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**THE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:** There is a lot going on at the COA this month, so you may need resist the urge to spend all your time outdoors and/or in your garden in between the many April showers! Stay healthy, active, and involved. *Judith, Director* 

- Of course, April's headliner is

  Harvey Leonard's talk on Climate

  Change: Simple, Serious, Solvable
  on April 11th. Many of you have already
  signed up and if you haven't done so, call
  us soon to reserve a seat. This is guaranteed
  to be an especially good presentation.
- hosted by a team from Summit Eldercare/FallonHealth on April 2nd promises to be top-notch and will touch on easy home modifications, what to do if you fall, basic safety habits, and the positive role physical activity plays in preventing falls. Falls are the leading cause of senior injuries, so its a good idea to get this one on your calendar.
- WFOs and Spy Balloons on April 16th presented by Chris Torres, a life-long searcher who has all the tea on the science/new intel as well as the crazy stuff. Come learn what Chris has sorted out and what he's learned from the NYT team that broke open the UFO files, scientists, and government officials. Fascinating and fun!
- The Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's talk on April 29th is the first of 2 presentations by the Alzheimer's Association-MA/NH Chapter. Julie McMurray and Princeton's Jodi Utter

- will walk us through these signs and why early diagnosis and treatment is so important. Mark your calendars for the May 6th workshop, Understanding Dementia and Alzheimer's too!

  Registration for both starts April 1st.
- Monthly Health Screenings Clinic run by Dianna Markley. Screenings include blood pressure, diabetes, and blood oxygen levels. Call the COA to make an appointment. Let us help you be more aware of and in better charge of your health.
- Make sure to check out the information inside on **Medicare Savings Plans** (MSPs). If you would like more information go to the website provided or make an appointment with **Wes Barter**, our SHINE counselor. The great new benefit is there is no asset limit you only need to be below the monthly income requirements.
- We're accepting **book donations** again. Please bring us the recent bestsellers you've finished and drop by to pick one up.
- Watch for **Pickleball** to resume about mid-month if the weather permits. We'll start scheduling sessions on PlayTime Scheduler soon. We're also arranging for 2 more clinics later this spring.

### **Our Hours**

Monday thru Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm All activities & services.

#### Fridays

Scheduled activities ONLY

#### Closed

April 15th for Patriots Day

### **COA Board Members**

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### April 2024 Board Meeting

The COA Board Meeting for the month of December will be held on **Wednesday, April 3rd at 9am.** 

### **Our Address**

We are located at Post Office Place 206 Worcester Road Suite 21, 1st floor Princeton, MA 01541

You can reach us by calling **978-464-5977**.

# The Wachusett Food Pantry



Located at 50 Worcester Road in Sterling and available to all residents of the Wachusett area. Advanced sign-up is not needed, just show up at the pantry at the designated date and time.

When you arrive, please remain in your car and a volunteer will come to your car to assist you.

If you are a senior and need assistance with **confidential** pick-up/delivery to your home, contact the COA at least ONE WEEK prior.

### Seniors (65+)

Fridays from 9:00am to 11:00am April 19, May 17, June 21

### **ALL Residents**

Saturdays from 9:00am to 11:00am April 20, May 18, and June 22

## Health Screenings & Ask a Nurse

Tuesday, APR 16th at 9:30AM

A clinic to screen for high blood pressure, diabetes, and oxygen in your blood. Don the cuff, get one finger pricked, and/or another clipped/pinched to check on three indicators of your health.

Clinic is run by Princeton's **Dianna Markley**, public health and geriatric- certified nurse, and member of the Princeton Board of Health.

Call 978-464-5977 for an appointment.

## The Princeton Council on Aging



Councils on Aging (COAs) serve as a gateway to the nation's aging network — connecting older adults to vital community services that can help them stay healthy and independent.

The **Princeton Council on Aging** offers a wide variety of programs and services including:

- ★ Meals & Nutrition
- ★ Health, Fitness, and Wellness Programs
- ★ Information & Assistance
- ★ Public Benefit Counseling, including SNAP and Fuel Assistance
- ★ SHINE Appointments (Medicare Counseling)

- ★ Social & Recreational
- ★ Educational & Arts
- ★ Foot Care Services
- ★ FREE Medical Equipment Loan
- ★ Transportation
- ★ Multi-Age Programs
- ★ Volunteering
- ★ More!

## Free Rides for Seniors



The SCM ElderBus offers FREE curb-tocurb rides for seniors over 60 and those with disabilities.

