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We are currently accepting donations of greeting cards

DIRECTOR'S CORNER:

For the next few months, Eileen Bogle will be serving as the Interim Director for the Senior Center. Please feel free to drop by the office to say hello.



MISSION STATEMENT

As the hub for all aspects of healthy aging, the mission of the Northborough Council on Aging/Senior Center is to enrich and enhance the lives of older adults in our community.

119 Bearfoot Road Northborough, MA

(Handicapped Accessible)

Phone/After Hours Answering Machine:

508-393-5035 • Fax: 508-393-1503

Web Address: www.town.northborough.ma.us

SENIOR CENTER HOURS:

Monday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Tuesday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Wednesday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Thursday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Friday

STAFF

Office Assistant: Nancy Dragon

Outreach Coordinator: Jocelyn Ehrhardt

Program Coordinator: Terry Leo

The Bistro@119 Program Coordinators: Vickie Killeen, Carolyn Harrington

Van Drivers: Dennis Parker, Bob Lang, Keith Cofer, Bill Daley

SHINE Counselors: Pauline O'Bray, Susan Goellner

COUNCIL ON AGING MEMBERS

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- THE WILLOWS Retirement Communities

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We are very excited to share an update about "focusing" on the future of our Senior Center.

Since early Fall, a dedicated group has been working on a Strategic Plan for the Northborough Senior Center to create some goals for the next five years. This effort is being funded by the Friends.

The project team has consisted of Kelly Burke and members of the Council on Aging and the Friends Board Of Directors. After a lot of hard work and dedication, the project team is completing the Strategic Plan.

NEW

Barrie Atkin, Atkin Associates, a consultant recommended by the Massachusetts Council on Aging, has provided her expertise and facilitation.

The project team is presently working on rebranding/marketing materials including a logo for the Senior Center.

The whole process should be completed by the summer. Sincerely Yours,

Anita Hagspiel
President of the Friends

Adrienne Cost
Chairperson of the
Northborough Council on Aging

NEWS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Proper Operation of Smoke Detectors and CO alarms
Date: Tuesday • Date: March 10 • Time: 4:30 - 5:00 PM
Cost: Free • Instructor: Peter Galas

Northborough Fire Department would like to invite you to an informational meeting on Tuesday, March 10 from 4:30 – 5:00 PM at the Northborough Senior Center. We are launching a new program to help to ensure proper operation of smoke detectors and CO alarms, as well as general household fire safety for Seniors. We hope to see you.

You're invited to join the Friends in support of Senior Center activities. Please use the form on this page. All seniors of Northborough and surrounding towns are welcome to take part in Senior Center activities, and all are welcome to visit at any time!

Our Mission - The purpose of the Friends is to financially assist the Northborough Council on Aging in providing programs and selective social services to the senior residents of Northborough and providing for the purchase of non-budgeted items for the Senior Center through membership dues, fund-raising events, grants, donations and corporate gifts. www.friendsofnorthboroughseniors.org

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Tuesday Evening Menu & Entertainment Hours: 5:00 – 6:30 PM Pre-reg. required only on nights with tickets. Tickets available at Front Desk.

March 3	Bread/Rolls & Butter, Caesar Salad, Chicken
\$9	Pot Pie, Cranberry Sauce, Assorted Desserts
March 10	Bread & Butter, Cheese Stuffed Shells with
\$9	Meat Balls, Garden Salad, Assorted Desserts
March 17 \$14	Gray Corned Beef with all The Fixings, Homemade Irish Bread, Special Dessert Ticketed Event - 75 Person Limit, Entertainment by George Curtis
March 24	Bread/Rolls & Butter, Roast Pork, Applesauce,
\$9	Potato, Vegetable, Assorted Desserts
March 31	Bread/Rolls & Butter, Vickies Chicken, Cranberry
\$9	Sauce, Vegetable, Rice Pilaf, Assorted Desserts

Please note that our dinners are very popular. We almost always have a waiting list for our ticketed "Dinner and a Show". Therefore, tickets must be paid in full by the Friday before the event. That way, if your plans change, someone from the waiting list can use your tickets. Thanks, in advance, for your understanding and cooperation with this new policy!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER!

Please join us for our annual

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Tuesday, March 17th at 5:00 PM

in the Bistro. This popular ticketed event is limited to 75 people so please get your ticket early. Musical Entertainment will be provided by pianist George Curtis. - Vickie & Carolyn



NORTHBOROUGH SENIOR CENTER A CAPPELLA CHORUS

Day: Wednesdays • Time: 9:45 - 10:45 AM Instructor: Manoj Padki • Cost: \$3/class

We started the Singing Rounds class on April 17, 2019 and we have been making beautiful music every Wednesday from 9:45 to 10:45. We are now expanding our mandate & doing other styles of music as well. We even did a performance on December 10 at the Northborough Senior Center Bistro Dinner! What we need is your voice! Our goal is to sing beautiful music while building camaraderie and having fun. Please join us!

CHESS

Day: Tuesdays • Time: 5:30 - 7:30 PM • Cost: Free Leader: Tom Rizzo • Pre-Registration Required

Are you interested in playing chess? Have you always wanted to learn or feel that you need to brush up your game? Anyone, of any skill level, is welcome to join us. Let us know if you need lessons or if you're all set to start playing. If you have a board, pieces and a chess clock bring them along. If not, we'll have supplies at the Senior Center.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE - INTERMEDIATE

Date: Tuesdays • Dates: March 17, 24, 31

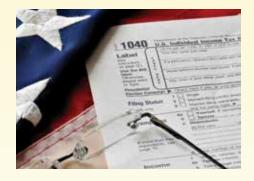
Time: 1:00 PM • Cost: Free Cost: Students purchase textbook Instructor: Meredith Bohne

This is a free class, but students purchase the textbook. This month, we'll focus on traditions for the holidays in the U.S. and your own country including recipes. We'll also practice grammar, vegetable names, popular foods and names of States. As always, we'll discuss topics requested by the class. Meredith Bohne has been teaching for more than 20 years and welcomes you to this class.

FREE HELP WITH STATE AND FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS

Each year the Northborough Senior Center is pleased to pair with the AARP TAXAIDE Program to offer a free income tax service to seniors in the Northborough area. Local AARP volunteers staff the program, supported by the staff from the Senior Center. We are pleased to offer this opportunity again this year.

The AARP TAX-AIDE program helps low and middle income taxpayers file their Federal and Massachusetts personal income tax returns. Special attention is given to senior citizens with Federal Adjusted income of under \$80,000. The program also helps those who would not normally file a tax return but who qualify for the Massachusetts Senior Circuit Breaker, a partial tax refund of up to \$1100 for low income seniors whose real estate taxes or rent meets certain requirements. Residents of subsidized housing do not qualify for the Senior Circuit Breaker.



AARP TAX-AIDE volunteers are trained to assist in filing the basic income tax forms and schedules, including most forms for earned income, retirement income, interest and dividend income, simple business income, itemized deductions, the earned income credit, and Child Tax and Education credits. Volunteers are not trained to assist with depreciation, business returns, complex financial income, and taxpayers subject to the Alternate Minimum tax.

The AARP volunteers meet with taxpayers by appointment at the Northborough Senior Citizen's Center on Wednesday mornings, starting February 5 and ending April 13. Appointments are about an hour, with the first starting at 8:45 and last starting about 12:45.

You are asked to bring all your tax documents to your appointment. Please bring your copy of your 2018 Federal and State tax return. We will require proof of identity (a photo ID) and a Social Security Card or letter from the Social Security Administration documenting all Social Security numbers. Bring proof of health care coverage and the 1095-A if you purchased insurance on the MASS Connector. Bring all income statements - wage statements (W2), interest statements (1099-I), dividend statements (1099-D), retirement income statements (1099-R), social security statements, and brokerage statements (1099-B). Bring proof of real estate tax and water bill payments or rent payments. Bring mortgage statements, charity contributions, medical expenses, and tuition payment statements. Not having the required forms will usually mean rescheduling another appointment on a future Wednesday.

MANICURES/PEDICURES/REFLEXOLOGY

Day: Thursdays • Dates: March 5, 12, 19, 26 Time: First appt. is 9:30 AM; last appt. is 3:00 PM Cost: Varies by Service/Price List at Front Desk/

Call for more Information • Technician: Veronica Thompson Pre-Registration Required

Nail Services are NOT just for women. Veronica will do a Man-Mani and a Man-Pedi too! Take care of your hands and feet and they will take care of you. Veronica is Diabetic and Cancer skin trained. Reflexology is a gentle thumb and finger acupressure that triggers the body's immune system to kick in and heal itself. Reflexology helps dozens of health conditions, is great for pain relief and can be done on hands, feet, face, and ears - one area or all areas. Gift Certificates available. Retail items available.

TUESDAY TRIVIA

Day: Tuesdays • Time: 1:00 PM • Cost: Free

Looking for a lot of fun while sharpening your mind? We've all heard how important it is to use the mind and continually challenge it. Being involved in leisure activities that help stimulate your brain can help you live a longer and happier life. Studies have shown that time spent stimulating the brain can help prevent dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Why not try Tuesday Trivia? Enjoy sharpening your mind in a non-competitive environment.

SPA SERVICES

Day/Date: Wednesday, March 11

The first appointment is at 10:00 AM; the last appointment ends by 3:00 PM. Appt. required • Esthetician: Bonnie Leigh Cost: See the menu of services at the Senior Center

Gift certificates for Spa Services are available at the Senior Center.

Create your own hour of bliss in the privacy of our spa room right here at our center. Get comfy and let our skin care expert, Bonnie Leigh relax and beautify you with her gentle, healing touch and 30 years of experience. **Possibilities include:** Hydrating face mask, face, neck, and shoulder massage, Reiki, warm hand mitts with massage, brow shaping, facial hair removal with gentle wax, aromatherapy warm facial towels.

TECHNOLOGY TUESDAY

Date: Tuesday, March 17 • Time: 2:30 PM Cost: Free • Pre-Registration Required

Algonquin students will be at the Senior Center to help out with your technology questions. Need to figure out your e-reader, iPad, Cell Phone or Laptop? We have iPads and webcams for Skype here if you'd like to try them out. These students have gotten rave reviews for their knowledge and teaching abilities. Please let us know you're planning to come so we have enough students for everyone. Sign up and start getting the most out of technology!

ASK THE LIBRARIAN

Day: Tuesday • Date: March 24

Time: 12:00 PM • Where: The Bistro@119

Visit with Town librarians Deborah Hersh and Donna Kafel during lunch at the Bistro and discover what today's free public library has to offer. More than just books and DVDs, the Northborough Free Library can connect you to a whole world of information and entertainment.

Each month we will feature an opportunity available to you at the Library. For example, did you know that you can get free books to read or listen to on your Kindle, laptop or smartphone? Bring your handheld device and your library card to our first session and we'll show you how.

DIVERSITY THROUGH COLLABORATION

TUESDAY WITH LAURI

Day: Third Tuesday of the month

Date: March 17

Time: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Cost: Free • Leader: Lauri Ryding

I hope you can join us the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM at the

Northborough Senior Center for a cup of coffee, cold drink and some good conversation and more.

We have a few things lined up - movies, documentaries, TedX talks etc -group consensus. Or maybe just conversation. This 'event' will be monthly - the 3rd Tuesday of the Month here at the Senior Center - a great place to meet up - a fabulous & welcoming center. Maybe you know someone who is part of our LGBTQ community that would like to participate? Or a friend or ally? Any questions, please email LRyding@natickma.org or call me **508-647-6540** ext 1926 (Natick Community Center). Thanks again for your time and we look forward to seeing you.

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WELCOME ALL COLORS!

Diversity Through Collaboration invites people 60 and older who are LGBTQ and their allies to attend a **free** PowerPoint presentation, on **Growing Annuals for Bouquets**, followed by a Q & A with Mel Hardy, organic farmer from Fields Edge Flowers at the Callahan Center, Monday, March 30, at 3 PM. Light refreshments will be served. This program is made possible, in part, by funding from the Older Americans Act, as granted by BayPath Elder Services, Inc."

BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Date: Monday, March 23 • Time: 12:00 PM
Cost: Free sandwich of your choice for Northborough
seniors with March birthdays • Pre-registration required

Please join us for Birthday Lunch at the Bistro@119. If you are a town resident and have a birthday in March, the Friends will treat you to a lunch at the Bistro@119, which includes a sandwich of your choice, and of course, cake and ice cream. Even if you're not celebrating a birthday, we'd love to have you join the festivities. Please call the Senior Center at **508-393-5035** to make your reservation. We mail out birthday coupons to Town Residents to be used the day of the birthday lunch at the Bistro@119. If you do not receive yours by the week before Birthday Lunch, please call us and pick up your coupon here.

CHAT AND LUNCH WITH THE CHIEF

Day/Date/Time: Thursday, March 12 at 9:00 AM (Coffee) Day/Date/Time: Thursday, March 26 at 12:00 PM (Lunch)

Join us as we welcome Chief Bill Lyver to the Senior Center for two visits this month. The Chief contacted the Senior Center because he'd like to meet with residents to share updates from the Police Department. He's also interested in hearing of your concerns or questions. On the second Thursday of each month, he'll be here for Chat with the Chief at 9:00 AM with coffee/tea and pastries served. On the fourth Thursday of each month, he'll be here for Lunch with the Chief. You can purchase a meal from the Bistro and join Chief Lyver's table for good food and good conversation.

LEARNING TO PLAY MAH JONG

Join Charlotte Holly for a new opportunity to learn and play Mah Jong, offered every Wednesday except the third Wednesday of the month at 1:30. If you want to learn please contact the center at **508-393-5035**. Those people currently playing please join the game when you are able.

MAH JONG (CHINESE VERSION)

Day: Thursdays • Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Cost: Free • Instructor: Charlotte Holly

If you know how to play, join us on Thursdays at 10:30 AM to play. If you would like to learn how to play, please see the article on "Learning How to Play Mah Jong" in this issue so we can set up a training. Charlotte was fortunate enough to meet a woman from China who taught her to play Mah Jong in the Chinese manner. She found it to be great fun. Since then, Charlotte has shared this knowledge with others and everyone seems to enjoy it. Anyone is welcome. If you have played gin rummy it is an asset, but not necessary. It is less complicated than the American version. So please drop by and check it out. You may discover a new pastime!

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Day: Thursday • New Session March 5 to April 2
Time: 12:45 - 2:15 PM • Presenter: Rev. Sharron Lamothe
Cost: Free

When we lose a loved one caused by illness, an accidental traumatic event or even natural causes, we can expect that we are going to go through some kind of a grief process. The one whom we have loved so dearly is no longer with us, so we need to mourn that loss if we are ever going to move forward with our lives. Our grief and mourning has no time line or limit. It never moves forward logically or step-by-step, and we may feel its grip over and over again.

Everyone experiences grief when a loss occurs. There is no way around it or over it or under it. We must work through it so healing can take place. This is hard work. A support group is one of the ways to help one move through the grief process.

Faith and Family Hospice of Marlborough, Ma. is offering a bereavement support group at the Northborough Senior Center on Bearfoot Road. Rev. Sharron Lamothe, one of the chaplains with Faith and Family Hospice, will be the facilitator along with assistance from colleagues from Faith and Family.

No matter how dark and frightening the winters of struggle have been after the death of a loved one, we can be assured that spring will always come birthing new life. It is our hope that if you are experiencing the loss of a loved one, you will consider attending the bereavement support group. Then maybe you can begin to feel a sense of peace, solace and healing in such a difficult time in your life.

Rev. Sharron

MASSAGES BY MELANIE

Day: Mondays • Time: First Appt. is at 9:00 AM, Last apt. is at 2:30 PM • Therapist: Melanie Railing Cost: Varies by service. Price list at front desk. Call for more info.

Do you have muscle tension or stiffness? Do you want to stimulate the circulation of your blood and lymph fluids and increase your joint flexibility and range of motion? Massage therapy can help you with this and so much more! Melanie is a Licensed Therapeutic Massage Therapist with over 25 years of experience offering both chair and table massages. Please call the front desk, **508-393-5035** for more information and to schedule your relaxing massage.



TRIPS

Below is a list of our trips for 2020. For full itineraries, please visit the Senior Center or our page on the Town of Northborough website. Please make checks payable to the Northborough Senior Center.

BEST OF TIMES TRAVEL - DAY TRIPS

The Home Again Carol King Tribute - May 20th, 2020

Price \$96. Live at Danversport Yacht Club, Danvers, MA. Includes Transportation, Driver's Gratuity, Plated Luncheon, Meal Tax & Gratuity, Show Ticket.



The Corvettes Doo Wop Review - April 28th, 2020Lake Pearl, Wrentham, MA. Includes Plated Lunch Meal, Driver's Gratuity, Meal Tax, Meal Gratuity & Show Ticket: \$94pp. The Corvettes Doo Wop Review is dedicated to preserving and preforming the music of the 1950"s Doo Wop era.

BEST OF TIMES TRAVEL - OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Wine Country Pacific Coast Cruise

9 Days/8 Nights, April 6th - 14th, 2020.

We have itineraries available, price varies by selection of cabins.

Boston to Bermuda

8 Days/7 Nights, May 15th - 22nd, 2020.

We have itineraries available, price varies by selection of cabins.

AAA TRAVEL - OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Mediterranean Dreams: August 26 - September 5, 2020 (9 Nights) Athens, Greek Islands & Turkey cruise. Inside cabin from \$4,779 per person.

Canada & New England Cruise: September 27 - October 4, 2020

(8 Days) Acadia National Park, Portland, Kennebunkport, Halifax and Peggy's Cove. Inside cabin from \$1,399 per person.

Moving Morocco: October 5 - October 17, 2020

(13 days and 11 nights) stay in luxury desert camp in Merzouga, discover Moroccan flavors during foodie tour. Starting at \$3,924 per person.

OUTREACH NOTES

VOLUNTEER NOTES

This month, ten years ago the Northborough Senior Center moved to its new location at 119 Bearfoot Road. Growth and expansion have been a big part of the first ten years. With considerably more space we have been able to welcome more participants and expand programming, including bold and innovative efforts like The Bistro@119. The developments of the past ten years have happened with considerable support and involvement of our Senior Center community.

Similarly Outreach, a sometimes confusing concept, has received exposure to greater numbers of people. That has led to the welcome opportunity to work with more residents regarding the broad range of Outreach Services. The aging services network, a layered system of services with differing eligibility requirements, can be frustrating to navigate. As Outreach Coordinator, I can assist. I anticipate that in the next decade ,given current population trends, the visibility of the Outreach Department will be increasingly important.

Just as a committed group of people were key to getting the Senior Center at 119 Bearfoot Road built, a committed group of volunteers is working on a strategic plan for the years to come. Their efforts as well as the continued support and involvement of our Senior Center community is helping to ensure that we continue to remain relevant in the next ten years.

Jocelyn Ehrhardt, MSW Outreach Coordinator

DAYBREAK AT THE NORTHBOROUGH SENIOR CENTER

A Social Day Program Providing Respite for Caregivers Day: Tuesdays • Time: 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM Pre-registration required

If you're a care partner of someone with Dementia, Alzheimer's or memory loss, the DayBreak program may be just what you're looking for. Christine D'Angelo is the Facilitator in Northborough and Marlborough. DayBreak has been a very successful program at the Hudson Senior Center. As an outgrowth of our COME 2B Dementia Friendly initiative, we have partnered with the Senior Centers in Hudson and Marlborough to offer DayBreak 3 times per week.

A person with Dementia or a Cognitive Impairment can attend 1 or all 3 days per week. DayBreak provides individuals with a safe and stimulating experience with fun activities and social interaction while providing care partners with much needed time for themselves!

Because grant funding is being used, we are providing you an opportunity to make a voluntary \$15 per day donation toward the cost of this service. Service includes lunch and activities. Donations are put directly into the program allowing for the expansion of services.

Making a voluntary donation in no way influences service delivery. Contact Jocelyn Ehrhardt, Outreach Coordinator at **508-393-5035** for more information. To sign-up, please contact Lisa Gardner at **978-568-9638** or lbbazarian@gmail.com.

This program has been made possible in part by funding from the MetroWest Health Foundation

WANT TO LOWER YOUR MEDICARE COSTS?

On January 1, 2020 the income and asset limits for the Medicare Savings Programs* increased. If you qualify, these programs will pay your Part B premium and in some cases your Part A



and B deductibles, co-pays and Part A premium (if you have one). In addition, you will automatically receive Extra Help, a program that will lower your Medicare Part D premium and co-pays.

Income and asset limits effective 1-1-20

Income/month Assets

INDIVIDUAL	\$1,738	\$15,720
MARRIED COUPLE	\$2,346	\$23,600

Prescription drug co-payments with Extra Help effective 1-1-20 | Per 30-Day supply

GENERIC	\$3.60	
BRAND NAME	\$8.95	

To learn more and to request an application, contact MassHealth at: **1-800-841-2900 or TTY at: 1-800-497-4648**. SHINE can also assist you with the application process. Call us to make an appointment at [Insert COA phone number].

Applications are also available on-line at: https://tinyurl.com/MassMSP

*Medicare Savings Programs are also called "MassHealth Buy-In" and are administered by MassHealth.

SHINE (SERVING HEALTH INSURANCE NEEDS OF EVERYONE) APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE WITH OUR SHINE COUNSELORS

We have appointments available where you can meet individually with one of our SHINE Counselors, Pauline O'Bray and Susan Goellner. Please call the Senior Center at **508-393-5035** to schedule your appointment.

HERE'S TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH! WELLNESS CLINIC Date: Tuesday, March 17 • Time: 12:30 - 2:00 PM • Cost: Free

Meet individually with the Nurse, Janet Iacovelli, RN. Often times, a visit to the Primary Care Physician can feel rushed. Maybe there were some questions you felt were left unanswered or you feel need more discussion. Making an appointment with Janet may help with those issues. Janet can also take your Blood Pressure, discuss Blood Sugars (bring your meter), or discuss any medical issues with you.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Tuesday, March 3 at 1:00 PM
Where: at the Senior Center • Cost: Free

FREE HEARING CLINIC

Date: Wednesday, March 11

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM • Appt. Required

STRENGTH TRAINING

Day: Mondays & Wednesdays Time: 9:00 - 10:00 AM Suggested Donation: \$3/class Instructor: Linda Bonazzoli

Make your workout fun with this active class. You'll begin with a warm-up and ease into strength training with weights. The class incorporates aerobics and stretching as well. Linda has been an instructor at the Senior Center for more than 15 years. This class is adaptable to all capabilities so plan on checking it out soon.

TAI CHI/QI GONG/ MEDITATION MIND BODY & SPIRIT

Day: Every Tuesday Time: 10:45 - 12:00 PM Suggested Donation: \$3/class Instructor: Rev. Helen Morin

Join us for a wonderful session of stretching known as Qi Gong, to improve your health increase energy and stimulate blood flow. Then relax into some Ancient Shaolin Temple exercises (all low impact). Then step gently into a progressive step by step learning of a modified Yang T'ai Chi form, from Villari's Self Defense studios. This one hour class will end with a guided healing meditation and you will begin your weekend balanced, focused and aware. Led by Rev Helen J. Morin, a certified teacher of Tai Chi.

LINE DANCING-HIGH BEGINNER

Day: Tuesdays • Time: 10:00 AM Suggested Donation: \$3/class Instructor: Mary Dragon

Line dancing is a fun way to exercise, reduce your stress and increase your energy. This class is a high beginner/easy intermediate. Popular and classic line dances are put to all different types of music. You are welcome to sit in on a class and see if this is for you. Let's Get Dancin'!

YOGA WITH REBECCA

Day: Every Wednesday • Time: 12:00 PM Suggested Donation: \$3/class Instructor: Rebecca Reber

The benefits of yoga are amazing including greater flexibility, balance, strength along with calming the mind and relaxation. This class begins with a meditation and gentle warm-up to an easy flow of postures in which choices will be given depending on experience level and then ending in a final relaxation or Savasana. Rebecca has been practicing yoga for over 15 years. She received her 200 certification three years ago and teaches at local COA. To find out more about her please visit www.rebeccareberyoga.com

ZUMBA GOLD

Days: Mondays & Thursdays

Time: 1:00 PM

Suggested Donation: \$3/class Instructor: Mary Abate

This easy-to-follow program allows anyone any age or either sex to be able to perform the Zumba Gold dance moves to upbeat and fun music. Join us and let the party begin!

BELLY DANCING

Day: Thursdays • Time: 9:30 AM Instructor: Gypsy Phillips Suggested Donation: \$3/class

Shimmy your way to a new figure while having fun at the same time. You'll learn the techniques and steps of this timeless dance form and have a great time.

PING PONG

Day/Time: Tuesdays at 12:15 PM and

Thursdays at 2:15 PM

Cost: Free

Ping Pong is a lot of fun and a good workout. Join us for a game or two at the Senior Center.

TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS

Day: Every Tuesday • Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM Suggested Donation: \$3/class Instructor: Helen Morin

Exercise helps arthritis! Studies prove it and more and more studies are proving that Tai Chi is the best exercise there is for arthritis sufferers. Join us for this special form of Tai Chi designed specifically for arthritis by Dr. Paul Lam, and arthritis sufferer, who wanted an alternative to medication. We begin with gentle stretching known as Qi Gong, then we learn step by step the Sun Arthritis form. After practicing Tai Chi for 45 minutes we have a guided healing meditation. Then you will be ready for a beautiful day!

TAI CHI/QI GONG/ MEDITATION MIND BODY & SPIRIT

Day: Every Friday
Time: 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Suggested Donation: \$3/class
Instructor: Rev. Helen Morin

Join us for a wonderful session of stretching known as Qi Gong, to improve your health increase energy and stimulate blood flow. Then relax into some Ancient Shaolin Temple exercises (all low impact). Then step gently into a progressive step by step learning of a modified Yang T'ai Chi form, from Villari's Self Defense studios. This one hour class will end with a guided healing meditation and you will begin your weekend balanced, focused and aware. Led by Rev Helen J. Morin, a certified teacher of Tai Chi.

CHAIR YOGA WITH DIANE

Chair Yoga is on hiatus for March. Look for its return in April.

TRADITIONAL CHINESE YANG STYLE TAI CHI

Dates: Wednesdays Time: 10:30 - 11:45 AM Suggested Donation: \$3/class Instructor: Yunping Hu

Come and learn Traditional Chinese Yang Style Tai Chi, the most popular and relaxing Tai Chi style. It will be taught by Ms. Yunping Hu, the champion of multiple international Tai Chi competitions held in US and the student of Tai Chi master Sitan Chen. Both beginners and experienced Tai Chi practitioners are welcome. The forms to be taught include Tai Chi 8 Form. 16 Form and 24 Form.

STRETCH BREAK

Day: Every Friday • Time: 10:15 AM Suggested Donation: \$3/class Instructor: Sharon McDevitt

Stretch Break is a 45 minute class that consists of mat-based stretches for the entire body. Class will begin with about 5 minutes of standing rhythmic limbering movement to get the blood flowing to all extremities.

Then, the relaxation begins! The rest of the class will be gentle stretching to bring your body through range of motion exercises which will lengthen your muscles and increase movement within each joint of your body. If you find you sit a lot, have a weak lower back or neck/shoulder soreness, this is the class for you. The goal for you is to have you become more flexible, strengthen your lower back and abdominals and rid yourself of neck and shoulder pain.

SEATED CHAIR YOGA

Day: Tuesdays Time: 6:30 PM Cost: \$3/class Instructor: Rebecca Reber

Rebecca Reber has been practicing yoga for about 15 years. In this class you will stretch, twist and



lengthen your bodies through a series of easy to follow repetitive movements. Rebecca will combine this with inhales and exhales as we work with props to get the most out of every movement. The hour session will end in a relaxing Savasana. This class is for beginners to more experienced yogis as any type of movement is wonderful. Come and have fun while enjoying the benefits of movement.

SEATED CHAIR YOGA

Day: Wednesdays • Time: 1:30 PM

Instructor: Rebecca Reber • Suggested Donation: \$3/class

Join us for a seated chair yoga class where we will move with our breath through stretches, bends and twists. Come enjoy the movement and leave feeling relaxed and refreshed!

TAI CHI FOR VETS

Day: Tuesdays • Time: 9:00 AM

Cost: Free for Veterans Only • Leader: Kristin Higgins

Beginning or intermediate Tai Chi player - there's something for every one. Nothing to learn. Nothing to "get right." Just bring yourself, an open mind, and a willingness to let go.

Kristin Higgins, a certified TaijiFit International Instructor, wants to give Military Veterans the opportunity to experience the amazing health and calm that Taiji can bring. Free to Veterans and their families! Come see how this class can help YOU. TaijiFit is a mind/body "exercise" that combines the best of Tai Chi with modern Western fitness. Please call the Senior Center for more information about this class.

PICKLEBALL

Monday & Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Thursday & Friday: 12:30 - 3:00 PM

Location: Town Hall Gym, 63 Main Street Northborough

Pickleball is a combination of ping-pong, badminton, and tennis. We use a whiffle-type ball and a paddle about 3 times the size of a ping-pong paddle. Please call Bob Savage at 508-393-9792 if you have any questions.

GENTLE BALLET

Day: Mondays • Time: 9:45 AM

Suggested Donation: \$3/class • Pre-Registration Required

Ballet dancing is a timeless art form that combines exercise and artistry. Come join us for a gentle ballet class designed for seniors of all capabilities. This class uses ballet techniques to focus on strength, flexibility, and balance, as well as coordination and pattern making for memory improvement. No experience or tutus necessary! Come have fun with us and learn something new!

CARDIO & WEIGHTS

Day: Thursdays

Time: 10:45 - 11:30 AM **Instructor: Sharon McDevitt** Suggested Donation: \$3/class

This 45 minute class works your cardiovascular system



(heart and lungs) with a low impact aerobic workout. The introduction of weight/strength training, builds strength and speeds up metabolism so you can burn more calories at rest as well as tone and sculpt muscles. Class ends with core strengthening exercises and a relaxing cooldown and stretch. All participants are urged to work at their own intensity levels. Please let the instructor know if you have any orthopedic issues which need to be addressed or modified.

FLEX & TONE

Day: Thursdays • Time: 2:00 PM

Suggested Donation: \$3/class • Instructor: Rebecca Reber

Stretching is one of the most neglected health components. This class will use props- blocks and straps - along with a variety of stretching methods to improve flexibility, range of motion, promote circulation and improve strength and flexibility. All are welcome!

YOGA WITH NANCY

Day: Every Tuesday • Time: 2:00 PM

Suggested Donation: \$3/class • Instructor: Nancy Cimato

Welcome back Nancy! Nancy Cimato is a seasoned Yoga Instructor who has taught her ever popular Yoga Class at the Senior Center for several years. Get the benefits of gentle exercise that benefits both body and soul. Nancy's classes are open to both the



beginner and experienced Yoga student. Her gentle spirit and easy teaching style will make your Tuesday afternoons.

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THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TAX CREDIT: A REASON TO POSSIBLY LOOK FORWARD TO FILING YOUR TAX RETURN

It is tax season again. You may be dreading it, or figuring you can ignore it because your income is low enough, especially if most of your income comes from Social Security. But, here is a reason to look forward to filing, at least for your Massachusetts return - the Circuit Breaker tax credit. No, the Circuit Breaker has nothing to do with electricity (and most people can't remember how it got the name). It is a tax credit based on the actual real estate taxes paid on residential property you own or rent and occupy as your principal residence. It is designed to help seniors reduce their tax or rent bill.

Here is how it works. First, determine what your income is for 2019. For purposes of this tax credit, you have to add in Social Security and some other income that you could normally exclude. Once you have that figure, take 10% of it. Now add together the real estate taxes and 50% of the water and sewer bills you paid for your home in 2019. If that total exceeds 10% of your income, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will reimburse you for the overage **dollar for dollar** up to \$1,130. This is not a deduction or a credit against tax money you may have paid to the Commonwealth in 2019. You can get up to \$1,130 back even if you paid or otherwise owe nothing in state income tax in 2019. And if you are just learning about this benefit, you may be happy to know that you can also amend your earlier returns (or file new ones) for 2018 and 2017 to get payments back for those years too.

If you don't own a home, you may still be entitled to reimbursement from the Commonwealth. Just figure out what you paid in rent for 2019. Take 25% of that. If that amount exceeds 10% of your income as calculated above, the Commonwealth will pay you the difference **dollar for dollar** up to \$1,130 for 2019 and slightly smaller amounts for 2018 and 2017.

There are a few limits to consider. You must be a Massachusetts resident. You must be 65 or older. You must file a Massachusetts income tax return. If you are single, your income as calculated above cannot exceed \$60,000 for 2019. If you are a "head of household", it is \$75,000. If you are married, your joint income cannot exceed \$90,000. The assessed value of your home in 2019 cannot exceed \$808,000. If you can pass those hurdles, though, you should look into this. It may change the way you think about April 15th every year.

If you need more information on this, you can contact me at **508-860-1470** or abergeron@mirickoconnell.com. You may also find Frank and Mary's YouTube channel to be a helpful resource, as I address many common issues facing seniors and their loved ones. All of my cable TV shows, educational seminars and 10-minute elder law O&A Fireside Chats are available at www.youtube.com/ elderlawfrankandmarv.

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DULL MEN'S CLUB

Day: Wednesdays • Time: 10:00 - 11:00 AM Cost: Free • Leader: Bernie Gillon

The Northborough chapter of the Dull Men's Club is looking for a few more dull men who celebrate the ordinary. It is a place where dull men share thoughts and experiences, free from glitz and glam, free from pressures to be in and trendy. We are free instead to enjoy simple, ordinary things. It is an opportunity to hang-out and to chat about issues of great or little importance. Serious politics or religion is strictly verboten subjects. We are not boring and we are not grumpy. Check out our international Dull Men's Club Website dullmensclub.com and come join us.

LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

Day: Thursday • Date: March 12 Time: 12:00 PM • Cost: Free Leader: Agnes Sagerian

Do you have vision loss of any kind? Please join us for a presentation by Traci Robidoux, RD, LDW, the Dietitian/Nutritionist at BayPath Elder Services, Inc. Traci will speak on the importance of protein in our diet. Please contact our coordinator, Agnes Sagerian at **508-393-8353** with any questions. We welcome you to join our group.

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Day: Mondays • Date: March 9 & 23 Time: 12:30 PM • Cost: \$2 Facilitator: Audrey DiMichele, M.Ed.

Are you looking for a safe, nurturing, and confidential environment to share your thoughts and feelings? Our Women's group offers you the opportunity to talk about any or all topics of concern to you. The group also will allow for new friendships and personal growth. We are always welcoming new members.

LEGAL CLINIC

Day: Tuesday • Date: March 10 Time: 1:30 - 2:30 PM Attorney: Kristine Romano Cost: Free • Pre-Registration Required

The Legal Clinic will be staffed by Attorney Kristine Romano. Call the Senior Center at **508-393-5035** to schedule your free 15 minute appointment to privately discuss any legal issue.

SCRABBLE

Day: Tuesday • Date: March 10 & 24

Time: 1:00 PM

Pre-registration Required

We're starting Scrabble afternoons twice a month at the Senior Center. We have several boards so that we can accommodate a number of games simultaneously. Join us for a fun filled afternoon where every letter counts in the original crossword game!

BOOK CLUB

Day: 3rd Wednesday of the Month Date: March 18 • Time: 1:30 PM Leader: Maureen Sargent Cost: Free • Where: Senior Center

Please call the Senior Center to find out what their book selection is for the month or go to the town website for the Senior Center. The new title is posted under book club.

MEMOIR WRITING GROUP

Day: Wednesday • March 11 & 25 Cost: Free • Time: 1:30 PM

Participants enjoy writing and sharing their stories from various stages in their lives. Join this fun group as they remember and write about the interesting times of their lives. Some of the members arrive at 12 noon for lunch at the Bistro. New members are welcome.

BETTER BREATHERS CLUB

Day: 3rd Thursday of the month Date: March 19 • Time: 2:00 PM Cost: Free • Leader: Cindy Viens, R.N. Pre-Registration Required

Do you have a chronic lung disease such as asthma, COPD, chronic bronchitis, or lung cancer? Then this group is for you! Cindy Viens, R.N. from **Compassus Hospice & Palliative Care** is our leader. In this group you will learn breathing techniques, talk about medications, tests, oxygen and nutrition, try some exercises, and much more.

Better Breathers will meet the third Thursday of each month at 2pm at the Northborough Senior Center. This is a free program, and refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to the Senior Center, **508-393-5035** for attendance. Learn More, Breath Better

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Day: Tuesday • Time: 1:00 PM Date: March 24 • Cost: Free

Michael Roman, an accomplished Northborough photographer, will present an introduction to composition and how to improve your photography through the use of compositional techniques.

Ansel Adams said, "You don't make a photograph with just a camera. You bring to photography all the pictures you have seen, the books you have read, the music you have heard, the people you have loved."

HARMONICAS AND UKELELES

The Harmonica Club has been a fixture at the Northborough Senior Center for the past 10 years. In April 2020, the Club will morph into the Harmonica & Ukelele Club, with beginner classes for any new members.

The combination of harmonicas for melody, and ukuleles for chords and vocals, make for a rich musical treat for both experienced and new players.

Please contact the Senior Center to let us know your interest, and be ready for the kickoff of the Harmonica & Ukelele Club in April 2020. Our first meeting is on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

Please note that the Harmonica Club will be taking a seasonal vacation from January to the start of the new Club on April 6th.

BEGINNER PIANO LESSONSDay: Fridays • Time: 11:00 AM Cost: \$10/class • Instructor: Dennis Deyo Pre-Registration Required

This class will be for all older adults who have never taken piano lessons and want to start from the very beginning OR for those older adults who studied piano years ago and want to refresh their skills by starting over. These hour-long classes will be held on Fridays at 11 AM and students will be given a chance to take turns playing their music during the class. True beginners will be given a workbook to learn how to read music, a scale chart, an exercise book and a song book. Total cost for all materials will be \$35, and the cost for the one-hour class will be \$10. Sign up now. The class will be taught by Dennis Deyo, who has been a piano teacher for over 50 years.



Mistakes Sellers Make

BASING THE ASKING PRICE ON NEEDS OR EMOTION RATHER THAN MARKET VALUE.

Many times sellers base their pricing on how much they paid for or invested in their home. This can be an expensive mistake. If your home is not priced competitively, buyers will reject it in favor of other larger homes for the same price. At the same time, the buyers who should be looking at your house will not see it because it is priced over their heads. The result is increased market time, and even when the price is eventually lowered, the buyers are wary because "nobody wants to buy real estate that nobody else wants". The result is low priced offers and an unwillingness to negotiate. Every seller wants to realize as much money as possible from the sale, but a listing priced too high often eventually sells for less than market value. An accurate market evaluation is the first step in determining a competitive listing price.

FAILING TO "SHOWCASE" THE HOME.

A property that is not clean or well maintained is a red flag for the buyer. It is an indication that there may be hidden defects that will result in increased cost of ownership. Sellers who fail to make necessary repairs, who don't "spruce up" the house inside and out, and fail to keep it clean and neat, chase away buyers as fast as REALTORS® can bring them. Buyers are poor judges of the cost of repairs, and always build in a large margin for error when offering on such a property. Sellers are always better off doing the work themselves ahead of time.

OVER-IMPROVING THE HOME PRIOR TO SELLING.

Sellers often unwittingly spend thousands of dollars doing the wrong upgrades to their home prior to attempting to sell in the mistaken belief that they will recoup this cost. If you are upgrading your home for your personal enjoyment - fine. But if you are thinking of selling, you should be aware that only certain upgrades to real estate are cost effective. Always consult with your REALTOR® BEFORE committing to upgrading your home.

CHOOSING THE WRONG REALTOR® OR CHOOSING FOR THE WRONG REASONS.

Many homeowners list with the real estate agent who tells them the highest price. You need to choose an experienced agent with the best marketing plan to sell your home. In the real estate business, an agent with many successfully closed transactions usually costs the same as someone who is inexperienced. That experience could mean a higher price at the negotiating table, selling in less time, and with a minimum amount of hassles.

USING THE "HARD SELL" DURING SHOWINGS.

Buying a home is an emotional decision. Buyers like to "try on" a house and see if it is comfortable for them. It is difficult for them to do if you follow them around pointing out every improvement that you made. Good REALTORS® let the buyers discover the home on their own, pointing out only features they are sure are important to them. Overselling loses many sales. If buyers think they are paying for features that are not particularly important to them personally, they will reject the home in favor of a less expensive home without the features.

FAILING TO TAKE THE FIRST OFFER SERIOUSLY.

Often sellers believe that the first offer received will be one of many to come. There is a tendency to not take it seriously, and to hold out for a higher price. This is especially true if the offer comes in soon after the home is placed on the market. Experienced REALTORS® know that more often than not the first buyer ends up being the best buyer, and many, many sellers have had to accept far less money than the initial offer later in the selling process. Real estate is most saleable early in the marketing period, and the amount buyers are willing to pay diminishes with the length of time a property has been on the market. Many sellers would give anything to find that prospective buyer who made the first, and ONLY, offer.

NOT KNOWING YOUR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS.

The contract you sign to sell your property is a complex and legally binding document. An improperly written contract can allow the purchaser to void the sale, or cost you thousands of unnecessary dollars. Have an experienced REALTOR® who knows the "ins and outs" fully explain the contract you are about to sign.

FAILURE TO EFFECTIVELY MARKET THE PROPERTY.

Good marketing opens the door that exposes real estate to the marketplace. It means distinguishing your home from hundreds of others on the market. It also means selling the benefits, as well as the features. The right REALTOR® will employ a wide variety of marketing activities, emphasizing the ones believed to work best for your home.





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Sudoku

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NORTHBOROUGH COA VAN SERVICE *

Monday

Appts no sooner than 7:30 AM Medical Appts, Work

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Mondays (1st)

Wal-Mart/Target - Afternoon

Monday (2nd)

Christmas Tree Shop - Afternoon

Monday (3rd)

Lyman Street Plaza - Afternoon

Monday (4th)

Solomon Pond Mall - Afternoon (If there is a fifth Monday Westmeadow Plaza)

Tuesday

Appts. no sooner than 7:30 AM

Wednesday

Appts. no sooner than 7:30 AM Senior Center, Medical Appts., Work, Grocery Shopping@ Hannaford in Marlboro Plaza, Work Trips, Library

DIFFICULTY: ★★☆☆

Thursday

Appts. no sooner than 7:30 AM Senior Center, Medical Appts., Work

Friday

Appts. no sooner than 8:15 AM Senior Center, In-town Errands, Work, Hairdresser

* Please call the Senior Center at 508-393-5035 for details. In-Town Trips and Out-of-Town Trips provided to Marlboro, Westboro, Shrewsbury, Worcester, Boylston, Northborough, Southborough Monday-Friday as scheduled. Reservations taken up to seven business days in advance. Minimum of 24 hours notice is required for all reservations. **508-752-9283 press 1**. No out-of-town trips unless pre-authorized. Trips to and from the Senior Center are available daily.

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If Northborough Schools are closed due to inclement weather, there will be no van transportation for that day. If there is a delay due to inclement weather, there will be a delay in transportation for the same amount of time.

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Beginning January 1, 2019, WRTA implemented an Automatic Fare Collection System. There will be **no increase** of fares. The current fare collection system will transition from a cash & ticket system to a prepaid automatic system. Please call **508-791-9782** with any questions.



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SEWING & KNITTING NIGHT

Day: 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Date: March 10 & 24 • Time: 4:00 - 8:00 PM

Cost: Free • Leaders: Donna Towner & Shirley Tetreault

This is an opportunity to work on your own projects whether it be sewing or knitting. The room offers great lighting, tables, ironing boards, and cutting mats. Feel free to bring your own machine. Lots of time to work on your projects with new, longer hours. Come join us!

NEEDLERS (KNITTING GROUP)

Day: Mondays • Time: 2:00 PM Cost: Free • Leader: Sue Goyette

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JEWELRY MAKING CLASS

Day: Monday • Date: March 30 • Time: 10:00 AM Instructor: Lori Burton • Pre-Registration Required

It's a perfect time to try a new hobby! Making beautiful jewelry is both fun and easy when you have an expert like Lori working with you. Maybe you have a project that you've been working on but you need a little help. Maybe you have a great pair of earrings, but would like to make a great bracelet to match. Does something in your jewelry box need to be fixed? Bring it in and Lori can help. Sign up today to try your hand at something new and creative.

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Day: Thursday • Date: March 12

Time: 1:00 PM

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- **Massachusetts holds the two largest cites in New England: Boston, the largest, and Worcester.
- The American industrial revolution began in Lowell. Lowell was America's first planned industrial city.
- Norfolk County is the birthplace of four United States presidents: John Adams, John Quincy Adams, John Fitzgerald Kennedy and George Herbert Walker Bush.

MARCH 2020 WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 9:00 Aerobics/Strength Training 9:00 Massage by Melanie 9:00 Pool Players 9:30 Pickleball	9:45 Gentle Ballet 10:00 Jewelry Making (3/30) 12:00 Bistro Lunch 12:00 Bistro Birthday Lunch (3/23) 12:30 Woman's Discussion Group (3/9 & 23)	1:00 1:00 2:00	Pitch Zumba Gold Needlers
9:00 Art Group 9:00 Tai Chi for Vets 9:30 Beginner Tai Chi w/Helen 10:00 Line Dancing 10:45 Qi Gong Tai Chi w/Helen 11:30 DayBreak 11:30 Tuesday with Laurie (3/17)	12:00 Bistro Lunch 12:00 Ping Pong 12:00 Ask the Librarian (3/24) 12:30 Wellness Clinic (3/17) 1:00 Photography Club (3/24) 1:00 English as a Second Language 1:00 Tuesday Trivia 1:00 Blood Pressure (3/3)	1:00 1:30 2:00 2:30 4:00 5:00 5:30 6:30	Scrabble (3/10 & 24) Legal Clinic (3/10) Yoga w/Nancy Technology Tuesday (3/17) Sewing & Knitting Night (3/10 & 24) Evening Bistro Chess Seated Chair Yoga
WEDNESDAY 9:00 Aerobics/Strength Training 9:00 Pool Players 9:30 Pickleball 9:45 A Cappella Chorus 10:00 Dull Men's Club	10:00 SPA (3/11) 10:30 Yang Style Tai Chi 12:00 Bistro Lunch 12:00 Yoga w/Rebecca 12:30 Hearing Clinic (3/11) 12:45 Bridge (SAYC)	1:00 1:30 1:30 1:30	Bingo Memoir Writing (3/11 & 25) Book Club (3/18) Seated Chair Yoga
THURSDAY 9:00 Chat with the Chief (3/12) 9:30 Belly Dancing	12:30 Pickleball 12:45 Bereavement Group 1:00 Bridge		FRIDAY 8:30 Qigong Tai Chi 9:00 Pool Players

9:30 Cribbage 1:00 9:30 Manicures/Pedicures/Reflexology 1:00 10:30 Mah Jong 1:00 10:45 Cardio & Weights 2:00 12:00 Bistro Lunch

12:00 Chat with the Chief (3/26) 12:00 Low Vision (3/12)

Origami (3/12)

Quilting (3/5 & 19)

Zumba Gold

Better Breathers (3/19)

2:00 Flex & Tone w/Rebecca

2:15 Ping Pong

Pool Players 10:15 Stretch Break 11:00 Piano 12:30 Pickleball



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