# Jenier Moments

# A Season of Gratitude and Joy

As we wrap up another wonderful year filled with programs, friendship, and fun, we're deeply grateful for our members and volunteers who make our community so special.

We're looking forward to another exciting year ahead, filled with new programs, events, and opportunities to come together.

Wishing you a cozy, healthy, and happy holiday season!

Your friends from the

Department of Elder Affairs ~ Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center



# Department of Elder Affairs ~ Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center

Program Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30am-3:30pm ~ Office Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm ~ 413-787-6785

# Director of Elder Affairs Roy Goodman

**Golden Age Club** 413-787-6486 / 413-886-5104

Service Employment Program (SCSEP) 413-787-6785

S.H.I.N.E.

413-750-2893

Computer Learning Center 413-750-2090

> Outreach Program 413-787-6124

Notary Public

Call 413-787-6633 for details Dashima Washington Ortiz

> Hungry Hill Center 413-733-9411

Clodo Concepcion Center 413-750-2873

**North End Center** 413-886-5240

#### Council on Aging Board Members

Maurita Bledsoe Magda Colon Teresa Concepcion Olga Ellis Donald Evans John Jordan Donald Roberts

Greater Springfield Senior Services 413-781-8800

PVTA

413-781-7882

Domestic Violence 1-877-785-2020

24/7 Crisis Behavioral Health Network

413-733-6661

National Distress Hotline 1-800-985-5990

Rooted In Our Mission!

# Greetings!

As we approach the winter months of November and December, with cooler air, the holidays are here, and our Senior Centers begin to shine with seasonal cheers. It's that time for connection, celebrations and thankfulness, however it is also time that we all become vigilant.

Unfortunately, the holiday season can bring an increase in scams and identity theft targeting older adults. It could come from phone calls, a fake charity request, or a too good to be true online deal, scammers often prey on someone's generosity.

After doing some research, here are a few tips to keep in mind:

Be cautious with unfamiliar calls or emails. Never share personal information unless you're absolutely sure who you're speaking with.

Watch out for fake gift card or sweepstakes offers. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

**Protect your identity.** Shred sensitive documents, use strong passwords, and monitor your bank statements regularly.

Verify charities before donating. Use trusted websites to confirm legitimacy.

Here at the Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center, we continue to have informational Live & Learn Series on a monthly basis, a big thank you to our staff members that bring in outside vendors to educate us all on these topics.

Let's look out for one another this season—check in on neighbors, share a warm drink, and spread kindness. If you ever feel unsure about something, don't hesitate to reach out to the senior center staff. We're here to help.

God Bless you all and Happy Holidays!!!

Roy Goodman
Executive Director

### Mission Statement

The Department of Elder Affairs: where we encourage everyone to create their own handbook for aging well via services and programs that support living better.

# Health & Wellness

# TOTALLY YOU! (Fitness Room)

Our fitness instructor will guide you Join us for a fun, low impact line along to achieve your ultimate wellness goals!

No appointments required Daily ~ 7:00am-3:00pm

# STRENGTH & STRETCH

Warm-up consists of 30 minutes of walking, followed by 30 minutes of standing & seated stretching exercises with resistance strength bands. Work at your own pace and ability.

> Tuesday & Thursday 1:00pm-1:45pm

### Pickle Ball

A fun and social sport that is easy to play that mixes tennis, badminton, and ping-pong.

Monday & Wednesday 1:00pm-3:00pm Thursday ~ 8:00am - 10:00am Friday ~ 9:00am - 11:00am

### Move & Groove Chair Exercise

A fun, low-impact workout set to music! Improve strength, flexibility, and balance, all while moving at your own

Monday ~ 10:00am-11:30am

#### Tai-Chi

An Ancient Chinese Tradition & Graceful Form of Exercise. Tai Chi can improve: Balance, Weight, Cholesterol, Blood Pressure, Diabetes and Calming of the mind. For All Abilities.

Tuesday ~ 9:00am - 10:00m

#### Self Defense

Learn techniques to stay safe and confident in everyday situations. Our Senior Self-Defense class focuses on awareness, simple movements, and strategies designed for all abilities.

Tuesday ~ 10:15am-11:15am

# Step & Slide Line Dance

dance class with today's hottest songs and easy to follow moves.

Wednesday ~ 9:15am - 10:15am

# Gentle Chair Yoga

This yoga class offers a focused series of movements and poses that bring body, breath and mind together. Every Body is welcome.

Wednesday ~ 10:30am - 11:30am

### Corn hole

Time for some free play cornhole! The boards are open, so bring you're A-game or just have a blast with friends

Let's get tossing!

