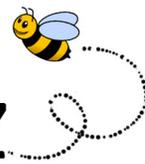


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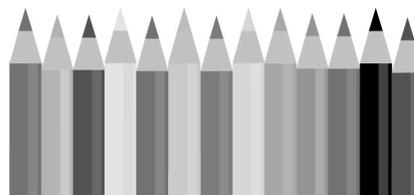
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August-September 2015

Boxborough Fire and Police Departments Sponsor Luncheon

On **Wednesday, September 9**, the Boxborough Fire and Police Departments are co-sponsoring a **free** luncheon and public safety presentation for all Boxborough seniors. The Boxborough Professional Firefighters Union and the Boxborough Police Officers Union are each contributing generously to the food purchase for this event, which starts at **noon** at the Community Center. This popular event provides a chance for you to both socialize and learn. So mark your calendar and plan to come enjoy a delicious meal and become informed about safety issues that could affect you. For example, the police will discuss the latest frauds and scams that target seniors and will explain how you can protect yourself. **To register for this event, please call Laura at 978-264-1717.**



Make Your Mark in Art with Barbara Shapokas

Beginning **Tuesday, September 15**, a **10-week workshop** will be offered by Barbara Shapokas. This workshop, designed to free your imagination and creativity, will be held at the **Community Center** from **1-2:30 PM**.

Attendees will be introduced to the adventures, lives, and work of some famous artists. Then you will make your mark in art by creating works using mixed mediums, such as fabrics, pastels, paints, markers, and photographs. Each class will relate to the artist's imagery or to some specific topic or technique. For example, after discussing Claude Monet, you will learn a simple way to create a pool of water lilies. Other classes might focus on the ocean, local landscapes such as Steele Farm, or on famous artworks.

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Fall 2015 Schedule for Classes

Fitness with Holly Join others in this motivating class. Participants will improve their strength, balance, and flexibility. Classes are held **Mondays, Wednesdays** and **Fridays** at **9 AM** at the **Community Center**. This 12-week session begins **Monday, August 31**. The cost is \$48 for one class a week, \$84 for two classes a week, and \$108 for three classes a week.

Yoga for Seniors with Julia The practice of yoga is known to enhance health, vitality, and peace of mind. Postures and movements taught increase strength, balance, and flexibility. This is a relaxed, supportive group, and beginners are welcome! This class meets on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at **1 PM** at **25B Stow Road**. Cost is \$48 for a 12-week session, once per week, or \$96 for two days a week. The new session begins **September 15**.



Line Dance with Sam This dance class features great music and offers many health benefits associated with other forms of exercise. There is camaraderie amongst participants, and you don't need a partner. The class meets on **Thursdays** at **9 AM** at the **Community Center**. The cost is \$48 for a 12-week session; the class begins **September 10**.

Water Exercise with Curtis These classes will improve your strength, balance, and range of motion. They also are a great way to increase your activity level, while having fun in the water. Classes take place **Thursdays** at **Swymfit** in Boxborough, from **10:15–11:00 AM**. The next 6-week session begins **September 10**. The cost is \$30.

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Barbara runs The Art Studio in Boxborough. She brings decades of experience and an extensive background in the worlds of commercial art and fine arts. The **cost** for the 10-week workshop is **\$100, plus \$15** for a portfolio carrying case for your work. **This class is partially funded by a generous donation from the FCOA.**

NOTE: *Payment may be made in two installments, and some scholarship funds are available. Please call Laura (978-264-1717) for more information.*



@Sargent Memorial Library

Boston Harbor Islands Pass The Sargent Memorial Library now has two-for-one passes to the Boston Harbor Islands. Families can explore and discover six different Boston Harbor Islands, just a short ferry ride from Boston's Long Wharf. Passes are available weekdays until October. For additional information on all Library passes, visit www.boxborough-ma.gov/sargent-memorial-library. Reservations can be made online or by calling the Library at 978-263-4680. Passes are funded through the generosity of the Friends of the Boxborough Library.

Art Show The paintings of local resident Marlene Stemple are on display through August. Marlene is a painter and graphic designer with a passion for vivid color. She is a member of the Concord Art Association and her work has been exhibited at local galleries and festivals. Please stop by the Library during regular hours to view this colorful exhibit.



Acton-Boxborough Rotary Luncheon

This annual luncheon for seniors will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 20**, at the **Boxborough Holiday Inn Courtyard**. The food will be prepared by the Holiday Inn culinary staff. Chicken, potato, coleslaw, rolls, cookies, and ice cream will be served. The lunch starts at **noon**. Please call Laura (978-264-1717) by **September 15** to make or cancel your reservation.

Two Groups—A Kindred Mission

The COA and FCOA share a similar mission—to support and enhance the lives of Boxborough’s 1000+ senior population. What does each offer?

Council on Aging (COA) The COA is a department of municipal government. Its seven members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The COA Coordinator works with the Board and with other departments and agencies to identify and develop community resources and to provide information, referrals, outreach and health insurance information. The COA provides transportation services for seniors and for the disabled. COA meetings are open to all. You are encouraged to attend COA meetings to see how the Board works for you.

Friends of the Council on Aging (FCOA) Massachusetts General Laws prohibit Councils on Aging from fundraising, so the Boxborough FCOA was organized in 1996 to provide financial and volunteer support for senior activities. The FCOA is a private, nonprofit, incorporated group of local people who have an interest in the welfare of Boxborough’s senior citizens. Through grants, sales, and donations, they raise money for the benefit of Boxborough seniors. They provide volunteers and financial support for lunches, programs, classes, special events, and emergency needs for our seniors.

Boxborough has an increasing senior population, and the COA and FCOA would welcome your help and support. If you would like to get involved, please call the COA office at 978-264-1717. As more Boxborough seniors participate, the senior community will grow even stronger and more vibrant.

The Boxborough Museum

The Museum, at **575 Middle Road**, will be open on **Sunday, September 13**, from **2–4 PM**.



FCOA Booth at the Harvest Fair

Boxborough’s Harvest Fair will take place on **Saturday, September 12**, from **11 AM–4 PM** at **Town Hall** and the **UCC**. The FCOA booth at the Fair will offer an assortment of yummy home-baked goods. (Please call Anne Becklean, 978-263-2861, to volunteer to bake.) The FCOA also will be running a 50–50 raffle and selling a limited number of 2010 Town Hall and 2012 Sargent Memorial Library ornaments, at the rate of two for \$10. All FCOA proceeds are used to support programs for Boxborough’s seniors.

New this year, there are separate categories for hand- and machine-stitched quilts and fresh herbs. The Cultivate Counseling Center of Acton will bring animals used in therapy sessions. To display your produce and artwork, to sell your craftwork or art, or to volunteer your help, go to the Fair website: <http://boxboroughfair.org/>. The Fair is a great way to connect with neighbors and support the FCOA.

COA Transportation Services

Boxborough seniors and residents with disabilities can call Cross Town Connect to reserve van rides to medical appointments, food shopping, and most local programs. The cost is nominal. Make reservations and cancellations any time from **8:30 AM–4 PM, Monday through Friday**. To book a trip on the COA van, please call **978-844-6809**.

Call Volunteer Drivers if van is unavailable (all area code 978)

Anne Canfield 263-2664 Lorraine Carvalho 263-8060 Rita Grossman 264-4077
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Road to Recovery

Call 1-800-227-2345 for transportation and information for cancer patients.

Lending Hand Services

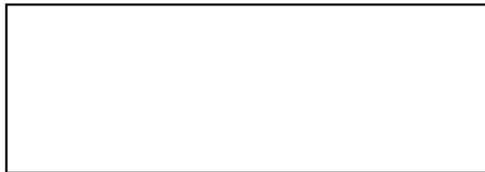
Need a helping hand with a specific task, such as moving a heavy object or hanging a window shade? Call Laura at 978-264-1717 to see if **Lending Hand** can help.

**The Health Care for All HelpLine:
Empowering Seniors under the Affordable Care Act**

This HelpLine provides direct assistance over the phone to individuals between ages 55 and 64 who need to understand their health coverage options and the insurance enrollment process. It also helps seniors age 65 and older find a SHINE counselor in their area who can answer their healthcare questions.

The Health Care for All HelpLine is a **free resource** for Massachusetts residents. HelpLine counselors can be reached at **1-800-272-4232, Monday–Friday, 9 AM–5 PM**. The HelpLine serves individuals in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

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