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#### November /December 2019

# Springfield Campanile

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## **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.

## Dept. of Elder Affairs ~ RAJ Center / Council on Aging

Main: 787-6785 Fax: 750-2694 Golden Age Club 787-6486/886-5104

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

787-6124 **S.H.I.N.E.** 750-2893

Computer Learning Center 750-2090

**Outreach Program** 750-2896/ 886-5260

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Funding for many of our wonderful programs and activities is provided by Council on Aging grants from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs

### Dear Readers,

I don't know about you, but usually, when the seasons change I tend to do more thinking...more reflecting. I find myself taking stock...and giving thanks. Because we are approaching two of the most incredible holidays of the year, I believe my thoughts are more introspective. I think about my blessings and what is truly most important in life. My list is endless. As I age I try to allow my faith to guide me more than in my younger days...and this has made all the difference. My spirit is filled with great joy as I begin to see everything I have around me each and every day. I am blessed with an incredible, loving family, a close network of true friends, a job that challenges me on every level, and even the "nay-sayers" who bring about the spunk in me to go above and beyond each day.

Today I want to focus on my family. They are not the ones I am related to through genes, but the ones I have around me every day at work. I want to say to them, "thank you." I am grateful for each and every one of you and what you bring so beautifully to our table of giving every time you come to work. How can such a miracle have been granted? You are an assembly of gifts...love, selflessness, passion and compassion. Springfield is richer for all of you. You are the embellishments. You are the force.

To all of the family members at Elder Affairs, old and newly acquired, I give thanks. I am honored to walk with you each day. I am honored you have chosen to be with me, so we can give all we have to our seniors.

So dear readers, take a moment or two during the upcoming holiday season to think and reflect. Be thankful for every breath you take. Remember what is important in life...and take time out to thank the team that puts everything else aside just so you can feel loved and respected.

## Sandy Federico



## Springfield Golden Age 2019

#### **Golden Age Top Officers**

President **Donald Roberts** 1st Vice President Joanne Lucas Treasurer Maureen Whitehead Secretary Annemarie Pajar

St. James Ave. Vice President Joanne Lucas

Mayflower Vice President Cecile Benoit

Pine Point Vice President **Eveline Malbouef** 

Sixteen Acres Vice President Dick Sitnik

Tri-Towers Vice President Marilyn Hallas

> Winchester Square Vice President Earnestine Johnson

#### Mondays

Winchester Sq. Branch ~ 1:00pm

Independence House 1475 Roosevelt Avenue

Tuesdays

Tri-Towers Branch ~ 1:00pm Tri-Towers Community Room 18 Saab Court

#### Wednesdays

Bi-Monthly 1st & 3rd Mayflower Branch ~ 10:00am

@ Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center / 2nd Floor Multi Purpose Room

Thursdays

St. James Ave. Branch ~ 10:30am

Jenny Lane

1122 St James Avenue

Bi-Monthly 1st & 3rd Pine Point Branch ~1:00pm

@ Raymond A. Jordan Senior Ctr 2nd Floor Multi Purpose Room

#### **FRIDAYS**

Sixteen Acres Branch ~ 1:00pm

Clodo Concepcion Center (Greenleaf) 1187 ½ Parker Street

For more trip information or questions on becoming a Golden Age Club member, please call 413-787-6486 or visit the Golden Age Office at the Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center 1476 Roosevelt Ave. Springfield, MA 01109



Springfield Department of Elder Affairs Presents

## Lighten Up With Laughter

Is laughter still the BEST medicine?

Find ways to reduce stress, enhance your immune system and your life!

Join us on





Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center 1476 Roosevelt Ave, Springfield, MA

#### NO LAUGHTER EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!

Trevor Smith, Certified Laughter Leader and Human Potential Coach will the way.

Register now at our Welcome Center or call 413-787-6785 by Friday, November 15, 2019. Space is limited.

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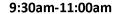


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Thursdays, December 5th & 12th, 2019



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

#### 1st Session will cover:

- Discuss uses of digital photographs, what can be purchased, what you can make
- · Primary emphasis will be on photo cards
- Students will have to find photos to use on their card

#### 2nd Session will cover:

- How to make cards and a refresher on outside sources for photo downloads
- Create (for example) friendship, birthday, anniversary, thank you or holiday card.

Instructor: E. W. "Bill" Simmons, Peer Instructor

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



Sponsored by: The Springfield Department of Elder Affairs and Springfield College

## Medicare Open Enrollment Has Begun



Most Medicare beneficiaries have just one opportunity a year to evaluate and change their coverage from October 15<sup>th</sup> to December 7th. Every year, the "open-enrollment" period allows seniors and others on Medicare to Serving the Health 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 re-evaluate 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 him or her better.

