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

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

June 2024

**The office will be closed on:
Wednesday, June 19, 2024 for Juneteenth**

JUMPIN' JUBA - Steve Hurl

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 1:00pm

Jumpin' Juba plays blues-based roots-rock and classic rock for your listening and dancing pleasure. They are requested favorites at many MA senior centers. The group features Steve Hurl on electric finger-style and slide guitar plus vocals, with Dave Lockeretz on upright bass. **This program is supported by a grant from the Seekonk Cultural Council. Preregistration is required.**



Author Alison O'Leary - "Seen by Sea"
Wednesday, June 12, 2024 @ 1:00pm

Alison O'Leary presents, ****Seen by Sea: An Appreciation of the New England Coast**. Visit the landmarks and learn the history of the northern New England coastline as experienced from the cockpit of a 25-foot boat that sailed 700 miles to Bar Harbor Maine (roundtrip). Along the way, you'll experience: Past and current military activity along the coast; The curious history of Isles of Shoals; Stories behind light-houses standing sentinel along the way; Hiking on a remote island (and how to get there); And a shark attacking the boat! **Preregistration is required.**



Arts & Crafts
From 9:30am - 11:30am

The fee for residents is \$5 and non-residents is \$10.

June 7, 2024 - Sea Glass Art

June 21, 2024 - Felt Flowers

July 5, 2024 - Felt Flowers (continued)

July 19, 2024 - Rock Painting

Contact the office for more information. Preregistration is required with payment.

Father's Day Ice Cream Social
Monday, June 17, 2024 at 2:00pm

Let's celebrate with an ice cream social! Come on down to enjoy some ice cream inside or outside on the picnic tables (weather pending) and good company. This event is open to all! A suggested donation of \$2 is encouraged to help offset the cost but is not required. **Preregistration is required.**



4th of July Celebration
Wednesday, June 26, 2024 @ 11:30am

Entertainer, vocalist, trumpet, and trombonist, Frank Noonan will perform "A Musical Salute of America". He will be singing songs from Boston to New Orleans. With hit songs by Frank Sinatra, John Denver, Louis Armstrong and many others. He will also sing "America the Beautiful" and pay tribute to our Servicemen, Servicewomen and first responders with Satchmos' "What a Wonderful World". Join the fun, lunch, and good company. Lunch will be hot dogs & hamburgers. The fee for residents \$7.00, and non-residents \$10.00. **Preregistration is required.**



Overview of Legal Services
Monday, July 1, 2024

10am - 12pm (15 minutes appointment only)

Brandon Walecka, Esq., LL.M from Walecka Law will be providing office hours by appointment. The mini-consultations will center around elder law topics such as probate, questions regarding making a will (other power of attorney, health care proxy, etc.), trusts (irrevocable and revocable), Medicaid/MassHealth rules and eligibility, tax planning, and special needs planning. These consults are focused on elder law and estate planning. **Preregistration is required & opens June 17th. MA residents only.**

Fast Homemade Ice Cream (with no ice cream maker)

Ingredients: 1 C. heavy cream, 1 C. half and half, $\frac{1}{2}$ C. sugar, 1 tsp. vanilla extract, 2 gallon sized resealable plastic bags, 2 C. ice cubes, and $\frac{1}{2}$ C. salt.

Instructions: 1. Pour cream, half and half, sugar, and vanilla extract into a gallon sized resealable plastic bag. Seal well. Squish it around to combine until sugar is dissolved. 2. Place ice cubes and salt into another gallon sized resealable plastic bag. 3. Place the bag with the ice cream mixture into the bag with the ice. Seal the larger bag (with the ice). 4. Shake until mixture freezes, about 5 to 7 minutes. **Nutrition:** Cal: 383kcal, Carb: 29g, Protein: 3g, Fat: 28g, Sat. Fat: 18g, Cholesterol: 103mg, Sodium: 48mg, Potassium: 123mg, Sugar: 25g, Vitamin A: 1090IU, Vitamin C: 0.9mg, Calcium: 102mg. **ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!**



