**Senior Citizens' Roundtable News** 

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**March 2016** 



# Senior Corps MLK Community Resource Day

Sponsored by Greene County Department of Human Services' Retired Senior Volunteer Program

March 24th, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

# Washington Irving Senior Center Academy Street, Catskill, NY 12414

Free Admission

Open to the General Public

Visit the booths of numerous support services that are available in our community.

To schedule transportation, call (518) 719-3555 and ask for the shopping bus.

For more information, contact Ruth Jones Pforte (518) 719-3555 <u>Rpforte@discovergreene.com</u>



## SENIOR ANGELS PROGRAM -SPREADING CHEER 365 DAYS A YEAR



SPONSORED BY GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

# **COMING IN NOVEMBER**

Will you be alone for Thanksgiving? Come join us . . .



## SENIOR ANGELS 1st COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Open to Seniors 60 years & older

Rivertown Senior Center 39 Second Street, Athens

Further details to be announced in the future.

Want to volunteer to help? Call our office & ask to speak to Ken



Barbara Smith

In Memory of

Helen & George Zini

Your kind support & generosity by donating to the Greene County Department of Human Services to use where most needed will help provide services to area Senior Citizens.



#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT and GENEROSITY

As the number of seniors grows, so does the need for our vast array of services. The Department of Human Services encourages and appreciates donations. If you or your family are in a position to do so, please fill out the form below. One hundred percent of your contribution will be used to provide service to another older adult in need.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

I designate a \$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation In appreciation for services **OR** In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

to the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Roundtable News \_\_\_\_\_ In-home services
- \_\_\_\_\_ Where most needed \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Angel Fund
- \_\_\_\_\_ Homebound transportation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nutrition Program/Home-delivered Meals

Make checks payable & mail to: Greene County Dept. of Human Services 411 Main Street Catskill, N.Y. 12414



## **SHOPPING BUS**

The Greene County Department of Human Services offers transportation for shopping trips to Greene County residents, 60 years & older, living in the towns of Ashland, Athens, Cairo, Catskill, Coxsackie, Greenville, Hunter, Jewett, Lexington, Prattsville and Windham. Seniors are picked up at their door, driven to Catskill to shop, and then have lunch at a local Senior Center before returning home. Special trips on a periodic basis.

| MONDAY:          | Mountaintop/Catskill<br>(Windham, Ashland, Prattsville, Lexington, Jewett & Hunter) |
|------------------|---|
| <b>TUESDAY:</b>  | Cairo/Catskill  |
| WEDNESDAY:       | Athens/Coxsackie  |
| <b>THURSDAY:</b> | Cairo/Greenville  |

### **SPECIALS:** (*First come–first served basis Limit 2 bags*)

**TO COLONIE CENTER (PRICE PER PERSON: \$10.00)** 

Payment due at time of departure/boarding. No exceptions please. Reservations must be made no later than 3p.m. of the Wednesday before trip.

1<sup>st</sup> Monthly Friday

Fri. March 5 Mountaintop/Cairo/Greenville

3<sup>rd</sup> Monthly Friday Athens/Coxsackie

Fri. March 18 Catskill/Athens/Coxsackie

## For further information or to make a reservation, Call Janet at 719-3559

Making a wish especially for you And hoping sincerely it really comes true; Have a wonderful birthday and after it's done May the year that's ahead be a wonderful one! Happy March Birthday to the following Nutrition clients.

Joan Borfitz Marjorie Carpenter Paul Chiesa Frank Corratti Anita DeGiovine Odile Dwyer Patricia Esposita Frank Floria Jeanne Heiberg Shirley Horowitz Kenny Hudacek Richard Jezykowski Rose Juliano Henry Kollar Eve Lampman Eleanor Lane Winifred Liberatore Morelia Lozano Mary Mallory Helen Matson Wilfred Neuner

> Happy 100th Birthday Nick Meola

Kathy Palmatier Thomas Palmatier Regina Peck Gethen Proper Eugenia Romanokles Martha Schilling Mamie Shivers William Springer Joseph Vasta Judith Williamson Antoinette Wilson



6th Annual Greene County Senior Citizen Day

Friday May 20, 2016

**Historic Catskill Point** 

Watch for further information to be announced **COMING SOON** 



June 2016: Chair Aerobics August 2016: Chair Yoga

Contact the Rivertown Senior Center for further information at 945-2700

Made possible by a generous grant from Athens Community Foundation

# **GREENE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS CLUBS**



ATTENTION ALL CLUBS:

Do you have anything to announce about your club?

