

The Senior Profile



Freetown Council on Aging - 227 Chace Road - East Freetown, MA 02717-1008
Office hours: Monday thru Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Friday 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM

As of now our offices are open to appointments, masks required

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The Council on Aging's purpose is to help and serve seniors. There is no membership.

Everyone is invited to participate in all activities at the senior center. Come by and enjoy!

Stop & Shop Cookout

On Wednesday, August 11th, at 12:00 PM, there will be a Stop & Shop Cookout. Stop & Shop will be here with their associates volunteering by cooking, serving, etc. Come on down and have a burger or hotdog with your neighbor. RSVP by Wednesday, August 4th. All Freetown Seniors are welcome!

Senior Coffee Social

On Wednesday, August 18th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM we will have coffee and donuts for seniors of Freetown. Please RSVP by Wednesday August 11th.

Annie Maxim House, Inc. **Housing Assistance Program**

Does your home have a need for repairs that you cannot afford to fix? The Annie Maxim House Housing Assistance Program may be able to help!! The program provides funding for small home repairs in order to enhance the health, safety and quality of life for elders who are 62 years of age or older.

Please note the program is designed to *enhance the safety of your life* and ensure your needs are being met. Projects are restricted budget wise to accommodate *small versus large* repairs. Examples of past projects funded include:

- ✓ Repair of wooded steps to ensure safety
- ✓ Installing hand rails to minimize fall risk
- ✓ Funding of stair chair lift to access second floor bedroom.
- ✓ Repair of broken window for safety/improve heating

If you experience financial hardship and have a need for a small home repair, please call the Annie Maxim House at (508) 763-2494 for further information!

**SEE BACK OF CALENDAR FOR FARMER'S
MARKET COUPON INFORMATION**

Bristol County Sheriff's Office R. U. O. K Program

On Thursday, August 26th, at 2:00 PM, Bristol County Sheriff's Office will be here to talk to seniors about their R. U. O. K. Program. They will have ice cream for all who visit the Senior Center. Come on over for some nice refreshing ice cream!

Public Health Nurse Clinic

Lori Desmarais, RN, BSN, the Freetown Public Health Nurse is available on the Second Tuesdays of the month. She will be here August 10th, from 10:00 am-11:00 am at the COA for Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Monitoring, Wound Assessment, Vitamin B12 injections (as prescribed), Health Education and Promotion, and Home Visitation for Homebound Residents (Assessment/Referral). *Submitted by Lori Desmarais*

Book Club

Calling all Book Lovers! The Freetown Public Libraries and the Council on Aging are starting a monthly book club! Books will be provided by the library and will be available in Hardcover, Large Print and Audiobook Format. Meetings will be held at the COA on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM. Next meeting is August 18th. We have decided on the book *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. We will have copies for you at the August meeting to discuss at the September meeting.

Submitted by The Freetown Public Libraries

PROGRAMS:

Pool Table: Mondays at 9:00 AM

Knitting: Mondays at 10:00 AM

Cards: Mondays at 1:00 PM

Bingo: Tuesdays at 1:00 PM

Scrabble: Thursdays at 1:00 PM

For any of these you must call to notify us you will be here. At this time, we are having renovations done to the building and are not sure when they will be taking place.

Podiatrist

Dr. Markowitz, will be here Monday, August 30th, at 9:30 AM. You must call Dr. Markowitz to make an appointment at **1-401-455-3554**.

DANCE-FIT with Ellie (certified instructor)
30 mins. dance & cardio moves (low impact) to variety of music

20 mins. full body strength, stretch

END: Yoga relax & breathe.

\$5.00 suggested donation

Must bring: Water bottle, folding chair, hand weights

MON & FRI 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (in pavilion out back)

Submitted by Ellie Higgins

FUEL ASSISTANCE

Please call the COA when you receive your application to make an appointment. There are forms and paperwork you must collect to fill out the Fuel Assistance form.

"Brown Bag" Program

Wednesday, August 25th

From 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

AT THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING

"Brown Bag" distribution will be held at the Freetown Council on Aging. You must be 60 years of age or older. Recipients must be low income, as measured by participation in (or eligibility for) at least one other program in which proof of income has been demonstrated. This includes elders who are eligible for SSI, Medicaid, Fuel Assistance and Food Stamps, OR your gross household income is at or below the guidelines listed.

