

# 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**  
**Closed Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> for Columbus Day**  
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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!**

## **Breakfast at Freetown Elementary School!**

The Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District would like to invite you to join us for breakfast!

Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM at

43 Bullock Rd, Freetown

Join us for: Scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash brown, bacon, coffee, tea and juice

Please sign up by October 10<sup>th</sup>

## **New Class! Strength With Dyna-Bands**

Fridays, 9:15 AM to 9:45 AM,

30 minute class, \$3.00 Donation requested

Get strong with certified group Fitness Instructor, Ellie Higgins. Work all muscles-upper and lower body-using Dyna-Bands. Ellie will provide the bands. Includes balance and body weight exercise. Some seated some standing, for weight bearing-important for bone strength.

## **Coffee & Muffins**

Mondays at 10:00 AM

Come on in to the senior center and have a cup of coffee or tea and some fresh from the oven muffins. All are welcome. Please let us know by the Friday before if you will be attending so we can have enough muffins on hand. Thanks!!

## **Senior Tax Work Off Program**

Seniors work approximately 75 hours in different town departments and receive up to \$750.00 off their real estate tax bill. Your application must be returned by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Everyone must fill out an application, including those who participated last year. If there is anyone that is interested in working this program, please call the COA. Please be aware of the guidelines:

<b>Number in Family:</b>	<b>1 Pers.</b>	<b>2 Pers.</b>	<b>3 Pers.</b>
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$39,300</b>	<b>\$44,900</b>	<b>\$50,500</b>

## **Fuel Assistance**

Please call the COA when you receive your application to make an appointment.

**Family Size: 1 Pers. 2 Pers. 3 Pers. 4 Pers.**

**UP TO: \$35,510 \$46,437 \$57,363 \$68,289**

There are forms and paperwork you must collect to fill out the Fuel Assistance form.

## **Freetown Senior Birthday Party**

On Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 PM, we will be having our Birthday Party for seniors of Freetown. Lunch is Salisbury steak, catered by Cyd's Creative Kitchen. RSVP and \$6.00 due by Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

## **Cyd's Lunch: Tuesdays at 11:30 AM**

October 2<sup>nd</sup>-Chicken Pie

RSVP and \$7.00 due by September 25<sup>th</sup>

October 30<sup>th</sup>-Stuffed Peppers

RSVP and \$5.00 due by October 23<sup>rd</sup>

## **Spaghetti Dinner at VFW**



Sponsored by Freetown VFW Post 6643 and "The Friends of the VFW", at 89 Middleboro Road, East Freetown. This is an all you can eat pasta meal on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. \$7.00 PP, 70+ \$5.00 PP, 90+ free. We have raffles and door prizes. We are serving the community.

*Submitted By Bruce Wilbur*



### SHINE Counselor

Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone  
Our SHINE Volunteer, will not be available until further notice. Please call their regional office at 1-800-987-2510 for any questions.

### Senator and Representatives

Representative Paul Schmid will be here Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM  
Senator Michael Rodrigues will be here Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM  
Representative Carole Fiola will be here Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

### Pool Table

Mondays, 9:00 AM

### Seated Massage

Mondays, 9:30 AM at the COA, please call the COA for an appointment. \$5.00 donation requested for 15 minutes.

### Knitting and Crocheting Club

Mondays, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM,  
Bring your own supplies. Please call the Senior Center if you would like to attend.

### Card Games-Pitch

Mondays, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

### BINGO

Tuesdays, 12:45 PM to 3:00 PM, The license for bingo requires that you be at least 60 years old to play

### \*\*GOLD\*\*SILVER\*\*PLATINUM\*\*

Please call the COA for further information.

### Painting Class

Painting...Drawing...Mixed Media...Art Classes  
Wednesdays, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

Artists of all abilities and interests are welcome!  
Come and give it a try...it's never too late to learn some new tricks!

*Submitted by Betty Ashley*

### Line Dancing

Wednesdays, 9:30 AM at the Freetown VFW  
Lessons \$2.00 per person, all ages are welcome.

### Meat Bingo Game

Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 PM. Cost is 2 cards for \$5.00. **You must call and pay your \$5.00 required donation to reserve a seat by Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**, win a Bingo; you can go and choose a tray of meat. The meat packages will consist of smaller portions perfect for one or two people.

### Parkinson's Support Group

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup>, at Dartmouth Council on Aging, 628 Dartmouth St, Dartmouth. Please call Miles Molnan at 508-997-0907 for reservations and any questions. Please join us!

### Blood Pressure

Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM

### Scrabble

Thursdays, 12:30 PM

### The Freetown Senior Club

Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

### Yoga

Fridays, 10:00 AM, using a mat  
Your first class is free. Classes are a \$5.00 suggested donation. Come on in and try our classes.

### Kanakis Produce

Discount on Fruit and Vegetables  
Fridays, 10:30 AM

### Podiatrist

The Foot Doctor will be here Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM, and Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. You must call Dr. Markowitz to make an appointment at **1-401-455-3554**

### Veterans Agent

Bob Klevecka is our Veterans Agent. If you need his services, please call 508-763-3190, Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

### VAN SCHEDULING

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.

