It’s that time of year where winter relents and spring awakens. The light is longer, the birds are singing and the change in season pulls us out of our homes. We invite you to visit us at the COA to get moving and be fit, enjoy a meal with friends, learn something new, and connect with your community.

Come out and move with us! QiGong, Zumba, Yoga, and Strength & Stability are great ways to get in shape. Just starting out with a fitness program? Are you unsure about getting down on a mat…and maybe not getting back up? Not to worry. COA fitness instructors modify the class for all levels of abilities. You can sit in a chair and still get fit! In March, the COA is offering a special Intro to Yoga class on Mondays for those new to Yoga or that want to get back to basics. Looking for a more active program? Try Zumba Gold on Saturday mornings or Pickleball. Equipment is provided and your first class is free.

Looking for an educational activity? Lifetime Learning classes return with Fun with Ukulele and Professor Maud Chaplin’s Has Democracy Had Its Day? New offerings this Spring include Let’s Go to the Opera, A Taste of Germany, and Zen Meditation. Presidential historian Gary Hylander explores the Presidency of Abraham Lincoln in Lincoln’s America. More info on these classes sponsored by the Friends of the COA is inside this issue.

Come connect with your community at the COA. Do you have questions about senior tax relief, the Caryl Community Center Project, public safety, or other issues? State Representative Denise Garlick will be here in March to meet with seniors and town residents and hear their concerns. Dover’s Police Chief Peter McGowan joins us at our April luncheon and Selectman Bob Springett will attend a Coffee Hour in April to talk with residents. Please take advantage of these meetings to share your views with Dover’s public officials as they want to hear from you.

In March, COA cooking classes return to Powisset Farm, DSHS students invite seniors to their spring musical and there are so many places to travel with the COA! Check out all the amazing opportunities inside this issue. I hope to see you soon at the Dover COA. Welcome spring!

Janet Claypoole
COA ST. PATRICK’S DAY LUNCHEON
Tuesday, March 12; 12 Noon
Caryl Community Center, Room 108; Cost $4.00
Come enjoy a traditional Irish meal of corned beef and cabbage. The Happy Strummers Ukulele players will entertain with Irish tunes. RSVP to COA by March 7.

COA LUNCHEON WITH POLICE CHIEF
Tuesday, April 9; 12:00Noon
Caryl Community Center, Room 108; Cost $4.00

MOVEABLE FEAST
Tuesday, March 19; 12Noon
The Dover Church, RSVP by March 13.
Tuesday, April 16; 12Noon
St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church; RSVP by April 10.
Come share a delicious meal hosted by volunteers from the church. Please RSVP to the COA.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS LUNCH
Tuesday, March 26; 12Noon; RSVP by March 20.
Tuesday, April 23, 12:00Noon; RSVP by April 17.
At Dover Grace Church
Join us for a homemade lunch and conversation with friends.

BROWN BAG LUNCH
Tuesday, April 30; 12:00Noon
Caryl Community Center, Room 108; RSVP by April 24.
Bring your sandwich and the COA will provide the rest!

MEN’S LUNCH CLUB GATHERING
Monday, March 25 & Monday April 22 at 12Noon
at The Heritage, 33 North Main Street in Sherborn.
Come join the guys for lunch! MetroWest 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.

COOKING AT POWISSET FARM
Space is limited to 4 Dover seniors per class. Cost is $15 per class. Sponsored by Friends of Dover COA.
Thursday, March 14 at 11am
Flatbread Pizzas – Join chef and cookbook author Didi Emmons in this hands-on class where you’ll learn to put pizazz in your pizza! The perfect homemade crust, the right amount of oil and flavorful toppings are all part of making a great pizza.

Thursday, April 11 at 11am
Dinner Salads and Sides - Join chef Leigh Belanger for a different take on dinner salads and sides. In this hands-on class, you’ll make fresh tossed and composed salads using vegetables and herbs, and experiment with sauces to enhance side dishes and delight the senses.