Put it in print in the Roundtable News!

Contact Maureen at the Department of Human Services <u>ATHENS:</u> ATHENS SR. CITIZENS 2nd & 4th monthly Monday 1:15 p.m. Rivertown Senior Center

CAIRO CAIRO: CAIRO GOLDEN AGERS 2nd & 4th monthly Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Acra Community Center



Calling All Seniors!

<u>CATSKILL</u> CATSKILL SILVER LINING SENIORS

2nd monthly Thursday 1 p.m. Washington Irving Center

#### COXSACKIE:

**BETHANY VILLAGE TENANTS** 3rd monthly Wednesday 1:15 p.m. Van Heest Hall **COXSACKIE AREA SENIORS** 

2nd & 4th monthly Wednesday 1:15 p.m. Van Heest Hall, Bethany Village

#### SENIOR CITIZENS of COXSACKIE

1st & 3rd monthly Monday 1:30 p.m. Coxsackie Senior Center

#### <u>GREENVILLE:</u> GREENVILLE GOLDEN YEARS

1st monthly Wednesday 1:30 p.m. American Legion Hall

#### **MOUNTAIN-TOP:**

#### MTN. TOP GOLDEN AGERS

4th monthly Thursday 1:30 p.m. Tannersville Village Hall W-A-J-P-L GOLDEN AGERS

1st & 3rd monthly Monday 1:30 p.m. Hensonville Town Bldg.





## FOUR TYPES of FOODS to HELP BOOST YOUR MEMORY

By Marisa Moore, MBA, RDN, LD

If you/re feeling forgetful, it could be due to a lack of sleep or a number of other reasons including genetics, level of physical activity, and lifestyle and environmental factors. However, there s no doubt that diet plays a major role in brain health.

The best menu for boosting memory and brain function encourages good blood flow to the brain - much like what youged eat to nourish and protect your heart. A recent study found that the Mediterranean Diet helps in keeping aging brains sharp, and a growing body of evidence links foods like those in the Mediterranean diet with better cognitive function, memory and alertness.

#### Strengthen Recall by Adding These Foods to the Rotation

Eat Your Veggies: Yougre not likely to forget this message. Getting adequate vegetables, especially cruciferous ones including broccoli, cabbage and dark leafy greens, may help improve your memory. Try a raw kale salad or substitute collard greens for the tortilla in your next sandwich wrap. Broccoli stir-fry is also an excellent option for lunch and dinner.

Be sweet on berries and cherries: Berriesô especially dark ones such as blackberries, blueberries and cherries - are a rich source of anthocyanins and other flavonoids that may boost memory function. Enjoy a handful of berries for a snack, mixed into cereal or baked into an antioxidant-rich dessert. You can reap these benefits from fresh, frozen or dried berries and cherries.

Get adequate omega-3 fatty acids: Essential for good brain health, omega-3 fatty acids, docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) in particular, may help improve memory in health young adults, õDHA is the most abundant fatty acid in the brain. It makes sense that you have higher levels of DHA in the blood, then the brain will operate more efficiently,ö says Andrea Giancoli, RD, registered dietitian and past Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics spokesperson.

Seafood, algae and fatty fish - including salmon, blue fin tuna, sardines and herring - are some of the best sources of omega-3 fatty acids. Substitute fish for meat a couple of times each week to get a healthy dose. Grill, bake or broil fish for ultimate flavor and health. Try salmon tacos with red cabbage slaw, snack on sardines or enjoy seared tuna on salad greens for dinner. If you dongt eat fish, discuss supplementation with your doctor or registered dietitian nutritionist. You can get omega-3 fatty acids from fish oil, seaweed or microalgae supplements.

Work in walnuts: Well known for a positive impact on heart health, walnuts also may improve working memory. Snack on a handful of walnuts to satisfy midday hunger, add them to oatmeal or salad for crunch or mix them into a vegetable stir-fry for extra protein.

These foods are not just good for the brain, they sustain a healthy heart and all parts of the body. While there is no guarantee that these foods will help you to remember tomorrow where you put your car keys, over time they can support lifelong good health.



Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

### **TAI CHI for ARTHRITIS**



Congratulations to Renee Raffiani, Coxsackie Nutrition Site Manager (right end, back row), and Carol Metz, Volunteer (left end, front row) for attending the Tai Chi for Arthritis instructor training.

Classes will be announced for the centers in the future. Watch the Roundtable News for information. Coxsackie Easter Party

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Thursday March 24, 2016 10 a.m.

Town of Coxsackie Senior Center

Entertainment

Lunch: Baked Ham w/Pineapple Sauce Sweet Potatoes Green Beans Almondine Dinner Roll Easter Cake To make a reservation, Call Renee at 731-8901



DINNER DANCE

RIVERTOWN SENIOR CENTER 39 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET, ÅTHENS



DINNER 1 P.M. MUSIC 2 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

MENU: SHRIMP COCKTAIL - TOSSED SALAD ROAST BEEF RED-SKINNED MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEAN MEDLEY LEMON CREAM CAKE PUNCH

DONATION: \$7

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY MARCH 21 OPEN TO ALL SENIORS CALL 945-2700 TO MAKE



#### SENIOR SERVICE CENTERS in GREENE COUNTY

Each site serves the noon-time menu item for the day, Monday - Friday, for a suggested donation of \$4.00. All meals include: Meat/Alternative Entrée, Vegetables & Fruit, Bread, Milk & Dessert. We ask that you call at least one day ahead, if you wish to be included in the lunch count. Centers are closed on legal holidays and inclement weather. In addition, each center offers Aging Information & Assistance/Medicare Minute each month.

## CALL YOUR LOCAL SENIOR CENTER FOR ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Acra Community Center,

Old Rte. 23B, Acra (518) 622-9898

Sandra Sherman Meal Site Manager

Elaine Cherrington

Aging Information & Assistance Medicare Minute:

2nd monthly Wednesday 11:00 a.m.

## **COXSACKIE**

Town of Coxsackie Senior Center Mansion Street, Coxsackie (518) 731-8901

> Renee Raffiani Meal Site Manager

> Aging Information & Assistance Medicare Minute:

3rd monthly Monday 11:00 a.m.

### **JEWETT**

Jewett Municipal Building

Route 23C, Jewett (518) 263-4392

Gayle Ruvolo Meal Site Manager

MaryAnn Brink

Aging Information & Assistance Medicare Minute:

4th monthly Friday 11:00 a.m.

## **ATHENS**

Rivertown Senior Center 39 Second Street, Athens (518) 945-2700

John Orso, Senior Center Manager

JoanAnn Rouse Shane Dillon John Lawrence Lana Marrone

Aging Information & Assistance Medicare Minute:

2nd monthly Monday, 11:00 a.m.

## **CATSKILL**

Washington Irving Senior Center 15 Academy Street, Catskill (518) 943-1343

Gethen Proper, Meal Site Manager

Martha Schilling

Aging Information & Assistance Medicare Minute:

2nd monthly Thursday, 11:00 a.m.

