength Training 12:30 Cribbage 1:00 Coloring	10:00 Creative Creations 10:00 Garden Club 10:00 Painting Club 10:00 Writing Creatively 10:30 Take a Walk 12:30 Focus on Foot care 12:30 Hand & Foot 1:00 Mahjong	9:00 Book Club 10:30 Strength Training 12:00 Firehouse Chili	9:00 Yoga 10:30 Take a Walk 10:30 Line Dancing 12:30 Hand & Foot 1:00 Instructional Tai Chi 1:00 Police Academy 6:30 Music/Brain @ Groton Library	VAN Westford Market Basket 10:00 Strength Training 10:00 Groton Swim 12:30 Bridge
Building closed for Patriot's Day	10:00 Garden Club 10:00 Painting Club 10:00 Writing Creatively 10:30 Take a Walk 12:30 Hand & Foot 1:00 Mahjong 10:00 Peace Is Mural Painting	10:30 Strength Training 11:30 Ask the Officer 12:00 Women's Club Luncheon Speaker: Sandy Hurd "Spring Birds"	9:00 Yoga 21 10:30 Take a Walk 10:30 Line Dancing 12:30 Hand & Foot 1:00 Instructional Tai Chi 1:00 Police Academy 6:30 Mindfulness @ Groton Library	VAN Christmas Tree Shop Plaza 10:00 Strength Training 10:00 Groton Swim
9:30 Music/Brain 10:00 Groton Swim 10:30 Talk with Tom 11:30 Strength Training 12:30 Cribbage 1:00 Coloring 7:00 TOWN MEETING	10:00 Garden Club 10:00 Painting Club 10:00 Writing Creatively 10:30 Take a Walk 12:30 Hand & Foot 1:00 Mahjong	10:30 Strength Training 12:00 Nashoba Tech Luncheon Comedian: David Shikes	9:00 Yoga 10:30 Take a Walk 10:30 Line Dancing 12:30 Hand & Foot 1:00 Instructional Tai Chi 1:00 Police Academy	10:00 Cultural Excursion to: Worcester Art Museum 10:00 Strength Training 10:00 Groton Swim

Always Available

For more information and to register please call or better yet, stop in and see

If you would like a copy of our monthly newsletter e-mailed to you, please call us at the senior center, 978-448-1140 or email us. gcoa@townofgroton.org



Mondays

COA Board Meeting (1st Mon) Groton Swim Talk with Tom - Current Events (4th Mon)	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am
Supported by the Friends of Groton Elders Strength Training Cribbage Coloring, Coffee and Conversation	11:30am 12:30pm 1:00pm
Tuesdays Creative Creations One Stroke Painting Club Writing Creatively Garden Club Take a Walk with Us Hand and Foot Cards Mahjong Wednesdays	10:00am 10:00am 10:00am 10:00am 10:30am 12:30pm 1:000pm
Book Club (2nd Wed) Strength Training Groton Women's Club Luncheon (3rd Wed) with Entertainment	9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm
Sponsored by Groton Trust Lecture Fund Pizza and a Flick (Wed varies) Sponsored by Right at Home Nashoba Tech Lunch - \$10 (Wed varies) Holiday Celebrations (Wed. varies)	12:00pm 12:00pm 12:00pm
Thursdays Yoga—\$3 per class Supported by the Friends of Groton Elders Vet's Breakfast (1st Thurs)	9:00am 10:00am
Sponsored by Groton Police Association Take a Walk with Us Ask the Nurse and Blood Pressure Screenings (2nd Thurs) Presented by Nashoba Associated Boards	10:30am 11:30am
of Health & Nashoba Nursing Service & Hospice Hand and Foot Tai-Chi Fridays	12:30pm 12:30pm
Shopping - \$4 for van Groton Swim Strength Training Hearing Screenings (2nd Fri) Bridge (1st and 3rd Fri.)	9:00am 10:00am 10:00am 11:15am 12:30pm
Strength Training Hearing Screenings (2nd Fri)	10: 11:

Health and Wellness

Please register by calling the center or stop in and register at the front desk.

Instructional Tai Chi

Thursdays 1:00pm - 2:00pm Cost: \$5 per class



Tai chi is low impact and puts minimal stress on muscles and joints, making it generally safe for all fitness levels. It is known to increase balance. reducing fall risk and aid in lowering blood pressure through its meditative qualities.

Ask the Nurse

2nd Thursday of each month 11:30am April 14

Sharon Fata, R.N. Town of Groton nurse will be on hand to check your blood pressure, or simply answer your questions Presented by Nashoba Associated Boards of Health & Nashoba Nursing

Hearing Screenings

April 8

2nd Friday of each month 11:15am-1pm By Appointment Christopher Streeter, hearing specialist, will conduct

free hearing screenings and hearing aid cleanings. Please be sure to make an appointment.

