



PEABODY COUNCIL ON AGING Peter A. Torigian Senior Center 79 Central Street, Peabody, MA 01960 Monday-Friday 8:00AM - 3:00PM Ph: (978) 531-2254 / Fax: (978) 531-7176 www.peabodycoa.org / Find us on Facebook!



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77 Eniov our three-part MUSIC SERIES!

We are presenting a three part "Music Series" put on by John Clark from the Great American Music Experience.

Wednesday, April 4th: 12:30—1:30 pm "Big Band Swing" for Jazz Appreciation Month Wednesday, May 17th: 12:30-1:30 pm *"Music of WWII"* for Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 14th: 12:30-1:30 pm. "Greatest Love Songs of all Time" for Wedding Month

This music series is FREE!

Please sign up at the Front Desk!

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VOLUNTEER Appreciation Breakfast

Friday, April 21st: 8:30~9:30 am in Jubilee Hall

> **RSVP** Laurie at 978~531~2254 (X108)



This event is for registered volunteers only!

Senior Citizen Appreciation Concert

Friday, April 28, 2023 from 10:00 - 11:00 am

Peabody Veterans Memorial High School A delicious luncheon will follow!

> Please sign up at the front desk for transportation.



Sponsored by the **Peabody Municipal** Light Plant

The Book Club

Our Book Club is run by Cate Merlin, from the main branch of the Peabody Library. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month for a book discussion, at the Peabody Council in Aging. Cate picks out and distributes the books to each participant. They are reading "Under Occupation" by Alan Furst for the April meeting.



Wed. April 12th from 10:30am - 11:30am in the Conference Room

LOW VISION GROUP Our Low Vision Group will meet on



Wednesday, April 12th From 12:30pm - 2:00pm

In Classroom A This group is run by Judy Enos

Our Movies will be shown in Jubilee Hall from 12:15 – 2:15 Tues. April 4 - "Forget Paris" Tues. April 11 - "Return to Me" Tues. April 18 - "Damn Yankees" Tues. April 25 - "A League of their Own" Enjoy some popcorn while you watch!



April Birthday Celebration Tuesday, April 4th

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Please register in the dining room for a free meal between 10:00-11:00! March Birthdays were: Gail Staunton, Cathy Ciano, Donna Cohen, Sue Savy, Judy Carr, Priscilla O'Donnell, John Tkaczuk, Ann Nichols, Lenny Burgess, Maria Moison, and Ruth McNulty

Many thanks to Evans Flowers for the Birthday Balloon and Rose!

Our Veterans Meeting

The Veterans meeting will be held In the Computer Room on Tuesday April 18th from 9:30am—10:30am This group is run by Tom Moran

The DAV group will meet on Wed. April 19th From 9:30—11:00 am

CARD MAKING WITH SOPHIA

Sophia will be back to teach you how to make spring cards. All materials are supplied and there is no cost for the class. Everybody loves a home-made card! Friday, April 7th from 12:30-2:00pm In Classroom A.

There is a limit of 10 people. Sign up at the front desk

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DO YOU LIKE TO MARCH? Our Drill Team is looking for new members. They meet in the Jubilee Hall on Mondays from 12:30 to 2:00. It's a lot of fun. Come on

in and watch what they do to see if you're interested! Don't be shy!



A special "Shout-out" to all of our amazing volunteers who help us run our programs every day! We couldn't do it without you!

Hearing Screenings - Joe from Apex Hearing will be back on Thurs. April 27th from 10:00am to 1:00pm. To make an appointment call 978-531-2254.