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| 2016             | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  |
|------------------|--|--|--|--|---|
| March<br>1 - 4   | March  | BAKED HAM<br>w/Raisin Sauce<br>(Low-salt diet subst.)<br>SWEET<br>POTATOES<br>CAULIFLOWER<br>au GRATIN<br>PINEAPPLE<br>DELIGHT<br>(Diet Dessert subst) | CHICKEN QUARTER<br>w/Gravy<br>WHIPPED<br>POTATOES<br>SPINACH<br>RICE PUDDING<br>(Diet Dessert subst)                   | ROAST BEEF<br>w/Gravy<br>OVEN BROWNED<br>POTATOES<br>ORANGE GLAZED<br>CARROTS<br>OATMEAL RAISIN<br>COOKIE  | LEMON PEPPER<br>FISH FILLET<br>RICE PILAF<br>CALIFORNIA<br>BLEND<br>VEGETABLES<br>CRANBERRY<br>JUICE<br>FRESH<br>SEASONAL FRUIT |
| March<br>7 - 11  | CHICKEN DIVAN<br>w/Rice<br>CARROTS<br>& PEAS<br>TROPICAL FRUIT   | PORK CHOP<br>w/Gravy<br>RED CABBAGE<br>OVEN BROWNED<br>POTATOES<br>WINTER SQUASH<br>RYE BREAD<br>CINNAMON<br>APPLESAUCE                                | BEEF STEW<br>GREEN BEANS<br>ORANGE JUICE<br>BIRTHDAY CAKE<br>(Diet Dessert Subst.)                                     | ROAST TURKEY<br>w/Gravy<br>& Cranberry Sauce<br>STUFFING<br>WHIPPED<br>POTATOES<br>OLD FASHIONED<br>MIXED<br>VEGETABLES<br>PEACHES   | CHEESE LASAGNA<br>ITALIAN MIXED<br>VEGETABLES<br>TOSSED SALAD<br>FRESH SEASONAL<br>FRUIT  |
| Магсн<br>14 - 18 | VEAL PARMESAN<br>over Linguine<br>SPINACH<br>PEARS   | CHICKEN CHOW<br>MEIN over Rice<br>ORIENTAL MIXED<br>VEGETABLES<br>PEACHES  | POT ROAST<br>w/Gravy<br>OVEN BROWNED<br>POTATOES<br>CALIFORNIA MIXED<br>VEGETABLES<br>BROWNIE<br>(Diet Dessert Subst.) | CORNED BEEF<br>& CABBAGE<br>PARSLIED<br>POTATOES<br>CARROT COINS<br>IRISH SODA<br>BREAD<br>KILLARNEY CAKE<br>(Diet Dessert Subst)  | LEMON PEPPER<br>FISH FILLET<br>MASHED<br>POTATOES<br>OLD FASHIONED<br>VEGETABLES<br>FRESH SEASONAL<br>FRUIT                     |
| March<br>21 - 25 | TURKEY<br>BURGERS<br>w/Peppers &<br>Onions<br>HAMBURGER<br>BUN<br>SCALLOPED<br>POTATOES<br>CALIFORNIA<br>BLEND<br>VEGETABLES<br>TROPICAL FRUIT | PORK CHOP<br>w/Gravy<br>PARSLIED<br>POTATO<br>WINTER SQUASH<br>CRANBERRY<br>JUICE<br>STUFFING<br>BUTTERSCOTCH<br>PUDDING<br>(Diet Dessert Subst)       | CHICKEN<br>QUARTERS w/Gravy<br>WHIPPED<br>POTATOES<br>WHOLE BABY<br>CARROTS<br>AMBROSIA<br>(Diet Dessert Subst)        | BAKED HAM<br>w/Pineapple Sauce<br>SWEET POTATOES<br>GREEN BEANS<br>ALMONDINE<br>DINNER ROLL<br>EASTER CAKE<br>(Diet Dessert Subst0   | FLORENTINE<br>FISH FILLET<br>MONACO<br>VEGETABLES<br>TOSSED SALAD<br>FRESH ORANGE   |
| March<br>28 - 31 | MACARONI<br>& CHEESE<br>STEWED<br>TOMATOES<br>3 BEAN SALAD<br>MANDARIN<br>ORANGES  | CHICKEN &<br>BISCUIT<br>WHIPPED<br>POTATOES<br>BROCCOLI<br>V-8 JUICE<br>CHOCOLATE<br>MOUSSE<br>(Diet Dessert<br>Subst.)                                | MEATLOAF<br>w/Gravy<br>MASHED<br>POTATOES<br>SPINACH<br>BROWNIE<br>(Diet Dessert Subst.)                               | ROAST PORK<br>w/Gravy<br>OVEN BROWNED<br>POTATOES<br>WINTER SQUASH<br>RYE BREAD<br>ICE CREAM<br>SUNDAES<br>(Center Only)<br>HDM: JELL-O w/<br>Whipped Topping<br>(Diet Dessert Subst.) | SPR SC  |

