# **Robert Rock Senior Center**



# December 2023

#### Senior Center Services

Elder Resource Specialist Amanda LaPlante Monday-Friday 401-270-1788

Community Health Worker Gilbert Williams–Hackney Monday-Friday 401-443-4312

Healthy Aging Nurse Coordinator Shahnee Lagor, BSN, RN-BC Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9AM-2PM

Registered Dietitian Ann Marie Sabula, MA, RDA, LDN, CDE, CDOE Office hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment Call 401-447-6299

**Eastside Clinical Laboratory Transportation** Call 401-435-7800 to register for transportation.

Notary Public Pat Thomas, Receptionist M-F 9:00am-12:00pm to notarize documents for our seniors.

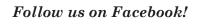
#### Senior Shopping

Thursday & Friday Mornings: Call 401-435-7800 The Senior Center will pick you up at your home and take you to Stop & Shop, Walmart or Shaw's in East Providence. Open to Seniors living in East Providence.

#### SHIP Counseling

By Appointment Only- Call 401-435-7876 x1137

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#### MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Robert Rock East Providence Senior Center is to assist, inform, and enrich the lives of all persons 55 years of age and older or persons with disabilities in the East Providence area.



Message from the Mayor:

What a great successful year! Looking back on the year 2023, we have accomplished so much in a short amount of time. We have so many great holiday events coming up this season. Please join us at City Hall on Dec. 2nd from 4PM-7PM for our annual Holiday /Tree lighting Celebration. There will be food, vendors, entertainment by local dance groups, free hot chocolate for the kids and photos with Santa. I have also been very excited to celebrate our 13th annual WinterFest Celebration happening on Dec. 9th. This is a free event that begins at 3PM. Festivities will begin with Dave Marchetti's Animal Experience. The East Providence Recreation Department is also providing free popcorn, hot chocolate, live music, and fun activities for children/grandchildren. Hope to see you there! Have a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

**Mayor Bob DaSilva** 



Letter from the Director:

#### Happy Holidays!

Thank you to all our members for yet another successful year. New memberships have been continuously coming in, and we already have some great events in store for the year 2024. I would like to take the time to thank all our volunteers for all their hard work throughout the year. We really appreciate everything you do for our center! I would also like to thank our sponsors for supporting us throughout the year. It takes a village! The Open Enrollment period for Medicare ends on December 7th. We have extra assistance during this time to assist with the Open Enrollment process. After Open Enrollment, we will still have SHIP Counseling assistance available at the Senior Center. If you are looking for a SHIP Counseling appointment to go over your medical insurance for the upcoming year, please call 401-435-7876 x1137. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. See you in 2024!

Best,

Laura Jones Director of Senior Services





THE HOLIDAY In the Dining Room on: DECEMBER 18, 2023 1:00PM Popcorn will be served.



#### DO YOU FIND YOURSELF ASKING PEOPLE TO REPEAT THEMSELVES? COME GET YOUR HEARING CHECKED BY A SPECIALIST FROM CARELINK.

Hearing Clinic coming back to the Senior Center in January 2024!

# WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 9:30AM-11:30AM THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 9:30AM-11:30AM



Basic hearing screenings being done at the Senior Center. Please call our Healthy Aging Nurse Coordinator if you have any questions: 401-270-1792.

If you are interested in the hearing clinic, please sign up at the front desk. These appointments will fill up <u>FAST</u>.



\*Limited to 15 minute appointments. Sign up is REQUIRED.\*

# BE PREPARED... DO YOU NEED AT HOME COVID-19 TEST KITS?



Get FOUR FREE AT HOME COVID-19 tests this fall!

Every U.S. household may place an order to receive four free COVID-19 rapid tests delivered directly to your home from USPS.

# Covidtests.gov

Need help placing an order for your free at-home tests? Contact Gilbert, our Community Health Worker at 401-443-4312.

