

HOLIDAY HOEDOWN OPEN HOUSE

The Igo Elementary School has invited Foxborough's senior citizens to a Holiday Hoedown Open House on Friday, December 19th at the Igo School on 70 Carpenter Street. The program will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come join in with the students and take part in some square dancing and line dancing, or just stop by to watch and enjoy the fun. The third and fourth grade members of the Square Dance Club will perform for us. Other Igo students will also perform dance routines. There will be a professional dance caller to keep us moving. You are encouraged to wear square dance clothes, bandanas and hats as part of the fun. After our experience with the "Play 60" program at the Igo earlier this year, we know there will be no shortage of enthusiasm and fun at this event. So put on your dancing shoes or just stop by at any time during the Open House to watch, sit back and enjoy. If you're interested in joining us, please call the senior center at 508-543-1252 to sign up by December 12th. Parking spaces and special seating will be reserved for all seniors who sign up in advance and carpooling with friends is encouraged.

Monday, December 8

Chair Yoga 9:30 a.m.
Senator Timilty Office Hour 10:00 a.m.
Tai Chi 10:30 a.m.
Knitting 1:00 p.m.
Shaws 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9

Stretch & Balance 8:30 a.m.
Zumba Gold 9:45 a.m.
Blood Pressure Clinic 10:00 a.m.
Nutrition 11:00 a.m.
Computer Basics Class 1:00 p.m.
Discussion Group 1:00 p.m.
Talespinners 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10

Strength Training/EnhanceFitness 8:30 a.m.
Chorus 10:00 a.m.
Zumba Class 11:30 a.m.
Target 1:00 p.m.
Bereavement Support Group 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 11

Senior Center Holiday Party 12:30 p.m.

Friday, December 12

Stop & Shop 8:00 a.m.
YMCA Exercises 9:30 a.m.
Card Making Class 11:00 a.m.
Cribbage 11:00 a.m.
Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tel. 508-543-1252. www.foxboroughma.gov

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

COMPUTER CLASSES AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Students from the Foxborough Regional Charter School (FRCS) will be providing computer training classes once again for Foxborough's senior citizens. This program is made possible thanks to a grant from the Foxborough Rotary Club for a program to teach computer skills to seniors. These computer classes will be held at the senior center and will be tailored to meet the expressed needs of the seniors in this program. The FRCS

students will be teaching the seniors everything that seniors have wanted to know about computers but were afraid to ask! The classes will be held on Wednesdays, from January 14th through March 4th at 11:30 a.m. at the senior center. If you plan on joining us, please call the senior center at 508-543-1252 to sign up. In addition to funding the computer classes for seniors, the Rotary Club grant has also made possible the purchase of laptop computers for use by our staff at the home visits of clients.

ITALIAN CLASS

Our Intermediate and Advanced Italian classes with Lucy Erhard will be starting up at the senior center once again. Both classes will meet for 10 weeks. Italian 2 (intermediate) will be meeting on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. for 10 weeks beginning on January 8th through March 12th with an if-needed make-up class on March 19th. Italian 3 (advanced) will meet on Fridays at 1:15 p.m. beginning on January 9th through March 13th with an if-needed make-up class on March 20th. If you already know a little Italian and would like to learn more, please call the instructor, Lucia Erhard, at 508-543-7057. With your input, she will place you in the class that is appropriate for you. Everyday conversation will be stressed. The cost for each of these 10-week sessions is \$20 and payment is due at the time of sign up. Space is very limited for each class so please call the senior center at 508-543-1252 if you'd like more information or to check on the availability of space in each class.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The holidays can be a difficult time of year for many people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Anne Bood of Ascend Hospice will facilitate a 6-session Bereavement Support Group that will meet at the Foxborough Senior Center at 75 Central Street, on Wednesdays through to January 7, 2015. We will be meeting from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. with the exception of December 24th when we will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This support group is open to the public. It is free of charge and will provide an opportunity to address and share personal experiences of grief and loss in an open and supportive facilitated forum. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Anne Bood, LICSW, at Ascend Hospice, 508-229-8390.

