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Fall River

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Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Wednesday 8:30am - 5:30pm * Friday 8:30am—12:00pm

August 2021

New Hampshire's Turkey Train Thursday, October 7, 2021 \$119 per person

Join us as we travel to central New Hampshire and Lake Winnepesaukee on board our deluxe motorcoach for a day of fun and the wonderful sights of Fall Foliage. Enjoy what millions of travelers come to New Hampshire for each year, the changing of the season and the magnificent fall foliage that can only be seen in New Hampshire. We arrive in Meredith, NH on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee for the Turkey Train. ALL ABOARD the dining car to enjoy our Turkey luncheon provided by Hart's Turkey Farm. Our meal includes Roast Turkey, whipped potatoes, butternut squash, beverage, and a delicious sundae to top it all off. Take in the foliage as the train rides along the shores of the Lake and through wooded areas to take in the fall foliage. During our adventurous day out we will make a Mystery Stop that is sure to "sweeten your day." We will depart after our train ride with great memories of this fun day out! Cost includes Motorcoach Transportation, Lunch, Tax, Gratuity, Touring as described & Best of Times Travel Tour Director. The cost does not include drivers gratuity.

Indoor Cornhole! Starting Monday, August 2, 2021 @ 1:00pm

Seekonk Human Services is pleased to announce our newest activity - Indoor Cornhole! It's not your typical Corn-hole game though - you have to get it in one of the holes and earn points! The person/team with the highest score wins! Indoor cornhole will be offered Monday's at 1pm. Call 508-336-8772 to register!



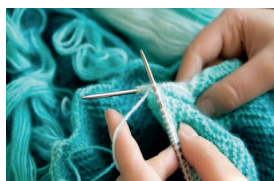
FARMERS' MARKET COUPONS

Farmers' Market Coupons are available for low income elders age 60 or older who have a monthly income less than \$1,986 or annual income less than \$23,828. Participants must reside in Seekonk. The coupons have a total value of \$25 and may be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. A limited number of coupons are available. Coupons are available on a first come first basis. Please call 508-336-8772 to see if you qualify!



WE'RE WELCOMING KNITTING BACK!!

Mondays @ 12:00pm



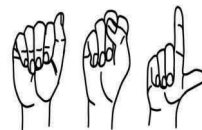
Do you like knitting? Are you interested in making hats, mittens, lap blankets and more? If you answered yes to these questions, it's time to join the knitters at Human Services.

We ask that everyone pre-registers by calling 508-336-8772. We look forward to seeing you!

Sign Language

**September 21, 2021
Tuesdays @ 10:00am**

Sign Language will be starting again at the Seekonk Human Services Center, on Tuesdays, September 21, 2021. For more information contact Nancy Smutek at 508-336-9547.



Hip Hop Dance Chair Exercise Wednesday, August 4, 2021 @ 11:00am

MUSICDance.edu will be here for the Seniors that likes to move and be involved. Seniors do a complete warm-up and class that begins and ends in the chairs. Sponsor by Seekonk Cultural Council. Lisa Lebourg from Prosper at Fall River will supply snacks. Please call 508-336-8772 to reserve your spot!

August Happenings

Arts & Crafts* **Mondays in August** **1:00pm**

Preregistration is required for this class. The cost for this class is \$5 for Seekonk residents and \$7 for Non-Seekonk residents.

- ◇ August 2 - Ribbon Wreath
- ◇ August 9 - Pen & Cell Phone Holder
- ◇ August 16 - Candle Holder
- ◇ August 23 - Shadowbox Frame
- ◇ August 30 - Wooden Pumpkin

Podiatry Clinic* **Wednesday, August 11, 2021** **10am - 2pm**

Dr. Lechan will provide monthly Podiatry Clinics. Appointment are required. Items needed are insurance cards with your doctor's names, date of last doctor's visit, summary of last visit, and list of medications. *Please check with your insurance regarding co-pays.

Blood Pressure & Glucose Clinic **Wednesday, August 18, 2021** **9:00am - 11:00am**

Seekonk Human Services has partnered with the **Seekonk Fire Department** to provide free monthly blood pressure & glucose screenings.

