Tenior Moments

You're Invited! Senior Center Open Houses

Stop by our and discover all that we have to offer.

Explore programs, meet staff and members, and learn how our centers can be part of your active, social lifestyle.

Membership is free!

Bring a Friend! We can't wait to welcome you!

Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center 1476 Roosevelt Avenue, Springfield, MA ~ 413-787-6785 Friday, September 12, 2025 9:00am-2:00pm

Clodo Concepcion Center
1187½ Parker Street, Springfield, MA ~ 413-750-2873
Friday, September 26, 2025 10:00am-2:00pm

Hungry Hill Senior Center
773 Liberty Street, Springfield, MA ~ 413-733-9411
Wednesday, October 8, 2025 10:00am-12:00pm

North End Senior Center
310 Plainfield Street, Springfield, MA ~ 413-886-5240
Friday, October 24, 2025 10:00am-1:00pm

Please call our centers to register or for more information.



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

Greetings!

We all know that change can sometimes feel unsettling, especially when we've grown comfortable with the way things are. But as we all know, not all change is a bad thingin fact, many changes can bring new opportunities, challenges, friendships and experiences we never would have expected.

Let's think of some changes you've already embraced in life, such as a new home, new neighbors, even a new hobby. Often, those moments brought growth and joy we couldn't have imagined beforehand. Change can be fresh programs, such as Sewing with Joyce and chair exercise class with Tracey Thomas.

Change can also bring new people into our centers, such as Lori, our new fitness instructor, and Ethan, our new computer instructor. We have also added a golf simulator in the facility, which will bring a different type of activity. Each of our senior centers will have an open house either in September or October, where we will be able to showcase some of our great programs and attract new people to our centers, adding their own stories and warmth.

With change, it is natural to feel hesitant, therefore, let's approach the future with open minds and hopeful hearts. Together, we can make every change a step forward to an even better Senior Center.

God bless us all.

Roy Goodman 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 along to achieve your ultimate wellness goals!

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

WALK & STRENGTH

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-2:00pm

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 ~ 9:00am - 11:00am 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 pace

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.

<mark>Tuesday ~ 9:00am - 10:00m</mark>

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.

Fit & Fierce Dance Camp

This 1-hour class will be exercise, dance/movement & fun! Dancing with the oldies, R&B, gospel and the rhythmic beat of native African Drums.

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

Cornhole

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

Friendly Reminders



Department of Elder Affairs **Senior Centers**

Will be closed

Monday, September 1, 2025 Monday, October 13, 2025

COMPUTER LAB

Opened Monday ~ Friday 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

Tuesday ~ 10:15am-11:15am ** All programming subject to change. **

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



Out on

Upcoming Events

at

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:

September 11, 2025 / October 16, 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, September 19, 2025 & Friday, October 10, 2025 10:00am

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

Welcome Back!

American International College
Nursing Students

Blood Pressure, Glucose Screenings, Healthy Teaching

Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center **Thursdays**

September 18, 2025 ~ **December 4, 2025** 10:30am-1:00pm

All Welcome, no registration required.





Last *Wednesday* of each month 12:00pm-1:00pm

MENS ROUND TABLE

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month (September 17th & October 15th) 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

To register or for more information on any these programs please visit our Welcome Center or call 413-787-6785.

Live & Jearn Series

at Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center



Budgeting & Bingo!



Tuesday, September 16, 2025 1:00pm

Enjoy a relaxed setting with Bingo and simple tips on creating a spending plan, predicting income and expenses, and avoiding overspending Fun, helpful and stress-free!

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



Department of Elder Affairs and Springfield Fire Department
Presents



Thursday, September 25, 2025 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

- Prepare for an emergency & stay informed
- Build a supply kit
- Get tips on evacuation
- First Aid Basics
- Protect your loved ones

Local experts will be on site to answer questions and share resources to help you be ready for anything.