SENIOR CENTER HOLIDAY PARTY

The holidays are on the way, so come join us at the senior center on Thursday, December 11th from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. as we get together for our annual holiday party. Get into the holiday spirit as we enjoy a special time together filled with treats to eat, music and lots of laughs. The entertainment and a light lunch will be provided by the Friends of Foxboro Seniors. After lunch, we'll enjoy the musical talents of entertainer Gary Leanes, who will play some favorite holiday tunes for us. Sing along, tap your feet, or just sit back and get into the spirit. The price of admission is a donation to the Foxborough Food Pantry. Seating is limited. If you'd like to join us for this festive event, please call the senior center at 508-543-1252 to sign up.

TRIAD

TRIAD is part of a national program that is a three-way partnership between seniors, law enforcement agencies, and the Council on Aging. This partnership works together to reduce criminal victimization of senior citizens and to enhance their awareness of support service. TRIAD also works to increase senior participation in crime prevention and detection programs. The purpose is to reduce crime against seniors and help improve the quality of life of all citizens, especially seniors. TRIAD is a senior citizen run and directed group, and currently has openings for volunteer leader positions. Use this opportunity to bring forward your safety issues and concerns by becoming involved in this important organization. TRIAD meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month, and the next TRIAD meeting will be on Wednesday, December 17th at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend these informational services.

SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS ON CABLE AND DVD LENDING LIBRARY

Watch "Your Scene Your Center" on Foxboro Cable Access, Comcast channel 22 and Verizon channel 38, on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. On December 10th and 11th the featured program will be Hollywood Game Show with Mr. DJ. Check out our senior exercise videos that are broadcast on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. All of our senior center programs are available on DVD and can be borrowed from our DVD Lending Library.

TRIP INFORMATION

SIGN UP FOR OUR 2015 TRIP TO NOVA SCOTIA

We will be traveling up to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for an “Atlantic Canada Cruise Tour” from July 6 – 12 in 2015. Our plans are to leave Foxborough by motorcoach on July 6, 2015 and spend our first night on the new cruise ship called the “Nova Star” which will take us into picturesque Yarmouth in Canada. On day 2, we’ll be enjoying the final evening performance of the 2015 Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo which is the largest annual indoor show in the world with over 800 performers. There will be special sightseeing stops in Halifax and Peggy’s Cove, and we’ll be spending 2 nights at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax. On day 4, we’ll cross the Straits of Northumberland to Prince Edward Island where we’ll spend two nights at the Hotel Charlottetown in the island’s capital city. A local island guide will take us to the historic home of Anne of Green Gables and the Prince Edward Island National Seashore on the Gulf of St. Lawrence. We’ll be crossing the Confederation Bridge to New Brunswick, travel through Saint John and along the Fundy coast to Calais, Maine and then on to Boothbay Harbor, returning to Foxborough on July 12th. The cost for this trip is \$1,637 per person for a double room, \$1,567 for a triple room and \$2,217 per person for a single. This price also includes gratuities for the motorcoach driver, escort and local guides. Passports will be required for this trip and our travel arrangements are provided by Tours of Distinction. If you are interested in joining us, please call the senior center at 508-543-1252. Trip registration forms are available at the front desk of the senior center, and payments are to be made directly to Tours of Distinction.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED

HOLIDAY ZUMBA FITNESS

Stay in shape over the holidays and come join us at our Zumba classes on Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. and Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. Zumba is an exercise program inspired by Latin dance that combines Latin rhythms with cardiovascular exercise to create an aerobic routine that is easy to follow. Come and learn some Latin dance moves with our instructor Bilyana “BB” Dimitrova, and have some fun while getting in shape. The cost for each class is \$2.

SENATOR JAMES TIMILTY OFFICE HOUR

State Senator James Timilty will be at the senior center on Monday, December 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If you have any questions or if you are looking for some information, this is your opportunity to talk directly with Senator Timilty.