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| April            |   |   |  | Happy<br>April S<br>Foch Day   | SPAGHETTI w/<br>Meat Sauce<br>ITALIAN<br>VEGETABLES<br>TOSSED SALAD<br>DINNER ROLL<br>FRESH APPLE   |
| APRIL<br>4 - 8   | BAKED ZITI<br>SPINACH<br>PINEAPPLE<br>CHUNKS  | BAKED HAM<br>w/Pineapple<br>Sauce<br>(Low-Salt Diet<br>Subst)<br>FRESH SWEET<br>POTATOES<br>BRUSSELS<br>SPROUTS<br>MANDARIN<br>ORANGES                        | SHEPHERD'S PIE<br>BROCCOLI<br>SPICE CAKE<br>(Diet Dessert Subst)   | BAKED SPANISH<br>STEAK<br>SPANISH RICE<br>FRENCH CUT<br>GREEN BEANS<br>ROMAINE SALAD<br>CINNAMON<br>GRAPE DESSERT                                      | ROAST TURKEY<br>w/Gravy<br>& Cranberry Sauce<br>STUFFING<br>WHIPPED<br>POTATOES<br>CALIFORNIA<br>MIXED<br>VEGETABLES<br>FRESH<br>SEASONAL FRUIT |
| APRIL<br>11 - 15 | LEMON<br>PEPPER FISH<br>RICE PILAF<br>TUSCAN<br>VEGETABLES<br>MANDARIN<br>ORANGES                     | MACARONI<br>& CHEESE<br>STEWED<br>TOMATOES<br>3 BEAN SALAD<br>CRANBERRY<br>JUICE<br>APRICOTS  | MEATLOAF<br>BAKED POTATO<br>SPINACH<br>BIRTHDAY CAKE<br>(Diet Dessert Subst)   | BBQ CHICKEN<br>BAKED<br>ROSEMARY<br>QUARTERED<br>RED POTATOES<br>BROCCOLI<br>V-8 JUICE<br>SUGAR COOKIES  | CHEESE<br>LASAGNA<br>OLD FASHIONED<br>MIXED<br>VEGETABLES<br>TOSSED SALAD<br>FRESH<br>SEASONAL FRUIT  |
| APRIL<br>18 - 22 | KNOCKWURST<br>SAUERKRAUT<br>BAKED BEANS<br>CARROTS<br>TROPICAL<br>FRUIT                               | CHICKEN<br>MARSALA<br>over Egg Noodles<br>CALIFORNIA<br>BLEND<br>VEGETABLES<br>CINNAMON<br>APPLESAUCE   | BAKED ZITI<br>SPINACH<br>TOSSED SALAD<br>BROWNIE<br>(Diet Dessert Subst)   | PORK ROAST<br>w/Gravy<br>RED CABBAGE<br>OVEN BROWNED<br>POTATOES<br>WINTER SQUASH<br>ICE CREAM<br>SUNDAES<br>(Diet Dessert<br>Subst)<br>Jell-o for HDM | SALISBURY<br>STEAK W/GRAVY<br>PEAS & CARROTS<br>POTATOES<br>O'BRIEN<br>FRESH<br>SEASONAL FRUIT  |
| APRIL<br>25 - 29 | CHICKEN<br>CACCIATORE<br>w/Linguine<br>OLD<br>FASHIONED<br>MIXED<br>VEGETABLES<br>MANDARIN<br>ORANGES | BAKED HAM<br>w/Raisin Sauce<br>(Low Sodium<br>Diet Subst)<br>SWEET<br>POTATOES<br>CAULIFLOWER<br>au Gratin<br>PINEAPPLE<br>DELIGHT<br>(Diet Dessert<br>Subst) | FLORENTINE<br>FISH FILLET<br>RICE PILAF<br>CALIFORNIA<br>BLEND<br>VEGETABLES<br>OATMEAL RAISIN<br>COOKIE<br>(Diet Dessert Subst) | CHICKEN QTRS<br>w/Gravy<br>WHIPPED<br>POTATOES<br>SPINACH<br>RICE PUDDING<br>w/Cinnamon<br>(Diet Dessert<br>Subst)                                     | ROAST BEEF<br>w/Gravy<br>OVEN BROWNED<br>POTATOES<br>ORANGE GLAZED<br>CARROTS<br>DINNER ROLL<br>FRESH<br>SEASONAL FRUIT                         |



#### RIVERTOWN SENIOR CENTER FUN FIT THURSDAYS

Tai Chi

David Haines, Instructor 10 Weeks, March 24 - May 26, 2016 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

After class, stay for a nutritional lunch

Sign-up sheets will be available at the center Call 945-2700 for further information

These classes are funded by a generous grant from the Athens Community Foundation.

## **OFFICIAL'S DAY for MEALS**

On March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older. For nearly 45 years, these critical programs ó commonly referred to as Meals on Wheels - have delivered more than just nutritious meals to homebound seniors in virtually every community across the country. And, the dedicated staff and volunteers who deliver these meals each week provide a vital lifeline and connection to the community, which are sometimes all it takes to keep our senior neighbors at home, where they want to be.