*Monday* ~ 8:30am-9:30am Friday ~ 12:00pm-1:30pm

# Sewing with Yoyce

#### **Intermediate Class**

Mondays 8:30am-10:00am

#### **Beginners Class**

Thursday 1:00pm-3:00pm

No registration required



# COMPUTER LAB

8:30am-12:00pm

### Expand Your Knowledge

- Basic Computer
- Laptops
- Microsoft Word ~ Basic
- **Smart Phones**
- **Tablets**
- Zoom Conferencing

Call 413-787-6785 for more information

# A FEW OF MY favorite things

# **BILLIARDS ROOM**

Monday-Friday 7:00am-3:00pm

# **BOOK CLUB**

3rd Thursday 10:00am - 11:00am

#### **BROWN BAG**

3rd Thursday Distribution 11:00am - 12:00pm

### **CROCHET CLUB**

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am-11:30am

# **DEVOTIONAL MOMENTS**

Mondays 10:30am

If you're unable to attend in-person, you're welcome to us join by phone.

> Call 1-978-990-5000 Access code: 294099#

# **DOMINOS**

Monday ~ Friday 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Funding for many of our programs and activities is provided by Council on Aging grants from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs at the Commonwealth of MA, CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) and the Federal Administration for Community Living

Don't Miss Out out on Upcoming Events

Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center ~ 1476 Roosevelt Avenue, Springfield, MA 01109

# **CARE, SHARE & CONNECT**

With Libby Overly, M.Ed, M.S.W., LICSW 2nd Thursday of Each Month



1:00pm

**Next Meetings:** 

November 13, 2025 / December 11, 2025

Join our support group for your well-being, self-care, encouragement, shared experiences and helpful resources

Please visit our Welcome Center or call 413-787-6785 to register or for more information.

> **Housing Help Hub** Friday, November 14, 2025 Friday, December 12, 2025

> > 12:30pm-2:30pm

We will help you with

- Completing housing applications
- Searching for available housing online
- **Gathering verifications**
- Making calls to check for application status

**Registration Required** See Nikki Brookens or call 413-787-6124



Last Friday of each month 12:00pm-1:00pm

# MEN'S ROUND TABLE

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month Men's Breakfast ~ November 19th

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December 17th 10:00am-11:30am **Light refreshments** Registration Required

# MOCKTAIL HAPPY HOUR

Visit Welcome Center for Dates. 12:30pm-1:30pm

Appetizers ~ Music ~ Trivia **Limited Space** Registration required

# **Holiday Spirit Week**

With Ali & Ari Week of December 15 through December 19, 2025

Details coming soon!

# Women's Group

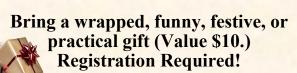
Women's Giving

Celebrate the season and hour and appreciate the amazing women we are

November 14, 20204 9:30am-11:30am Pot Luck Registration Required!

# White Elephant Gift Exchange

December 10, 2025 9:30am-11:30am



Visit our Welcome Center or call
413-787-6785 for more information or to register
for either of these events!

# Art Group With Alj

Fall Leaves Snow Globe



Holiday Tree Ornament

December 5, 2025 9:30am

Refreshments will be served

Registration required for each craft!

Please visit our Welcome Center or call 413-787-6785 for more information or to register.

# Live & Learn Series

At Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center 1476 Roosevelt Avenue, Springfield, MA

Estate Planning with Attorney Marie T. Jablonski Thursday, November 6, 2025

Scam Education with Springfield Police Department, FBI and IRS

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

All Live and Learn programs begin at 11:30am.
No registration required

# **CLUBHOUSE**

INDOOR GOLF SIMULATOR

**GOLF** 

Swing into fun at Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center Our newest addition to programming. Experience golf like never before.

Tuesdays ~ 1:00pm-2:30pm Wednesdays ~ 1:00pm-2:30pm Thursday ~ 9:00am-11:00am

**Registration Required.** 

Visit our Welcome Center or call 413-787-6785 to sign up.

#### Need a Hand... Page 6 Let Our Outreach Division Help!



Our goal is to keep individuals as independent as possible while living at home or with loved ones. For those in need, we will advocate and make connections to in-home services.

We offer many services for Springfield residents. Requirements vary.

- ♦ Assistance with housing search and applications
- **Brown Bag Distributions**
- **Education Workshops**
- **Fuel Assistance**
- **Real Estate Abatements (Income Eligible)**
- Referrals to community programs such as (but not limited to):
  - Meals on Wheels
  - In-home service
  - Transportation options
- ♦ SNAP (Food Stamps)

City of Springfield discount programs

- -Property tax exemptions
- -Trash Discount Fee & more
- -Water and Sewer Discount

#### Contact us at:

City of Springfield~ Department of Elder Affairs 1476 Roosevelt Ave, Springfield, MA 413-787-6124.