1 person \$1,872 per month

2 people \$2,538 per month

3 people \$3,204 per month

4 people \$3,870 per month

For questions call 508-763-9557.

We will deliver the brown bag if you cannot pick it up. If not picked up by Thursday, we will donate it.

Senator and Representatives

Representative Paul Schmid will be here Monday, August 2nd, at 10:00 AM

Senator Michael Rodrigues will be here Wednesday, August 25th from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Representative Paul Schmid: 617-722-2210

Representative Carole Fiola: 617-722-2430

COA Van

At this time, our van is available for anyone who may need a ride to the store or doctor's office. You must call the office and give us the date, time, address and phone number, if it is a doctor visit. We will see if we are available, limit of one person, unless in same household, on van. Masks required.

VAN SCHEDULING, MASKS MUST BE WORN!

The van will be running a little differently, we can only have one person, unless in same household, in our vehicle at a time. If you have an appointment, we must make sure it does not interfere with another one.

The van runs every **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**. Please call the COA at 508-763-9557 for further information. We must have at least a 48-hour notice for the van.

In order to be more efficient with the van when you call in, please have the exact name, address and phone number of your destination, and if you need the wheelchair lift. We can no longer schedule without this information. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Medicare Questions?

Are you Turning 65 in the next three months?

Are you over 65 and need to enroll soon?

Do you understand your Medicare deadlines and options?

Are you having trouble paying for medical expenses and prescription drugs?

If any of these apply to you, contact the SHINE (Serving Health Insurance needs of Everyone...on Medicare) program. Certified SHINE counselors offer free, confidential counseling on all aspects of health insurance to anyone on Medicare. In-person SHINE appointments are not available now due to social distancing, but help is available over the phone. Call your local Senior Center at 508-763-9557. Or, Call 508-222-1399, the Greater Attleboro regional office. Once you get the SHINE answering machine, leave your name, phone number and town. A counselor will call you back as soon as possible.

Submitted by SHINE

East Freetown Grange

Farmer & Artisan Market

When: Every Sunday from

August 1st through October 3rd

Time: 9:00 AM -1:00 PM

Where: 26 Washburn Rd, East Freetown

Look Forward to...

- Fresh fruits, veggies and honey
- Handmade lip balm and soaps
- Hand sewn fabric items

And SO MUCH MORE!

VETERAN'S AGENT

Bob Klevecka is our Veteran's Agent if you need his services, please call 508-763-3190, Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM



Carving Out Your Story An Oral History Workshop

Stories come from the most amazing places! If you've lived a life, you have stories to share!

Please join us for a **free 90-minute Oral History workshop**. This fun and friendly workshop will help you uncover interesting stories from your life. Using story prompts and interactive activities, award-winning storytellers Karen Chace and Andrea Lovett will guide you through the process of finding those jewels that deserve to be remembered.

For the past seven years, Karen and Andrea have collaborated with senior citizens in the greater Lakeville/Freetown area, helping them excavate priceless memories. These are a few of the touching, beautiful, funny and courageous stories captured in the past:

- A boy's pain of losing a parent dovetailed with the joy of summer camp.
- The joy of winning a coveted bicycle and the resulting mayhem.
- A young bride's excitement and trepidation when she moves away from the small-time life she loves, to join her husband who is drafted into the Marines during the Korean Conflict.
- The courage of a high school boy who stands up to the bullies in his life and finds himself in the process.
- An historic meeting with Coretta Scott King.

Your Stories are important!

There are generations of children who have no concept of what it was like to grow up in the 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's... Come join us! All you need to bring is a notebook, pencil and a willingness to explore and have fun!