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

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 Thursday, September 18, 2025 & October 16, 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



Medicare Open Enrollment Season

Most Medicare beneficiaries have just one opportunity a year to evaluate and change their coverage—from October 15th to December 7th. Every year, the "open-enrollment" period allows seniors and others on Medicare to change their part D (prescription-drug) coverage, enroll or change enrollment in a Medicare Advantage program, such as an HMO or PPO plan, and generally reevaluate their healthcare package. Many seniors disregard this opportunity and enroll in the same plans they did the year before, assuming that as long as a plan has not changed dramatically, there is no need to switch. People should review their plans, however, because even if their plans have not changed, their needs may have. If a Medicare beneficiary has been prescribed new medications or dropped old ones, there may be a new (and perhaps less expensive) Part D plan that suits them better.

SHINE is available for a limited number of *in-person appointments as well as by PHONE* to help look at coverage options.

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 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.

We are announcing a new SHINE Counseling Site at Greater Springfield Senior Services at 66 Industry Avenue in Springfield. To schedule an appointment there, call (413) 781-8800.

SHINE Counselors will be available starting September 16, 2025.

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Inscripción Abierta de Medicare

La mayoría de los beneficiarios de Medicare tienen solo una oportunidad al año para evaluar y cambiar su cobertura, del 15 de octubre al 7 de diciembre. Cada año, el período de "inscripción abierta" permite que las personas mayores y otras personas con Medicare cambien su cobertura de la Parte D (medicamentos recetados), se inscriban o cambien la inscripción en un programa Medicare Advantage, como un plan HMO o PPO, y, en general, reevalúen su cobertura. Muchas personas mayores ignoran esta oportunidad y se inscriben en los mismos planes que hicieron el año anterior, asumiendo que mientras un plan no haya cambiado drásticamente, no hay necesidad de cambiar. Sin embargo, las personas deben revisar sus planes, porque incluso si sus planes no han cambiado, sus necesidades pueden haberlo hecho. Si a un beneficiario de Medicare se le han recetado nuevos medicamentos, o se le han quitado medicamentos, puede haber un nuevo (y quizás menos costoso) plan de la Parte D que se adapte mejor a ellos.

SHINE está disponible para un número limitado de citas en persona, así como por TELÉFONO para ayudar a buscar opciones de cobertura.

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 de Medicare (aparte de una cita), llame al 1-800-243-4636, luego presione o diga 3. Una vez que obtenga el contestador automático de SHINE, deje su nombre y número. Un voluntario le devolverá la llamada lo mas pronto posible.



FITNESS CENTER

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

EXCITING NEWS! NO APPOINTMENTS NEEDED

DROP IN AT THE FITNESS CENTER, 7:00AM- 3:00PM AND GET YOUR WORKOUT IN!

COME IN AND MEET OUR
NEW HEALTH & WELLNESS COORDINATOR
LORI CHARTIER

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

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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)

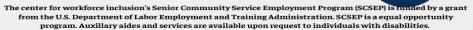
Workers Get
Paid to Train
While Job

Searching

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

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





NEED HELP GETTING YOUR PUERTO RICAN BIRTH CERTIFICATE?

North End Senior Center 310 Plainfield St., Springfield • 413-886-5240 October 24, 2025 • 10 AM-1 PM

Many **elders born in Puerto Rico** have trouble getting official birth certificates to get a REAL ID. If you think a free lawyer's help can make a difference, **sign up today** to chat with a **Community Legal Aid** attorney!

Not sure we can help? Sign up and ask your questions at the clinic. CLA's services are **free** to Western MA elders, but please **sign up** in advance at the Senior Center.





North End Senior Center 310 Plainfield St., Springfield • 413-886-5240 24 de octubre de 2025 • 10 AM-1 PM

Muchas personas mayores nacidas en Puerto Rico tienen problemas para obtener certificados de nacimiento oficiales para obtener una REAL ID. Si cree que la ayuda gratuita de un abogado puede hacer la diferencia, inscríbase hoy para conversar con un abogado de Servicios Legales (CLA).

¿No está seguro de que podamos ayudarle? Inscríbase y haga sus preguntas en la clínica. Los servicios de CLA son **gratuitos** para las personas 60+ del oeste de Massachusetts, pero inscríbase con anticipación en el Centro Para Personas de la Mayor Edad.



In Loving Memory of Our Friend Yolanda Daley

We are deeply saddened to share the passing of our dear friend and long-time member, Yolanda Daley.

