The winter months are here and the cold weather may tempt you to stay home…or travel to a warmer climate! You don’t have to travel far in the new year to warm your heart and connect with friends as the COA has lots happening right here in Dover.

Enjoy a meal with friends at the COA’s lunch programs. January is the annual bingo lunch, this time with a musical twist as we play Singo Bingo! In February, celebrate Valentine’s Day and President’s Day with the first First Lady Martha Washington sponsored by the Thisse Family. Gather at a Winter Dinner at Dover American Legion as they invite all seniors and veterans to enjoy a warm meal, music, and friends.

Is one of your 2020 resolutions to focus on your health? Try a fitness class, such as Qi Gong, Yoga, Zumba, or the new Stretch and Flow to improve flexibility and balance. Learn to cook healthy with Wingate Healthcare’s chef, meet with Public Health Nurse Alyssa Kaiser for blood pressure clinic, or join her in February and learn How to Beat the Winter Blues.

Keep those blues away by staying informed: attend Are You Prepared? and pick up an emergency backpack or meet with Assessor Amy Gow and discuss Senior Tax Relief programs that may benefit you. Join us at these or other programs noted inside this issue and stay warm with your friends at the COA.

Janet Claypoole

Thank You to our generous sponsors who donated gifts for the Holiday Brunch:

- 2Sisters Senior Living Advisors
- Avenue Restaurant, Medfield
- Blue Moon Bagel Café
- Care Resolutions, Inc.
- Catherine’s Cakes/Christina Luttazi
- Chiara Restaurant, Westwood
- Davio’s Steakhouse, Foxborough
- Ellis Rehabilitation Center/Franchi Family
- Encompass Fitness, Millis
- Friends of Dover COA
- Heritage Restaurant, Sherborn
- J Crocker Tree Work
- Leesa Mullin and Family
- Lovell’s Nursery
- Not Your Average Joe’s Restaurant
- Powisset Garden Club
- Rehab Associates/Thisse Family
- Roche Brothers
- Gloria & Larry Schwartz
- Sol & Peter Steinberg
- The Dover Wine Company
- Barbara & Frank Ventola
- Will’s Hardware, Medfield
- Wingate Healthcare
**SINGO BINGO LUNCHEON**
Tuesday, January 14 at 12Noon; Cost $4.00
Caryl Community Center, Room 108
Cosponsored with Parks & Recreation Department
Join us for lunch and a fun afternoon as we play Singo Bingo with Jim the DJ Guy. Your favorite songs replace the numbers on the bingo card. Come enjoy music and friends! Please RSVP by January 9.

**COA VALENTINE’S DAY LUNCHEON**
Tuesday, February 11; 12Noon; Cost $4.00
Caryl Community Center, Room 108
Sweets, Treats, and Friends! Please join us to celebrate Valentine’s Day and enjoy a delicious meal and a sweet treat. Please RSVP by February 6.

**MOVEABLE FEAST**
Tuesday, January 21; 12Noon
Most Precious Blood Church
Come share a delicious meal hosted by volunteers from the church. Please RSVP by January 15 to the COA.

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS LUNCH**
Tuesday, January 28, 12Noon; RSVP by January 22
Dover Grace Church
Please join us for a homemade lunch and conversation with friends.

**COA LUNCHEON: THE FIRST FIRST LADY**
Tuesday, February 18; 12Noon
Caryl Community Center, Room 108
Cosponsored with Thisse Family and Rehab Associates
Enjoy lunch and performer Anne Barrett as Martha Washington as she relates the joys and challenges of her 18th century life. She’ll describe how she’s defining a brand new role in American politics and reflect on her visits to Revolutionary War winter encampments.

**LEGION WINTER DINNER**
For Seniors and Veterans
Sunday, February 9 at 1:00pm
Dover American Legion
Come in out of the winter wonderland and warm your hearts with good food and good friends. The Legion invites all veterans and seniors to enjoy a delicious dinner with friends. Musical entertainment is cosponsored by Legion and Friends of COA. Please RSVP to COA by February 4.