Blood Pressure Clinic - Thursday, Apr. 13 from 9:00 - 10:30 in the Health Room **Senator Joan Lovely** will hold office hours at the PCOA on Monday, Apr. 10th from 9:00am-10:00am

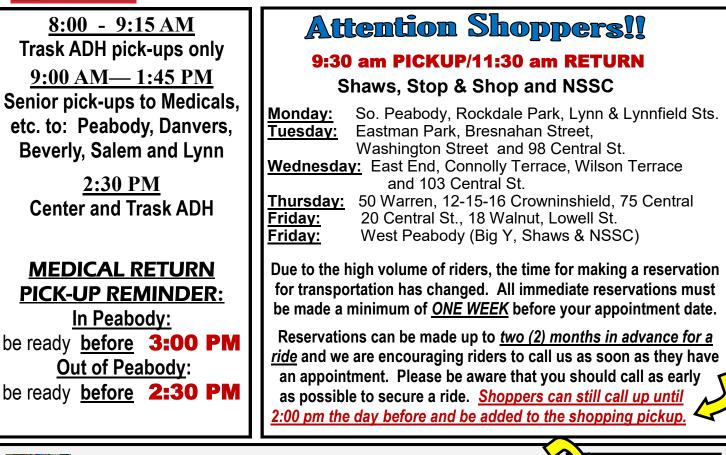
Phone & Computer Help - ONLY Friday Apr. 7th - from 9:00am - 11:00am **Ping-Pong** - Most Fridays 12:30 - 3:00pm in the Computer Room Crazy Cards - Wed. April 26th from 12:15pm - 3:00pm

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April 2023		Lunch is served promptly at 11:30	Meal Cost	t: \$5.00 Nembers: \$4.00
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hello Spring	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE			
3 <u>Reduced</u> <u>Sodium Hot Dog</u> Condiments Baked Beans Sautéed Cabbage Butterscotch Pudding	4 <u>Shaved Beef</u> <u>Steak Bomb</u> with Cheese on a Sub Roll/French Fries/Ketchup Tomato Salad Birthday Cake	5 <u>Stuffed Peppers</u> Tomato Sauce Steamed Potato Corn Ice Cream	6 <u>Bk Meatloaf</u> Onion Gravy Basil Carrots Garlic Mashed Potatoes Chilled Pears	7 Good Friday <u>Shrimp Scampi</u> Over Rice Garden Salad Lemon Meringue Pie
10 <u>Chicken</u> <u>Broccoli Alfredo</u> Over Pasta Broccoli Strawberry Cream Pie Popcorn	11 <u>Meat Ball Sub</u> Au Gratin Potatoes Corn Fruit and Yogurt	12 <u>Cheeseburger</u> Potato Salad Homemade Cole Slaw Chips	13 <u>Roast</u> <u>Stuffed Pork</u> Sauce Wild Rice Vegetable Medley (Broccoli, Cauliflower, Carrots & Red Pepper) Apple Crisp with Vanilla Ice Cream	14 <u>Grilled Salmon</u> Lt. Bernaise Sauce Rice Pilaf Spinach Peaches And Strawberries
Patriot's Day	18 <u>Italian Sub</u> Chicken Noodle Soup Potato Puffs Lemon Squares	19 <u>Lasagna</u> Apple Juice Tomato Sauce Grated Cheese Seasoned Green Beans/Garlic Bread Butterscotch Pudding	20 <u>Chicken</u> <u>Cordon Bleu</u> Gravy Twice Baked Potato Corn & Pimentos Brownie	21 <u>Baked Haddock</u> Mashed Potatoes Butternut Squash Ice Cream
24 <u>American</u> <u>Chop Suey</u> Seasoned Broccoli Garlic Bread Chilled Pears	25 <u>Chicken Piccara</u> Guacamole salad Oven brown potato Cottage cheese & Peaches	26 <u>Italian Sausage</u> on Roll Onions & Peppers Mustard Home Fries Tomato & Cucumber Salad / Cookie	27 <u>Roast Beef</u> Gravy Baked Potato Sour Cream Corn and Pimentos	28 <u>Santoro's Pizza</u> Caesar Salad Ice Cream



TRANSPORTATION: Jim Downey

RIDE DONATION OF \$1.00 EACH WAY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED





ATTENTION ALL SHOPPERS

Below is the MARKET BASKET in Danvers schedule starting at 11:00 AM and returning at 1:00 PM. The limit is **4** COA BLUE bags per person

Please call by at least by 2:00 pm a day ahead to get your name on the list!

Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday

12-15-16 Crowninshield Street, 18 Walnut Street, Lowell Street and West Peabody 50 Warren Street, 75 Central Street, 20 Central Street Wednesday South Peabody area, Rockdale Park, Lynn Street and Lynnfield Street Eastman Park, Bresnahan Street, Washington Street, 98 Central Street East End area, Connolly Terrace, Wilson Terrace, 103 Central Street

> **Please call the Transportation Office** at 978-531-2254 with any questions.

ATTENTION All Riders!

For booked appointments, we will get you there on time but return time takes a while due to unforeseen conditions. (Thankyou for your patience and understanding!)

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Those wishing to go the hairdressers will follow the same schedule as the Medical. Any day, any time, AS LONG AS YOUR HAIRDRESSER IS LOCATED IN PEABODY



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Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone

CONCERNED ABOUT MEDICARE COSTS? There may be help!



Medicare premiums, deductibles and co-payments can add up. Luckily, there are several programs that can help a beneficiary with Medicare cost sharing. Below is a list of these programs, their eligibility requirements, information about applying, and the benefits they provide. *If you have any questions regarding these programs, contact Social Services at 978-531-2254 to make an appointment.* NEW INCOME AND ASSET LIMITS AS OF MARCH 1st, 2023

	Gross Monthly Income Limit	Asset Limit	Application	Benefits
MassHealth	\$1,215 (individual) ¹	\$2,000 (individual) ²	MassHealth SACA-2 form	Supplemental health and drug coverage Automatic enrollment in Senior Buy-in
(65+ years old)	\$1,644 (couple) ¹	\$3,000 (couple) ²	1-800-841-2900	Automatic enrollment in Extra Help
MassHealth	\$2,309 (individual)	2 \$18,180 (individual)	MassHealth SACA-2 form	Pays Medicare Part A & B premiums
		\$27,260 (couple) ²	or Mass Buy-In form 1-800-841-2900	Pays Medicare Part A & B deductibles & copays Automatic enrollment in Extra Help
Senior Buy-in (QMB)	\$3,123 (couple)	\$27,200 (couple)	MassHealth	
MassHealth	\$2,734 (individual)	Ş18,180 (individual)	Buy-in Application	Pays Medicare Part B premium
Buy-in (QI-1)	\$3,698 (couple)	\$27,260 (couple) ²	1-800-841-2900	Automatic enrollment in Extra Help
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Extra Help	\$1,640 (individual)	\$10,590 (individual) ³	Application for	Reduces Part D premium Eliminates Part D deductible
Full	\$2,219 (couple)	\$16,630 (couple) ³	Extra Help 1-800-772-1213	Lowers Part D copays to \$4.15/\$10.35
Extra Help	\$1,823(individual)	\$16,660 (individual) ³	Social Security Application for	Reduces Part D premium
Partial	\$2,465 (couple)	\$33,240 (couple) ³	Extra Help 1-800-772-1213	Reduces Part D deductible Lowers Part D copays to 15%
Prescription Advantage			Prescription Advantage	Supplemental prescription coverage that
(65+ years old)	\$3,645 (individual)		Application	reduces copays once the total retail costs of
(no enrollment fee)	\$4,930 (couple)		1-800-243-4636	covered prescription drugs reaches \$4,660
Prescription Advantage			Prescription Advantage	Supplemental prescription coverage that pays
(65+ years old)	\$6,075 (individual)	NONE	Application	prescription copays once out-of-pocket drug
(\$200 enrollment fee)	\$8,217 (couple)		1-800-243-4636	costs reach \$4,080
	Full: \$1,823 (individual)		MassHealth SACA-2 form	Pays for some services received at a hospital or
Health Safety Net	\$2,465 (couple)		(65+ years old)	Community Health Center (CHC)
	Partial: \$3,645 (individual) \$4,930 (couple)		1-800-841-2900	Rx & dental available at some CHC's