Let's Learn Together! Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 2:30pm

Do you have questions about using your smartphone, or tablet? Bring them to the Tech Help Hour. The goal of this session is to help each other learn how to use technology better. There is no set agenda. This program is moderated by Seekonk Public Library staff. Bring your own tablet, phone, or laptop. Please make sure your device is fully charged. **Preregistration is required.**

2nd Annual Men's Barbecue Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 12:00 noon

Join us for our barbecue party honoring Seekonk men age 60 and older
Wednesday, July 31st at noon at Seekonk Human Services
540 Arcade Avenue



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R.S.V.P. Opens June 17th and
Ends Monday, July 22, 2024

Tuesday Luncheons Tuesday's at 11:45am

Seekonk Human Services has partnered with The Cook's House to offer weekly lunches! Lunches will cost \$4 for residents and \$5 for non residents. The menu will be available at the office and on Facebook. **Sign up and payment is required one week in advance.**

Women's Lunch

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 11:30am at
Davenport's
1925 Pawtucket Avenue,
East Providence, RI

This group meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 11:30am. Everything is Dutch treat. If you are interested in joining for good food and good conversation, while supporting our local restaurants, please call the office.

Beginner Sign Language Wednesdays - 9:30am - 11:30am Starting up June 26, 2024

A new 10-week session of sign language begins Wednesday, June 26, 2024 until August 28, 2024. If you are interested in this beginner class, please call the office to preregister.



Encore Casino Friday, June 28, 2024 Price: \$39.00 Per Person Location: Boston Harbor

Departure 8:30am Return Approximately 5:30pm
Join us at Boston's Premier Casino!! The casino at Encore Boston Harbor brings glamour on a grand scale to the waterfront. Enter the main floor - open and airy, colorful and vibrant! Try your luck with 2,800+ slot machines, including classic favorites, automated tables and the newest game titles. Enjoy 166 table games, from craps and roulette to blackjack and baccarat, all at state-of-the-art tables with superior service. It all adds up to an exciting, memorable five-star experience unlike anywhere else in Boston.



Trip Includes: *Casino Time: 10:00am-4:00pm (Casino Package subject to change). *Casino Package - \$20 free slot play. *Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation. Gratuity.

Payment due at registration.

Nutritional Meals To Go Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

Bristol Elder Services provides nutritional meals for lunch on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to go. Meals come completely cooked and prepackaged. Meals need to be ordered the day before by 9:30am. Suggested donation of \$2.25 per meal which will be due at the time of pickup.

The June menu is available at our office and on our Facebook page.

Revoking a Power of Attorney

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The information contained in this article is not intended to make you an expert on estate planning nor is this article intended to replace the need for the advice of a professional. Rather, this article is simply intended to provide a basic understanding of why estate planning is important for everybody and a basic understanding of some of the more common estate planning tools. This article does not constitute legal advice.

Sometimes I get a call from a client who says, "I want to change my Power of Attorney."

First, what is a Durable Power of Attorney (DPOA)?

This is a legal document in which you designate who you want to make legal and financial decisions for you if you cannot make them for yourself. For example, who will pay your bills or withdraw funds from your bank accounts if you cannot. It allows your agent to handle virtually all legal and financial matters for you. Your DPOA should be in effect immediately, which means that your agent can use it even if you are not disabled. This is necessary for the DPOA to be accepted at many financial institutions. Therefore, it is especially important that you pick only individuals who you trust to be your agent on your DPOA. Every DPOA should have a primary agent and an alternate agent (who would act only if the primary agent is unable to act for you).

How do you revoke a Power of Attorney?

If for any reason, you become unhappy with the person you have appointed to make decisions for you under a DPOA, you may revoke the power of attorney at any time. There are a few steps you should take to ensure the document is properly revoked. While any new power of attorney should state that old powers of attorney are revoked, you should also put the revocation in writing. The revocation should include your name, a statement that you are of sound mind, and your wish to revoke the power of attorney. You should also specify the date the original power of attorney was executed, and the person selected as your agent. Sign the document and send it to your current agent as well as any institutions or agencies that have a copy of the DPOA, and attach your new DPOA if you have one. You also will need to get the old DPOA back from your agent. If you cannot get it back, send the agent a certified letter stating that the power of attorney has been revoked. Because a DPOA is one of the most important estate planning instruments available, if you revoke a power of attorney, it is important to have a new one in its place. An estate planning or elder law attorney can assist you in revoking an old DPOA or drafting a new one.