### **Health Related Programs:**

#### Blue Cross Blue Shield Strength and Balance classes... CONTINUED THROUGH THE NEW YEAR!

#### FRIDAYS 1:00PM

Participants work on muscle strengthening, coordination, and mindful movements.



#### **Blood Pressure Checks in December 2023:**

Tuesday, Dec. 5: Orchard View is coming to assist with blood pressure checks.





#### TAI JI RETURNS IN JANUARY 2024!



The Robert Rock East Providence Senior Center is excited to announce the return of Tai Ji Quan in January! Tai Ji is a mind-body-energy exercise program that combines movements, meditation and breathing. Research has shown that Tai Chi can improve balance, stability and flexibility in older adults. This evidence-based program runs twice a week for 6 months. Attendance is crucial in achieving desired outcomes.

Must be a member of the senior center to sign up. A pre-screening assessment is required. Anyone who is interested can sign up in the main lobby or call our Healthy Aging Nurse Coordinator at

401-270-1792.

#### SPOTS FILL UP FAST SO DON'T DELAY!

URI SNAP ED WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 10:30AM THIS CLASS IS ALL ABOUT BEVERAGES AND HOW WE SHOULD RE-THINK WHAT WE DRINK.

\*\*This will be the last URI SNAP Ed class until Fall 2024.\*\* THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND



#### THE PODIATRIST IS BACK! FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 1PM-4PM

Callus removal and nail clipping services. Please contact Shahnee, our Healthy Aging Nurse Coordinator for an appointment **401-270-1792.** 

You must be a member of the Senior Center to have a scheduled appointment to be seen.

DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH FOOD? NOT SURE WHICH FOODS TO EAT MORE OF OR WHICH TO CUT BACK ON?



Join Nutritionist Ann Marie on Tuesday, December 19th for an open forum on nutrition. Ann Marie has all the tips and tricks to achieving a healthy, balanced diet to meet your goals.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 10:30AM

NURSE HOURS TUESDAY, THURSDAY, & FRIDAY 9AM-2PM

NEW HAPPENINGS AT THE SENIOR CENTER:



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## PODS SWIMMING

Mondays 2:00 pm-3:00 pm

**11** Commercial Way

**East Providence** 

The Robert Rock, East Providence Senior Center is partnering with PODS Swimming!

PODS Swimming has reserved their warm water pool for East Providence Senior Center members starting Monday, Oct. 16, 2023.

#### COST:

Senior discount of \$7.00 per session or if you prefer you can purchase a punch card for \$70.00 for 10 sessions.

#### TRANSPORTATION:

The Senior Center will provide transportation to PODS Swimming. Please contact Member Services for more information and to reserve transportation by calling 401-435-7800.

#### CREATIVE CONNECTIONS WITH BROWN UNIVERSITY

THURSDAY, DEC. 14 10:30AM PAINT YOUR OWN TOTE BAG



\*Registration is required at front desk.\*



# MEET WILLOW!

No need to pre-register. Go

to PODS on the scheduled day/time. Let them know

you are with the East Providence Senior Center to

receive the reduced rate.

Willow is a Certified Therapy dog that will be visiting the Senior Center this month on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 10AM.

Willow comes from Shelter to Sofa RI which is a local non-profit agency that provide an array of services for dogs such as rescuing, foster, and obtaining certification to become a certified therapy animal.





We will be accepting donations of dog food, toys, beds, treats at the Senior Center. Before Christmas, a staff member will drop off the donated items to Shelter to Sofa RI.

# A LOOK BACK FROM NOVEMBER:



### **Robert Rock Senior Center Activities** DECEMBER 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	happy, holidays			<b>1</b> 8A: SHIP Counseling 8:30A: Scrabble 9A: Nurse Hours 9:30A: Senior Shopping 10A: Mah Jongg 10:45A: PACE Chair 11A: Meditation 1P: BCBS Balance 1:30P: Hi Lo Jack
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Part time Nurse and Nutritionist are on site to assist you with any health related or dietary needs. Schedule an appointment with Shahnee or Ann Marie today to learn more about maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Check the daily activities page to set up an appointment today!