COFFEE, COOKIES & “CHICAGO!”
Saturday, March 16 at 11:30AM
Matinee at 1:00PM
Please join the Dover Sherborn High School students for a gathering before the matinee performance of the musical “Chicago” in Lindquist Commons at DSHS. Enjoy light snacks and conversation with students before taking your reserved seats at the performance. Please RSVP to the COA.

COFFEE WITH REPRESENTATIVE GARLICK
Monday, March 18, 9:30am
Caryl Community Center, Room 108
Join State Representative Denise Garlick for a community conversation about town, state, and senior issues. All are invited. Coffee and light breakfast provided. Please RSVP to Dover COA.

COFFEE WITH SELECTMAN SPRINGETT
Thursday, April 18, 9:30am
Caryl Community Center, Room 108
Join the COA and Selectman Bob Springett to talk about Your Town issues, upcoming Articles on the Town Warrant, and the Caryl Community Center Project. All are invited. Coffee and light breakfast provided. Please RSVP to COA.

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.
INTRO TO YOGA SERIES – NEW!
Mondays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 10:00am
Caryl Community Center, Room 203
Cost for 5 class series is $15.00
Are you new to Yoga or just want to go back to basics? Learn the foundation for a safe and well-rounded yoga practice. Instructor Jessica Foster, RYT, introduces the principles of correct alignment, breathing, poses, and use of props. Students will learn the fundamentals of standing and seated poses and how the mind, body and breath work together. Mats and equipment provided. Please bring water.

THERAPEUTIC QIGONG
Balance, Strength, & Flexibility
Monday 5:30pm at Dover Town Library, Community Room
Wednesdays 11:30am at Caryl Community Center,
Room 108; $3.00 per class
Instructor: Linda Bellefeuille
Qigong practices involve a posture, breathing techniques, and mental focus. The gentle, rhythmic movements of Qigong are suitable for all age groups and ability and are known to reduce stress, build stamina, increase vitality, and enhance the immune system. Comfortable clothing is recommended.

YOGA FOR WELLNESS
Wednesdays 10:00am
Caryl Community Center, Room 203, $3.00 per class
Instructors: Jessica Foster, RYT and Tracy Buckley, RYT
Join our Yoga class and improve your health, strength, flexibility, and balance. Come 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
Instructors: Jessica Foster, RYT and Tracy Buckley, RYT
Join us for guided meditation to deep levels of relaxation.

STRENGTH & STABILITY (S&S)
Tuesdays 9:00AM-9:50AM
Thursdays 11:30AM-12:20pm
Caryl Community Center, Room 203
Cost: $3.00 per class
Instructor: Andria DeSimone
Join us for a total body muscle strengthening and conditioning class that incorporates functional fitness (movements that mimic everyday living) with stability and balance work. Bring water; equipment is provided.

ZUMBA® GOLD
Saturdays, 10:45am-11:30am at the Caryl Community Center in Multipurpose 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 toward first timers to the exercise world or the active older adult. Come dance to the music for a total body workout!

PICKLEBALL - Fridays added!
Cosponsored with Parks & Recreation Department
Mondays at 10:15am, 11am, 1:45am, 12:30pm
Thursdays at 8:45am, 9:30am, 10:15am, 11:00am
Fridays at 9:00am, 9:45am, 10:30am, 11:15am
Caryl Community Center Gym
Due to popularity 5 additional sessions have been added! There are up to four players per 45 minute session. Sign up at the COA for time slot. Sign-up sheets will be available on the 22nd of the month for the next month. Equipment provided. Please bring water.

SWIM TIME FOR THE COA
Enjoy Senior Swim at the Kingsbury Club in Medfield on Monday 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, March 11, 10:00am  Theme: Dogs
Monday, April 8, 10:00am  Theme: Horses
Caryl Community Center, Room 108
Create cards with fabric. Sign up at the COA.

KNITTING
Mondays at 11:30am
Caryl Community Center, Room 108
Beginners and experienced knitters are welcome! Bring a project of your own or grab some donated yarn and make hats, scarves, shawls or lap blankets for those in need.