Drums Alive

Tuesdays on Zoom at 9:00am & Wednesdays in Person at 9:30am

Drums alive will be offering zoom classes on Tuesday's starting August 10th at 9am. Wednesday's classes are at 9:30am. The cost for Drums Alive (in person and zoom) for non-residents will be \$2 per person, registration is required for both classes. Join us for a fun and invigorating program. With instructor Kelley Brophy. The Drums Alive program will help improve mental awareness, chase away negative thoughts, and promote overall good feeling. Come by and join the fun! Space is limited. Please call 508-336-8772 to reserve your spot! *Class is not offered on the first Tuesday of the month.



Drums Alive®

Email List

Join our email list! Things are changing so quickly these days and we want to be able to get the word out to you quickly. Please give us a call and give us your email address; we want to share fun activities, links to Zoom and other virtual programing you may like.

2021 Medicare Premiums

Part A Premium

Individuals who did not work 40 credits will pay a monthly Part A premium based on the amount of credits they worked.

0-29 credits \$471/ month **30-39 credits** \$259/ month

Part B Premium

The monthly standard Medicare Part B premium in 2020 for Medicare beneficiaries will be \$148.50. It may be a little less for those protected under the hold harmless provision.

The Part B premium a beneficiary pays each month is based on his or her annual income. Specifically, if a beneficiary's "modified adjusted gross income" (MAGI) is greater than the legislated threshold amounts the beneficiary is responsible for a larger portion of the estimated total cost of Part B benefits. This larger portion is called IRMAA (Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount). The Affordable Care Act requires Part D enrollees whose incomes exceed the same thresholds pay a monthly adjustment amount. The monthly Part D adjustment will be taken out of a beneficiary's Social Security check and paid to Medicare. These enrollees will pay the regular plan premium to their Part D plan. Social Security will inform beneficiaries of their adjustment. Appeals procedures will be included.

The 2021 Part B monthly premium and Part D adjustment amount are based on one's 2020 tax return.

If you need help on any aspect of your health insurance, SHINE offers free counseling. Call Seekonk Human Services and ask for a SHINE counselor..

*** NOTE: Seekonk Human Services offers legal, financial, recreational, medical screenings, and other activities/services by volunteers or nominally paid practitioners. Participation in these services/activities is with the understanding that Seekonk Human Services, Town of Seekonk, or its employees not assume any legal or other responsibility for advice of services rendered by such volunteers or nominal cost practitioners.**

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NUTRITIONAL MEALS TO GO

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Seekonk Human Services will be working with Bristol Elder Services to provide nutritional meals for lunch on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to go. Meals come completely cooked and prepackaged. All you need to do is heat it up! Meals need to be ordered the day before by 9:30am. Payment is \$2.25 per meal which will be due at the time of pickup. Pick up will be between 11am— 12pm. If you are unable to pick up at that time or are experiencing financial hardship please reach out to the office to speak with the Outreach Department. August's menu will be available to the right, our Facebook Page, and by calling our office at 508-336-8772.

ATTORNEY: OVERVIEW OF LEGAL SERVICES

Elizabeth Elmasian will be available for phone consults to discuss the following topics.

1. Power of Attorney - A description of the legal document, what it consists of and when such a document is necessary.
2. The explanation and description of a Health Care Proxy and Living Will; the difference between both documents and which is recognized in Massachusetts
3. A brief overview, purpose and need for a Will. Explanation of intestacy laws without a will

***Please call to set up your phone appointment at 508-336-877**

FILE OF LIFE

File of Life folders are available at the Center. Keep it on your refrigerator or car to alert emergency responders of your medical information during an emergency. During those times of stress, it is difficult to remember medications and dosages. These files could save your life or the life of a loved one. Pick up yours, fill it out and place it on your refrigerator or car —call to pick one up!