**MEN’S LUNCH CLUB GATHERING**
Mondays, January 27 and February 24; 12Noon
at The Heritage, 33 North Main Street in Sherborn
Please join the guys for lunch! Metro West Health Foundation funds a grant for Sherborn and Dover men to meet, enjoy a delicious lunch, and reconnect. A voluntary donation of $10 is suggested. Please RSVP to Sherborn COA at 508-651-7858.

**HEALTHY COOKING**
Tuesday, February 25; 12Noon
Dover Grace Church
Cosponsored with Wingate Healthcare
Cooking healthy food can be quick, easy, and delicious! Join the Chef from Wingate Healthcare to learn new recipes and techniques, enjoy a tasty lunch, and focus on your health. Please RSVP by February 19.

**ARE YOU PREPARED?**
Thursday, January 23; 12Noon
Caryl Community Center, Room 108
From hurricanes to floods to blizzards and power outages, emergencies can strike at any time. Norfolk County District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey invites you to attend a presentation by the Massachusetts Emergency Preparedness Coordinator to learn about the necessary survival items for an emergency and the importance of being prepared. An emergency backpack can make a difference! Come pick up a backpack filled with necessary items suggested by Homeland Security and learn about the use of each item. One backpack per person. Space is limited! Light lunch provided. Please call Dover COA at 508.315.5734 by January 17 to register for this special event.

RSVP for all COA events at www.doverma.org
Click on Council on Aging in the “Dover’s Quick Links” section or call 508-315-5734.
**Be Fit and Age Well**

**THERAPEUTIC QI GONG**  
Mondays 5:30pm at Dover Town Library, Comm. Room  
Tuesdays 2:30pm at Caryl Community Ctr, Room 108;  
$3.00 per class  
Instructor: Linda Bellefeuille  
Strength, Balance, Relaxation, Flexibility and Health-these are all benefits of Qi Gong. Recent studies confirm the beneficial health-promoting results for older adults from the regular practice of Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) such as Therapeutic Qi Gong. Come try this class, which can be done standing or seated. Comfortable clothing is suggested; please bring water.

**YOGA FOR WELLNESS**  
Wednesdays 10:00am  
Caryl Community Center, Room 203; $3.00 per class  
Instructor: Tracy Buckley, RYT  
Try our Yoga class and improve your health, strength, flexibility and balance. Reduce your stress, breathe, and move towards a healthier, happier you. Mats provided or bring your own. Chairs are available; please bring water.

**MEDITATION**  
Wednesdays, 11:00am  
Caryl Community Center, Room 203; $3.00 per class  
Instructor: Tracy Buckley, RYT  
Join us for guided meditation to deep levels of relaxation.

**STRENGTH & STABILITY (S&S)**  
Tuesdays 4:30-5:20pm  
Thursdays, 7:00-7:50am  
Caryl Community Center, Room 203  
Cost: $3.00 per class  
Instructor: Andria DeSimone  
Join us for a total muscle strengthening and conditioning class that incorporates functional fitness with stability and balance work. Bring water, equipment is provided.

**NEW CLASS! STRETCH AND FLOW**  
Wednesdays, 4:30-5:20pm  
Caryl Community Center, Room 203; Cost $3.00  
Instructor: Andria DeSimone  
Come stretch your body, focus on breathing and balance, and improve range of motion and flexibility. Chairs are available.

**ZUMBA GOLD**  
Saturdays, 10:45-11:30am at Caryl Community Center, Community Room  
$3.00 per class  
Instructor: Andria DeSimone  
Cosponsored with Parks & Recreation Department  
Zumba is an aerobic fitness program featuring movements inspired by various styles of Latin American dance. Other rhythms include belly dance, Brazilian, international music and hip hop. Zumba Gold is geared towards active older adults. Come dance to the music for a total body workout!