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

PAGETURNERS BOOK CLUB
Dover Town Library
Thursday, March 14, 1:00pm  Book: “Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine” by Gail Honeyman
Thursday, April 11, 1:00pm  Book: TBA

TECH TIPS CLASSES
Eagle Scout Project with Dover Boy Scouts
Saturday, March 2, 30 at 1:00-2:00pm
Saturday, April 6 at 1:00-2:00pm
Dover Town Library, Community Room
The Dover Boy Scouts will be continuing their Tech Tips classes for 3 more sessions! Whether you are experienced with technology or still learning your way around a keyboard, this class is a great way to become more technology literate.

The March 2nd session will focus on the Internet, email, and protecting against scams. The March 30th session will focus on non-computer related technology, from iPhones to Kindles. Both sessions will have time to focus on your specific questions. All are welcome. A final session will be offered April 6th to answer any lingering questions.

Sign up at the COA for this Eagle Scout project coordinated by Boy Scout Jack Ringel.

FREE MOVIES AT THE DOVER CHURCH
Crazy, Rich Asians - Friday March 8 at 1pm; Rachel Chu is happy to accompany her longtime boyfriend, Nick, to his best friend’s wedding in Singapore. Rachel must now contend with jealous socialites, quirky relatives and something far worse -- Nick’s disapproving mother.

Murder on the Orient Express – Friday, April 12 at 1pm; A lavish trip through Europe quickly unfolds into a race against time to solve a murder aboard a train. When an avalanche stops the Orient Express dead in its tracks, the world’s greatest detective, Hercule Poirot, arrives to search for clues before the killer can strike again.

Sponsored by the Dover COA and The Dover Church. RSVP to beth@thedoverchurch.org or 508-785-0957. Please join us and enjoy popcorn and dessert!

SENIOR COFFEE HOUR
Friday, March 29, 8:30am
Friday, April 26, 8:30am
Caryl Community Center, Room 108
Please join us for coffee and conversation.

THE DROWSY CHAPERONE
A Musical Within a Comedy
Presented by The Dover Foundation.
May 2, 3, 4 at 7:30pm and Sunday May 5 at 2pm. Discounted tickets will be available for the Sunday matinée at a price of $15, exclusively for the COA.

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BLOOD PRESSURE with the Walpole VNA
Friday, March 15, 10:45am
Friday, April 19, 10:45am
Caryl Community Center, Room 108
Meet with VNA Nurse for a monthly blood pressure check.

FOOT DOCTOR
Thursday, March 21, 9:00 – 11:00am
Caryl Community Center, Room 116
Cost is $30.00. Call for appointments with podiatrist.

SHINE
SHINE is Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone. If you have Medicare or health insurance questions, call the COA for an appointment with counselor Renee Rubin.

BLUE MOON BAGELS & BREADS
Thursdays, March 7, 21, April 4, 18, after 10am
Caryl Community Center, Room 116
Stop in for donated baked goods from Blue Moon Café.

FINANCIAL AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE
The Town of Dover offers support for those in need of financial or energy assistance, especially as heating bills increase. Coordinator Erika Nagy provides information on resources and can assist with applications for services. For a confidential consultation, please call Erika at 774-567-0034.

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.

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Dates are March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13, 20, 27 | Coffee, Cookies & “Chicago!”  
March 16, 11:30am  
Phantom of the Opera Trip  
March 30 |
| Tech Tips on Saturdays at 1pm at Dover Library  
Dates are March 2, 30 and April 6 | |

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**LIFETIME LEARNING**

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**FUN WITH UKULELE**

Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:00pm  
February 27 - June 5; cost $75  
Classes meet at Caryl Community Center, Room 108  
Come learn basic chords and strumming on the ukulele to accompany traditional folk songs and more modern songs. Bring your own ukulele or rent one at Needham Music (781-453-8067). No experience is needed and new students are always welcome. Join us to have fun with music.  
Daniel Metraux has led ukulele groups in New England for many years and has taught in Dover since 2015.

