

The Millis Council on Aging

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November 2023 HAPPENINGS!

MILLIS COUNCIL ON AGING

PHONE: (508) 376-7051

HOURS

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday 8:30 AM—4:00 PM Thursday 8:30 AM—2:00 PM Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

Veterans Memorial Building Lower Level 900 Main Street Millis, MA 02054

The Millis Council on Aging (COA) is committed to maintaining the highest level of independence for older adults by providing opportunities for socialization, and educating on and improving the overall understanding of various community-based services. The COA also provides transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities, hosts the local HESSCO Meals on Wheels program, offers referrals and information, and provides application assistance for the Fuel Assistance Program, SNAP, the Millis Fund and various other federal, state and local assistance programs.

With Gratitude

November begins the season of thanks and giving, and I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all who work so hard and who give of their time and talents to help make the programs and services run so well at the Senior Center. I am grateful to our fantastic exercise instructors: Chrissie, Tony, Holly, and Pearl, and our volunteer nurses and other health specialists who visit with care and important information. We wouldn't have our sweet treats and bakery items without our community partners and our volunteers who pick up the goodies and make the coffee for our visitors. My thanks to those who keep Candy's Corner organized, to those who share their talents through special presentations, or the leading of crafting, gardening, bingo, SHINE counseling, and other projects. My thanks to our drivers: Bert, Bob, Jack, and Rich who make it possible for many residents to get to medical appointments, grocery stores and other destinations. My thanks to the office staff, Rochelle and Andrew, and to Kathy of the HESSCO kitchen for their daily commitment to helping our seniors; to our Council on Aging Board members for their guidance; to the Friends of the Millis COA for their unwavering support of our programs; to members of the facilities team, my fellow colleagues, and public safety officers in Town for their assistance and support. Finally, I would be remiss if I did not express my thanks to you, our seniors, for bringing meaning to our work.

On behalf of all of us at the Senior Center, thank you for visiting and participating in our programs. Please review the calendar and stop in or call us to say hello. The Senior Center will be closed on Friday, November 10 in honor of Veterans Day. Thank you to all who have served so bravely in our nation's Armed Forces. Details about the Town's Veterans Day ceremony can be found on page 3.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours, *Anne-Marie*

Anne-Marie Gagnon, Director Email: agagnon@millisma.gov

UPCOMING EVENTS

COFFEE WITH THE DIRECTOR



Join the new Millis Council on Aging Director, Anne-Marie Gagnon, for coffee and conversation. She looks forward to meeting you!

Tuesday, November 7 Time: 9:00 AM

NEEDLEWORKERS GROUP

Working on a needlework project but would like to do so with others who share your interest with some casual conversation? Bring your project. All are welcome.

Thursdays: November 2, 9, 16, 30

Time: 10:00 AM

MAKE A HOLIDAY TABLE RUNNER with Joyce Boiardi

Never used a sewing machine or need to dust off your skills? Join us as we use the sewing machines here at the Senior Center to make your own seasonal table runner. No experience necessary. All materials and guidance provided.

Monday, November 13 Time: 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Cost: \$8, limited to 8 Millis residents

Pre-register by calling the Senior Center by November 8

Please make checks payable to Friends of the Millis COA

PIE and CIDER SOCIAL

Join us for seasonal treats and some sweet conversation.

Tuesday, November 14

Time: 12:30 PM, suggested donation \$2.00

Pre-register by calling the Senior Center by November 7

CRAFTY LADIES

Calling all crafty seniors who are interested in weekly creative craft projects and lively conversation.

Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21, 28

Time: 9:30 AM

EXPLORE THE POLAR REGIONS with Susan Steele

The polar regions are some of the most isolated places on earth. Join Susan Steele as she helps us delve into the history, culture, science and wildlife of the ice-bound worlds of the Arctic and Antarctic. This series is an exciting combination of travelogue, science class and history lesson.

Wednesdays: November 1, 8, 15, 29 (No class 11/22)

Time: 11:00 AM-12:15 PM

AFTERNOON MOVIE

Join us for a viewing of Hitchcock's classic "Rear Window." Pizza served (suggested donation \$2) or bring your lunch.

Tuesday, November 7 at 1:00 PM

SERVICES and SUPPORTS of THE PERKINS LIBRARY

Join us as we welcome Mr. Erin Fragola, Library Outreach Manager at Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown. He will discuss vision changes and share the accessible supports and services for those with print challenges.

Tuesday, November 21

Time: 11:00 AM

Pre-register by calling the Senior Center by Nov. 14

PIZZA and PREVENTION

Hosted by the Millis Fire Department

Join us as the Millis Fire Department discusses all things fire prevention to keep you and your loved ones safe at home. Pizza will be served. Free.