Trained SHINE volunteers offer free, confidential counseling on all aspects of Medicare and related health insurance programs. To schedule a SHINE appointment, call your local Senior Center. For other SHINE related matters, 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, as soon as possible.

# Need A Hand.



## Let Our Outreach Division Help!

We offer the following services for anyone 60 years of age and older:

- Assistance with search for housing and housing applications
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Referrals for meal programs such as Meals on Wheels
- Brown bag distributions
- Fuel Assistance applications
- City of Springfield discount programs
  - \* property tax exemptions
  - \*water & sewer discounts
  - \*trash fee discount & more
- Connections to in-home services
- Education workshops
- Additional referral services

Contact us at:

(413)886-5260

(413)750-2896

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



## **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

<i>Totally You!</i> Our fitness instructor will guide you along to achieve your ultimate wellness goals!	Monday thru Friday	7:00am- 3:00pm	2nd Floor Fitness Ctr
<i>Tai-Chi</i> 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	9:30am- 10:30am	1st Floor Banquet Room
<i>Pickle Ball</i> paddle sport, similar to a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Two or four players	Tuesday & Friday	1:00pm- 3:00pm	1st Floor Banquet Room
Walk & Strength Warm-up consists of 30 minutes of walking, followed by 30 minutes of standing & seated stretching & strength exercises with resistance bands. Work at your own pace & ability.	Monday & Thursday	1:00pm- 2:00pm	1st Floor Banquet Room
<i>Mat Yoga</i> for "every body" with Cheryl Whalen. Reduce your stress! Relax your body! Mats are available if needed.	Monday	9:30am- 10:30am	1st Floor Banquet Room
Game Day Come join the fun every Friday afternoon to play Cornhole, Ping Pong, Wii Bowling, Pickle Ball, and Tennis and much more!	Friday	1:00pm- 3:00pm	1st Floor Banquet Room
Walking Club Improve your health, trim your waistline, prevent/manage blood pressure, diabetes. Walk at your own pace.	Monday & Wednesday	8:00am- 9:00am	Outside- Weather Permitting
<b>Zumba Gold</b> Lower impact, easy to follow, latininspired dance fitness party that keeps you in the groove of life.	Wednesday	1:00pm- 2:00pm	1st Floor Banquet Room



#### NUTRITION

Freshly prepared meals served daily. Includes tossed salad, roll & your choice of Jell-O or pudding.

Mon-Fri 11:30am-12:30pm 1st Floor Banquet Hall

Homemade desserts every Thursday!

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED AT LEAST A DAY IN ADVANCE BY 2:00PM! Only \$3.50

## MEETING FACE TO FACE

Bible Study ~ Prayer and Meditation. All welcome!	Monday	10:15am	2nd Fl Multi Purpose Room
Breakfast Club Book Club ~ Meet to discuss the featured book. Books provided by the library.	4th Thursday of the month	10:00am	Library ~ 1st Floor
GAC Vice President's Meeting	1st Friday/month	9:30am- 10:30am	2nd Fl Multi Purpose Room

## IT'S ALL FOR FUN

<b>Deal Me In</b> All impromptu card games you asked for: Triominos, Skipbo, Bridge, etc.	Monday - Friday	Open	2nd Fl Multi Purpose Room (subject to change)
<i>Pick-up the Pieces</i> Love to solve those puzzles? Jig-saws that is! This is for you!	Monday - Friday	Open	2nd Fl Multi Purpose Room
Game On 2 regulation size pool tables, flat screen TV, card tables, all with a panoramic view.	Monday - Friday	Open	2nd Fl Billiards Room
Billiards League	Monday	12:00-3:30pm	2nd Fl Billiards Room
Learn to shoot billiards with Bob Davis	Thursday	10:00- 12:00pm	2nd Fl Billiards Room
<i>The Domino Effect</i> The Mexican Train and Chicken Foot	Friday	12:30pm	2nd Fl Multi Purpose Room
Bridge Players	Thursday	12:30-3:00pm	2nd Fl Billiards Room

## THE ART IN YOU!

Sew USay Finish up the unfinished, make a no-sew quilt. Feel inspired to create.	Tuesday - Thursday	1:00pm-3:00pm 10:00am-12:00pm	2nd Fl Multi Purpose Room
Color Your Stress Away De-stress. Clear your mind and create. No rules, just your own creativity!	Open		2nd Fl Multi Purpose Room
Oil Painters Ready, paint, relax and be social.	Tuesday	10:00am-1:00pm	2nd Fl Multi Purpose Room