### RESERVE YOUR SEAT BY CALLING 1-800-321-0243.

Please call 48 hours in advance, from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

### Medical:

Worcester/Auburn/Barre Monday to Wednesday

10:00am to 12:00pm or 12:00 to 2:00pm

### **Rutland/Holden/Leominster**

Monday to Friday 9:00am to 2:30pm

#### **Shopping:**

Big Y, Holden

Every Friday 10:30am to 12:00pm

## Footcare by Nurses



A skilled-nursing service, offering kind, safe, evidence-based care for your feet that supports overall health, mobility, and balance. Services include: nail trimming, callous removal, and foot massage. Visits are by appointment at the COA or through home visits. Contact the COA at 978-464-5977 for details on dates, times and prices.

FREE CLINIC



## Bridge

**CLASSIC BRIDGE Tuesdays from 2pm** 

DUPLICATE BRIDGE 1st Tuesday from 2:00 to 5:00pm

Call 978-464-5977 for info.



## Mahjong

### Mondays at 2:00pm

A game, using rectangular pieces called tiles, played by four people, The object is to collect the most winning sets of tiles, as in gin rummy.

Beginners welcome.



## **Book Club**

### April 24th at 1:00pm Invisible Thread

by Laura Schroff & Alex Tresniowski

### May 15th at 1:00pm The Reading List

by Sara Nisha Adams



## Attention Veterans!

You may be eligible for additional benefits. Call Lynette Gabrila at the Veterans Service

Office to find out more! Call 978-630-4017 or LGabrila@gardner-ma.gov



## Computer Support

Do YOU need some help with technology? Do YOU want to learn how to join ZOOM? **Karen Cruise** is here and ready to help! Socially distanced and virtual technical support are available through our very capable volunteers. Call **978-852-2709** or email **crukaren99@gmail.com** 



## **Piano**

### **BEGINNERS CLASS Mondays at 12:30pm**

Small group classes with instructor, **Dennis Deyo**. \$5 per person/class

### CHORDS CLASS Mondays at 11:30am

Open to members of the Beginners Class only



## **Games**

#### Mondays at 2:00pm

Like to play games? Want to learn a new one? Join us for Cribbage, Pitch, Rummikub, and more. All are welcome!



## Needlework Studio

### Thursdays at 2:00pm

Do you knit, crochet, embroider or enjoy any of the needle arts? Then, join us to work on your latest project and enjoy each other's company. Such fun!



## Men's Group

### Fridays at 10:00am

Come join this great group of men for exciting discussions on anything and everything! Call for details: **Mike Warren** at **978-337-0636.** New members are always welcome!



## **UFOs & Spy Balloons**

Tuesday, April 16th at 11:00am

A lot has come to light since Roswell and this talk will take you through the most recent developments on the topic of UFOs, including the NYT article that broke the official UFO reports. Our presenter, **Chris Torres**, will review exactly what government officials and prominent scientists have said, both on and off-the-record about UFOs (now known as UAPs), and what we might see unfolding next. X-filers and sceptics alike will enjoy this fun update! **Call 978-464-5977 to register** 



## **Adult Coloring**

Kits available on April 4th at 2:00pm

Free monthly coloring kits of 8 images on card stock will be available for pick-up at the COA.

If you're signing up for the first time, call us and we'll order you a set of 36 dual tip gel pens.

\$11 for initial kit with pens; no charge for subsequent monthly kits.



Wednesday, April 17th at 10:00am

Meet at the COA and carpool to the new Red Fox Farm Trails. A slower 2.5-mile hike with little elevation, a few rocks, and pretty views! Please register at TrailAroundPrincetonMA@gmail.com in case of scheduling changes.



## Yoga with Kate

Mondays & Wednesdays at 9:30am

**\$5 donation/class** All skill levels welcome with main focus on good form. Bring your own mat. Blocks and straps provided. Class taught in Kate's Powerhouse Studio at 206 Worcester Road (above the COA).



## **Chair Yoga**

Thursdays at 10:30am

**\$5 donation/class**. Yoga for EVERY body! This new class focuses on developing strength, flexibility and balance of body and mind. We will use chairs, the wall, the floor, mats, and bolsters so that everyone can practice at their own level. Meets at the COA.



## Stretch & Flow Yoga

Fridays at 9:30am

\$5 donation/class. Slower paced, meditative style class with focus on stretching by holding poses with supportive props such as blocks or straps. Longer holds strengthen/tone muscles while deepening flexibility. Class concludes with savasana, the practice of deep mental and physical relaxation. Meets at Kate's Powerhouse Studio at 206 Worcester Road (above COA).

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## **COA/PAS Open Studio**

Thursdays at 1:00pm

Free drop-in open studio co-sponsored by the COA and the Princeton Arts Society. Bring your own art, craft, writing, etc., or drop in and see what we are doing. Free and open to all Princeton seniors and friends of PAS. A fun and easy way to fit some weekly creativity into your schedule.

