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# ABOT X

February 2019

978-448-1170 Hours: M-F 8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **Protect Yourself from Scammers**

Everyday there seems to be a new scam on the horizon. Seems there are those that have nothing better to do than to think of new ways to hurt people. On the AARP website there are 28 different categories of scams including; gift card, funeral, debt collection, charity, government grant, Nigerian, Social Security, romance, W-4, IRS and more. At our January Lunch and Learn DA Marion Ryan presented on scams that are common and some not so common ones however, there is always the first time someone is hit by a new unscrupulous trick. Some things you should be alerted to:

- 1. Never send money to someone you have not met face-to-face.
- 2. When searching through the internet, don't click on links or open attachments in unsolicited email. Never open an attachment that ends in ".exe". This is an "execute" command allowing an outsider access to your computer.
- 3. Just because something looks official doesn't mean it is, unfortunately, even caller ID can be faked.
- 4. Shopping on line is convenient however don't buy unless the transaction is secure –the website should have "https" in its web address and a small lock symbol on the address bar.
- 5. Never share personally identifiable information with someone who has contacted you unsolicited. This is not just on-line but any where, some scammers may knock on your door.
- 6. Don't feel pressure to act quickly whether you are on-line or in person.
- 7. Use secure traceable payment methods: checks or credit cards no cash.
- 8. Never use unusual forms of payments. There have been scammers that have asked for prepaid debit cards or gift cards or wire transfers and third party payments.

#### To report a scam:

Federal Trade Commission (FTC): 877-3824357.

Massachusetts Attorney General Elected: 2014, 2018 1 Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108-1698 (617) 727-2200

https://www.mass.gov/orgs/office-of-attorney-general-maura-healey

#### **Mission Statement:**

The Groton COA serves as the community focal point promoting independence of older adults, through information and referral, support, health and wellness, socialization and education. Providing opportunities for all individuals as they age by leveraging resources, developing a sustainable future, and engaging in strong partnerships and collaborations.

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# Council on Aging Outreach and Support

Please call Stacey Shepard Jones, COA Outreach Coordinator, 978-448-1170

# Why everyone should have their own File of Life:



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What medications are they taking?
Who do they want us to call?
How do we contact their family or friends?

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File of Life has already saved thousands of lives. It is an absolute asset to emergency preparedness, and peace of mind for every household.

File of Life has a magnetic strip on the back and should be put on your refrigerator once completely filled out. Each person in the household should fill one out.

File of Life packets are available at the Groton Fire Department or the Groton Council on Aging (at our temporary location at 185 Lost Lake Drive).



The Groton COA and Groton Public Library have collaborated to offer a Mobile Library available to Groton seniors unable to go to the library. Please call us at 978-448-1170.

#### **NEWS FROM SHINE FEBRUARY 2019**



#### **New From Medicare!**

Beginning in 2019 Medicare will have a NEW Medicare
Advantage Plan Open
Enrollment period. This new period will run from January 1st to March 31st of each year. During this

timeframe you can change to another Medicare Advantage Plan. You can also leave your Medicare Advantage Plan and return to Original Medicare and pick up a drug plan and supplement coverage.

YOU MUST BE IN A MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN ON JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OEP.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Always remember that if you are turning 65 you should contact Social Security to enroll in Medicare. Medicare has no connection to your eligibility for Social Security benefits. Also, coverage from the heath connector does not exempt you from this this requirement. You will lose your health connector subsidy when you turn 65.

If you have questions please contact the SHINE regional office at 1.800.243.4636 option#3.

The Central Mass Region has recently launched it website. You can visit us at <a href="www.shinema.org">www.shinema.org</a>. Our site has valuable general information and links to other agencies that can assist you with you insurance needs.