Monday, November 27

Time: 11:00 AM

Pre-register by calling the Senior Center by Nov. 20

TIPS on USING THE LIBRARY'S ONLINE TOOLS



Bring your smartphone, tablet, or e-reader and join us as we learn and review with our Book Group leader, Patsy Divver, how to use the library's online

tools to access your next read.

Tuesday, November 28

Time: 12:00 PM

Pre-register by calling the Senior Center by Nov. 21

MAKE YOUR OWN BOXWOOD TREE

It's beginning to look like the holidays! Join us to create your own fresh boxwood tree. All materials provided, but please bring floral clippers if you have them.

Wednesday, November 29 at 1:00 PM Cost: \$20, priority to Millis residents

Pre-register by calling the Senior Center by Nov. 20

Please make checks payable to Friends of the Millis COA

GAMES

RUMMIKUB

Every Monday, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

GAMES GROUP Let's play some Board Games! **3rd Monday of Each Month, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM**

CRIBBAGE



Let's play cribbage! Come join our Cribbage group every Monday or Friday from 9:30AM-12PM. Instructors are available either day.

SUPER BINGO EVERY THURSDAY!



Held on **Thursdays at 12:15 PM** in room 21. The last pot is worth \$25. **Come and try your luck!** Thank you Friends Group for supporting this!

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

New Class!

SEATED STRENGTH and BALANCE with Pearl Pressman

This seated class accommodates individuals of various fitness levels and abilities and can be adapted to meet individual needs. The class begins with a warm-up for both the joints and muscles, followed by strength training for all the major muscle groups of the body using hand weights and body weight, as well as a few minutes of standing balance exercises for those who are able. The class concludes with gentle stretching exercises to increase flexibility and reduce muscle tension. Seated Strength and Balance - Instructor, Pearl Pressman AFAA Certified

Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 2:00 PM Cost: \$3 per class.

Pre-register by calling the Senior Center

TAI CHI with Tony Berg

Focusing primarily on the therapeutic aspects of Tai Chi, and the martial art/self-defense and performance aspects secondary, this class will be practicing Yang style Tai Chi, which is the most popular of the five traditional schools of Tai Chi.

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM in the Gym

Cost: \$3 per class.

STRETCH & FLOW YOGA with Holly Davenport



We practice gentle stretches, flowing movement and breathing exercises. The class is adaptable and really is for everyone! You can use a chair or

bring your own mat.

Fridays at 9:30 AM in Room 18 Cost: \$3 per class.

YMCA ENHANCE FITNESS

It's Back! YMCA ENHANCE FITNESS is a physical activity program comprised of three one-hour sessions per week. The classes are designed to safely increase participants' fitness levels through aerobic and strength training exercises.

This class started September 11 for 16 weeks: Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9AM in the gym Note: This course is \$125, payable to the Friends of the Millis

COA and reimbursable by most insurance companies.

SENIOR WATER AEROBICS Cost is \$5 per visit. COA members will have to present their Millis COA key tag at entry. Call (508) 359-7800 for more information.

Fridays at 9:30 AM at the Kingsbury Club, Medfield

PODIATRY VISITS

Pre-registration for appointments will be required. New clients: we will mail or email you a form that can be filled out prior to your visit. Please bring your insurance cards and completed form to the first visit. Please note that home visits can be arranged by calling the Senior Center or Main Street Podiatry (508) 533-3500. Co-pays may apply.

Wednesday, November 1 Wednesday, January 3 Time: 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Pre-register by calling the Senior Center

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS



Visit the Senior Center to have, checked by our volunteer nurse. Free. Visit the Senior Center to have your blood pressure

Thursdays from 11-11:30 AM

MILLIS COA FITNESS ROOM

Bring a friend and check out our fitness room at the Senior Center! Thanks to the Friends of the Millis COA. the annual fee for Millis residents is now only \$50, and \$100 for non-Millis participants.

The room has 2 treadmills, recumbent bike, upright bike, elliptical machine and a 7-piece hydraulic circuit training station. Bring your completed application, medical release from your doctor, and then review the instructional video, all of which can be found on the COA pages at millisma.gov. The fee covers maintenance costs and related expenses. For more information call the Senior Center.

Veterans Day 2023 Thank You for your Service

On Saturday, November 11, 2023, Millis celebrates Veterans Day. Veterans Day is a nationally observed holiday in the United States that honors and pays tribute to all military veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The American Legion Post 208, located at 136 Curve Street in Millis, hosts this year's Veterans Day Ceremony. Any veteran can come for a breakfast "warrior meal" from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Legion, followed by the ceremony across the street at the World War I memorial on the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month. For additional details go to www.millisamericanlegion.com.