THE ROGER B. TRASK ADULT DAY HEALTH PROGRAM Care-Giving Support In Your Neighborhood

We are an Adult Day Health Program located, along with the Peabody Council on Aging, in the Peter A. Torigian Senior Center. Our Program is designed to provide a structured setting for individuals who would benefit from supervised care. We offer social and therapeutic activities, transportation, personal care, bi-lingual staff, medical monitoring, meals and snacks, as well as counseling and other social services. The Trask Program also offers many benefits for families and caregivers such as freedom from concern of leaving a loved

one home alone, as well as needed respite time for caregivers to pursue their own activities. Services are provided by a Program Coordinator, Registered Nurses, Licensed Social Worker, Activities Coordinator, Certified Nursing Assistants, and Trained Volunteers.

For more information, or to make an appointment to visit our Center, please call our Program Coordinator: Susan Levenson, RN at 978-531-2254 x134 or email her at slevenson@peabodycoa.org.

Unwanted Cell Phones.

We continue to accept donations of unwanted cell phones. If you no longer use them, donate them to the PCOA. The money raised will be used for the Center. Just drop

off your cell phone donation at Reception.



<u>We collect eyeglasses</u> <u>and eyeglass cases for the</u> <u>Lions Club.</u> If you have any old glasses and eyeglass cases that you are no longer using anymore, please bring them down to the Senior Center. Thanks!



978-531-2254 and ask for Amber.





Could you benefit from FREE groceries EVERY MONTH? You may be eligible for CSFP!

Feeding Eastern Massachusetts

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is a once-a-month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products! Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply.

SFP Income Guidelines (effective January 31, 2023)

Household Size	Weekly	Monthly	Annually
1	\$365	\$1,580	\$18,954
2	\$493	\$2,137	\$25,636
3	\$622	\$2,694	\$32,318
4	\$650	\$3,250	\$39,000

For more information or to apply:

by email @ CSFP@gbfb.org or call Social Services at 978-531-2254. The Massachusetts "**CIRCUIT BREAKER**" **TAX PROGRAM**" is for qualifying persons age 65 or over whose property tax (or 25% of rent) exceeds 10% of their annual gross income. You may be eligible even if you receive a property tax exemption through your city/ town.

Whether or not you owe taxes, you may be eligible for <u>cash or a tax credit of up to \$1,200 this</u> <u>tax year</u>—even if you did not file Massachusetts state income tax forms. This benefit equals the amount that your property tax (plus 50% of your Water and Sewer Bill*) or 25% of your rent exceeds 10% of your income up to a maximum benefit amount that varies by year.

To obtain the benefit, you must file for the 2022 tax year beginning in January 2023.

You may also file retroactively for any benefits you could have qualified for in the past three years.

The maximum credit you may receive for tax year 2022 is \$1,200; 2021 is \$1,170; 2020 is \$1,150; and 2019 is \$1,130. The deadline for retroactive filing for tax year 2019 is April 15, 2023.

See if you Qualify:

- 1. You must be <u>Age 65</u> or over by the end of tax year for which you are filing.
- 2. Your <u>Income</u> must not exceed the following (Including Social Security, and other income not ordinarily taxed in Massachusetts.)

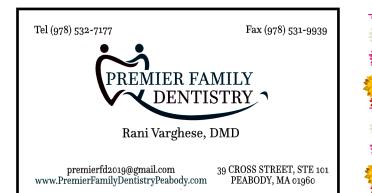
Income for tax year	<u>2019</u>	2020	2021	2022
Single	60,000	61,000	62,000	64,000
Head of Household	75,000	76,000	78,000	80,000
Married, filing jointly	90,000	92,000	93,000	96,000

3. Your **primary residence**, owned or rented, must be in Massachusetts. Public Housing and subsidized renters are not eligible.