# Age Well, Get Connected

Sharpen your computer skills with a once a month course on computers! Bring your own computer, or we can supply a Chromebook for you. Registration not required. No fee. DECEMBER 6- 10:30AM

State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Counselor is available on Wednesday (by appointment only). Counselors can help with Medicare/Medicaid enrollment, current plans, and future medical plans. Call 401-435-7876 X1137 for an appointment.

No Fee

# Smartphone H

Learn tips and tricks on your smart phone. Learn more about text messaging, internet use, and apps. Drop-in on Tuesdays 10:00AM- 11:00AM.

No registration required. No fee.

Chair Yoga is wonderful for both your mind and body. Tuesdays with Cyn 10:45AM \$3.00 per class. No registration required.

# Creative Art Stud

Oriented for personal choice media such as collage, acrylic, pastel, etc. Tuesdays 2:00PM Registration required \$3.00 per class.

# PACE Chair Exercise

When you do chair exercises, you reduce the risk of falls. The movements in PACE chair exercise are low impact that increase blood flow and strengthen your muscles.

No registration required. No fee.

Wednesday & Fridays 10:45AM-11:30AM

# **Senior Shopping**

Senior Services will pick you up at home to go grocery shopping at Stop & Shop or Shaw's weekly and Walmart monthly. Limit 4 bags per person. Everyone is given an hour to shop for their items. Senior Services will drop you off at home.

\$1 transportation fee. Registration is required.

#### Knit & Crochet- Cra H

Join us weekly to knit and crochet various items. Learn about new patterns and designs. Thursdays 1:00PM-3:00PM.

No registration required. No fee.

# Gvm Urientations\_ Kobin/Sandra

Robin and Sandra can provide orientations and show fitness members how to properly use the fitness center equipment. Robin and Sandra can explain proper techniques and demonstrate exercises.

For fitness members only Tuesdays 9:30A-11:30A Thursdays 9:30A-11:30A No registration required. No fee.

# 20/20/20 Fitness

Three workouts in one! This senior geared class gives you 20 minutes of cardio, 20 minutes of strength training, and 20 minutes of stretching/core work. Wednesdays 9A-10A No registration required. \$3.00 per class

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A game of chance, Registration required, Call 401-435-7800 for more information or if you are interested in being a sub to play. Fridays 1:30PM-3:30PM.

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# Craft Club

Participants are given the opportunity to explore various artmaking skills. Activities allow participants to enhance their creative and visual skills. Fee: \$5.00

Registration required. Next Craft Club on Dec. 18, 2023.

# Cribbage, Bridge, Scrabble, Mah Jongo

Each game is offered weekly at the Senior Center. Take a look at our daily activities calendar to see which day games are scheduled.

No registration required. \$3.00 fee for Cribbage.





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# EVENTS IN EAST PROVIDENCE IN DECEMBER:

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#### East Providence Residents.

If you lost a loved one to COVID-19, we are inviting you to donate a holiday ornament in their memory to decorate our memorial tree at City Hall Plaza.

Please join us in decorating the tree at the **Tree Lighting** Celebration **December 2, 2023** at City Hall Plaza 4pm~7pm

If you are interested in having an ornament placed on the tree in a loved one's memory and cannot attend the event, please drop off your ornament at City Hall by 5:30PM on Thursday November 30, 2023

Please direct questions to: mayorsoffice@eastprovidenceri.gov

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Mayor Bob DaSilva

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 **3PM** The City of East Providence and WinterFest Committee presents the 13 th annual WinterFest celebration on Saturday, Dec. 9, at the East Providence Senior Center, 610 Waterman Ave. WinterFest is a free event that promises fun for the whole family!