## Senior's Pickleball

Our most devoted players are suggesting that they may pick up their racquets again this month, provided the weather cooperates. Starting about mid-month, we'll be posting court schedules on PlayTimeScheduler. We expect to retape the courts in May and hold 2 clinics in late May and early June. Stay tuned for details!

## **Medicare Counseling**

Trained SHINE volunteers offer free counseling on all aspects of Medicare health insurance and **Medicare**Savings Plans (MSPs) to seniors.

Wednesday, April 17th, starting at 10am. Call 978-464-5977 to schedule your one-on-one meeting with



our SHINE Counselor on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. In-person or phone appointments.

## **Books & Puzzles**

We are once again looking for new and/or recent books for our lending library. Bring us your bestsellers that you've finished. If you're looking for a good read, come browse our shelves and take a book! Please no old, musty, or outdated books.



## **Falls Prevention**

Tuesday, April 2nd at 10:00am

Falls are the leading cause of injuries for people over 60. In the US, 1 in 4 seniors falls each year, resulting in an ER visit every 11 seconds and a fall-related death every 19 minutes. Age-related changes including reduced muscle strength, balance, and vision, and chronic conditions such as arthritis and osteoporosis increase the risk of falling. Come learn easy home modifications you can do today, basic safety habits, what to do if you fall, and the bennies of staying active! Presentation by **Sharon Nolli** and **Phillip Buchieri**, PT from Summit ElderCare/Fallon Health.

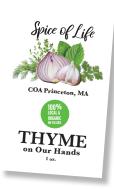
Call 978-464-5977 to register.

## **Medicare Savings Plans**

Medicare Savings Plans (MSPs) will pay for some or all of Medicare premiums, deductibles, copayments, and co-insurance. Depending on your income, MSP will pay your Part A & B premiums and cost sharing, or Medicare Part B premium, as well as lower your prescription costs. For a single person if your monthly income is below \$2,824, or as a married couple it's below \$3,833, you may be eligible for assistance. Starting March 2024 income from all sources is counted, but there is NO ASSET LIMIT. Learn more at Mass.gov/MedicareSavings or book an appointment with our SHINE counselor by calling 978-464-05977.

## **Spice of Life**

Our blends are available at Growing Places Produce Markets and at the COA. Choose from Thyme on Our Hands, Mint Magic, and Wisdom of the Sages. Call us at 978-464-5977, if your are interested in joining this fun project.





### WEEKEND ADVENTURES for TRAVELERS 50+

### **APRIL 20th, 2024**

The Play That Goes Wrong:

Lunch at Storrowton Tavern located on the grounds of the BIG E followed by a matinee performance of The Play That Goes Wrong at the Majestic Theater in Springfield. It is the opening night of the Cornley University Drama Society's newest production, The Murder at Haversham Manor, and things are about to go from bad to utterly disastrous. The play is part Marx Brothers, part Sherlock Holmes, and all mayhem! \$129/pp

### MAY 18th, 2024

Downeaster Train to Portland, Maine: Calling all train buffs! Bus ride to Haverhill, MA to board Amtrak's Downeaster to Portland. Near 2-r train ride passes through historic, quaint, colonial towns and along beautiful beaches. Bus from Portland station to lunch at Muddy Rudder in Yarmouth and browsing shops in Old Port of Portland before bus trip home. \$129/pp

### JUNE 2nd, 3rd, & 4th, 2024

The Von Trapp Lodge: A 3-day, 2-night get away. Tea & cookies at the Trapp Lodge in Stowe, Vermont. Day 2 starts with breakfast and a Trapp Lodge history tour. Then time to explore downtown Stowe, which includes

Cabot Cheese, Lake Champlain Chocolates, Brewery tour/tasting, & dinner at the Bierhall Observation Deck. Day 3 begins at Cold Hollow Cider Mill and Ben & Jerry's with lunch at Jesse's Steak & Seafood Tavern.

\$789/pp (two per room) \$1,029/pp (private room)

### **JUNE 22nd, 2024**

Newport Flower Show and Harbor Cruise: New England's premier flower show returns to the grounds and interior of Rosecliff Mansion with the theme of "At Home." Lunch is at Johnny's in the Wyndham Newport Hotel followed by a relaxing 75-minute cruise of Newport Harbor.

