MISSAUKEE COUNTY

Commission on Aging SPRING 2022



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2022 NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE! WINTER 2022

January February March

SPRING 2022

April May June

SUMMER 2022

July August September

FALL 2022

October November December

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BOARD MEETINGS
3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
10A
PUBLIC WELCOME!

MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR HEATHER HARRIS-BRYANT MA BAHA

Welcome back Spring! We had a busy winter here at the office; we added an Administrative Assistant to our team, please welcome Haley Troon. Haley has been with us since June 2017 as a Service Provider and recently completed a Bachelor's Degree in Health Care Administration. Haley started her new role officially on January 24th. She is also a Medicare Counselor, giving us yet another person in office that can help folks navigate that system. She will most likely be the first voice you hear when you call our office and also has taken over our client billing. I see a bright future for Haley and look forward to her contributions.

Our COA and Community lost a beloved member in February. Wendy Musselman-Prehn was such an advocate for our seniors and the greatest lover of animals. May prayers of comfort surround her husband Jim, family & friends, She will surely be missed by many.

We have a new program that started on April 1st in a collaboration with a grant received by the County. Senior residents will be able to arrange for a free pick up of old electronics to be taken away for recycle. This is wonderful news and hopefully many will take the opportunity to clear our any broken or outdated electronics. Call our office to arrange for pick up (#'s below). Congratulations to our Senior Center, their building is receiving a complete remodel and we cannot wait to watch them grow their membership and expand senior offerings.

Many blessing being bestowed on our wonderful seniors; they are so deserving. I am planning for an early summer opening here at our new building that we will commemorate with an Open House, a date will be announced later. Our next edition will print early July, if you would like to continue to receive this newsletter, give us a call or email: info@missaukeecoa.org. Thanks! Heather

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OFFICE STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION



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839-7011 (3rd Line)

MCCOA NEWS

Board Elects Bill Spurgeon Vice Chair......Welcome Keith......Tai Chi Scheduled



SPURGEON ASSUMES VICE CHAIR

Our Board of Directors voted unanimously in January to elect member Bill Spurgeon to assume the position of our Vice Chair. Bill's extensive professional background along with his attention to detail make him a superb choice to help lead our organization towards our vision.

COA WELCOMES A NEW VOLUNTEER DRIVER

Please welcome Keith Lott to our team of volunteer drivers! A retired police officer, Mr. Lott has been a great addition and with him, we have been able to help give more seniors rides to nonurgent medical appointments. We can always use more faces as we grow, and even though this is a volunteer program, we do reimburse gas mileage at \$0.58. You could potentially make a few hundred dollars a month extra. Interested? Give us a call.

FIRST EVENT SCHEDULED—TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS & FALL PREVENTION STARTS JUNE 24TH We have scheduled our first event! Tai Chi will be held here in our conference center starting June 24th and run through August 26th from 11a-Noon. This is a gentle exercise combining slow movement, deep breathing and focused attention; it provides so many benefits for our seniors. You need to register for this FREE class and can do so by calling (231) 839-7839 or email: info@missaukeecoa.org.

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LOCAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Intended as a Quick Overview Check with Organizers for More Details......

Eggstravaganza at Maple Grove

04/16

Easter Brunch at Evergreen

04/17

Kalkaska Trout Fest

04/20-04/24

Cadillac Earth Day Celebration

04/24

Up North Arts Show

04/28-05/01

Mesick Mushroom Fest

05/06-05/08

Military/Vet Expo at The Wex

05/21

Marion Fair

06/12-06/18

Greatest 4th in the North

07/01-07/04

LeRoy Razzasque Days

07/08-07/09

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HEALTH & SAFETY



GREAT ACTIVITIES & IDEAS FOR SPRING

GO FOR A WALK Even the shortest stroll has benefits to a healthy mind & body!

TAKE A DRIVE Lots of beauty to be hold in the state we call home, take the grandkids and explore, maybe show them where you grew up or your hometown.

VISIT THE PLANT NURSERY We are lucky enough to have your choice and right near by. Start up a garden or just freshen up your entry way with some pop of color!

GO FISHING Pack a picnic and go fishing! Lots of docks and water options to suite everyone's needs.

FEED THE BIRDS Fill up those feeders and enjoy watching the different birds you can attract.

EXERCISE Riding a bike or swimming are great ways to exercise as long as it is done safely. Plan a beach day with your family or hike through one of our beautiful scenic trails.

CHECK THOSE SMOKE ALARMS Always a great idea to do a "post-winter" smoke alarm check and replace batteries if needed. Write a reminder on your calendar to check again in the Fall.

ATTEND SEMINARS FOR PLANNING Most of the time, you can find free & local opportunities where you can to learn about topics like Estate Planning, funeral planning, medical directives. Most seminars are advertised on Facebook too. Need help finding one? Call us! We have great resources.

KEEP YOUR MEDICATION LIST UP-TO-DATE & EASY TO ACCESS FOR EMS Things happen fast, being ready can help lessen the stress a call to 911 can make. Keep your medication list and other medical directives close and ready to grab in the event of an emergency. Being prepared helps those who are coming in to assist you provide quick and accurate medical care.

TAKE A CLASS OR JOIN A GROUP Ever want to try Yoga? How about a drum circle? There are a lot of classes right here in our area to expand your horizons. Call us if you want help locating some fun! **STAY ACTIVE** The most important tip! The time is now, get out of the house and get active. Exercise your body & brain to stay stimulated and involved. It's free and easy!

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MCCOA PROGRAMS & AREA INFO

There are programs to help with your Medicare costs You *may* qualify for Prescription drug assistance:

Household Income Below Assets Below

1 Person - \$1,700 \$15,150 2 Person - \$2,289 \$30,950

Ask Us About the Low Income Subsidy & the Medicare Savings Program

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CLIENT SERVICES PERFORMED

JANUARY—MARCH 2022

4,274 TOTAL HOURS

Transportation
Snow Program

270 Trips 391 Plows

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MEETINGS 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Executive Meeting @ 930a General Meeting @ 10a Missaukee Commission on Aging Conference Room 2170 S. Morey Road

PUBLIC WELCOME!

IN HOME SERVICES

Homemaking

Laundry, meal prep, sweeping, dusting, mopping, & vacuuming.

Personal Care

Trained personal care attendant for bathing, dressing, & grooming.

Respite Care

Trained caregivers stay with your loved one while you take care of you.

Foot Care

In the privacy of your own home, performed by a nurse.

Medication Set-Up

Medication set-up by our nurse.

Home Chore

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SUPPORT SERVICES

Transportation

Rides for non emergent transportation for medical appointments.

Riders must be vaccinated. Medicare & Medicaid

Assistance

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Information & Assistance

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SEASONAL

Snow Removal

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