Community Questions for our Police Liaison



Officer Maria Vincenzo is welcoming community questions to be answered. Questions can be mailed to the center, dropped off in person, or placed in our lock box that is attached to the building at the entrance. We will post answers to the questions in the monthly newsletter and on our Facebook page, if requested. If you prefer to be called, please leave your contact information and we will be in contact.

August 2021 Menu	
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
3 Turkey Stir-Fry 486 Lo Mein Noodles 28 WW Roll 160 Pineapple 1	4 Beef and Cabbage Casserole 300 Country Veg 32 Multigrain Bread 190 Fresh Plum 0
Calories: 614 Fat: 14% Sodium: 847mg Carb: 97g	Calories: 559 Fat: 26% Sodium: 695mg Carb: 73g
10 Grilled Chicken 320 Peach Salsa 45 Parsley Mashed Potatoes 53 Brussels Sprouts 12 WW Bread 160 Mixed Berries 4	11 Irish Beef Stew with Vegetables 277 Roasted Potatoes 33 Oatmeal Roll 121 Fresh Orange 0
Calories: 614 Fat: 22% Sodium: 766mg Carb: 83g	Calories: 697 Fat: 37% Sodium: 602mg Carb: 76g
17 Hot Dog 550 Mustard Packet 55 Baked Beans 36 Zucchini and Summer Squash 3 Hot Dog Roll 210 Mixed Fruit 10	18 Chicken Curry 375 Rice Pilaf 134 Tarragon Carrots 77 WW Bread 160 Pineapple 1
Calories: 730 Fat: 39% Sodium: 1037mg Carb: 81g	Calories: 580 Fat: 22% Sodium: 920mg Carb: 78g
24 Chicken A La King 183 Confetti Rice 43 Scandinavian Blend Vegetable 42 WW Roll 160 Mandarin Oranges 6	25 Hamburger 200 Cheddar Cheese 187 Ketchup 82 Potato Wedges 27 Hot German Slaw 81 Hamburger Roll 230 Cantaloupe 12
Calories: 617 Fat: 29% Sodium: 606mg Carb: 71g	Calories: 790 Fat: 42% Sodium: 991mg Carb: 72g
31 Omelet w/Broccoli and Cheese 388 Hash Browns 136 California Vegetable 27 Fruit Loaf 160 Orange Juice 0	<u>* Indicates a food with sodium. The sodium item is in parentheses daily totals are listed and margarine are totals but are not listed</u>
Calories: 740 Fat: 38% Sodium: 883mg Carb: 88g	

Veteran's Corner

Property Tax Exemptions

As July 1st marks the beginning of the fiscal year, I get a lot of requests for assistance with real estate tax exemptions, mostly for those Seekonk Veterans that have a Veterans Administration disability rating. That requires a recent copy of your disability rating letter from the V.A., your DD214 (military discharge) and the application. Once the Tax Assessor's office has a copy of your DD214, they won't need it again, but the updated letter and application are required every year. For those already receiving a tax abatement, you should have already received your new application in the mail.

Here are the different categories of exemptions under Massachusetts General Law:

Eligible veterans, spouses, and parents

To qualify, all veterans (and spouses where applicable) must:

- Be legal residents of Massachusetts.
- Be occupying the property as his/her domicile on July 1 in the year of application.
- Have lived in Massachusetts for at least six months prior to entering the service (spouses exempted) or,
- Have lived in Massachusetts for five consecutive years immediately prior to filing for a property tax exemption.

In most cases a surviving spouse receives the exemption if he/she was receiving it before the veteran passed away. However, surviving spouses receiving exemption under Clauses 22 and 22D lose the exemption upon remarriage.

M.G.L. ch. 59, s.5, clause 22

Clause 22 allows for a \$400.00 tax exemption for the following persons:

- 10% (or more) service-connected disabled veteran;
- Purple Heart recipient;
- Gold Star mothers and fathers;
- Spouse of veteran entitled under Clause 22;
- Surviving spouses who do not remarry.

M.G.L. ch. 59, s.5, clause 22A

Clause 22A allows for a tax exemption of \$750.00 if the veteran meets the following:

- Loss or loss of use of one hand above the wrist, or one foot above the ankle or one eye;
- Congressional Medal of Honor;
- Distinguished Service Cross;
- Navy Cross or Air Force Cross.