**PICKLEBALL**  
Cosponsored with Parks & Recreation Department  
Mondays at 8:45am, 9:30am, 10:15am, 11:00am, 11:45am, 12:30pm  
Thursdays at 8:45am, 9:30am, 10:15am, 11:00am  
Fridays at 8:45am, 9:30am, 10:15am, 11:00am  
The game is a combination of badminton, tennis and table tennis. There are up to four players per session. Call or stop by COA to sign up. Sign-up sheets will be available on the 22nd of the month for the next month’s sign ups. Equipment provided. Bring water.

**SWIM TIME FOR THE COA**  
Enjoy Senior Swim at the Kingsbury Club in Medfield on Mondays and Fridays from 10-11am. Bring your Dover COA key card to scan and $5 swim fee. Need a key card? Stop by the COA office at Caryl Community Center to obtain one.

**REMEMBER**  
If Dover schools are closed due to the weather, COA activities are also canceled for that day. If schools open late, COA programs may be delayed as well.
CARD MAKING WITH BETH
Monday, February 10 at 10:00am; No class in January
Caryl Community Center, Room 108
Create cards with fabric! Easy to do and all templates and materials provided. February’s class is your choice of what to create! Templates from previous classes will be available.

KNITTING
Mondays at 11:30am
Caryl Community Center, Room 108
Beginners and all knitting levels welcome! Bring your own project or knit items for veterans, warm hats and shawls for cancer units, or for the homeless. The COA has donated yarn and needles and experts to help you get started.

MAH JONGG
Thursdays, 1:00pm
Caryl Community Center, Room 108
Come play and/or learn this game played with tiles. All levels welcome.

PAGETURNERS BOOK CLUB
Dover Town Library
Thursday, January 9, 1:00pm
Book: Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford
Thursday, February 13, 1:00pm Book: TBD

TECH SUPPORT
With Dover Sherborn HS Community Service Club
Tuesday, January 28 at 2:30pm
Caryl Community Center, Room 116
Do you need help figuring out your electronic device? The DSHS students will be here to answer all your questions. Bring your cell phone, tablet/iPad, laptop, or even your digital camera for these local experts to help. Please RSVP to COA.

GAME DAY!
Thursday, February 6 at 2:30pm
Caryl Community Center, Room 108
Join us for an afternoon of board games with friends and students from DSHS. Play an old favorite such as Chess, Scrabble, Parchesi, Sorry, Dominoes or learn a new game such as Rummikub! Please RSVP to COA by February 5.

FREE MOVIES AT THE DOVER CHURCH
Yesterday – Friday, January 10 at 1pm;
A struggling musician realizes he’s the only person on Earth who can remember The Beatles after waking up in an alternate timeline where they never existed.
Downton Abbey – Friday, February 14 at 1pm;
The continuing story of the Crawley family, wealthy owners of a large estate in the English countryside in the early twentieth century.
High Tea - Before the February movie at 11:30am, please join us for High Tea as we prepare to watch Downton Abbey. Tea, cakes, and a light lunch will be served. Please RSVP.
Sponsored by the Dover COA and The Dover Church.
RSVP to beth@thedoverchurch.org or 508-785-0957. Please join us and enjoy popcorn, coffee, dessert and Tea and finger sandwiches!

OFFICE HOURS WITH TOWN ASSESSOR
Monday, January 13, 10:00am
Friday, February 7, 10:00am
Monday, March 16, 10:00am
Caryl Community Center, Room 108
Do you have questions about your property or excise taxes? Are you aware of the Senior Tax Relief programs available to Dover residents? Come meet with Assessor Amy Gow to answer questions and learn more about Town programs that may benefit you. Coffee and light refreshments provided.

SENIOR COFFEE HOUR
Friday, January 31, 8:30am
Friday, February 28, 8:30am
Caryl Community Center, Room 108
Please join us for coffee and conversation.

TEA WITH FRIENDS
Friday, January 17; 11:30am
Tea for Two
Friday, February 21; 11:30am
Young at Heart Tea
Caryl Community Center, Room 108
Invite a friend to join us for a light lunch with friends. Sign up at the COA

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OUTREACH CORNER
By Nan Vaida, RN, COA Outreach Worker

Food Safety: It’s not exciting but it is essential! As consumers, we are regularly receiving warnings from government agencies regarding different food product recall. In November, a half million pounds of raw pork was recalled by the USDA. While we cannot personally control the production side of our food chain, we can develop habits at home to keep us safer from harmful pathogens. The CDC has many recommendations to help us all handle our food better and therefore help prevent the spread of food borne illnesses:

*Make sure your prep areas and cutting boards are very clean. Do not cross contaminate by using the same board for chicken or meat that you use for other prep work.

*Cook food to the right temperature. Most recipes list the temperatures to safely cook your food to. It is especially important to get the meat up to the right temperature. Everyone has a meat thermometer but “instant read” thermometers are more accurate. Do consult cookbook and internet sources for the correct temperature for safe enjoyment of meat, poultry and seafood.

*Refrigerate food purchases and leftovers within two hours. A little warming goes a long way with bacteria!

*Thaw correctly. All meat should be defrosted in the fridge or in cold water. Leaving it out invites microbes to enjoy your food before you do!

*Do not eat raw or under cooked eggs. We have all heard of salmonella and its effect on your body when ingested. Pasteurized eggs and egg whites are available commercially for those recipes that call for raw eggs. Don’t eat the cookie dough out of the bowl!

*Check the restaurants you choose for cleanliness and make sure your food is properly cooked. None of us wants to be the annoying customer who sends food back to the kitchen. However, if your food is not prepared to the right temperature...save yourself and ask it to be recooked.

And most importantly, from childhood on we have this habit drilled into us over and over: We all should be doing this at restaurants, snack bars, friends’ homes and especially in our own...WASH YOUR HANDS!
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### SATURDAY CLASSES

**Zumba Gold on Saturdays at 10:45am - 11:30am**
Caryl Community Center Community Room
Dates are Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

### WEEKEND EVENTS

**Dover Legion Winter Dinner**
Sunday, February 9 at 1pm

**Fiddler on the Roof**
Saturday, February 15
THANK YOU!
Thank you to all the volunteers from preschoolers who sang carols to police officers who cooked breakfast, from seniors who took photos, families who donated gifts, and students who helped with a holiday cookie swap. The COA is so grateful to all who shared a helping hand and a full heart and made the holidays special for your neighbors. We could not do all that we do without all of you… Thank You!

DONATIONS
Thank you to all who donated small toiletries to Family Promise of MetroWest. The COA delivered two big boxes of items to them to share with those in need. We appreciate your generosity!
Please consider donating Gift Cards to local area restaurants and businesses for prizes for our Bingo Lunch on January 14. Please drop off donations to the COA in the Caryl Community Building, Room 116 no later than January 6.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
During winter months, there are seniors in need of someone to help shovel a walkway or dig out a mailbox after a snowstorm. The COA is also looking for someone to assist with photography at events and pre and post-event publicity for a few hours each month. Bakers are always welcome to share their talents and treats at one of the COA’s events. If interested in any of these options, please contact Annemarie Thompson, Volunteer Coordinator, at 508-315-5734.

SAND FOR SENIORS
The Dover COA and the Men’s Breakfast Group from The Dover Church delivered sand buckets of sand/salt to Dover seniors in December. Are you still in need of a bucket? Please call the COA at 508.315.5734 and we will find a volunteer to deliver to you. Thank you to the Men’s Group for delivery, and to The Friends of the COA who generously funded this program.
Travel and Explore

Explore the exhibits of Raphael and other artists at Gardner Museum, lunch with friends at local restaurants, enjoy the music of Fiddler on the Roof or experience the beauty of dance at the ballet Carmen.

**DAY TRIPS**

**Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum**
Wednesday, January 15
Visit the Gardner Museum as we view *Raphael and the Pope’s Librarian Exhibit* which commemorates the 500th anniversary of the painter’s death in 1520; tour the exhibits of *In the Company of Artists: 25 Years of Artists in Residence*. Enjoy lunch in Museum café. Cost TBD. Space limited.

**Papa Razzi Lunch Trip**
Friday, January 24
Join us for Lunch at Papa Razzi Restaurant in Wellesely for classic Italian flavors and fresh, local ingredients. Space limited to 10; come enjoy a day out with friends.