Trained SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) volunteers can help you! They offer free, unbiased, confidential counseling on all aspects of health insurance to anyone on Medicare. Call the Groton Council on Aging and ask for a SHINE appointment. You can also call 1-800-AGE-INFO (1-800-243-4636), then press or say 3. Once you get the SHINE answering machine, leave your name and number. A volunteer will call you back. You can now visit us on the internet at shinema.org

#### **Veteran's Breakfast** Held at Central Fire Station



First Thursday of the month Thursday, February 7 10:00am At the Central Fire Station **Cost: None** 

**Speaker: Hanscom Air Force Base** Professional Firefighters of Groton Local 4879 and the Groton Firefighter's Association sponsor a free breakfast for our area's veterans and spouses. Head Chef, Fire Lieutenant Tyler Shute, with the

assistance of Groton's First Responders, will serve up a hearty meal with the promise no one will go home hungry!

## Pizza and a Flick

Held at Central Fire Station This program is made possible through the generous donation of Ebi and Desiree Masalehdan

> 12:00pm February 6 **First Man**

*First Man* is the riveting story behind the first manned mission to the moon, focusing on Neil Armstrong and the decade leading to the historic Apollo 11 flight. A visceral and intimate account told from Armstrong's perspective.

> March 6 12:00pm The Wife

this movie is rated R for some sexual content and language



Starring Glenn Close (nominated for golden Globe for this role) Joan and Joe remain complements after nearly 40 years of marriage. Joe enjoys his very public role as the great American novelist, Joan pours her considerable intellect, grace,

charm and diplomacy into the private role of a great man's wife. As Joe is about to be awarded the Nobel Prize for his acclaimed and prolific body of work, Joan starts to think about the shared compromises, secrets and betrayals.

# **Groton Women's Club** sponsored luncheon

Held at the Groton Country Club

Wed, February 20 12:00pm



For lunch enjoy Spiral Ham, Beans, KFC Cole Slaw , Corn Bread and Raspberry Yogurt Pie for dessert will fill you for lunch and then we will tap your brain for entrainment! Trivia is on the menu hosted by your COA staff.

This program is made possible through the generous support of the Groton Trust Program and Lecture Fund.

> Reservations needed by Fri., 2/15 Please call. 978-448-1170.

# Pinterest with Kathy and Kathy

Lost lake Fire Station

#### **Alcohol Ink**

Monday, February 25 12:30pm Cost: none



No experience necessary, you can't make a mistake! Join us for a fun afternoon complete with great conversation and create your own tiles using alcohol ink.



## **Rustic Eggs**

Friday, March 22 and Monday, March 25 12:30pm Cost: none

Using decoupage create these beautiful rustic eggs to display in your home or give as a gift.

Please call the COA to register, 978-448-1170. Samples available at the COA.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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Mondays	
Documentaries (Mon varies)	1:00pm
Strength Training	11:30am
Groton Swim	10:00pm
COA Board Meeting (3rd Mon)	1:00pm
Tuesdays	1.00ріп
Take a Walk	10:30am
Pickleball	10.30am
Creative Creations	10:00am
One Stroke Painting Club	10:00am
Writing Creatively	10:00am
Garden Club	10:00am
Hand and Foot Cards	12:30pm
Mahjong	12:30pm
Hearing Screenings (2nd Fri)	11:15am
Wednesdays	
Book Club (2nd Wed)	9:30am
Pilates	9:30am
Strength Training	10:30am
Groton Women's Club Luncheon (3rd Wed)	12:00pm
Sponsored by Groton Trust Lecture Fund	12.00pm
Pizza and a Flick (Wed varies)	12:00pm
Sponsored by Ebi and Desiree Masalehdan	
Nashoba Tech Lunch - \$10 (Wed varies)	12:00pm
Holiday Celebrations (Wed. varies)	12:00pm
Lunch and Learn (4th Wed)	12:00pm
Sponsored by RiverCourt Residences	•
Thursdays	
Yoga—\$3 per class	9:00am
Supported by the Friends of Groton Elders	
Line Dancing Beginners	9:45am
Take A Walk	10:30am
Line Dancing Advance Beginners	10:45am
Pickleball	11:30am
Vet's Breakfast (1st Thurs)	10:00am
Sponsored by Groton Police Association	
Ask the Nurse	
and Blood Pressure Screenings (2nd Thurs)	11:30am
Presented by Nashoba Associated Boards	
of Health & Nashoba Nursing Service & Hospice	
Tech Support (3rd Thursday)	10:00am
Meditation	7:00pm
Fridays	
Shopping - \$4 for van	9:00am
Take Walk	9:30am
Strength Training	10:00am
Groton Swim	10:00pm
Bridge (1st and 3rd Fri.)	12:30pm
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If you would like a copy of our monthly newsletter e-mailed to you, please call us at the senior center, 978-448-1170 or email us, gcoa@townofgroton.org.

# Hearing Screenings at Lost Lake Fire Station



Tuesday, February 19

3rd Tuesday of each month 1:30 - 2:30pm By Appointment

Hearing screenings and hearing aid cleanings. Please be sure to make an appointment by calling the center.



Due to limited resources the AARP Tax
Preparation program there will be no
service at the Groton or Lunenburg COAs.
Please call one of the senior centers listed
below to schedule your appointment. Please
remember appointments are scheduled on
a first come first serve basis with limited
availability.

Townsend 978.597.1710 Pepperell 978.433.0326 Ayer 978.772.8260 Littleton 978.540.2470

If you are interested in volunteering as a tax preparer for 2019 returns please call Roger Kipp at 978-597-6207. AARP provides extraordinary training for its volunteers.

# Writing Creatively at Legion Hall

#### Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 am

There are many people who know how to write, but may not know how to write creatively. In this seminar, participants will write every week on topics of their choice and then share their work with other seminar participants. With peer critiques, we will learn valuable editing skills and how to turn ideas into prose.

The final product will be something

The final product will be something that makes you happy.

Leader: Richard Meibers. After graduating from Hunter College in the 60's and working as a therapist, Richard began his career as a professional writer.

# 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, Waltham 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, St. Elizabeth. Please make your appointments between the hours of 11am and 1pm.

Monday, Tuesday and Fridays: Serving Concord, Waltham, Lahey and Bedford VA and surrounding area.

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.

Please call if you absolutely cannot get an appointment within the requested days and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Medical

Local Trips
Social Shopping

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

**Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays**: First pick ups 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 **10:00am** and with the last trip completed by **2:00pm**.

Fridays: Special shopping trips.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Friday: Shopping on DW Highway, Nashua The mall, Savers, BJ's, Trader Joe's back to Mall 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday: Shopping in Lunenburg: Wal-Mart 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday: Westford Market Basket Plaza (afternoon) 4<sup>th</sup> Friday: Nashua Drop at BJ's or Christmas Tree Shop, Kohls, Burlington Coat Factory, LL Bean.

Round Trip Fees: Trips to Senior Center no charge

In-Town \$3.00 roundtrip 12 Ride Voucher \$30 Out-of-Town \$4.00 roundtrip 12 Ride Voucher \$40

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

Reservations cannot 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.

# Inspire Health

#### **Bone Builders**

Tuesdays, 10:30am no cost at Lost Lake Thursdays, 10:30am no cost at Lost Lake

#### **Pickleball**

**Twomey Center** 

Tuesdays, 11:30am no cost Thursdays, 11:30am no cost

#### **Groton Swim**

Groton School Pool Mondays, 10-11am no cost Fridays, 10-11am no cost

#### Line Dancing Country Club

**Beginners** 

Thursdays 9:45am \$5 per class
Advance Beginners
Thursdays 10:45am \$5 per class

#### **Strength Training**

Lost Lake Fire Station

Mondays, 11:30am \$4 per class Wednesdays, 10:30am \$4 per class Fridays, 10:00am \$4per class

#### **Pilates**

Lost Lake Fire Station
Wednesdays, 9:30am Cost varies

#### Yoga

Lost Lake Fire Station
Thursdays, 9am \$3 per class

#### Meditation

Lost Lake Fire Station Thursdays, 7pm No cost

### Walk with Us

at the Twomey Center

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30am Thursdays, 10:30-11:30am Fridays, 9:30-10:30am

### Yoga

at Lost Lake Fire Station

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.



#### **Mahjong**

#### Tuesdays 12:30pm Cost: none

Mahjong, is a popular Chinese game played with sets of tiles. Like many popular games, Mahjong has a small infinity of regional variations, from the Chinese prevailing wind system, to the American Mahjong with special bingo-like scoring cards.

Join us anytime!

#### **Hand & Foot**

Tuesday 12:30pm Cost: none

Hand and Foot is a North American card game related to Canasta, in which each player is dealt two sets of cards - the hand, which is played first, and the foot, which is played when the hand has been used up. There are numerous variations of this game and no standard rules. A quick and easy game to learn, always room for newcomers!

#### **Bridge**

1st and 3rd Fridays 12:30pm Cost: none

Bridge is a member of the family of trick-taking games; a game of strategy, memory, tactics, probability, and communication.

# JOY OF LIVING Meditation Group



7:00 PM Thursdays at the Lost Lake Fire Station

Each session includes teaching meditation with clear instructions on the basics of meditation practice, guidelines for daily practice, advice for bringing mindfulness into your everyday life, and questions to reflect upon throughout the week.

No registration necessary, simple join in!
There is no charge for this program.

## **Documentary**

Monday, February 11 12:30pm Lost Lake Fire Station

# Abacus Small Enough to Jail Running time 88 minutes

Academy Award nominated for best documentary, Abacus: Small Enough to Jail tells



the incredible saga of the Chinese immigrant Sung family, owners of Abacus Federal Savings of Chinatown, New York. Accused of mortgage fraud by Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., Abacus becomes the only U.S. bank to face criminal charges in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis. It

was deemed "small enough to jail" rather than
"too big to fail", became the only financial
institution to actually face criminal charges
following the subprime mortgage crisis

Next documentary: March 11, 1:00pm

Faces Places

## Book Club at Legion Hall

February 13 9:30 AM 2nd Wednesday

February's Book
The Masterpiece by
Fiona Davis

Each month read along with the group then meet the 2nd Wednesday to share your thoughts and listen to those of the other group members.



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#### Co-Sponsored by Groton Public Library and **Groton Neighbors**

**Sunday Afternoon Movie and Conversation** "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

Sunday, February 24, 1:30 pm **Richardson-Mees Performing Arts Center** Lawrence Academy, Powderhouse Rd. Groton, MA

Won't You Be My Neighbor? takes an intimate look at America's favorite neighbor: Mister Fred Rogers. Our post-movie facilitated conversation will address the ways we can build strong neighborhoods that support the social and emotional growth of our children. Registration is not necessary.





Hungry for Knowledge?

This program is made possible through the generosity of RiverCourt Residences

#### Long term Care What are the Choices?

Wednesday, February 27 at the Country Club

Presented by:

#### Lauren Watts, CDP, CSA

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Making decisions for long term care can be complicated and daunting. Whether you are making decisions for yourself or a loved one, the questions seem endless and the answers hard to find.

Please join us with Lauren Watts, a certified Senior Advisor and expert in long term care, for a presentation on long term care choices and options. There will be time for your questions.

> Please call for your reservation by Friday, 2/22, 978-448-1170.

#### Focus on Footcare at Lost Lake Fire Station

#### 10am-1:30pm February 12

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 \$35 Provider: Sarah Kinghorn: BSN RN CFCN



### Walk with Us

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30—11:30am Fridays 9:30-10:30am

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