Date: Thursday, September 30th

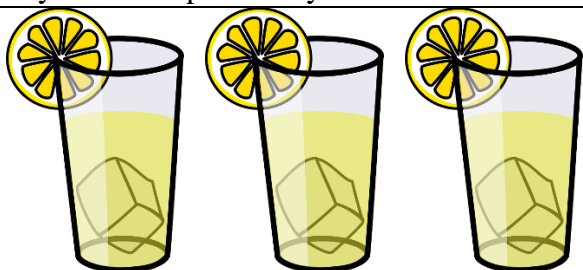
Time: 1:30-3:30

Location: Lakeville Library, 4 Precent St, Lakeville

Registration is required and space is limited.

Please call Jayme Viveiros at (508) 947-9028 to register for the free workshop.

Questions before you decide to register? Contact Karen at storybug@aol.com or Andrea at love2tell2@aol.com. We will be delighted to speak with you. We hope to see you there!



Board of Registrars Vacancy

There is a current vacancy that exists on the Board of Registrars. If you would be interested in serving on the board, please submit a letter of interest to:

Cheryl C. A. Estrella, Town Clerk,

Town of Freetown

P. O. Box 438

Assonet, MA 02702

If you have any questions or need further information, please call 508-644-2201, ext. 2.

The Board of Registrars meet at the Town Clerk's Office for Final voter registrations before elections and town meetings, check in voters at town meetings and take part in election recounts.

Requirements: Must be a Republican or Democrat for a period of 2 years or more & must have own transportation.

Submitted by Town Clerks' Office

OUR GROCERY ROOM

If you need some extra food or essential items, please call the COA and we can put together some groceries for you. We also have adult incontinence pads and undergarments. We can set up a time to pick up in the back of the building, curbside, or if you are unable to drive, we can deliver them. Please call us, we do like hearing from you. If we do not pick up, please leave us a message and we will get back to you. We are still getting donations.

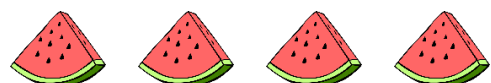
Bristol Elder Services Board Opening

Are you interested in community-based services and supports for older adults? Bristol Elder Services, Inc., designated by the Commonwealth as the central point for aging services in greater Attleboro, Fall River, and Taunton Communities, is seeking a person from Freetown to serve on its Board of Directors (Board). The Board is the Corporation's governing body and as such, sets strategy, policy and carries out the functions of the agency.

The Board meets every month on the fourth Friday at 10:00 AM. Although meetings are generally held in Fall River with an option to attend by webinar or teleconference, at present, all meetings are virtual. The composition of members is set by the state and includes things such as having a majority over the age of 60. We aim to have a diversified group geographically, from various sectors (health care, businesses), and cultures.

To learn more, contact Nancy Munson, CEO, at Nancy.munson@bristolelder.org, or 774-627-1304.

Submitted by Bristol Elder Services



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Janet Pilotte, Senior Clerk
Sandra L. Martins, Clerk/Aide

COA Board:

Marion E. Rylands—Chair Person
Robin L. Kendrick—Co-Chair Person
Bruce W. Wilbur—Treasurer

Ruth A. Ferland
Victoria A. Brownell
Alfred C. Barros
Evelyn M. Alves

Van Drivers:

Judy A. Reese
John E. Pye, Jr.
Donna M. Silva

Directors Note

We would like to thank JaySan Gas for their help with our cookout last month. The young adults from St John Neumann were very helpful and serving all who came, thank you. Even though it was an overcast day, we still had a great time seeing people we have not seen in many months. Everyone enjoyed the nice ice cream from Annie's Ice Cream Shack.

LOAN CLOSET

We have a medical shed-loan closet if you need any equipment. We just ask that you return them for the next person when you no longer need them.

Canes, crutches, wheel chairs, commodes, walkers, shower chairs and benches, etc. We also have adult incontinence products if you need them. Please call us for availability. We also accept donations of above equipment.

Chicken BBQ by Tazz

On Saturday, August 14th, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at VFW Post #6643, 89 Middleboro Road, East Freetown, MA. Sponsored by VFW Post 6643 Auxiliary to benefit our various programs such as Veteran Services, Scholarship programs, VFW National Home for Children.

Tickets \$15.00, available at the Freetown VFW or call Susan LeBlanc at 508-763-9245.

Tazz BBQ is a catering business out of Taunton, MA. There web site is tazzsbbq.com