**HAS DEMOCRACY HAD ITS DAY?**

Thursdays 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM  
April 11, 25, May 9, 23; Cost $35  
Classes meet at Dover Library Community Room  
Most of us have grown up in a democracy and rather take it for granted. We will look at the practices and writings that shaped our thinking about democracy, going back to the Greeks and looking at Locke and Rousseau and their influence on the writers of the American Constitution. There will be short readings and plenty of time for discussion.  
Maud Chaplin received her Professor of Philosophy Emerita from Wellesley College where she taught for 44 years.

**LET’S GO TO THE OPERA**

Wednesdays 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8; Cost $40  
Classes meet at Dover Library Community Room  
Beginning with “Instrumental Petting Zoo–Meet the Orchestra,” some of the more revered opera performances will be presented and discussed including Carmen, Don Giovanni, and La Traviata. Discussion is facilitated by baritone Ron Williams who has performed in many of these operas.  
Ron Williams is recognized nationwide for his artistry in the field of opera and oratorio, and his work onstage.

**LINCOLN’S AMERICA**

Fridays, 10:30AM – 12:00PM  
April 5, 12, 26, May 3; Cost $35  
Classes meet at Caryl Community Center, Room 108  
Dr. Gary Hylander, Presidential Historian, presents a four-part series on the Presidency of Abraham Lincoln. Topics will include Lincoln’s election, the crisis of Fort Sumter, and relationships with his generals. 1863 was a pivotal year for Lincoln. He issued the Emancipation Proclamation, delivered the Gettysburg Address and offered the nation his early views on Reconstruction. We will close the series with Lincoln’s re-election in 1864, Lee’s surrender at Appomattox and Booth’s assassination of the President at Ford’s Theatre.  
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**SILENCE: SITTING IN ZEN MEDITATION**

Tuesdays 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
April 9, 16, 23, 30; Cost $35  
Classes meet at Caryl Community Center, Room 108  
Senior Dharma teacher Carolyn Morley is offering an introduction to Japanese-style Zen Buddhist meditation. This class offers an opportunity to pause and consider our place in the universe. Each class will consist of a short talk with time for questions and discussion, and then meditation practice. Bring your own cushions for the floor; chairs will be available. Wear comfortable, dark clothing.  
Carolyn Morley PhD is a professor of Japanese literature and theater at Wellesley College.

**A TASTE OF GERMANY**

Thursdays 10:00 - 11:30 AM  
May 9, 16, 23; Cost $35  
Classes meet at Caryl Community Center, Room 108  
This class will give an overview of Germany’s scenery, traditions, and German Romanticism movement. In class one, German native Ulrike Bankman will provide a scenic tour through Germany. In class two, she will discuss German holiday traditions and will provide a sampling of home-baked German pastries. In class three, Deb Stein will introduce three mid-19th century Boston intellectuals (including Henry Wadsworth Longfellow), and explore how German Romantic literature, particularly the works of Johann Wolfgang Goethe, came to be revered in the city.  
Ulrike Bankman is a lecturer and well-known pastry chef.  
Deb Stein holds a PhD from Boston University in the history of art and architecture.

**HOW TO REGISTER**

Download a form from Friends website at www.coafriends.org. Registration forms and payment to Friends of Dover COA may be mailed to PO Box 250 or drop off at COA office in Caryl Community Center.
Travel and Explore

Visit the newly opened MGM casino, view Art in Bloom and Toulouse-Lautrec Stars in Paris exhibit at MFA Boston, or travel to 9/11 Memorial in NYC, Martha’s Vineyard, Maine, Niagara Falls, or Prague, Vienna & Budapest!

**DAY TRIPS**

**The Local Lunch Trip**  
Wednesday, March 13  
Join us for lunch at The Local in Wellesley. Space is limited.

**MGM Springfield**  
Tuesday, March 19  
Travel to the new MGM casino in Springfield. Cost of $35 includes bus, lunch voucher ($10) and $20 of slot play.

**The Grafton Inn Lunch Trip**  
Thursday, April 4  
We are off to The Grafton Inn for a delicious lunch in a historic location. Come join us! Space limited to 10.

**Museum of Fine Arts, Art in Bloom Exhibit**  
Monday, April 29  
Travel to the MFA in Boston for a docent tour of Art in Bloom. View the Toulouse-Lautrec and the Stars of Paris exhibit. Admission cost is $25. Lunch is on your own at the Museum café. Tour and bus are funded by Friends of COA.