BINGO

Come and join us for Bingo at the senior center on the first Tuesday of every month. Try your luck and win cash prizes in varying amounts. There is a nominal fee of \$1 per card. Our next Bingo afternoon will be on Tuesday, January 6th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call us at 508-543-1252 to let us know if you’ll be joining us. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Foxboro Seniors.

MOVIE DAY

The featured movie for the month of December is “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” and is scheduled to be shown on Tuesday, December 16th at 12:30 p.m. Ben Stiller has the title role as Walter Mitty, a classic story of a day-dreamer who escapes his anonymous life by disappearing into a world of fantasies filled with heroism, romance and action. When his job along with that of his co-worker are threatened, Walter takes action in the real world embarking on a global journey that turns into an adventure more extraordinary than anything he could have ever imagined. Take in a good movie with friends while you enjoy the comfort of the senior center. We’ll make some fresh, hot popcorn for everyone. Feel free to bring your lunch to enjoy ahead of time in our Coffee Connection. If you’d like to join us, please call 508-543-1252 to sign up.

LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

Our Low Vision Support Group meets on the third Thursday of every month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on December 18th. This is an adult group providing peer support and information for

anyone with vision loss, or those who have concerns about their vision. Seniors from Foxboro, as well as surrounding towns, are welcome! Van transportation is available for Foxboro residents by calling the senior center at 508-543-1252.

SHOPPING

We will be going to Shaw's on Mondays at 1:00 and to Stop & Shop on Fridays at 8:30 a.m. There is room on the van if you would like to take advantage of sales at both stores. We also schedule other shopping trips on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. If you would like to go on the van, please call the senior center at 508-543-1252 to arrange for a ride. The following is a list of other shopping trips and outings we have planned:

December 10 – Target

December 17 - Walmart

MEDICAL INFORMATION AND SERVICES

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Our next Blood Pressure Clinic will be held on Tuesday, December 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Blood Pressure Clinic is held once a month at the senior center on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Transportation is available. This is a free clinic and is open to Foxboro residents of all ages by appointment only. Please call the office at 508-543-1252 to set up an appointment.

PODIATRIST

Dr. Willinsky, Board certified by the American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics, is available at the senior center on the first Monday of every other month at 12:00 noon. Due to the Labor Day holiday, his next visit will be on Monday, January 5th. Clients are seen on a first come first serve basis. The cost to see Dr. Willinsky is \$20 per person and checks can be made out directly to Dr. Jeffrey Willinsky. The Van-Go is available for anyone needing transportation to the senior center, so please call 508-543-1252 to set up an appointment.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

You may qualify for help with paying for your heat this winter. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program helps eligible renters and home owners of all ages with their winter heating costs. If you are a renter, you may qualify for this program, even if heat is included in your rent. The maximum annual household incomes allowed to qualify are as follows: \$32,618 for a one-person household, \$42,654 for two people, \$52,691 for three people, \$62,727 for a four-person household, and so forth. If you qualify for this program, you may also qualify for reduced electricity and gas utility rates, information on saving energy, and weatherization services. Don't wait until you are out in the cold. Call us at 508-543-1252 to make an appointment to fill out an application for the upcoming winter season.

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

It's that time of year again! If you have a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO or PPO), you should have received a notice from your plan in September. That notice outlines changes to be made to your plan for 2015: **it is important to review, understand and save this information.** During Medicare Open Enrollment, from October 15th to December 7th, you will be able to change your plan next year. If you would like help understanding your upcoming changes and options, a trained SHINE counselor is available to offer FREE and CONFIDENTIAL counseling on all Medicare and related health insurance programs. To make an appointment now, please call the senior center at 508-543-1252.

S.H.I.N.E

You can obtain health insurance information and assistance through the SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Everyone) Program. The SHINE program provides free and confidential health insurance information counseling and assistance to Massachusetts residents who are or will be eligible for Medicare and their families. We have SHINE counselors, Judy Murphy and Ed Raider, who can meet with you individually at the senior center on the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday of the month in the mornings. The next appointments are being scheduled for December 18th. In addition to the SHINE program, Social Worker Pam McGuire and Outreach

Worker Ken Levy are available at the senior center to help answer any questions you may have regarding Medicare and your health insurance options. If you would like to meet with Pam or Ken, call the senior center at 508-543-1252 to set up and appointment.

WEEKLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

TALESPINNERS

Do you have a story or an experience that you would like to share? Does a fond memory bring a chuckle or a tear every time it comes to mind? Our stories and memories are what glue us together as families, neighborhoods, and even whole societies. You may not consider yourself a writer or even a storyteller, but you may have interesting recollections to share. "Talespinners" meets every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. In this group, you will have the opportunity to share and write about memories and reflections. We encourage you to come and listen to our "creations" even if you don't write.

KNITTING CLUB

Join us for an afternoon of knitting at the senior center. Our free knitting club meets at the senior center on Monday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. This club is open for beginners who'd like to learn from other knitters, as well as for those who would like to brush up on their skills, or just work on a project. Everyone learns from each other in this class. If you have knitting needles, please bring them in with you and we'll supply the yarn.

CRIBBAGE

The Cribbage Group meets at the senior center on Fridays at 11:00 a.m. Donna Gavin is the volunteer leader of the cribbage group and is available at the senior center most Fridays to teach you the game or to provide helpful hints to improve your game. Players of all levels are welcome to join in the fun!

NUTRITION

The Nutrition Class meets every Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. Each week we share new "healthy" recipes, participate in food sampling, exchange ideas, talk about good nutrition and tell some great jokes.

JOIN US FOR TAI CHI

Come and try a Tai Chi class. Tai Chi is held on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Our instructor, Jeanne Donnelly, has been teaching exercise for many years. In addition to her Tai Chi instruction, Jeanne is a personal trainer and teaches Qi Gong and Yoga. Classes are \$2 per session (a lower rate subsidized by the Friends of Foxboro Seniors). Take advantage of this great opportunity to try something new and fun for your general well-being. Come ready to move and stretch in your loose clothing and sneakers or comfortable flat shoes. Please call the senior center at 508-543-1252 to sign up.

STRETCH AND BALANCE

On Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. we are offering a "Stretch and Balance" class at the senior center. One of our favorite YMCA instructors, Joyce Collins, leads this low impact form of exercise incorporating adapted yoga moves, balancing, stretching, toning, breathing and relaxation. Many of the exercises are done with the participants seated in chairs. This class is appropriate for all levels. The cost is \$2 per class. Come and give it a try!

STRENGTH TRAINING

Our Wednesday morning exercise classes begin at 8:30 a.m. every week and feature stretching routines and exercises that focus on the stomach, legs, arms and shoulders. During our class we also use small hand weights as we work on our conditioning and our strength training. We have an instructor from the YMCA to lead our class and there is a \$2 charge for each class. This class is open to both men and women, so come join us. It is a great opportunity to get in shape and have lots of fun at the same time.

MEALS AT THE RODMAN BUILDING AT ANNON COURT SERVED AT 11:45 A.M.

If you plan to eat, give Marcia at least two days notice by calling 508-698-0754.

Please note that after many years without an increase in price, the suggested donation is now \$3.00. The Van-Go is available for transportation on a limited basis by calling the senior center at 508-543-1252.

Meals contain approx. 700 calories, 600 mgs. sodium with no added salt, 3 oz. entrée, low fat & low sodium gravies.

Monday, December 8

American Chop Suey

Cut Green Beans

Apricots

Wheat Bread

Calories 293

Sodium 210

Tuesday, December 9

Omelette with Broccoli Cheese

Potato Wedges

Fruit Muffin

Strawberry Cup

Calories 305

Sodium 524

Wednesday, December 10

Roast Pork with Apple Gravy

Roasted Potato

Winter Squash

Dinner Roll

Brownie

Calories 459

Sodium 219

Thursday, December 11

Salmon/Dill Sauce

Rice Florentine

Jardeniere Vegetables

Whole Wheat Bread

Apple

Calories 305

Sodium 317

Friday, December 12

Shepards Pie

Carrot Coins

Multigrain Roll

Pears

Calories 466

Sodium 452