Welcome to the Computer Lab at the Raymond A Jordan Senior Center

Mondays	9:00am-11:00am	General Public Use
	11:00am-1:15am	Basic Computer
	11:00am-1:00pm	See calendar USB Drive/Smart Phone
Tuesdays	9:00am-1:15pm	Basic Computer
	9:00am-11:00am	See calendar USB Drive/Smart Phone
Wednesdays	9:00am-12:00pm	Basic Word
	12:00pm-1:15pm	Basic Computer
Thursdays	9:00am-1:00pm	Basic Computer
	9:00am-11:00am	See Calendar USB Drive/Smart Phone
N N	11:00am-1:15pm	Basic Computer
Fridays	Lab Closed	SCSEP Job Club 8:00am-2:30pm



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Hosted by:

Julius Lewis, Tom Morrow & Jimmy Mitchell

## Fridays



November 8, 2019 ~ Funeral Planning November 22, 2019 ~ Banking December 6, 2019 ~ Taxes December 20, 2019 ~ Reverse Mortgage



## At the Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center 10:30am

"The Lewis and Morrow Financial Hour" is a program designed to educate the community on financial news, information, products and services.

Register now at our Welcome Center or call 413-787-6785

Sponsored by Department of Elder Affairs and the Council on Aging

## CITY OF SPRINGFIELD DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS



Gain job skills
and earn money
while working for your
community!

Paid employment training is available to low-income seniors age 55 and older.

Learn more by calling: (413) 787-6124

## SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



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#### SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCSEP)

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#### Hungry Hill Center Site Coordinator: Linda Henley Open Mon-Fri 9:00am - 3:00pm 773 Liberty Street 733-9411

#### Monday

9:00 Computer Class 10:30 Light Aerobics 11:30 Social Hour 12:00 Pokeno

#### Tuesday

9:30 Knitting & Crafting 12:00 Lunch

#### (Reservations Required by Previous Fri.)

2nd Tues. Bingo 1:00

Pokeno 1:00 1st, 3rd, & 4th Tuesday

#### Wednesday

10:00 2nd Wed. Reflexology 12:00 Lunch

#### **Thursday**

10:45 Exercise Group

11:30 Social, Coffee & News

12:00 Librarian

12:00 3rd Thurs. Birthday Celebration

1:00 Movie Matinee

#### **Friday**

Foot-care (Every other Month on last Fri)

2nd Friday Brown Bag 4th Friday 12:00 Reflexology \$5.00 1:00 Adult Coloring

Available Daily: Computers, puzzle table & lending library

# Fitness Center Interim: Olga Ellis Open Mon-Fri 7:00am-3:00pm 310 Plainfield Street ~ 886-5240

#### ~ Coffee Daily ~

#### Monday

Cardio Machines/Weight Machines 7:30-8:30 Blood Pressure 10:30-Resistance Bands

#### Tuesday

7:30-9:00 Blood Pressure

Cardio Machines/Weight Machines

#### Wednesday

Cardio Machines/Weight Machines 7:30-8:45 Blood Pressure 10:30 Resistance Bands **Thursday** 

Cardio Machines/Weight Machines 7:30-9:00 Blood Pressure

#### Friday

Cardio Machines/Weight Machines 8:00-11:30 Blood Pressure \*\*Walking Club:

Clodo Concepcion Comm. Center Site Coordinator: Alex Martin Open Mon-Fri 9:00am - 3:00pm 1187 1/2 Parker Street 750-2873

Lunches: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday-12pm \$2.00 Suggested donation

GSSSI Lunches Reservations required Mon-Thurs 9:00am Coffee Hour & Walking

#### Monday

10:00 Dancing for the fun of it! 1:00 For Your Information

1:00 White Cane Walking Club ~ NEW

#### Tuesday

10:00 Strength Class 10:45 Tai Chi \$3.00pp

1:00 Line Dancing

1:00 3rd Tues. Spfld Insight Support Group. (Mass Assoc. for the Blind) 1:00 The pen pal project (open to all)

#### Wednesday

8:30 1st Wed. of the mon. Foot Care (by apt)

9:30 Balance Class (self directed)

10:00 My Reflections-Diabetes Support Group

11:00 Inspirational Moments

1:00 Ms. Senior Mass Como Dancers

#### **Thursday**

10:00 Strength Class

10:00 Quirky Quilters plus one

12:00 Play Pitch (high score & door prizes)

#### Friday

10:30 Improvers Line Dancing (advanced) 1:00 –3:00 Golden Age Club Meeting

Create your own bookmark \* Coffee, Tea and special treats and a movie \* Dotted painting, the advantage continues \* Live, Love, and Laughter, and Put it in your own words.