Telephone Reassurance Program

Our office will make a telephone call to an individual's home at approximately the same time each day Monday through Friday (during our operating business hours only). This program is designed to connect people in need with ongoing, caring human contact and conversation. If we do not receive an answer, we will call back shortly after. If we do not receive an answer the second time, Public Safety will be called to check on the individual's status. The Telephone Reassurance Program provides peace of mind for the individual and their loved ones. This program is designed for senior citizens, disabled persons and shut-ins living in Seekonk who may be at risk of loneliness, social isolation, illness or injury.

If you, or anyone you know is interested in this program, please call Nicole at Human Services at 508-336-8772.

The center is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm, Wednesday 8:30am - 5:30pm and Friday 8:30am - 12:00pm. Come and enjoy the activities and companionship at your center. **Join our email list!** Things are changing quickly these days & we want to be able to get the word out to you quickly. Please give us a call & give us your email address. We want to share fun activities, links to Zoom and virtual programs. * NOTE: *Seekonk Human Services is primarily an informational and referral agency. We try to help you directly or by introducing you to a network of federal, state, or local support services. 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 do not assume any legal or other responsibility for advice of services rendered by such volunteers or nominal cost practitioners.

June 2024

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		*Water Colors Residents \$3/Non-Residents \$5 Paid one month at a time **Fitness Class Non-Residents \$2 ***Arts & Crafts Residents \$5/Non-Residents \$10	Preregistration is required for all activities. Activities subject to change without notice.	

Note: Fitness programs are paid through grant funds from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA). Seekonk residents are strongly urged to make a donation toward fitness programs to help offset the cost.

Veterans Corner

VA Headstones, Markers & Medallions

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) furnishes upon request, at no charge to the applicant, a Government headstone or marker for the unmarked grave of any deceased eligible Veteran in any cemetery around the world, regardless of their date of death.

A Government-furnished headstone or marker may be provided for eligible Veterans who died on or after Nov. 1, 1990 and whose grave is marked with a privately purchased headstone. A Government-furnished medallion may be provided for eligible Veterans who served on or after Apr. 6, 1917 and whose grave is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker.

Flat markers in granite, marble, and bronze and upright headstones in granite and marble are available. Bronze niche markers are also available to mark columbaria used for inurnment of cremated remains. The style chosen must be permitted by the officials in charge of the private cemetery where it will be placed.

When burial or memorialization is in a national cemetery, state Veterans' cemetery, or military post/base cemetery, a headstone or marker will be ordered by the cemetery officials based on inscription information provided by the next of kin or authorized representative.

Spouses and dependents are not eligible for a Government-furnished headstone or marker unless they are buried in a national cemetery, state Veteran's cemetery, or military post/base cemetery.

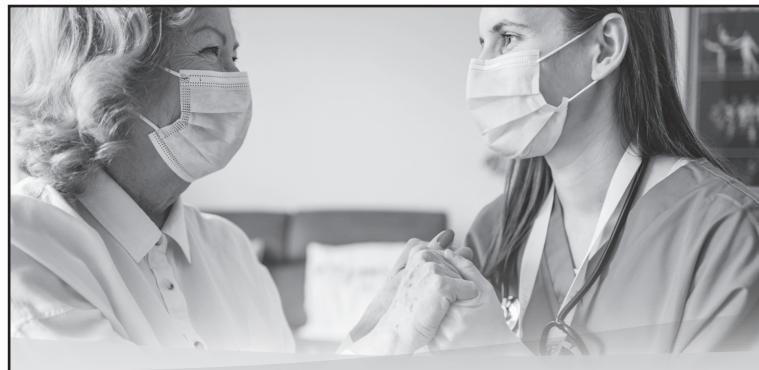
Note: There is no charge for the headstone or marker itself, however arrangements for placing it in a private cemetery are the applicant's responsibility and all setting fees are at private expense.