Across the county, hundreds of local home-delivered meal programs will reach out once a year to their elected officials to build the support to enable them to deliver nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks to America's seniors all year long. Locally, here in Greene County, our government officials will be doing just that on April 5. By volunteering and donating their time, they will help ensure that area seniors can live more healthy, happy and independent lives at home, where they want to be.

Our department has contacted the area elected officials, of all levels, to do an actual meal run with one of the RSVP volunteers, and see firsthand what the volunteers do on a regular basis. In past years, the officials have expressed that the event has allowed them to recognize serious concerns that plaque seniors in their community.

So if you receive a home-delivered meal or have lunch at one of our nutrition centers, don¢t be surprised if your county legislator or town supervisor serves you that day!



Photo from a previous year Village of Athens Mayor Chris Pfister helping at Rivertown Senior Center





## GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES ALWAYS HAS OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

Do you drive? Consider delivering meals to homebound seniors. Or you could drive a senior without transportation to a medical appointment. Need more socializing? Do you be like meeting and talking to people?

#### **DELIVER HOMEBOUND MEALS**

The department provides healthy, balanced meals to Greene County residents, age 60 and older, who cannot prepare meals for themselves. Volunteers deliver these meals and check on the senior.

Current volunteer shortages are on the Mountaintop and in Catskill.

#### HOMEBOUND MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

Homebound Medical Transportation Service is available through the Department to county residents, age 60 and older, that do not have other options for needed transportation. The program will arrange for a volunteer driver. Rides are arranged to medical appointments and to special entitlement agencies.

Are you willing to drive seniors to appointments in a neighboring county? We especially could use you.

#### **INFORMATION DESK**

Volunteers are needed to help man the information desk in the lobby at the Greene Medical Arts Center (159 Jefferson Heights) in Catskill.

Haven't seen what you're looking for listed? Give Ruth Pforte, Volunteer Coordinator, a call at 719-3555 for information of these opportunities and the many others we have to offer.

#### WHY SHOULD I DO VOLUNTEER WORK?

Everybody can benefit from volunteer work, but volunteering can be even more beneficial for seniors. Senior volunteer work is becoming even more popular lately, because many seniors have realized how beneficial volunteering can be for everyone involved. If you have been considering if you should volunteer these are three great reasons why volunteering might be the perfect choice for you.

- A Great Way to Spend Free Time: Now that you are retired and not spending long hours working you might find you have a lot of free time on your hands. Volunteering is a productive way to spend your day that you will enjoy. When you are doing senior volunteer work it gives you a reason to get out of the house. Volunteer work lets you do something new and different each day.
- The Chance to Make New Friends: Volunteering is a great way to spend time with other seniors that have similar interests. You can make many great friends while volunteering. When you meet new people, and make new friends in has a positive effect on every part of your life. It always feels great to be around people and to be having fun doing something that you love doing.
- Making a difference in someone's life: When you volunteer you are getting chance to help someone who really needs you. As a senior you have had a lot of life experiences that you can use to help someone else. Whether you are a senior volunteer to drive a senior to a medical appointment, or a senior delivering a meal to a homebound senior you will be making a direct impact on someone life. After a day of volunteering you will go home feeling like you made a difference in someone/s life, and that is a very special feeling.



# 2016 SMART DRIVER M COURSE

Become a safer driver! Reduction on your auto insurance premium!



COST FOR COURSE:

\$20.00 for AARP members \$25.00 for non-members Must possess valid NYS driver's license

CLASS DATES & LOCATIONS (*Must attend both days*) - TIME: 1p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Tues. April 5 & Wed. April 6 Tues. Sept. 27 & Wed. Sept. 28

Tues. April 19 & Wed. April 20 Tues. Sept. 13 & Wed. Sept. 14

Tues. May 3 & Wed. May 4 Thurs. Oct. 20 & Fri. Oct. 21

Mon. May 16 & Tues. May 17 Tues. Oct. 25 & Wed. Oct. 26 **Town of Coxsackie Senior Center** Mansion Street, Coxsackie

**Town of Jewett Municipal Building** *Beaches Corners, Jewett* 

**Rivertown Senior Center** *39 Second Street, Athens* 

Acra Community Center Old Rte. 23B, Acra

*To register for an upcoming class, call Mike Pirrone 945-2122 Cell (917) 656-0425 Email: kokomomike@hotmail.com* 



The Greene County Department of Human Services RSVP would like to welcome and say thank you to the following new volunteer:

Mario Hernandez

As always, we thank all our volunteers for what they do.