Yoga

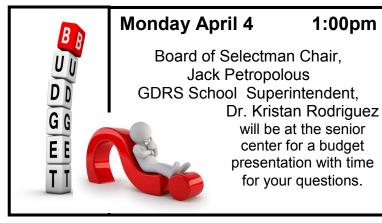
Supported by the Friends of Groton Elders. Thursdays, 9:00AM Cost: \$3.00 per class A gentle yoga class with a focus on mental peace. Work on your flexibility as you experience tranquility.

Strength Training

Mon 11:30, Wed 10:30 and Fri 10:00 Cost: \$3 per class



Elaine Corsetti, our instructor, offers just the right mix of aerobic & strength in your workout. Class is set to vibrant music.



Cultural Excursions

Transportation provided by the Council on Aging Van. Call the senior center to register, seating is limited.

Worcester Art Museum

Friday, April 29 10:00am

Cost for museum entrance \$12 for 65years and older \$14 under 65 years

The Worcester Art Museum is world-renowned for its



35,000-piece collection of paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, photography, prints, drawings and new media. The works span 5,000 years of art and culture.

View paintings by Cassatt,
Gauguin, Goya, Monet, Sargent and Whistler; admire floor mosaics from the ancient city of Antioch;

see cutting-edge contemporary art; and discover the Museum's many other treasures.

We will be at the museum 11am-2:30pm, you may have lunch at the café (average cost for salad or sandwich is \$13) or bring your own.

Pizza and a Flick

Please reserve your seat by calling the center or stop in Sponsored by *Right at Home*

Wed, April 6 12:00pm

"Spotlight"

The true story of how the Boston Globe uncovered the massive scandal of child molestation within the local Catholic Archdiocese.

Wed, May 4

12:00pm

BROOKLYN

"Brooklyn"

An Irish immigrant lands in 1950s
Brooklyn, where she quickly falls into a new romance. When her past catches up with her, however, she must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within.

Creative Creations

Please register by calling the senior center

Tuesday, April 12 10:00am

Flower Plate Garden Decor

Cost: \$5

A great addition to your garden, using colored class plates and bowls these colorful creations bring a smile to everyone and a great conversation piece for your garden.

This class is sponsored by Nashoba Real Estate

Tuesday, April 26 10:00am

Pinecone Zinnias

Cost: None

Wait until you see these! Colorful and showy in a bowl or basket. Make some for yourself and help us by making some for centerpieces to use at the Gay 90's.



Intergenerational Mural

Tuesday, April 19 10:00am

Join Groton Girl Scout Troop #65203 for the extraordinary opportunity to cross generational lines, talk about what *Peace Is* while we create a lasting mural illustrating our thoughts. Each participate will receive an 8 X 11 rectangle to create a collage depicting your picture of what peace is. When complete each piece will be joined to create an Intergenerational Mural of Peace. Supplies will be provided but also feel free to bring your items to decoupage.

No art experience is needed, only LIFE experience

Please register by calling the senior center, 978-448-1170

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Transportation Information

Lahey, Mass General, Brigham and Women's, Dana Farber, Emerson Hospital, Boston VA and Bedford VA

Serving outlying Medical services

Boston, Concord, Burlington, and the VA

This service is also open to residents in surrounding towns, however the van will leave from the Groton Senior Center for non-residents.

Wednesday: Serving **Boston area hospitals** Mass General, Dana Farber, Brigham & Women's, Boston VA Please make your appointments between the hours of 11am and 1pm.

Thursdays: Serving **Emerson, Lahey and Bedford VA**Please make your appointments between the hours of 10am and 2pm.

Round Trip Fees: Boston \$15, Emerson \$5, others \$10 No charge for the Va

This is a new service with policies subject to change. Please call if you absolutely cannot get an appointment within the requested hours and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Local Trips

within Groton, Pepperell, Shirley, Townsend, Westford, Ayer, Harvard and Littleton

Medical Social Shopping

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays: Van leaves COA at 9:30am Mondays and 8:30am Tuesdays and Thursdays with last trip completed by 3:00pm.

Wednesdays: Visit to Loaves and Fishes (no charge for this) the van leaving the COA at 11:00am and with the last trip completed by 3:00pm

Fridays: Special shopping trips and senior center activities

Friday Special Shopping: 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

1st Friday: Shopping on DW Highway, Nashua The mall, Savers, BJ's, Trader Joe's back to Mall 2nd Friday: Shopping in Lunenburg: Wal-Mart

3rd Friday: Westford Market Basket Plaza (afternoon)

4th Friday: Nashua Drop at BJ's or Christmas Tree

Kohls, Burlington Coat, LL Bean

Reservations for all COA Van rides must be made using the COA Van line, 978-448-1141.

Reservations will not be accepted on the general phone line. Please leave a message with name, phone number, time of appointment and location. Staff will return your call by the end of the workday. Reservations are filled on a first come, first serve basis. When you make your reservation please let staff know if you are transported by a wheelchair.