**Boston Symphony Orchestra**  
Friday, April 26; 1:30pm Matinee  
Conductor Andris Nelsons and the BSO perform Shostakovich Symphony No. 15 and Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 3 with Russian pianist Danill Trifonov. Reduced ticket cost is $40 due to a generous grant from Dover Cultural Council. Space limited to 16. Sign up soon! Sponsored in part by a grant from the Dover Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

**Plymouth Getaway Tour**  
Tuesday, June 25  
See the sights of Plymouth, enjoy lunch and take a narrated tour of Plymouth Harbor on paddle wheeler. Cost is $95.

**Martha’s Vineyard**  
Wednesday, July 31  
Spend a summer day at the Vineyard. Shop, lunch, and walk the historic village of Edgartown. Cost is $95.

**Majestic Maine Cruise**  
Thursday, August 22  
Enjoy a narrated tour of Casco Bay, its many islands, and the beautiful Maine coast. Lunch is at Cook’s Lobster House with a stop in Freeport for outlet shopping. Cost is $105.

**OVERNIGHT TRIP**

**Niagara Falls & Erie Canal Spectacular Trip**  
September 10-12  
Travel to Niagara Falls and visit Lockport, NY for a cruise on the Erie Canal. Passport required for entry to Canada. Cost: $485/double; $475/triple; $585/single.

**INTERNATIONAL TRIP**

**An 11 Day Adventure to Imperial Cities**  
October 7 to 17, 2019  
There is still time to sign up for this 11 day tour of the Imperial Cities of Prague, Vienna and Budapest through Collette Tours. Stop by the COA office for a flyer describing each day’s adventures. Rates range from $4,314 (double) to $5,164 (single) and include air fare, transfers, hotels, 15 meals, and travel insurance.
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KNOW THE 10 SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA

Tuesday, March 19, 1:00pm
Dover Town Library, Community Room

If you or someone you know is experiencing changes in memory, it’s time to learn the facts. Knowing the warning signs can help determine if you should speak to a doctor. Early detection matters! Join Doug Peck from the Alzheimer’s Association at this informative program. RSVP to Alzheimer’s Association at 1-800-272-3900.

SOCIAL SECURITY SCAM

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued a new warning of a growing ID Theft scam. People pretend to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA) and try to get your Social Security number or your money. That scam is now growing exponentially. To compare: in 2017, we heard from 3,200 people about SSA imposter scams, and those people reported losing nearly $210,000. In 2018, more than 35,000 people have reported the scam, and they’ve lost more than $10 million.

Scammers are saying your Social Security number (SSN) has been suspended because of suspicious activity, or because it’s been involved in a crime. Sometimes, the scammer wants you to confirm your SSN to reactivate it. Sometimes, he’ll say your bank account is about to be seized — but he’ll tell you what to do to keep it safe. (Often, that involves putting your money on gift cards and giving him the codes — which, of course, means that your money is gone.)

Oh, and your caller ID often shows the real SSA phone number (1-800-772-1213) when these scammers call — but they are “spoofing” that number. It’s not the real SSA calling.

Here’s what to know:

• Your Social Security number is not about to be suspended. You don’t have to verify your number to anyone who calls. And your bank accounts are not about to be seized.

• SSA will never call to threaten your benefits or tell you to wire money, send cash, or put money on gift cards. Anyone who tells you to do those things is a scammer. Every time.

• The real SSA number is 1-800-772-1213, but scammers are putting that number in the caller ID. If you’re worried about what the caller says, hang up and call 1-800-772-1213 to speak to the real SSA. Even if the wait time is long, confirm with the real SSA before responding to one of these calls.

• Never give any part of your Social Security number to anyone who contacts you. Or your bank account or credit card number.

If you get one of these calls, tell the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint.

Source: Gayle Bellotti of Norfolk County District Attorney’s Office.
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Friday: 9:00am to 1:00pm

COA BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 9:30AM
Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 9:30AM

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