

Norton

COUNCIL ON AGING NEWSLETTER September / October 2020 Norton Senior Center

55 West Main Street PO Box 552

Norton, MA

Phone 508-285-0235

Hours of Operation Monday through Friday 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Council on Aging

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Board meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month at 3:30 PM at the Senior Center

Friends of the Norton Senior Center meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 1:00 PM

FALL AT THE SENIOR CENTER



Hello!! We send a big "howdy-do" to everyone as we
transition from summertime to early fall. What a crazy year
2020 has been so far. We hope you and your family and friends are staying safe and staying healthy!

This Fall we will be utilizing the great outdoors at Everett Leonard Park for **BINGO** and **Fitness Classes**! For those of

you who have been participating in fitness classes on-line, we will continue to broadcast these in-person classes via Zoom. In addition to Kelley's virtual classes on Zoom, we will also be hosting a virtual Painting Classes via Facebook Live!!

The Senior Center building will continue to be open for one-on-one meetings **by appointment only.** We are providing counseling and application assistance for Medicare (SHINE), Food Stamps (SNAP) and Fuel Assistance (LIHEAP). We have been making daily check-in calls, and providing emergency food support. Our Grab-&-Go Heat & Eat Program has been successful since it's launch in July, and we are continuing our meal distribution twice a week! BETH

<u>Great news to share!</u> The Norton Select Board has decided on a site for the new Community/Senior Center.



We are getting closer to our dream of a new, spacious Center!!

COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR NORTON SENIORS

FOOD ASSISTANCE

• <u>SNAP</u> (aka Food Stamps)

<u>Norton Human Services</u> (at the Norton Senior Center) can help process SNAP applications. Call us at **508-285-0235 for more information or to schedule an appointment**

Please note that this is an income eligible program (\$1980/mo for 1 person, \$2670/mo for 2 people) If you are already getting food stamps you should have seen an increase in your benefits due to the Coronavirus pandemic. DTA and Norton Human Service are equal opportunity providers.

Meals on Wheels

if you or someone you know would benefit from nutritious meals delivered to the home on a daily basis, please call Bristol Elder Services @ 508-675-2101 or call the Senior Center and we can help get you registered.



Food N' Friends - Daily Church Suppers - Free All Meals are served Grab-&-Go



St John 's Church

1 St. John Place, Attleboro 4:30 PM

Tuesday

First Baptist Church 52 North Main Street, Mansfield 4:30 PM







<u>Grab & Go—Heat & Eat</u> at The Norton Senior Center

- Free for Seniors 60 and over
- Every Tuesday & Thursday
- Grab-&-Go
- <u>YOU MUST CALL US</u> before 9:30 AM on Monday of *each week* to register Just drive up and we'll put your meals in your

trunk!

Sponsored by: Bristol Elder Services

SNAP: Online shopping at Amazon and Walmart!

It's official! Massachusetts residents who receive SNAP benefits can use their EBT card to buy food online from Amazon and Walmart.





COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR NORTON SENIORS

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Norton Food Pantry (Cupboard of Kindness) - Free

Cupboard of Kindness is open on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of every month from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm. This town pantry is located behind Town Hall on 70 East Main Street. If this is your first time at the Pantry, please bring proof of residency. You will be asked to fill out a confidential registration form. For more information, visit the pantry's website: cupboardofkindness.org



At this time, this is a drive-through Grab-&-Go program due to the Coronavirus pandemic. * If you do not drive call 508-285-3398 and they can arrange delivery

Norton Public Schools Meals Program - Free



Please call Matt Wells at Norton Public Schools @ 508-285-0100 ext. 4 option 1 to determine the status of this program in the Fall.