M.G.L. ch. 59, s.5, clause 22B

Clause 22B allows for tax exemption of \$1,250.00 if the veteran meets the following:

- Loss or loss of use of both hands or both feet;
- Loss or loss of use of one hand and one foot as described above;
- Loss or loss of use of both eyes (blind).

M.G.L. ch. 59, s.5, clause 22C

Clause 22C allows for tax exemption of \$1,500.00 if the veteran:

- Is rated by the VA to be permanent and totally disabled and has specially adapted housing.

M.G.L. ch. 59, s.5, clause 22D

Clause 22D is for surviving spouses (who do not remarry) of soldiers, sailors, or members of the Guard whose death occurred as a proximate result of an injury sustained or disease contracted in a combat zone, or who are missing in action with a presumptive finding of death, as a result of combat as members of the armed forces of the United States.

- Total exemption so long as the spouse does not remarry.

M.G.L. ch. 59, s.5, clause 22E

Clause 22nd E allows for \$1,000.00 for veterans that are 100% disabled by the VA.

Please contact me with any questions you may have pertaining to tax exemptions for Massachusetts Veterans.

James LaFlame, Seekonk Veterans Services Officer
Office 508-336-2940 Email: jlaflame@seekonk-ma.gov



August 2021 Calendar

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
10:00am - Chair Yoga	2		3	9:30am - Drums Alive	4		5		6
12:00pm - Arts & Crafts*		1:00pm - Cards (Hi-Lo Jack)		11:00am Hip Hop Exercise		10:00am - Chair Yoga		9:30am - Zumba	
12:00pm - Knitting				1:00pm - Mahjong		1:00pm - BINGO!		10:30am - Tai Chi	
1:00pm - Zoom BINGO!		1:30pm - Zoom Trivia		1:30pm - Zoom Coffee Chat		1:00pm - Cribbage			
10:00am - Chair Yoga	9		10	9:30am - Drums Alive	11	9:30am - Mens Breakfast Toti's, Seekonk	12	9:30am - Zumba	13
12:00pm - Arts & Crafts*		9:00am - Zoom Drums Alive		10:00am - Podiatrist		10:00am - Chair Yoga		10:30am - Tai Chi	
12:00pm - Knitting		1:00pm - Cards (Hi-Lo Jack)		1:00pm - Mahjong		1:00pm - BINGO!			
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10:00am - Chair Yoga	16		17	9:00am - Blood Pressure Clinic	18	10:00am - Women's Brunch Toti's, Seekonk	19	9:30am - Zumba	20
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12:00pm - Knitting		1:00pm - Cards (Hi-Lo Jack)		Activities subject to change without notice					
1:00pm - Zoom BINGO!		1:30pm - Zoom Trivia							

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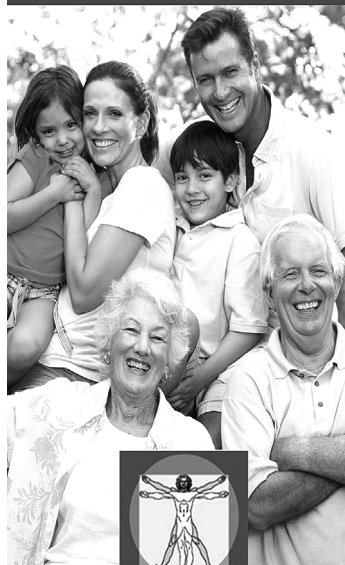
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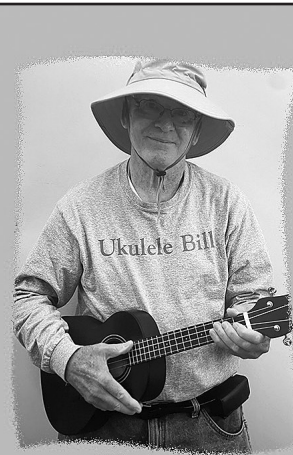
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