I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody. Joyce Flaugher

# WANTED!

# AMAZING VENDORS

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If you offer a service that is beneficial to the local community and would like to have a table, please contact Ruth Jones Pforte (518) 719-3555 <u>Rpforte@discovergreene.com</u>



## Understanding Medicare Enrollment Periods



Medicare enrollment periods are special times when you can change your Medicare health or prescription drug coverage. This tip sheet is designed to help you learn more about your coverage options.

|  | Part A  | Part B | Medicare<br>Advantage   | Part D   |
|--|---|--------|---|--|
| Initial<br>Enrollment<br>Period (IEP)                                  | This is the first time you become eligible for Medicare. It is a 7-month period that includes 3 months before you turn 65, the month you turn 65, and 3 months after you turn 65. You also have an IEP after you have been receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) for 24 months. |        |   |  |
| General<br>Enrollment<br>Period (GEP):<br>1/1 - 3/31                   | This enrollment period can be used<br>if you declined Part B and would like<br>to enroll, or if you cancelled Part B<br>and would like to reenroll. Coverage<br>starts July 1.  |        | If you enroll in Medicare during the<br>General Enrollment Period, you can<br>enroll in a Medicare<br>Advantage Plan or Medicare Part D<br>plan April to June. Coverage starts<br>July 1. |  |
| Medicare<br>Advantage<br>Disenrollment<br>Period (MADP):<br>1/1 - 2/14 | N/A   |        | You can switch to Original Medicare<br>with or without a stand-alone<br>prescription drug plan.   |  |
| Fall Open<br>Enrollment<br>Period: 10/15 -<br>12/7                     | If dissatisfied with Original Medicare,<br>you can switch to a Medicare<br>Advantage Plan during this time.<br>Coverage starts January 1.   |        | You can change M<br>Advantage Plans a<br>during this time, or<br>Medicare with a sta<br>plan. Coverage sta<br>January 1.  | and Part D plans<br>switch to Original<br>and-alone Part D |
| Special<br>Enrollment<br>Period (SEP)*                                 | Can be used if you did not enroll in<br>Medicare Part B when you were first<br>eligible because you had qualifying<br>employer health coverage. Lasts<br>eight months from the date that your<br>employer coverage ends.  |        | life event. The length of your SEP will vary depending upon the   |  |

\*Contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) to learn if you qualify for an SEP. To find your SHIP, visit <u>www.shiptacenter.org</u> or call

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#### Medicare Preventive Services Checklist

See <u>www.Medicare.gov</u> for more specific information on your covered preventive services.