### \$159/pp

### **JULY 14th, 20234**

Lobstah & Bier: First stop is at Pigs Fly bakery, then a visit to York Beach Beer Company for a tasting of 5 beers on tap. Included lunch is at Foster's Restaurant followed by a stop a Stonewall Kitchen before heading home. \$129/pp

### **AUGUST 10th, 2024**

### **Craft Fair & Lake Sunapee**

**Cruise:** Visit the Mount Sunapee Resort for the Craftsman's Fair, the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's signature event with 160 booths plus demonstrations

and workshops. Fair followed by a 2-hour private cruise on Lake Sunapee and buffet lunch aboard the MV Lake Queen. **\$149/pp** 

### OCTOBER 6th, 7th, & 8th, 2024

3-Day Cape May New Jersey: Deluxe motorcoach, 2 nights in the charming Marquis De Lafayette Hotel across from the beach and near historic district. Trip includes welcome reception at hotel followed by dinner at a local restaurant on Day 1. Day 2 includes a guided tour of the 1879 Emlen Physick Estate, a narrated trolley tour of the historic district and its architecture. lunch on own, shopping at the Washington Street Mall, Cape May's town square lined with quaint shops and restaurants, and an afternoon 90-minute guided tour of Cape May and a stop at Sunset Beach and dinner. Day 3 includes a cruise on the Cape May Spirit around Cape May and up the coastline while the captain narrates the lore, legend, and ecology of these waters.

\$769/pp (2-person room) \$999/pp (single room)

NOTE: Trips often fill quickly. If trip is full, call for waitlist; spots open frequently or a 2nd bus may be added.

### CONTACT: Gladys Merrow at 508-835-4312 or 508-612-5312 or andawaywegotravel.gem@gmail.com

Signed COVID waiver and proof of vaccination required. All trips include gratuity for driver and escort. Cancellation waiver included — you'll get a refund, minus \$5 fee. If trip includes theater ticket, refund will also be minus cost of ticket up to 10 days prior to trip. After that, refund only if your seat can be filled.



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Mailing of this edition of our newsletter made possible by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs

A full list of activities happening at the Princeton Senior Center as well as this newsletter can now be viewed on the town website. https://www.town.princeton.ma.us/node/7323/events/month/2021-08



April 2nd at 10:00am

## FALLS PREVENTION

Are You at Risk?

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Register at 978-464-5977



April 11th at 12:00pm

### HARVEY LEONARD

#### The Forecast for Fun!

Learn about weather vs. climate, why climate change is simple, but serious, and how we can mitigate or solve some of the problems it causes. Q & A period afterward for questions about presentation, meteorology, or his amazing career.

Register at 978-464-5977



April 16th at 11:00am

### UFOS & SPY BALLOONS

### The Truth is Out There!

Our presenter, **Chris Torres**, will review exactly what government officials and prominent scientists have said, both on and off-the-record about UFOs, and what we might see unfolding next. X-filers and sceptics alike will enjoy this fun update!

Register at 978-464-5977



April 29th at 11:00am

### ALZHEIMER'S TALK

### Learn the 10 Warning Signs!

Come learn about the importance of early detection and the benefits of diagnosis for you or your loved ones from **Julie McMurray** and Princeton's own **Jodi Utter** of the Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter.

Register at 978-464-5977

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## HARVEY LEONARD Climate Change: Simple, Serious, and Solvable

### Thursday, April 11th at 12:00pm

Climate is what you expect, weather is what you get! In other words, weather is a specific event like a rainstorm or hot day — that happens over a few hours, days, or weeks. Climate is the average weather conditions in a place over 30 years or more. No one has been more enmeshed in the weather daily than meteorologist and local TV personality **Harvey Leonard**! Many of us remember his on-air coverage as early as the Blizzard of '78 and for decades thereafter — in other words, Harvey has seen enough weather over time to have the data and perspective about climate. Come learn about weather vs. climate, why climate change is simple, but serious, and how we can mitigate or solve some of the problems it causes. Q & A period afterward for questions about presentation, meteorology, or his career (this is where the funny stories live). Call the COA at 978-464-5977 to register. Location TBD.



## 10 WARNING SIGNS of ALZHEIMER'S

### Monday, April 29th at 11:00am

Nearly 6 million seniors 65+ are diagnosed with Alzheimer's with over 130,000 patients here in Massachusetts. Over 213,000 MA family caregivers provide in-home assistance, and all MA caregivers annually provide 308 million hours of care valued at \$7 billion. Come learn about the importance of early detection and the benefits of diagnosis for you or your loved ones from **Julie McMurray** and Princeton's own **Jodi Utter** of the Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter. Watch for the follow-up talk on dementia and Alzheimer's early next month but try not to miss this important intro. **Call 978-464-5977 to register.** 



## RECYCLE CENTER

Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center 131 Raymond Huntington Hwy, West Boylston, MA

www.wachusettearthday.org or 978-464-2854

### **Recycling Center Hours:**

- > Tuesdays from 9:00 to 11:00am
- > Thursdays from 4:00 to 6:00pm

### Household Hazardous Products (HHP):

> April 27th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm