Sutton Senior Citizen Resource & Community Center Newsletter

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What's Happening in Sutton Q and A with Sutton Town Planner Jennifer Hager Wednesday, April 20 11AM



Coffee Hour with Sutton Town Manager Jim Smith

Wednesday, April 27 11AM

Check out our newly added TRAVEL /TOURS

Our friend Sue L'Heureux from Douglas is offering some great tours with Fox Tours.

We have information available at the Senior Center on the bulletin board.



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Adult Bullying

When you were bullied by other kids in school, your mom and dad may have stepped in. Perhaps they had a meeting with the principal, called the bully's parents or maybe even had a talk with the little miscreant themselves. Now you have a parent in a care facility or senior based program and they're being bullied by other seniors — and they need your help. You may find it hard to believe that older adults can behave this way, but it's not so uncommon particularly in shared senior spaces. Some studies have shown that about 20% of seniors are victims of bullying. That number may be low because many people don't report it. Senior bullying isn't so different from childhood and teenage bullying. Just as in school, people in senior citizen spaces are together day after day. They're often in common areas, like dining rooms and recreational rooms. It's easy to end up fighting over equipment or resources, from a favorite piece of workout equipment or even the "winning" bingo card. But there's a lot more to it than that. Bullying can include things like:

- Ostracizing people
- Starting rumors
- Verbal abuse
- Damaging or stealing property
- Intimidation

Like child and teenage bullies, senior bullies often gravitate toward those who are the most vulnerable — physically, mentally and/or cognitively. Sadly, these are the people least likely to stand up for themselves, report the bullying or even realize that they're being bullied. Even non-physical bullying can be upsetting enough to harm many seniors (including people that work with seniors) who are emotionally fragile or prone to anxiety and depression).

All ages are welcome to attend and professionals are encouraged to participate.



Tuesday, April 19 Sutton Saunters Historical Walking Group Meeting behind Puckidhuddle Preschool in Manchaug Everyone is welcome to join this "Historical" group as they saunter around Sutton discussing local history and lore.

Wear comfortable clothing and good footwear! We encourage you to bring a bottle of water!

In the event of rain, the Saunters meet at the Senior Center.

19 Hough Rd, Sutton MA 01590 (508) 234-0703 Mon-Fri: 8am-3pm www.suttonma.org

Monday, April 11 1pm Adult Bullying and Creating a Safe Environment. *Hosted by* Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early Jr.





- T = Is it True?
- **X**= Is it Helpful?
- I = Is it Inspiring?
- N = Is it Necessary?
- K = Is it Kind?

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Why do I need Prescription Advantage?

"Why do I need Prescription Advantage?" This question is often asked. Many say, "I don't need it. I already have a Medicare Part D plan" or "I have coverage from my former employer." Even with Part D or other coverage, there are many reasons to join Prescription Advantage, including:

It does not replace your existing coverage, it supplements it;

It can lower your co-pays if you reach that coverage gap, also known as the "donut hole";

 It allows you to change your Medicare plan outside of Medicare's open enrollment;

At certain income levels it's FREE!

Prescription Advantage also provides benefits for individuals age 65 and older who are not eligible for Medicare, as well as those under age 65 with a qualified disability.

Find out how Prescription Advantage can help you by calling 1-800-243-4636 or visiting www.prescriptionadvantagema.org

Prescription Advantage is administered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

SHINE Counselor



Pat Morris by appointment Monday, April 11

Call us at 508-234-0703

Our SHINE services are free and unbiased and we do not sell any plans.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Easter Easter	APRI	L 2022		1 9:30am Power Walk 9:30am I'm Sorry 1pm Bingo
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10am BP Clinic 10am Chair Yoga	10:30am Darts 1:30pm Cardio Barre	10am Muscular Strength 12:30pm Gentle Mat Yoga	9am Tai Chi 9am Computer Club 10am Pitch	9:30am Power Walk 9:30am I'm Sorry 1pm Bingo
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1pm Presentation with Worcester County District Attorney Joe Early			12pm Easter Ham & Mixed Veggies	
Adult Bullying and Creating a Safe Environment			Take Out	
18	19	20	21	22
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		12:30pm Gentle Mat Yoga		

EASTER TAKE OUT LUNCH Ham & Mixed Vegetables with a special treat from the Easter Bunny

Thursday, April 14 NOON

FREE

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RSVP by Tuesday, April 12

Discount Rates on Electric from National Grid

National Grid offers assistance to it's customers in need

 $\frac{1-888-211-1313}{6}$ for Electric or $\frac{1-800-233-5325}{6}$ for Gas.

Or contact the Sutton Senior Center for assistance with online applications.

https://www.nationalgridus.com/MA-Home/Bill-Help

Income-eligible customers may qualify for :

The Forgiveness Program, Budget Plan Payment Assistance Program More Time To Pay Program