The Outreach Division is supported through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Federal Administration for Community Living.

# Ofrecemos estos servicios para adultos de 55 en

- Asistencia con la búsqueda y solicitud de vivienda
- Asistencia con el programa de nutrición suplementaria (SNAP)
- Referencias a programas comunitarios como (pero no limitado a):
  - Comidas sobre ruedas
  - Servicios a domicilio
  - Opciones de transporte
- Despensa de compra las ubicaciones
- Asistencia con aplicaciones de ayuda de calefac-
- Descuentos De La Cuidad de Springfield de estos programas:
  - Exenciones de impuestos sobre la propiedad
  - agua y alcantarilla
  - y tarifa de basura y otras
- Taller de Educación y Información

Ciudad de Springfield Departamento de Asuntos de la Tercera Edad Contáctenos al: (413)787-6124

1476 Roosevelt Ave. Spfld., MA 01109

La División de Extensión cuenta con el apoyo de la Oficina Ejecutiva de Asuntos de la Tercera Edad de Massachusetts y la Administración Federal para la Vida Comunitaria



# **Next Brown Bag**

Distribution At Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center 1476 Roosevelt Avenue, Springfield, MA Y1CK-up Thursday, November 20, 2025 & December 18, 2025



# **Important Notice**

Brown bags will no longer be held at front desk. Bags will be stored under the stairs. Bags will only be held until the end of brown bag day.

All volunteers please arrive at 9:00am

Many Hands Make LIGHT Work

For more details call 413-787-6124

To find more information about our programs please visit our website www.springfield-ma.gov/hhs/elderaffairs or Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/elderaffairsspringfield



# Did you miss the Fall Open Enrollment? Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment ends March 31, 2026

Did you know that if you're unhappy with your Medicare Advantage Plan (Medicare Part C), you have options? Each year, there's a Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period from January 1 – March 31. During this time, if you're in a Medicare Advantage Plan and want to change your health plan, you can do one of these:

- Switch to a different Medicare Advantage Plan
- Go back to Original Medicare and, if needed, also join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan

If you switch Medicare Advantage Plans, your new coverage will start the first day of the next month.

The Medicare Plan Finder can help you find, compare, and enroll in a new Medicare Advantage Plan or a Medicare drug plan in your area. You can also call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for help. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

The Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period isn't for people who have Original Medicare

It's important to understand and be confident in your Medicare coverage choices. If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan and want to change your plan, check out your options to-day. Remember, this Medicare Advantage Plan Open Enrollment Period ends March 31.

To schedule a phone appointment with a SHINE Volunteer Counselor for free and unbiased Medicare Counseling, please call MassOptions at 1-800-243-4636. For information on other State Health Insurance Programs in other states and territories please visit-www.shiphelp.org

Trained SHINE volunteers offer free, confidential counseling on all aspects of health insurance to anyone on Medicare. For Medicare related matters (other than an appointment), call MassOptions 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, as soon as possible.



# ¿Olvidaste la inscripción abierta de otoño? La Inscripción Abierta de Medicare Advantage Finaliza el 31 de Marzo 2026

¿Sabes que si no está satisfecho con su Plan Medicare Advantage (Medicare Parte C), tiene opciones? Cada año, hay un período de inscripción abierta de Medicare Advantage del primer de enero al 31 de marzo. Durante este tiempo, si está en un plan Medicare Advantage y desea cambiar su plan de salud, puede hacer una de las siguientes:

- Cambie a un plan Medicare Advantage diferente.
- Vuelva a Medicare Original y, si es necesario, también únase a un Plan de Medicamentos (Parte D) de Medicare.

Si cambia el Plan de Medicare Advantage o regresa a Medicare Original, su nueva cobertura comenzará el primer día el próximo mes.

El Buscador de Planes de Medicare puede ayudarle a encontrar, comparar e inscribirse en un nuevo Plan Medicare Advantage o un plan de medicamentos de Medicare en su área. También puede llamar al 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) para obtener ayuda. Los usuarios de TTY pueden llamar al 1-877-486-2048.

El Período de Inscripción Abierta de Medicare Advantage no es para personas que ya tienen Medicare Original.

Es importante entender y tener confianza en sus opciones de cobertura de Medicare. Si tiene un plan Medicare Advantage y desea cambiar su plan, consulte sus opciones hoy mismo. Recuerde que este período de inscripción abierta del plan Medicare Advantage finaliza el 31 de marzo.