Coloring Coffee Conversation



Every Monday 1-3pm

This has been so popular we're keeping it going! Coloring is said to reduce stress, tap into your creativity and encourage mindfulness. Join us for great conversation while we all see what the craze is all about.

Focus on Footcare

April 12 May 10 Appointments beginning at 12:30pm

During your visit you can expect a 30 minute appointment which will include; assessment, nail clipping, filing callus reduction and, completing the appointment, a gentle massage. Each appointment is \$30 Provider:

Sarah Kinghorn: BSN RN CFCN

Join the Council on Aging at the **Shanklin Music Hall**

Sunday, April 10 2:00pm



A musical afternoon on the keys of the Mason & Hamlin Grand Piano

and *Mighty Wurlitzer Pipe Organ*

Van transportation is available
Please call the senior center to register
for the event and/or the van

Day Trips with Jay Darrin

Tuesday, April 19 Silver Fountain Tea Parlor

Dover, NH

Cost is \$48 for lunch and transportation



We'll enjoy their Duchess of Bedford High Tea as a filling. leisurely lunch in the elegant tea room with an opportunity to tour

the Inn. Following this delightful lunch we will head to Portsmouth where you will have some free time for the shops or the gardens at Prescott Park. We will depart the senior center at 10am and return 4:30pm. On sale now for residents and non-residents.

Thursday, May 26 **Charles River Sightseeing Cruise** Cambridge, MA

Cost is \$37 for cruise and transportation

(Lunch is on your own) Enjoy a leisurely, narrated late morning cruise along the Charles River. We'll enjoy beautiful views of the Boston skyline as we cruise past the Harvard and MIT campuses. Following our cruise you'll have free time at the CambridgeSide Galleria to find a spot for lunch, shop or people watch. On sale

April 4 for Groton residents April 18 for non-residents

Thursday, June 30

Salem Sound Aboard the Endeavor Salem, MA

Cost is \$53 for cruise, brunch and transportation Following brunch at Red's we'll board the canopy-covered. Motorized catamaran Endeavour for a narrated tour of Salem Sound featuring Marblehead, Salem, Manchester-by-the-Sea and Beverly. On sale

> May 2 for Groton residents May 16 for non-residents

Please register by calling the senior center, 978-448-1170.



Thursdays

10:30-11:30 AM

Cost: \$25 for six weeks or \$5 per class drop in

Open to all levels of dancers. Beginners can come early for a bit of private instruction, please just ask! A great way to exercise with upbeat music. Leave feeling invigorated, energetic and positive! Instructor: Barb Longfellow

Talk with Tom

Discussion Group with Tom Hartnett April 25

4th Monday of the month 10:30 AM

Join Tom Hartnett, previous Town of Groton Treasurer, for a stimulating conversation about local stories and politics. Topics are driven by participants.

Let's Talk About Food

April 28, 2016 at 11 a.m.

Come learn about healthy eating with Christin Saucier. RD from



Montachusett **Opportunity Council!** She'll be introducing MyPlate, talking about incorporating fruits and vegetables into our daily

lives, and how healthy eating effects the immune system.

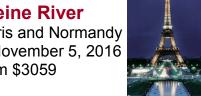
Merry Trippers

St. Petersburg to Moscow Cruise

September 16-27, 2016 From \$2849

The Seine River

Featuring Paris and Normandy October 28-November 5, 2016 From \$3059



Flyers available at the Senior Center or call Nyola, 978-692-8608

Music Appreciation

Collaboration with Indian Hill Music held at the Groton Senior Center

Four Tuesdays in May May 3, 10, 17 and 24 1pm-2pm

Come join us to listen, learn and discuss a variety of music styles and genres throughout Music History. This class will be lead by Kara Wetzel, BMEd. MA. MT-BC who is a Music Educator and Music Therapist at Indian Hill Music School. Over the course of 4 weeks, we will cover Medieval. Renaissance, Classical, Romantic, 20th-Century and International Music. exploring composers and their music together. No knowledge of music is required, and all are welcome to learn more about the various styles of music and how to listen and enjoy music on a new level. Please call the senior center to register, 978-448-1170.



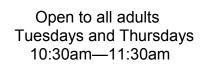
Delizioso!

The Groton Fire Department is treating Groton Seniors to a fabulous dinner! Spaghetti &meatballs for all!



Wednesday, May 11 4:00pm at the Fire Station

Please call the senior center to register by Friday, May 6



At the Peter Twomey Center **Located on the Middle School campus** (behind the middle school)

A great way to get exercise, walk with friends, meet new ones. COA staff will meet you there, play some music to boost the energy then we start chatting and walking!

Groton Senior Golf League



Open to "55 and over" men and women who enjoy a fun and casual get-together every Tuesday morning, from May to October.

> Play 9 holes of golf Cookout lunch every other week

We have a very wide range of abilities (9 hole handicaps from 5 to 34), but we are not a first-time golfer league. We can establish a beginning handicap for anyone who has played and scored at least five 9-hole rounds of golf.

For more information please contact:

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