Commodities Supplemental Food Program CFSP (income eligible program)

This is a monthly brown-bag program where income eligible residents will receive two bags of nutritious groceries plus fresh fruits and vegetables the third Wednesday of every month. Call the Senior Center to apply 508-285-0235

To qualify a resident must be 60 or older and meet the following gross monthly guidelines:



Household Size	Monthly Income
1	\$1354
2	\$1832
3	\$2311



St. Mary's Church, Norton - St. Vincent de Paul Society



† St.Vincent de Paul If you are in an emergency situation and are in desperate need of food, please call the St. Vincent De Paul Society for assistance. 508-409-7311

Neighbors helping neighbors[®]

SPECIAL THANKS GO OUT TO:

Norton Public Schools Mask Makers Norton Emergency Management Norton's Cupboard of Kindness Pantry Everyone who donated items to the Norton Senior Center



ACTIVITIES / PROGRAMS

OUTDOOR FITM	\$2 donation		
Everett Leonard Park	(6 Parker Stree	t <u>, Norton)</u>	
Meditation	Tuesdays	9:30 AM - 10:15 AM	
Zumba Gold	Wednesdays	9:30 AM - 10:15 AM	
	Thursdays	9:30 AM - 10:15 AM	
Tai Chi	Wednesdays	10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	
Pelvic Floor Pfilates	Mondays	9:30 AM - 10:15 AM	*starts 9/21/20

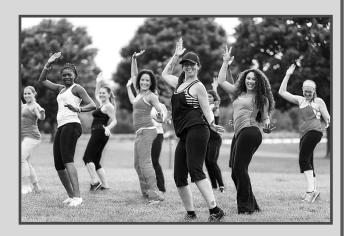
Instructor: Kelley Brophy

Call the Senior Center to sign up 508-285-0235

REQUIRED: Masks, Hand-Sanitizing, &

Social Distancing

ZOOM.US Click: JOIN MEETING Enter Meeting Number: 508 802 1647 Enter Password: 103725



New Class!



Mondays 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM on Zoom and at Everett Leonard Park

Call the Senior Center to sign up 508-285-0235

Pfilates[®] is a series of easy pelvic floor exercises that go far beyond the unsuccessful Kegel, which when done routinely, will improve your pelvic floor strength, sometimes even within a day, improving the control you have over your bladder.

ACTIVITIES / PROGRAMS

BINGO!

\$5 Exact Change Only

Everett Leonard Park (6 Parker Street, Norton) - Under the Pavilion

Tuesdays Starting September 8th at 12:30 PM

Please do not come before 12:15 PM Call the Senior Center to sign up 508-285-0235

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED EACH WEEK!

- Limited seating
- Weather dependent
- Please bring exact change ٠
- No food allowed (we will provide pre-packaged snacks)
- REQUIRED: Masks, Social Distancing, Hand Sanitizing

BYOD - Bring your own dobber!!



PAINTING CLASS -on Facebook Live \$5 for all supplies needed



Call the Senior Center to sign up and to arrange pick up of supplies 508-285-0235

Make an appointment to Drive up to Senior Center for Grab-&-Go Supplies

Paint with Lauren on Facebook Live! FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18 1:00 PM

https://www.facebook.com/nortonseniorcenter





CROCHET/KNITTING GROUP

@ Library Park Wednesdays at 1:00PM

Call the Senior Center to sign up 508-285-0235

Meet at Library Park, weather dependent

We will sit 6 feet apart and wear masks!



SEPT 2020

Norton Senior Center

508-285-0235

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TID-BITS





DID YOU KNOW?





Get your flu shot at the senior center where we have created a safe environment.

October 14th

Appointments Required

Call the Center to Register 508-285-0235

Bring your Medicare or Insurance Card

Sponsored by Walgreens



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VETERANS' RESOURCES



Town of Norton Veterans' Service Office (VSO)

Town Hall - 70 East Main Street

508-285-0274



eflett@nortonmaus.com

M.G.L. Chapter 115 is a state benefit for eligible veterans and eligible dependents of deceased veterans. This benefit is designed to help Massachusetts Veterans and their families who fall below certain income and asset limits. Note that even if your income is higher than the specified amounts you still may qualify for reimbursements of medical expenses. Please contact Estelle Flett at the Norton VSO to discuss eligibility. 508-285-0274 eflett@nortonmaus.com

Veterans: Your local veteran organizations

along with the Norton Veterans' Services

Office (VSO) are here to support you and your family during COVID-19 and after.

Please reach out if we can help!