| Services   | How Often?  | Cost to Beneficiary   |
|--|---|---|
| Annual Wellness Exam*  | Once every 12 months after your first full<br>year of Medicare Part B enrollment  | Medicare pays 100%  |
| "Welcome to Medicare"<br>Preventive Visit                    | Once within the first 12 months that you<br>have Medicare Part B  | Medicare pays 100%  |
| Alcohol Misuse Screening and<br>Counseling                   | One screening per year. If doctor<br>recommended, up to 4 face-to-face visits<br>per year with qualified doctor                         | Medicare pays 100%  |
| Abdominal Aortic<br>Aneurysm Screening                       | One-time screening ultrasound. Referral<br>provided at their Welcome To Medicare<br>visit   | Medicare pays 100%  |
| Bone Mass<br>Measurement                                     | Once every 24 months for those with<br>certain medical conditions   | Medicare pays 100%  |
| Cardiovascular Disease<br>Behavioral Therapy                 | One visit per year  | Medicare pays 100%  |
| Cardiovascular Disease Screening                             | Once every 5 years  | Medicare pays 100%  |
| Cervical Cancer Screening<br>(Pap Smear and Pelvic Exam)     | Once every 24 months or<br>every 12 months for those at-risk  | Medicare pays 100%  |
| Colorectal Cancer Screening                                  | Frequency based on test for those age 50 and older. Ask your Doctor   | Medicare pays 100%<br>for most tests                          |
| Depression Screening   | One screening per year done in a primary<br>care setting (like a doctor's office) that can<br>provide follow-up treatment and referrals | Medicare pays 100%  |
| Diabetes Screening   | One to two per year based on risk factors<br>Ask your Doctor  | Medicare pays 100%  |
| Diabetes Self-Management Training                            | Education for those with diabetesdoctor<br>must provide written order   | 20% of Medicare<br>approved amount<br>(subject to deductible) |
| Flu Shot   | Once per Flu Season   | Medicare pays 100%  |
| Glaucoma Screenings  | Once every 12 months for those<br>at-risk   | 20% of Medicare<br>approved amount<br>(subject to deductible) |
| Hepatitis B Shot   | Based on risk factors<br>Ask your Doctor  | Medicare pays 100%  |
| Hepatitis C Screening  | One-time for adults who do not meet the<br>high risk definition, but were born from<br>1945 through 1965                                | Medicare Pays 100%  |
| HIV Screening  | Once every 12 months, or up to 3 times per<br>year during pregnancy   | Medicare Pays 100%  |
| Lung Cancer Screening  | Once every 12 months for ages between<br>55-77, current smoker or quit smoking<br>within the last 15 years                              | Medicare Pays 100%  |
| Mammogram Screening  | Every 12 months for women age 40 and older  | Medicare pays 100%  |
| Medical Nutrition Therapy                                    | Three hours per year for people with<br>diabetes, renal disease or kidney<br>transplant. Two hours per year after that                  | Medicare pays 100%  |
| Obesity Screening and Counseling                             | Counseling is covered for anyone found to<br>have a body mass index of 30 or more   | Medicare pays 100%  |
| Pneumococcal Shot  | Usually once in lifetime  | Medicare pays 100%  |
| Prostate Cancer Screening                                    | Once every 12 months  | Medicare pays 100%<br>based on test                           |
| Smoking and Tobacco Cessation                                | Up to 8 face-to-face visits per year  | Medicare pays 100%  |
| Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI)<br>Screening/Counseling | Once every 12 months for those at risk  | Medicare pays 100%  |

New for 2016 ó Advanced Care Planning (ACP): During a personøs Annual Wellness Visit, a Medicare patient can discuss advance directives, with or without completing relevant legal forms. An advance directive is a document appointing an agent and/or recording the wishes of a patient pertaining to his/her medical treatment at a future time should he/she lack decisional capacity at that time. There is no deductible or co-insurance for the ACP when furnished as an optional element of the Annual Wellness Visit. The doctor must code this optional service correctly.

#### **OUESTIONS & ANSWERS REGARDING YOUR MEDICARE COVERAGE**

#### Q. Is my Hepatitis C screening test, item or service covered?

A. Medicare covers one Hepatitis C screening test. Medicare also covers yearly repeat screening for certain people at high risk.

#### **Q. Who is eligible?**

- A. People with Medicare who meet one of these conditions:
- Those at high risk because they have a currentor past history of illicit injection drug use.
- Those who have had a blood transfusion before 1992.
- Those born between 1945 1965.

#### Q. What are my costs?

A. Medicare will only cover Hepatitis C screening tests if they are ordered by a primary care doctor or practitioner. You pay nothing for the screening test if the doctor or other qualified health care provider accepts assignment.

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The Official U.S. Government Site for Medicare



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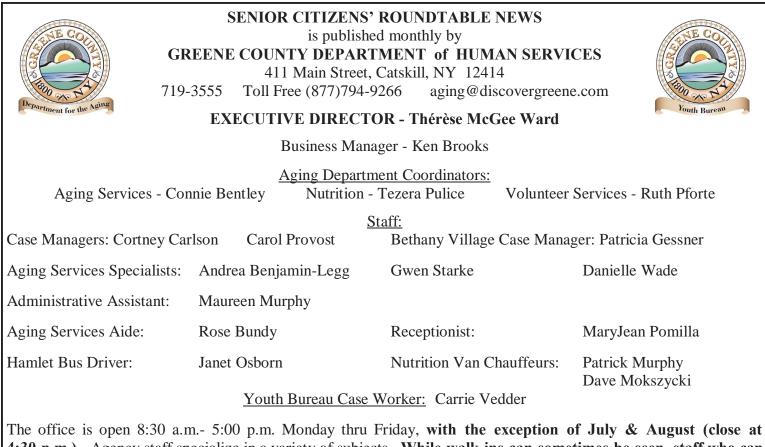


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