Yolanda was more than just a familiar face at our center—she was a source of kindness, generosity, laughter, and friendship to all who had the privilege of knowing her. Whether it was sharing a warm smile, lending a helping hand, or brightening the room with "Good Mornin' Everybody"!



May we all carry forward the warmth and kindness that Yolanda so freely gave.



Memorial Service ~ Saturday, September 20, 2025 St. Michaels Cathedral ~ 10:00am Please wear red, it was her favorite color Dress to impress Page 11

Springfield Golden Age Club NAGE CLUB JOIN A MEETING

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Top Officers

President

Donald Roberts

1st Vice President

Oliver Cart

Treasurer

Maureen Whitehead

Secretary

Betty Wallace

Hungry Hill Vice President Martha Kelliher

Sixteen Acres Vice President **Don Roberts**

Winchester Square Vice President Vivian Brantley

Mondays

Winchester Sq. Branch ~ 1:00pm

Independence House-Community Room

Hungry Hill Branch ~ 1:00pm

1st & 3rd Tues.

Hungry Hill Senior Center

773 Liberty Street

FRIDAYS

Sixteen Acres Branch ~ 1:00pm

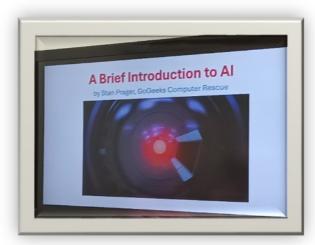
Clodo Concepcion Center

1187 ½ Parker Street

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

16 Acres Golden Age Club Introduction to AI







Join us Friday, September 19, 2025 For a laughing good time with Father Misgivings.

Tickets available Call Don Roberts 413-636-6906

Hungry Hill Senior Center

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

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Monday	9:00am-12:00pm 10:30am-11:30am 12:00pm-3:00pm	Social Hour, Coffee 1 Mile Walk Social/Puzzle	Lunchi Tuesday an 12:
Tuesday	9:00am-12:00m 10:00-10:30am 1:00pm-3:00pm	Knitting & Crafting Golden Age Club Mtg 1st & 3rd Tues. Bingo	Free Lunches pr Café Schedule Reservations r advance can on the maximum of
Wednesday	9:00am-12:00pm !:00pm-3:00pm	Social/Coffee Social/Games/Puzzles	
Thursday	9:00am-10:30am 10:30am-12:00pm 10:30am-11:30am	Social /Coffee Bingo Exercise Group (2nd Thursday)	• Mobile Marke
Friday	9:00am-3:00pm 10:00m-11:00am 11:45am-1:45pm	Social Walking Club Eating Healthy on the Hill (last Friday of the month)	10:30an

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

Birthday Celebration

~ Thursday, September 25, 2025

Brown Bag

~ Thursday, September 18, 2025 & October 16, 2025

Collage Creations

~ Friday, October 10, 2025

Reflexology

~ Wednesdays, September 10, 2025 & September 24, 2025

~ Wednesdays, October 8, 2025 & October 22, 2025

Movie Matinee

~ Thursday, September 18, & Thursday, October 9, 2025

Better Business Bureau ~ Thursday, October 23, 2025 - 10:00am

Halloween Fun w/Zanetti School ~ Thursday, October 30, 2025

Keep an eye for upcoming trips

Clodo Concepcion Community Center

Alex Martin ~ Center Coordinator 1187 1/2 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 -10/6/2025	
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	Improvers Line Dancing Cameo Club	
Thursday	9:00am 9:30am 1:00pm	Walking Tigers Get Fit Club Walk & Strength (low impact aerobics) Spanish for Beginners / sign-up required	
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

Join us

Open House - The Beauty is in the Magic ~ 10:00am-2:00pm Friday, September 26, 20205 Clodo Concepcion Center 1187½ Parker Street, Spfld

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



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 ~ By appointment / Sala de Ejercicio ~ Por Cita 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 ~ By appointment / Sala de Ejercicio ~ Por Cita 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 ~ By appointment / Sala de Ejercicio ~ Por Cita 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 ~ By appointment / Sala de Ejercicio ~ Por Cita 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 ~ By appointment / Sala de Ejercicio ~ Por Cita Dominoes Club / Club De Dominoes Pool Table / Mesa De Billar Arts & Crafts / Manualidades