508-285-2307 American Legion Post #222 Fillmore-Nason VFW Post #8049

508-285-3845

www.vfwnorton.org Facebook: NortonVFWpost8049 REQUEST: Update your contact information with Post #8049 to receive text and/or emails regarding events at the VFW. Call or email with your Name, Address, Email and Phone #

ATTENTION:

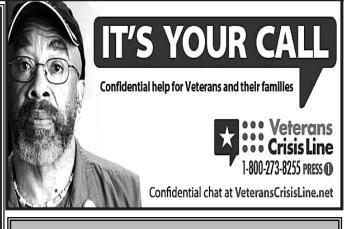
ALL KOREAN WAR VETERANS WHO SERVED IN KOREA BETWEEN JUNE 25, 1950- JULY 27, 1953

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE

KOREAN AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE MEDAL



You must have your DD214 Call Estelle for more info. 508-285-0274



Veterans Office is seeking **Purple Heart Recipients. Please contact Norton VSO** 508-285-0274



A Time to Honor **Commemorative <u>Vietnam Veterans Book</u>**



This book is provided to Vietnam Veterans who served Boots on the Ground in Vietnam, Blue Water Navy Veterans and/or family members of a deceased Vietnam Veteran.

Please contact Estelle to pickup your copy! 508-285-0274

Community Support for Seniors

Senior Food Pantry 508-223-4257

Hebron Food Pantry 11 Sanford Street Attleboro, MA 02703 Every Tuesday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Free for Seniors 60 and over



Norton Food Pantry 508-285-3398

Open 1st and 3rd Monday each month from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM. The Norton Food Pantry is located at the Town Hall. ID and proof of residency are required.



Meals on Wheels 508-675-2101



If you or someone you know could benefit from nutritious meals delivered on a daily basis, please call the Bristol Elder Services Information and Referral line to arrange an in-home assessment.

Brush with Kindness 508-399-1781

Habitat for Humanity's Brush with Kindness program can help people with limited or fixed incomes make necessary repairs on their home. For more information call 508-399-1781 or email: dir@oldcolonyhabitat.org www.oldcolonyhabitat.org



Assurance Wireless 888-321-5880

If you participate in a qualifying program (i.e. Mass Health, Chapter 115, SNAP), or have limited income (below \$16,000/yr for one person) you may qualify for a free cell phone. You can apply online at assurancewireless.com or call the Senior Center for help! 508-285-0235



GATRA **DIAL-A-RIDE 508-823-8828**

Call or register at the Senior Center!

\$1.75 One Way

\$15.00 Ten Ride Pass available

at the Senior Center

\$2.50 Out of Area



Med Wheels 508-823-8828 X 263

Long Distance Medical Transportation 48 hour advance notice is necessary!

Elder Legal Services 1-800-244-9023

South Coast Counties Legal Services, Inc. offers free legal assistance for seniors, specializing in the areas of housing law, family law, elder law, education law, consumer law, and government benefits including Social Security and disability. sccls.org

Commodities Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

Are you a senior from Norton who could benefit from two free bags of non-perishable, nutritious groceries every month?

To qualify a senior must be 60 years old or older and meet the following gross monthly guidelines: Household Size

<u>usehold Size</u>	Monthly Income
1	\$1354
2	\$1832
3	\$2311

If you are a senior who meets the qualifications and would like to participate in this wonderful program please contact us! 508-285-0235

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RESOURCES/SERVICES

HOW CAN THE COA HELP ME?

If you are an older adult or a caregiver, these are some of the services and programs that we offer and that are available to you here at the Norton Senior Center and at the Norton Town Hall.

OUTREACH INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Cathy Varnum, COA Outreach Worker, is available to consult with residents, family members and caregivers to discuss resources and services available for seniors.

Application Assistance

Medicare, Medication **Fuel Assistance** Food Stamps (SNAP) MassHealth Long Term Care **Elder Counseling**



Call Cathy at the Senior Center, or at 774-265-4169

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

If you need Durable Medical Equipment give us a call and we can arrange for a Grab-&-Go pick-up!

LOANS: Free loans of walkers, commodes, crutches, shower benches and wheelchairs are available to elder residents of Norton. We have canes and some adaptive devices, too!



DONATIONS: We accept donations of medical equipment in good, clean condition. Please call prior to bringing your donations to the Center to see if we have storage space. THANK YOU!!