### Country Travelers Trips in 2018

**October 13, 2018**-New York City Day Trip, \$49.00 PP

**October 16, 2018**-Harts Turkey Farm lunch followed by Farm/Orchard visit, Meredith, NH, \$60.00 PP

**November 12-14, 2018**-Turning Stone Resort and Casino, Verona, NY \$245.00 dbl. \$359 sgl. \$240 triple. ALL above trips leave from the backside of Hampton Inn (Next door to White's Restaurant) **far side near tennis courts**. If enough people register from this area, they will make the Senior Center a pick up destination. Any info please call Veronica Beaulieu at 508-636-4889.  
*Submitted by Judy Emond*

### East Freetown Grange Harvest Market

Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> From 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
At The Grange Hall, 26 Washburn Road, Freetown.  
Come meet your community's farmers, homesteaders and artisans. For more information please contact:  
[freetowngrange307@gmail.com](mailto:freetowngrange307@gmail.com)

**Brown Bag” Program**  
**Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**From 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM**  
**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.

<b>1 person</b>	<b>\$1,872 per month</b>
<b>2 people</b>	<b>\$2,538 per month</b>
<b>3 people</b>	<b>\$3,204 per month</b>
<b>4 people</b>	<b>\$3,870 per month</b>

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.



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**Compassionate Care Hospice**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

Compassionate Care Hospice serves the needs of patients and families in Southeastern Massachusetts. An integral aspect of the care are volunteers who serve in a variety of capacities. They make friendly visits with patients to talk about interests, hobbies, favorite activities, life reviews, and even sing songs together! A volunteer can be a supportive, peaceful presence when a patient is sleeping. The volunteer also brings respite to the patient’s family. Being a volunteer is a wonderful way to give back to the community and provides something very meaningful to patients and their families!

If you are interested, please contact: Michael Freilich, Volunteer Coordinator at Compassionate Care Hospice in Taunton. Phone: (508) 386-6011, Email: [Michael.Freilich@cchnet.net](mailto:Michael.Freilich@cchnet.net).

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

*Submitted by Michael Freilich*

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**USDA CAN HELP REPAIR YOUR HOME**  
**RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Home Improvement & Repair Loans and Grants (Section 504)** are funded directly by the Government. These loans and grants are available to assist people who live in rural communities with a population of 20,000 or less.

**Purpose:** The Very Low-Income Housing Repair program provides loans and grants to very low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their dwellings or to remove health and safety hazards.

→**504 GRANTS**

- Applicant must live in an eligible town
- Applicant must be 62 years of age or older
- Applicant must own and occupy a modest dwelling
- Applicant must have a very low income and be unable to repay a loan at 1% annual interest rate
- The repairs and improvements to be made must be necessary to make the dwelling safe and sanitary and/or remove health and safety hazards.

→A 504 Grant can be approved for up to \$7,500. The applicant does not have to pay the grant back to the government, but will be required to remain in the dwelling for a period of three years after receiving the grant.

→The total assistance available through the Section 504 Program is \$27,500, which could consist of a combination loan and grant.

→**504 LOANS**

- Applicant must live in an eligible town
- Applicant must be at least 18 years of age
- Applicant must own and occupy a dwelling
- Applicant must have a very low income and be able to repay a loan at 1% annual interest rate
- The repairs and improvements may be general repairs to improve or modernize the property, as long as the dwelling remains modest.

→ **A 504 Loan can be approved for \$20,000 at a 1% interest rate which is payable over 20 years.**

Income limits yearly by household for Freetown:

**1 \$25,600   2 \$29,250   3 \$32,900   4 \$36,600**

To contact Rural Development please call 508-295-5151, extension 4, TDD: 413-253-4590, or on the web at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/ma](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ma)

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**Tea Time!**

Enjoy a tantalizing variety of teas, sweets and savory tidbits. Bring warm lively conversation to your creatively embellished table. Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM, Please RSVP by Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

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**Lakeville Arts and Crafts Trips**

Here are some trips from the Lakeville COA. If you need further information please call the Freetown COA-we have flyers-or Lori at Lakeville COA-508-947-7224.

**October 12, 2018**, Friday, Sweets, Treats & Foliage in New Hampshire-\$84.00 PP

**October 29, 2018**, Monday, Lake Winnepesaukee Turkey Train in New Hampshire-\$82.00 PP

**November 14, 2018**, Wednesday, Newport Playhouse presents "Sylvia"-\$92.00

**December 5-7, 2018**, Wednesday to Friday, Christmas In the White Mountains-Double \$489.00 PP, Triple \$459.00 PP, Single, \$629.00 PP

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**Directors Note**

Thank you to Mark Audette for all your help at cleaning up our senior center, and more.

If you wish to receive your Senior Profile by E-mail, please send us your e-mail address at COA@freetownma.gov. If you wish to check out anything to do with the town please visit [www.freetownma.gov](http://www.freetownma.gov).

**Drop-Off Day For Household Hazardous Waste**

Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to noon at the Crapo Hill Landfill, 300 Samuel Barnet Blvd, New Bedford

Open to New Bedford, Dartmouth and Freetown residents only, ID required. If you have any questions about what is accepted at the landfill call 508-644-2202, ext. 3.

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