Para programar una cita telefónica gratuita con un consejero imparcial voluntario de Medicare, llame a MassOptions al 1-800-243-4636 para una cita de SHINE. Para obtener información sobre los programas estatales de seguro médico en otros estados y territorios, visite <a href="www.shiphelp.org">www.shiphelp.org</a>

Los voluntarios capacitados de SHINE ofrecen asesoramiento gratuito y confidencial sobre todos los aspectos del seguro de salud a cualquier persona que tenga Medicare. Para asuntos relacionados con Medicare (aparte de una cita), llame a MassOptions al 1-800-243-4636, luego presione o diga 3. Una vez que obtenga el mensaje de SHINE, deje un su nombre y número. Un voluntario le devolverá la llamada lo antes posible.

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# \*\*IMPORTANT\*\*

In the event of a winter storm it is important to listen to your local news:



For delays and cancellations.

Please remember when

Springfield Public Schools are Closed

there are NO Activities

at the Department Of Elder Affairs,

All Senior Centers and Golden Age Clubs.

The closings will show listings as:
Springfield Senior Centers
Council on Aging and Golden Age Clubs.

If you are unsure please call 413-787-6785.

Friendly Reminders



# Department of Elder Affairs Senior Centers

Will be closed

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 Thursday, November 27, 2025 Thursday, December 25, 2025 &

Thursday, January 1, 2026



Springfield Department of Elder Affairs ~ SCSEP



# Senior Community Service Employment Program

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is the nation's oldest job training program to help unemployed individuals age 55 and older find work.

Admin. Assistant

CNA

**Human Service** 

**School Cafeteria** 

Receptionist

Retail

Driver

**Food Service** 

... and more

- · You must be 55 years of age or older
- You must be UNEMPLOYED
- · Resident of Hampden or Hampshire County
- Income Limit (single \$15,613.00\*; married \$21,138.00\*
- · Legally able to work in the US.
- Pass a CORI (Criminal records check)



#### **NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

To inquire about SCSEP please call 413-787-6785.

Experienced Workers Get Paid to Train While Job Searching



The center for workforce inclusion's Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is unded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration. SCSEP is a equal opportunity program. Auxillary aides and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.



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# Springfield Golden Age Club

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Top Officers

**President**Donald Roberts

1st Vice President

Oliver Kerr *Treasurer* 

Maureen Whitehead

Secretary
Betty Wallace

Hungry Hill Vice President Martha Kelliher

Sixteen Acres Vice President Don Roberts

Winchester Square Vice President Vivian Brantley

For more information or questions on becoming a Golden Age Club member please call 413-787-6486

Mondays

Winchester Sq. Branch ~ 1:00pm
Independence House-Community Room

openion in all community from

Hungry Hill Branch ~ 1:00pm 1st & 3rd Tues. Hungry Hill Senior Center

ungry Hill Senior Center 773 Liberty Street

FRIDAYS

Sixteen Acres Branch ~ 1:00pm

Clodo Concepcion Center 1187 ½ Parker Street

# SIXTEEN ACRES GOLDEN AGE CLUB

The Sixteen Acres Golden Age Club has enjoyed a busy and exciting season! We recently welcomed presenters from the Sixteen Acres Library, the Kelsey & Ireland Realtor Team, and a UMass professor who entertained us with spooky tales of "Witches in Ancient Greece and Rome." We also shared plenty of laughs during a comedy show, celebrated members' birthdays with cake and ice cream, enjoyed an outing to the "Little E" in East Longmeadow, played bingo and table games, and relaxed with movie afternoons.

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for a fun-filled fall! Upcoming activities include a **Hallow-een Bingo** on October 31, a **cooking demonstration** at East Village Place, a presentation on **Outsmarting Scammers**, a visit with **Representative Puppolo**, and plans for our **Christmas Luncheon**. More events are already in the works!

Happy Holidays from all of us at the Sixteen Acres Golden Agers!

# **Hungry Hill Senior Center**

### Linda Henley ~ Center Coordinator 773 Liberty Street, Springfield, MA 413-733-9411

Monday	9:00am-12:00pm 10:30am-11:30am 12:00pm-2:00pm	Social Hour, Coffee 1 Mile Walk Music
Tuesday	9:00am-12:00m 11:00-11:30am 12:00pm-2:00pm	Knitting & Crafting Golden Age Club Mtg 1st & 3rd Tues. Lunch & Bingo
Wednesday	9:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm	Social/Coffee Social/Games/Puzzles
Thursday	9:00am-12:00pm 10:30am-11:30am	Social /Games Exercise Group (2nd Thursday)
Friday	9:00am-3:00pm 10:00m-11:00am 12:00pm-2:00pm	Social Walking Club Social Hour

# Lunches Served Tuesday and Wednesday 12:00pm

Free Lunches provided by Palazzo Café Schedule subject to change

Reservations required 1 Day in advance can only be reserved for the maximum of (1) Week at a time.