FOOT DOCTOR

Friday September 11

FLU CLINIC Wednesday October 14

<u>SHINE</u>

Free Health Insurance information, counseling and assistance for people with Medicare.



Call the Senior Center to schedule an over -- the--508-285-0235 phone appointment.

EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION

The CAR program may be able to help with emergency transportation needs. Call the Senior

Center for more information.





FOOT DOCTOR

Friday September 11



\$35 Fee for Service

Dr. Erik Henrickson will provide foot exams by appointment only. Some insurance accepted. Call Plymouth Podiatry 508-824-9571 for coverage information. Call the Senior Center 508-285-0235 for an appointment. Safety protocols will be in place due to Covid-19 concerns.

FLU CLINIC

Wednesday October 14

FREE 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Please call the Senior Center to set up an appointment: 508-285-0235

$TRIPS \ {\rm by \ Citizens \ on \ Aging}$

December 15, 2020

Holiday Winter Wishes Show

Lunch & Holiday Entertainment...all at Connecticut's famous Aqua Turf Club. We'll enjoy a delicious Family Style Luncheon, and dance (or tap your feet) to the fabulous Steppin Out Band.

\$99 per person

For questions about any of our trips, call Betty Fogerty at 508-285-0235. Sign up at the Senior Center!

THANKSGIVING DINNERS	
If you know a Norton Senior or Veteran that could benefit fr	× • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Dinner, please contact us.	
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Sign-up deadline is November 6, 2020.	
Call us at the Senior Center! 508-285-0235	
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Norton Alerts is a great way to get informed of emergencies and o	other important events in town.
Sign up at smart911.com, or submit the following information to Cha	arlene Fisk at the Norton Town Hall
First Name:	Reverse 911 Emergency
Last Name:	Notification System
Home Address:	
Email Address if you have one:	
Phone Number cell phone landline	
Once you have signed up for Smart911, first responders will be made av	ware of important information you
have provided that will help Police, Fire and EMS locate and help you in	

Nursing Home Family Resource Line 617-660-5399

The Nursing Home Family Resource Line is a dedicated phone line to connect family members of nursing home and rest home residents with the information and resources they need. This new phone line provides one central contact for families and community members who have questions about the nursing home or rest home care their loved one is receiving during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Nursing Home Family Resource Line is staffed from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, seven days a week. Staff will field questions on a range of topics and coordinate across state agencies to help provide answers.





New Hope is continuing to actively provide remote services for victims of domestic violence and sexual violence. We understand that there are many concerns in this time of uncertainty with the COVID-19 virus changing our everyday lives.

New Hope is still here for you.

We continue to provide advocacy in our area police stations and courts. We are also providing individual counseling and advocacy services virtually and by phone.

Please use our **hotline number below** to contact our staff so we can provide you with the services you need.

NEW HOPE'S 24-HOUR HOTLINE: 1-800-323-4673 If you are in immediate danger, please call 911.

For more information about any of our services, including advocacy, safety planning, legal clinic services and counseling services please visit our website at: www.new-hope.org

FUEL ASSISTANCE

Start Planning Now!

If you received Fuel Assistance in the past, you will receive a re-certification application in the mail by mid-September. Fill it out and return it to Self Help <u>as soon as possible</u>.

If you do not receive a re-certification application, or if you could benefit from Fuel Assistance, please call the Senior Center in <u>NOVEMBER</u> to apply.



<u>Virtual Doctors Visits</u> <u>or</u> <u>Visits with Family</u>

The Senior Center has an IPAD that can help residents connect through video with family, friends, and medical doctors.

Give us a call to schedule an appointment or a home visit.

508-285-0235



FRIENDS OF THE NORTON SENIOR CENTER

A message from The Friends of the Norton Seniors:

The Friends Officers would like you to know we are thinking of you and we miss you. We will continue making our monthly phone calls and sending out emails to keep you up-todate with any new information about the Senior Center. Please take care and stay safe. Hope to see you soon! **Bill, Janice, Bob, and Debbie**

The Friends of the Norton Senior Center Officers

It's time to RE-NEW your Friends Membership \$10 yearly dues. Mail your dues to the following address: Attn: Bob Briscoe Friends of the Norton Senior Center, Inc. P.O. Box 623 Norton, MA 02766

The Friends of the Norton Senior Center is a non-profit organization. Their purpose is to raise funds through memberships and fundraising events to financially assist the Norton Council on Aging. These funds provide the Senior Center with necessary programs, equipment, and supplies. The Friends greatly assist the Norton Council on Aging in their mission to advance the welfare of seniors in Norton.