**Dolphin Seafood Restaurant Lunch Trip**
Wednesday, February 5
We are off to nearby Natick to enjoy a delicious lunch at Dolphin Seafood. Space limited to 10.

**Fiddler on the Roof**
Saturday, February 15
Experience this new production filled with musical hits telling the story of fathers and daughters, husbands and wives, and life, love and laughter. We will travel to Providence Performing Arts Center for a 2pm matinee. Space limited. Cost TBD.

**Carmen Ballet**
Saturday, March 21
Travel with us to Boston Opera House to attend 1:30pm matinee of Jorma Elo’s Carmen, exploring the timeless dynamics of passion, jealousy and betrayal. Space limited. Cost TBD.

**OVERNIGHT TRIP**

**America’s Music Cities**
May 22-29
Travel to Nashville, Memphis, and New Orleans and explore these southern musical cities. Visit Grand Ole Opry, Ryman Auditorium, Country Music Hall of Fame, Graceland, and the Jazz Capital of the World-New Orleans! Stop by COA for travel brochure.

**DOVER SENIOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICE**

Purchase tickets at COA to use JFK Transportation Service. Hours of service are Monday to Friday from 7:00am to 5:00pm.

Local Ride Vouchers (Medical and Non-Medical) cost $30.00 and provides 10 tickets for Dover and nearby towns. Boston Rides (Medical Only): cost $20 for a one way voucher.

JFK requires a 48 hour notice and tickets are purchased at the Dover COA. Please remember to tip your driver.

For more information, including towns served, call the Dover COA at 508-315-5734.
To be a sponsor in the next Dover COA Newsletter!
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COPING WITH WINTER BLUES
By Alyssa Kaiser, RN, Public Health Nurse
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The winter months bring long, cold nights and frigid temperatures. Many seniors experience feelings of depression due to lack of sunshine and a decrease in activities during the winter months. People may feel melancholy immediately following the holidays. Having a discussion with your provider is important if these feelings of sadness persist for more than two weeks.

According to the CDC, older adults are at a greater risk for developing depression but are often under-treated or misdiagnosed. Additionally, depression is more common in people that suffer from chronic illness and 80% of older adults have at least one chronic health condition. Social isolation whether due to chronic illness or health hazards, falling and hypothermia increase during the winter months.

Be mindful of these tips to help combat the winter blues:

Light: Enjoy natural light as much as possible; sit by a window to feel the sun on your face. The vitamin D from the sun can help to improve your mood.

Eating: Be mindful of what you eat and eat a balanced diet.

Exercise: Stay active. Exercise is important year round in lifting spirits and improving your mood.

Socialize: Get together with friends, attend a religious service, volunteer, stay connected to your community.

You are invited to join me at the Dover COA on Wednesday, February 5 at 10am as I will be discussing Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) and sharing more tips on how to move beyond the winter blues. Remember; these long winter nights are a gateway to spring!

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month; 10:30am-12Noon
Unitarian Universalist Church, Sherborn
Sponsored by Sherborn Council on Aging
Are you a caregiver in need of support? This support group is a safe space to discuss the stresses, challenges and rewards of caregiving. Group is led by a skilled facilitator and FREE care is available for your loved one during the meeting. Call Sherborn COA at 508.651.7858 for more information. This support group is funded in part from Older American Act funds as granted by Bay Path Elder Services.

THE DOVER NEIGHBORS FUND
There is a new fund available in Dover to support those in need. The Dover Neighbors Fund was started by Dover residents Mary Crane, Eric Morse, Johnathan Fryer and Vin O’Brien to support residents that are facing challenging situations. Grant requests are confidential. To learn more about this fund, please go to DoverNeighborsFund.com or email Eric Morse at eric.morse.caberpartners@gmail.com.

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COA BOARD MEETING
Caryl Community Center, Room 205
Tuesday, January 7, 2019 at 9:30am
Tuesday, February 4, 2019 at 9:30am

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