*Mobile Market* ~ Wednesdays 10:30am-11:30am

Golden Age Club ~ Friendsgiving Lunch ~ Thursday, November 20, 2025

Thanksgiving Read Along w/Zanetti School ~ Friday, November 21, 2025-10:00am-11:30am

Golden Age Christmas Lunch ~ Thursday, December 18, 2025

Hot Cocoa ~ Holiday Celebration ~ Monday, Tuesday December 22, 2025

Pizza Party & Keir Patrick Christmas Concert ~ Friday, December 19, 2025

Birthday Celebration

~ Thursday, November 13, 2025

Brown Bag

~ Thursday, November 20, 2025 & December 18, 2025

Cooking Healthy on the Hill

~ Friday, December 12, 2025

Reflexology

~ Wednesday, November 12, 2025

~ Wednesdays, December 3, & December 17, 2025

**Mobile Library** 

~ Wednesday, November 5th & 19th

~ Wednesday, December 10th & 24th

Tree Decorating

~ Wednesday, November 26, 2025 - 1:00pm-3:00pm

# Keep an eye for upcoming trips

Randall's Fruit Farm, Via Appia Restaurant, Maggie McFly's, Carriage House Storrowton and More. Call center for details.

# **Clodo Concepcion Community Center**

Alex Martin ~ Center Coordinator 1187 ½ Parker Street, Springfield, MA 413-750-2873



Monday	9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm	Walking Tigers Get Fit Club Access Tech Chess for Beginners ~ sign up required
Tuesday	9:00am 9:30am 12:00pm 1:00pm	Walking Tigers Get Fit Club Walk & Strength (low impact aerobics) 3rd Tuesday ~ Massachusetts Association For the Blind ~ Support Group Line Dancing - Advanced Class
Wednesday	9:30am 1:00pm 1:00pm	Improvers Line Dancing Cameo Club Learn how to loom (form of knitting/sign-up required)
Thursday	9:00am 9:30am 1:00pm	Walking Tigers Get Fit Club Walk & Strength (low impact aerobics) Games
Friday	10:00am 1:00pm	Tech Time with Alex (sign up required) Golden Age Club

### Lunch Served Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11:15am-12:15pm

Free Lunches provided by Palazzo Café

Menu subject to change. Reservations required 1 Day in advance can only be reserved for the maximum of (1)Week at a time.

Tech Time with Alex (Fridays)
Learn how to use your tablet, computer,
smartphone and hotspot.
Open to all members at
Clodo Concepcion Community Center.

Wi-Fi Available



# November & December Giving back to our community!

We are collecting water bottle caps for Shriners Children's Hospital.

The recycled caps are used to help make prosthetics for kids

Access Tech with Jerry Feliz-Access Technology Director

Access technology includes apps and devices that help individuals who are blind or have low vision increase their independence.

Training is provided by appointment. Call 1-857-443-6636

Program sponsored by the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired



# North End Senior Center

310 Plainfield Street, Springfield, MA 413-886-5240 ~ Program Hours: 8:00am-3:00pm Doris Rosario ~ Center Coordinator

Monday/Lunes	8:00am-3:00pm 10:00am-3:00pm 10:00am-3:00pm	Fitness Room / Sala de Ejercicio Dominoes Club / Club De Dominoes Pool Table / Mesa De Billar
Tuesday/Martes	8:00am-3:00pm 10:00am-3:00pm 10:00am-3:00pm	Fitness Room / Sala de Ejercicio Dominoes Club / Club De Dominoes Pool Table / Mesa De Billar
Wednesday/Miércoles	8:00am-3:00pm 10:00am-3:00pm 10:00am-3:00pm	Fitness Room / Sala de Ejercicio Dominoes Club / Club De Dominoes Pool Table / Mesa De Billar
Thursday/Jueves	8:00am-3:00pm 10:00am-3:00pm 10:00am-3:00pm	Fitness Room / Sala de Ejercicio Dominoes Club / Club De Dominoes Pool Table / Mesa De Billard
Friday/Viernes	8:00am-3:00pm 10:00am-3:00pm 10:00am-3:00pm 11:30am-12:30pm	Fitness Room / Sala de Ejercicio Dominoes Club / Club De Dominoes Pool Table / Mesa De Billar Arts & Crafts / Manualidades