The Friends of the Norton Senior Center is a group of energetic volunteers who are interested in making a difference in the lives of the seniors in Norton. Meetings are typically held on the 4th Monday of each month at 1 PM at the Norton Senior Center. Come for refreshments, coffee, friendship & fun!

Friends Officers:

Bill Byrnes (President) Janice Norton (Vice President) Bob Briscoe (Treasurer) Debbie Leary (Secretary) THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO OUR SENIOR CENTER!

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Senior Center Facility

The Select Board has voted on a location for our new Senior/Community Center!

The proposed location is at 116-120 Mansfield Ave., which is Route 140 across from Jasmine Garden. This will be a stand-alone site for the Senior/Community Center building which will give us enough space for ample parking, an appropriate sized building, and outdoor space with access to the Norton Reservoir.

Stay tuned as informational meetings will be planned for the Fall! If you would like to support the Senior Center building plans, please call the Senior Center and we can tell you how to get involved.

There will be an article on the October Town Meeting Warrant to authorize the Select Board to purchase this property. Please plan on attending this very important town meeting.





Town Meeting

Saturday October 17th at 1PM Norton High School Football Field

Rain Date: 10/24 NHS at 1PM

A New Way to Sign Up for Medicare Part B

- SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICES ARE STILL CLOSED -

If you are retiring or are turning 65 and not working, and want to sign up for Medicare, you need to sign up for Medicare Part A and B before we can help you enroll in supplemental plans, part D, or Medicare Advantage.

Visit the Social Security Coronavirus Information Page at ssa.gov/ coronavirus to get the latest updates, including how to get help from Social Security.

Medicare beneficiaries can fax Medicare Part B Enrollment Form (CMS-40B) and Request for Employment Information Form (CMS-L-564), along with proof of employment, Group Health Plan (GHP), or Large Group Health Plan (LGHP) to 1-833-914-2016, or mail to your local Social Security office. For Norton, MA residents, the Social Security office is located at 106 Pleasant Street, Attleboro, MA 02703.

Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone

Call the Norton Senior Center at (508)-285-0235

Contact SHINE at 508-222-1399 if you have questions. Please leave a voice mail and someone will call you back.

OCTOBER 15 - DECEMBER 7

OPEN ENROLLMENT

It's that time of year again! If you are enrolled in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO/ PPO), expect an information packet from <u>your plan</u> by the end of September. It is important to **understand** and **save** this information: it explains the changes in your plan for 2021.

Premiums, deductibles, co-pays, and the drugs covered by your plan can change significantly!

During Medicare Open Enrollment, you can adjust your plan for 2021. **SHINE** Counselors can help you understand *your* plan changes as well as *other options* you may have. Fill out the form on the following page and return it to the drop box by the back door of the Senior Center or mail it to us at the following address:

Norton Council on Aging PO 552 Norton, MA 02766

Shine counselors will review your plan, your options, and call you to discuss any changes that you should make. As always, if you have any question please call us at **508-285-0235**.





SHINE OPEN ENROLLMENT FORM

Medicare Open Enrollment October 15, 2020 – December 7, 2020

Insurance and Drug Plan Pre-Enrollment Intake Form:

* You DO NOT need to fill out and submit this form if your drug coverage is included in your HMO or PPO plan and you have not changed medications, or are not experiencing high co-pays.

* If you want an in-person or phone appointment, please fill out this form and return it to the Norton Senior Center by mail (P.O. Box 552, Norton, MA 02766) or use the Drop Box at the Center back door.

* We will call you after we have completed your drug search.

Name	Phone	D.O.B
Address		

*** If you would prefer for us to enroll you over phone, please circle here: Yes! over phone No

Name of current drug plan:	_ Pharmacy you currently use:
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List below the name of each drug as it appears on bottle, dosage, and number of times you take it a day

Drug Name: (do not list brand if on generic)	Strength/Dosage (Example: 10 mg 1x per day)
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