- 4. The <u>accessed value</u> of your home must not be greater than:
2019: \$808,0002020: \$848,0002020: \$884,0002022: \$912,000
- 5. <u>Homeowners:</u> Your property tax plus 50% of your water and sewer bill* must exceed 10% of your income. Multi-acre property owners; not only one acre plus your home count toward your qualifying assessment. Consult your local assessor to compute assessment for application.

Renters: 25% of your annual rent must exceed 10% of your gross income.

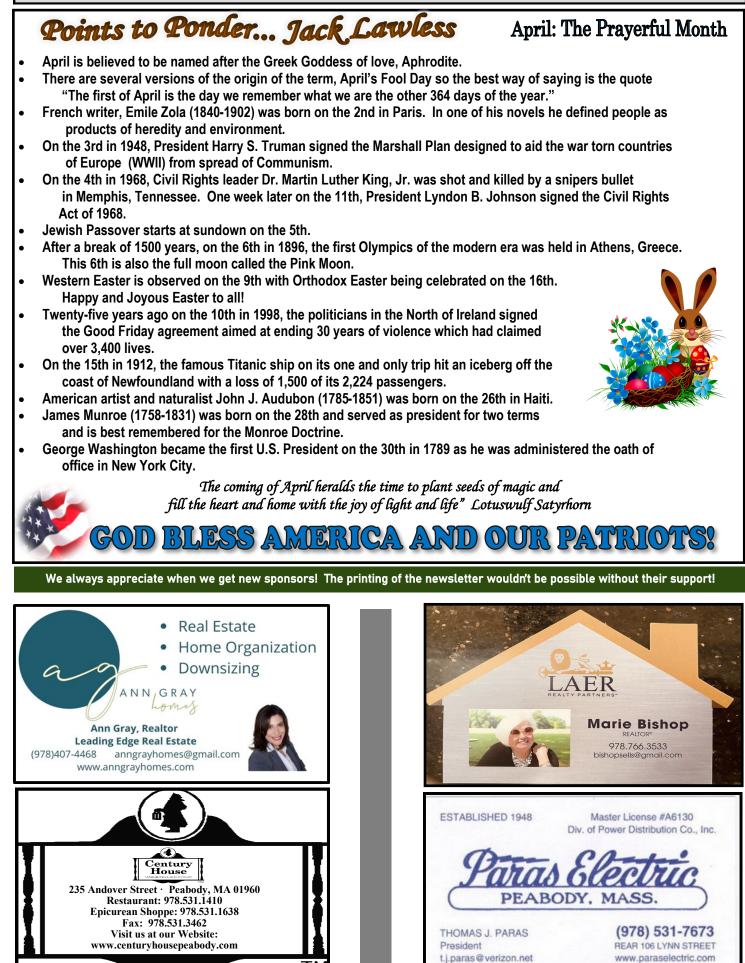
Even if you don't normally file with the state, you are most likely due a check or tax credit from the Dept. of Revenue if you meet the above criteria. If you have an accountant, ask for help with this year and/or previous years.







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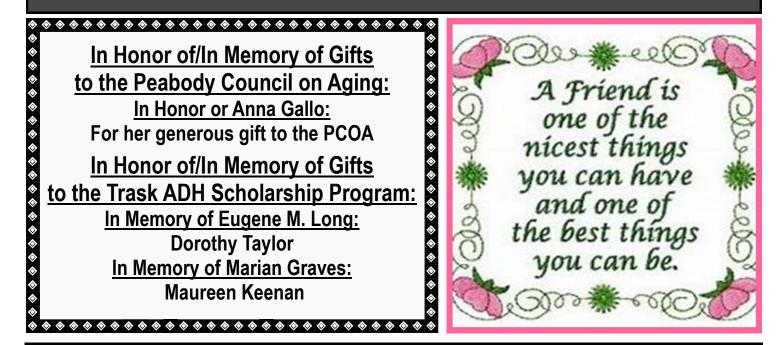


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IN MEMORY OF/IN HONOR OF ENVELOPES:

Envelopes are available to remember a deceased individual or to honor an individual or group by a donation to the *Friends of The Peabody Council on Aging*. Envelopes are also available that will send your donation to the *Roger B*. *Trask Adult Day Health Program, City of Peabody*. Donations help to fund the scholarship and Activity Programs in the Trask Center. Both envelopes are available at the local Funeral homes and at the reception area at the Peter A. Torigian Senior Center. All donations will be listed in *Tips & Topics*.