John Moore, Major (Ret) USMC Veterans Services Officer, Town of Millis

Email: jmoore@millisma.gov Phone: (508) 376-7059

FOOD RESOURCES



Questions?

Call Kathy O'Neil, HESSCO Kitchen, at (508) 376-7056

NEW! THURSDAY BREAKFAST PROGRAM by HESSCO

At the Millis Senior Center, start your Thursday right with a delicious and nutritious breakfast.

Menu includes:

Yogurt, Fruit Crunch Bar, Snack-n-Loaf Fruity Muffin, Chilled Fruit, Orange Juice and Milk.

Suggested donation of \$3 appreciated but not required.

THURSDAY GRAB-N-GO LUNCH at the Senior Center

Each Thursday from 11:15 AM–Noon, HESSCO offers a small packed cold Lunch at the Millis Senior Center. Items include: a sandwich, side, salad, dessert and water.

Week 1: Chicken Salad Week 2: Turkey and Cheese Week 3: Seafood Salad Week 4: Ham and Cheese Week 5: Tuna Salad.

Call the Kathy (508) 376-7056 by Noon the Friday before and

then stop by on Thursday to pick it up.

Suggested donation of \$3 appreciated but not required.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Managed by HESSCO Elder Services, hot noontime meals are delivered to homebound seniors Monday–Friday. Kathy O'Neil of the HESSCO Kitchen manages the program. Call HESSCO at (781) 784-4944 or see Kathy at the Senior Center.

SEEKING MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS!

for Tuesdays and Thursdays Contact Kathy at the Senior Center for more information.

LOVIN' SPOONFULS at the SENIOR CENTER

The largest food rescue program in New England delivers healthy fresh, and frozen food to the Senior Center and it is distributed every **Tuesday at approximately 10:00 AM.** Any leftover food is distributed on **Thursdays at 11:30 AM**. Items are free.

TRANSPORTATION

SENIOR VAN SCHEDULE FOR MILLIS RESIDENTS

Monday-Thursday 8AM-2PM & Friday 8AM-1PM

PLEASE CALL ROCHELLE: (508) 376-7051

Medical Appointments: We have 2 accessible vans and one standard sedan vehicle that provide transportation for our Millis seniors and those with disabilities.

Grocery Shopping: To Bellingham Market Basket and Walmart at 8AM. See calendar for details.

November 9 and November 22

All passengers must manage their own grocery bags in and out of the van.

\$2 within Millis/Medfield \$3 Medway/Bellingham/Milford/Franklin \$5 Framingham/Norwood/Natick \$10 Newton/Dedham/Wellesley \$25 Boston

Suggested donations are waived for Veterans.
Please call about rates to other towns.

Please be aware that we cannot provide repetitive trips. Medical appointments take priority over all trips.

MILLIS ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open to all Millis residents and is housed in the Church of Christ, 142 Exchange Street. The Food Pantry is open every Saturday from 10 AM-Noon and the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10 AM-Noon.

The Senior Center van can provide a ride to the Food Pantry on the first and third Wednesdays. You must call the Senior Center in advance for a ride. Please note that drivers provide limited assistance with bags. (508) 376-7051

DAILY BREADS and BAGELS...DONUTS TOO!

Every Morning: Stop by the Senior Center in the morning, enjoy a cup of coffee and see what we have received from our generous partners: Country Kitchen, Shaw's, and Blue Moon. Items are just a day past, and are free. Each day is different and always delicious!

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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Where Can I Find a Newsletter?

Newsletters can be mailed to your home upon request, or picked up at the Senior Center, Library, and Town Hall. If you would like to receive it via email each month, please go to the Town website and E-subscribe for Senior Center newsletters. www.millisma.gov/subscribe

Durable Medical Equipment

If you need Durable Medical Equipment, please call the Senior Center to inquire about our most current inventory.

LOANS: Free loans of walkers, commodes, crutches, shower benches, canes, rollators, and wheelchairs (as available).

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

THANK YOU! (508) 376-7051

ASSISTANCE

We Can Help!

Call the Senior Center at (508) 376-7051

Fuel Assistance (LIHEAP)

SNAP (Food Stamps)

MassHealth

SHINE Counseling about Medicare

Durable Medical Equipment (Walkers, Shower Chairs, Canes, Commodes)

Housing and Legal Resources

Referrals to HESSCO Elder Services

Applications to The Millis Fund

Information about other Local Senior Services

THANK YOU! YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Many thanks to those who support our activities through voluntary dues and donations to the Friends of the Millis Council on Aging, and contributions to Candy's Corner.