**13TH ANNUAL WINTERFEST** 

Festivities begin at 3 PM with Dave Marchetti's "Animal Experiences" petting zoo, free popcorn, hot chocolate and children's crafts and games! Entertainment by Rick Ashman. Food concessions by Joe's Snack Shack.

The public is invited to stroll the beautifully decorated WinterFest landscape while waiting for Santa's arrival by firetruck. Upon his arrival, Santa will preside over the WinterFest tree lighting. Immediately following the tree lighting, children will be able to visit with Santa, receive a candy treat and enter the WinterFest bicycle raffle!

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# **GUARDIAN ANGEL AWARD** Do you know someone who goes above and beyond for someone in need? Maybe they helped make your day or life better in some special way, and you want to thank them. Tell us your story! Nominate a senior today for the Guardian Angel Award. Nomination forms can be found in the Health Office. Fill it out explaining why this senior is so amazing. Senior Center staff will review each nomination and select a winner quarterly (depending on how many submissions we receive). We will highlight the awardee on the board in the Health Office as well as in our newsletter. Next Guardian Angel Award will be announced in January 2024! **AVAILABLE RESOURCES: FIRE SAFETY** FREE SMOKE ALARMS their community.

At no cost, American Red Cross will install free smoke alarms within your home.

Call 1-877-287-3327 option 1



#### THE POINT

Maria from the Point will be visiting the Senior Center on the 4th Monday of the month to assist with Medicare, Medicaid applications, and DHS applications.

Call Maria to schedule an appointment today! 401-519-0374

Monday, Dec. 18: 10A-12P



iCanConnect is a national program with local contacts to help people stay connected with friends, family, and

iCanConnect provides free equipment to people with both significant vision and hearing loss who meet disability and income guidelines.

For general iCanConnect questions, contact Angelique Landry, Perkins School for the Blind, 617-972-7712.



#### SHIP COUNSELING

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) helps people find the right Medicare coverage at the right cost. SHIP also assists beneficiaries with limited income to apply for programs, such as Medicaid, Medicare Savings Program and

Extra Help/Low Income Subsidy, which can subsidize or reduce healthcare costs. SHIP Counselors are at the Senior Center

weekly (by appointment only). Call 401-435-7876 x1137 to schedule your appointment today!



east bay community action program

#### DO YOU LIKE WHAT YOU SEE? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CENTER?

<section-header>Give us a call at 401-435-7800 to schedule a tour today! MEMBERSHIP FEES: \*Membership is required for all activities. Membership is not required to only come for lunch \* CENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Mon-residents: \$25.00/year Mon-residents: \$25.00/year \*\* New membership and renewal forms can be picked up at the front desk!\*\*





In Memoriam

JoAnn Lamb passed in January 2023 Rita Viau passed in January 2023 Carol Ladeira passed in January 2023 Herman Ladeira passed in January 2023 Helen Playe passed in February 2023 George Furtado passed in February 2023 Eleanor Kollett passed in March 2023 Mary Mello passed in March 2023 Paul Playe passed in March 2023 Fredericka Athanas passed in April 2023 Carolyn Arlen passed in April 2023 Gwendolyn Keller passed in May 2023 Virginia Gonsalves passed in June 2023 Mildred Morris passed in August 2023

If we missed someone, please let us know and we will feature them in our next newsletter. Donald Brown passed in September 2023 Vincent Spremulli passed in October 2023 Valerie LaCross passed in October 2023 Eileen Lennon passed in October 2023 Bob Fricker passed in October 2023 Norma Murphy passed in November 2023 Ron Reposa passed in November 2023



Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day ... unseen, unheard, but always near, still Loved, still missed and very dear.



# **SUPPORT OUR** ADVERTISERS!



# \$3.00 Suggested Donation

Lunch is served at 12:00 pm

# December 2023

PLEASE CALL OUR DINING ROOM AT 401-270-1814 TO PLACE YOUR LUNCH ORDER 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE!!

Menu Items are subject to change due to being unavailable to obtain.

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