#### **Riverview Center**

Site Coordinator: Doris Feliciano Open Mon-Fri 9:00am - 3:00pm 122 Clyde Street 413-787-5220 GSSSI Lunch Daily Reservations Required \$2.00 Suggested Donation

#### Monday

8:30 Walking Club 9:00 Exercise 10:00 Sewing

#### Tuesday

8:00 - 10:00 Coffee Hour 9:30 - 11:30 Drop in Knitting 4<sup>th</sup> Tues: Brown Bag for Food Pantry All Day Open Art Studio

#### Wednesday

8:00 - 10:00 Coffee Hour 9:30 - 11:30 Crochet Basics All Day Open Art Studio

#### **Thursday**

8:00 - 10:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 Crocheting Group 12:00 Sewing Project

#### Friday

8:00 - 10:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 - 11:00 Fit Fridays! Lectures, Cooking, Nutrition 11:00 -11:30 Book club w/Hayde – Brightwood Library 12:00 Open Art Studio

> Billiards and Dominoes Available Daily



# Marcia, Marcia, Marcia! Thank you for lending a hand!





# \*\*Important\*\*

IN THE EVENT OF A WINTER STORM IT IS IMPORTANT TO LISTEN TO YOUR LOCAL NEWS:

WWLP-22 News
Western Mass News
(ABC 40, CBS 3, Fox 6)
FOR DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS.

Please remember when

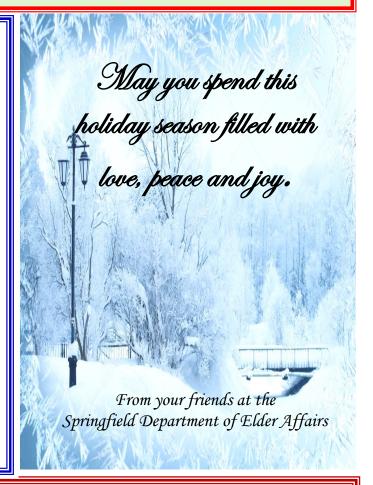
Springfield Public Schools are Closed

there are **NO Activities** 

at the Dept. of Elder Affairs, All Senior Centers & Golden Age Clubs.

The closings will show listing as: Springfield Senior Centers/Council on Aging & Golden Age Clubs.

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



## CITY OF SPRINGFIELD DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS



¡Capacítese y gane un salario mientras trabaja por su comunidad!

Tenemos disponible capacitación pagada para personas de 55 años o mayores con bajos ingresos.

Si desea obtener mayor información, llame al (413) 787-6124.

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Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration. SCSEP is an equal opportunity program. Auxiliary aides and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Para más información sobre el viaje o preguntas, por favor llame 413-787-6486 o visite La Oficina de la Edad de oro en el Nuevo Centro de Ancianos Raymond A. Jordan.

1476 ROOSEVELT AVE, SPRINGFIELD, MA 01109

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## Inscripción Anual de Medicare Ha Comenzado

La mayoría de los beneficiarios de Medicare tienen sólo una oportunidad al año para evaluar y cambiar su cobertura, comenzando el 15 de octubre al 7 de diciembre. Cada año, el período de "inscripción anual" permite a las personas mayores y otras personas de Medicare la oportunidad a cambiar su cobertura de la parte D (medicamentos recetados), inscribirse o cambiar la inscripción en un plan de Medicare Advantage, como un plan HMO o PPO, y reevaluar su paquete de salud.

Muchas personas mayores desatienden esta oportunidad y se inscriben en los mismos planes de el año anterior, asumiendo que mientras un plan no haya cambiado drásticamente, no hay necesidad de cambiar. Personas deben revisar sus planes, sin embargo, si sus planes no han cambiado, no tienes que hacer un cambio.

Si a un beneficiario de Medicare se le han recetado nuevos medicamentos o se le han cambiado los medicamentos, puede seleccionar un plan nuevo (y quizás menos costoso) de parte D que le convenga mejor.

Los voluntarios de Shine ofrecen asesoría gratuita y confidencial sobre todos los aspectos de Medicare y programas de seguro de salud. Para una cita de Shine, llame a su centro de ancianos local o llame al 1-800-Age-info (1-800-243-4636), luego oprima o diga 3. Deje un mensaje de voz con su nombre y número y un voluntario de SHINE le devolverá la llamada lo mas pronto posible.

## ¿ Llamando a todas las personas mayores!

Ofrecemos estos servicios para personas de 60 años de edad ó mas:

- \* asistencia con aplicaciones de viviendas
- Programa de asistencia nutricional suplemental (SNAP)
- \* referidos para programas de comidas
  - \* (Meals on Wheels, Brown bag)
- aplicaciones de asistencia en servicios públicos
- \* programas de descuento de la ciudad de Springfield (exenciones de impuestos sobre la propiedad, descuentos en agua y alcantarillado, descuento por honorarios de basura, y otros)
- servicios en-hogar
- \* talleres de educación y "información que necesita saber" \* y muchos otros servicios

## Estamos aquí para ayudar. Sólo llámenos.

(413) 886-5260 o (413) 750-2896

Los programas de divulgación son patrocinados a través de una subvención proporcionada por Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc.