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Julie Chisholm ~ Maria Grusinov ~ Helen Kubacki ~ Fred & Denise Maas ~ Wayne & Mary Jane Simpson ~ Joanne & Alex Monroe ~ Nancy Tate ~ Anita Gold ~ Denise & Larry Farley ~ Anne McManus ~ Robert & Caroline Gentile ~ Burt & Jan Fahy ~ Edward Chisholm ~ Fred Saltzberg ~ Michele Palmer ~ Janet Deramo

A Donation in memory of Donald Clark was received from: Margaret Clark

A Donation in memory of Betty Smith DeAngelis was received from: Nancy Tate

A Donation in memory of Steven Gold was received from: Anita Gold

A Donation in memory of Daniel Lynn was received from: Elizabeth Lynn

A Donation in memory of Virginia Sherrick was received from: David & Kathy Andrews

A Donation in memory of Jane Frasca was received from: Thomas Frasca



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In Memory

Deborah Ann Lundergan ~ Donald S. Armstrong ~ Diane C. Jones ~ Donna J. Fitzgerald ~ Paul McGann ~ Liz Carlson ~ Pat Vaccaro ~ Jacqueline Dorato

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Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Friends of the Millis Council on Aging.



Medicare Open Enrollment is Here! October 15 to **December 7**

Have you checked the mail you received from your supplemental insurance and Part D plan, or Medicare Advantage Plan? The open enrollment period is your chance to change plans for 2024. Special note: there are three fewer Part D plans in Norfolk County in 2024. Some of you may have been notified that you are being mapped to a more expensive drug plan; pay attention to that mail.

SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone – on Medicare) offers free counseling sessions on Medicare options at the Millis Senior Center by appointment. Call the Millis Senior Center at (508) 376-7051 for more information.

> Don't Delay—Make Your Appointment Today! **Medicare Open Enrollment** October 15—December 7 (508) 376-7051

CANDY'S CORNER UPDATE



Thank You Thank you to everyone who donates small decorative items, greeting cards, costume jewelry and other trinkets to our Candy's Corner shop. Funds received from

for your Kindness purchases are directed to the Friends of the Millis Council on Aging who then help to make possible many of the programs and exercise classes at the Senior Center. Thank you also to our volunteers who maintain the space!

We are currently accepting only small items in nearly-new condition. You may drop them at the front desk with the receptionist. Thank you!



The Millis Council on Aging Tribute Garden Have you noticed the garden at the entrance to the Senior Center? A new sign has been installed thanks to the Department of Public Works. This garden will honor those for whom contributions have been made in their honor or memory to support the programs and services of the Council on Aging. Thank you to everyone who helped to plan the special project and who donated to the effort.

MILLIS MEMORY CAFE



The Millis Public Library hosts our local Memory Café, a welcoming place for individuals and families living with memory changes. Each café

features a quest musician or artist, conversation, and refreshments. Call the library at (508) 376-8282 for more information

Dates: Mondays: November 20 and December 18

Time: 10:30 AM—Noon at the Library

MILLIS PROPERTY TAX WORK OFF PROGRAM

Senior and Veteran Homeowners: Consider volunteering in a Millis town department and reduce your tax bill by up to \$1,500. Call the Senior Center at (508) 376-7051 or the Veterans Services Officer for more information, eligibility requirements and an application. Applications are now open. The program runs December 1 to September 30. If you are currently in the program, you will need to reapply to continue. On behalf of all the town departments, thank you!

SEEKING YARN DONATIONS

Have yarn in good shape that you'd like to pass along? Kindly drop it at the Senior Center and our needleworkers will put it to good use. Thank you!

Why should I donate to the Friends of the COA?

- The purpose of The Friends of the Millis COA, Inc. is to help raise funds for the Senior Center by purchasing and donating items or providing for program expenses above and beyond what the town or the Commonwealth provides.
- All money raised is used for senior programs and activities for the well-being of our senior citizens and to help enrich their community interest.
- Some familiar programs that are supported by the Friends are exercise classes, vehicles and other transportation needs, holiday meals, the annual volunteer luncheon, and many more!
- It's only \$6.00/year! Your donation goes a long way in supporting our Senior Community. Thank you!

SUGGESTED DUES \$6/INDIVIDUAL PER YEAR

Please make your check payable to the Friends of the Millis COA, 900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054

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	In addition, your Tax Deductible Gift to the Friends of the Millis COA Fits All Occasions Your Name: Address: Donation Amount: \$ Select One: In Memory Of: In Honor Of: In Celebration Of:
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