You may order online at <https://www.cem.va.gov> or make an appointment with a Veterans Services Officer.

For anyone in need of a replacement graveside flags or flag holders, I have them at my office at no charge for Seekonk residents/veterans. The holders I currently have are World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War or a generic veteran marker.

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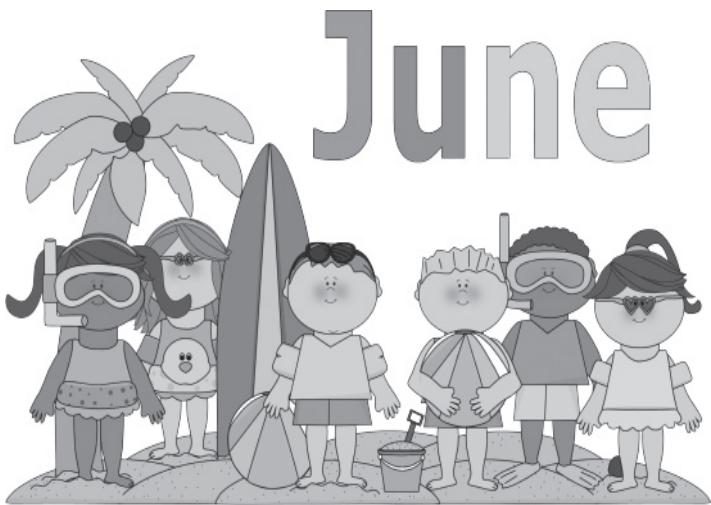
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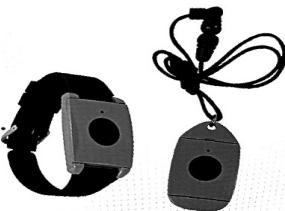
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Podiatry Clinic - July 3, 2024

Dr. Lechan is **not** having a clinic in June 2024. His next clinic is July 3, 2024 from 10am-2pm **Please call our office to make an appointment.**

Hip Hop Chair Dance for Seniors!

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 @ 11:30am

MUSICDance.edu will be here for anyone who enjoys dance moves. The movement in this exercise class will keep you limber and can slow down the decline of cognitive disabilities. So if you want to keep yourself mobile come and try out this Hip Hop Exercise class. This class is specifically designed for seniors. ***This program is supported by a grant from the Seekonk Cultural Council. Preregistration is required, and opens June 17th.**

Fran Hart “1970 - Me Generation”

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 @ 1:00pm

The “Me generation” is a term referring to Baby Boomers in the U.S.A and the self-involved qualities associated with this generation. The 1970s it was dubbed the “Me decade” by writer Tom Wolfe. In this one-hour presentation by Fran Hart, He will talk about some issues that marked the 70s. ***This program is supported by a grant from the Seekonk Cultural Council. Preregistration is required, and opens June 17th.**

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Parks & Recreation

Welcome to a new month! The month where summer begins. I hope you are all still keeping up with your water drinking. As it continues to warm up, you will need it to help you stay hydrated to combat the summer heat. Please also do not forget your sunscreen! It is so important to help you stay healthy. My girls and I even wear those sun hats with the wide brims and neck cover whenever we are spending time outside. With the warmer days and longer days there are going to be many opportunities to be outside. Not all outside time needs to be super active. I just learned that at the Seekonk library in their library of things to borrow, there are some low action items that can be used outdoors. They have a Giant Jenga, a Giant Connect Four, and even binoculars and metal detectors to borrow. What a great resource right in town to use. I encourage you to check out the whole list of available items. What a great addition they could be for a family cookout. While you are there, also check out the available museum passes to borrow. You may just find somewhere new to try this summer, or revisit a favorite you have not been to in a while. I can't wait to see you all out and about this summer.



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@ 3:15pm at
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