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MICHAEL F. "MIKE" ZELLEN, PRESIDENT OF FRIENDS REPORT: APRIL 2023

As we begin the month of April, we look forward to warmer weather, the trees beginning to bud, and the blossoming of flowers. Sure signs that winter, the snow, and the cold are just memories.

As reported in last month's Tips & Topics, The Friends Annual Appeal for Funds is well underway. The response thus far has been overwhelming. As of mid-March, The Friends have received \$74,642 in donations which is \$3,522 greater than last year over the same time-period and we thank you for your continued support of the Friends of the Peabody Council on Aging.

Hope you had an Enjoyable Day

This past month the Friends sponsored another Karaoke Party which was a huge success and a lot of fun. Many great singers performed, and the Friends awarded the top female singer Susan Lowry and the top male singer Lynn Cockreham, each with a \$25.00 gift card to Kelly's Roast Beef.

<u>Friends Café</u>

The Friends Café opened for business this past month and has been extremely busy! Everyone who dines for lunch is very satisfied with the menu choices and raves about the food and the dedicated volunteers who serve them. As you may know, the Friends financed the entire renovation of the Café including the outdoor patio, soon to come. The café is managed by the Council on Aging with all the proceeds used to support Transportation, Social Services and all the other important programs at the Senior Center.

If you did not receive the Annual Appeal Letter, Enrollment Card and return envelope in the mail to become a "Friend of the Peabody COA'; please call the Torigian Center (978) 531-2254 and request that one be sent out to you.

> During the Month of April, we celebrate both Easter and Passover and the Friends Board of Directors wish all our Members a Holiday filled with Love, Family, and Friends.

SPRING has Sprung and Sunny Days Have Begun!

The Friends of the PCOA have a PAYPAL account for donations for (In Honor of/In Memory of) Go to the PCOA Website: (wwwpeabodycoa.org) and click on <u>DONATE.</u>.

In Honor of Gifts to the Friends of the Peabody Council on Aging: In Honor of the Friends of the Peabody Council on Aging: In Honor of the Friends of the PCOA: Mildred E. Justo (Trust) In Honor of the PCOA Activity Department: Berea K. Girard In Honor of Rose Regis, Happy Birthday!: Millie Schweizer In Memory of Gifts to the Friends of the Peabody Council on Aging: In Memory of Olga Cassell: Nancy E. Sikes In Memory of Catherine Cavallon: Marie Snow In Memory of Father Andrew Demotses: Helen & John Apostolides In Memory of Reverend Andrew Demotses: Tina Kennerv In Memory of Joseph E. Edry: Rita Edry & Family In Memory of Audrey C. Farnsworth: Cheryl, Wayne and Fran McLaughlin In Memory of Leona Kaplan: (We met freshman year at college and reunited at Brooksby Village five years ago, and rekindled our friendship). Lois Berman In Memory of Gene Long: Sandra Cloutman, Joan Johnson In Memory of Mom & Dad: Diane Zydavicius In Memory of Cara Murtagh: Elaine & Andy Metropolis Carol & Kim Murtagh In Memory of Michael Schulze: Mary Schulze In Memory of Connie Silva: Lauren Dechayne-Donarti In Memory of Ken Webster: Elizabeth Brennan, Sandra Cloutman In Memory of Leon Zaimes: Tina Kennery 2023 Friends Board Meetings:

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