### **Robert Rock Senior Center**



# February 2025

#### **Senior Center Services**

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

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

**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.

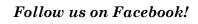
#### Senior Shopping

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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#### Staff

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> Facilities: Kenny Atkinson Napoleon DeBarros

#### Transportation:

Joe Serodio Dennis Price Christopher Januario Richard Wood

### 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:

I hope everyone is staying warm. I would like to thank everyone that has been volunteering at the East Providence Warming Center & Winter Hub. We have been able to provide resources, necessities, and a warm place to rest for those who need it. I also want to thank all of the generous community members that have donated necessities and/or their time to make this mission possible.

We will continue to post updates regarding when the Winter Hub is open at the Senior Center.

Stay warm and safe.

Sincerely,

**Mayor Bob DaSilva** 



#### Letter from the Director:

I would like to thank the Lt. Governor's office and Lt. Governor Sabina Matos for visiting the Senior Center last month to host a Resource Fair. This fair was a great way for our seniors to get connected with representatives and have their questions answered regarding various programs in the state of Rhode Island. We have heard positive feedback regarding this event.

If you are a member of our Fitness Center, you may notice a new piece of equipment. The Recumbent Stepper is newly purchased with grant funding to enhance your workout. Robin and Sandra are available on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays if you need a tutorial on how to properly use this new equipment.

February is the month of love! February is not only about Valentine's Day and sweethearts, but it is a good time to reflect and practice self care. Please join us on Friday, Feb. 14 to see a performance from the Barbershop Quartet. This will be a great performance. I hope to see you there!

Best,

Laura Jones Director of Senior Services



### NEW HEALTH PROGRAMMING COMING IN MARCH 2025:







Proven. Powerful. Essential.

A glimpse into the life of someone living with dementia. Participants will take part in an interactive experience that will show them what it looks, feels and sounds like to be living with memory loss.

Caregivers of those living with dementia may find this experience helpful in their understanding of the disease.

This program does require registration.

# Anyone interested should contact our Nurse at 401-270-1792.

Bus transportation home can be provided after the program ends.



### **TOOLS FOR HEALTHY LIVING**

Are you living with chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart failure, pain or COPD? If so, we have a new program that aims to help you manage your symptoms and improve your quality of life!

Join us for a six week program called Tools for Healthy Living. This evidence-based program runs every Wednesday starting March 5th and ending April 9th from 9:30a-12p. **Registration is required.** 

Call Nurse Shahnee to sign up today! 401-270-1792.

We are looking for more individuals that are interested in podiatry appointments with Dr. Ruggiero. Call Shahnee to get your foot in the door! 401-270-1792.



MEDITATION Every Friday Morning 11AM



### **Health Related Programs:**

### NURSE NOT IN OFFICE FEB 11 - FEB 20.

#### WISDOM FOR LIVING FEBRUARY 13 1PM-2PM

Do you ever just want to grab a coffee or tea and talk with other like minded individuals

about topics that interest you? Well, now you can!

Wisdom of Living is a series of monthly gathering to support socialization, challenge your thinking and allow you to engage in meaningful conversation.



*Healthcare Educational Series sponsored by Eastgate Nursing and Rehab* 

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 10:30AM-11:30AM

Knowing when it's time to transition to assisted living or long-term care can be a difficult decision. Eastgate Nursing and Rehab will join us on Tuesday, February 25th from 10:30a-11:30a to provide insight and share some signs that it may be time to move.

Learn more about the costs for assisted living, insurance options, and the importance of having a power of attorney (POA).



#### NURSE HOURS: TUESDAY & THURSDAY 9AM-4PM

#### GRIEF SUPPORT AND HEALING

#### WITH BEACON HOSPICE

The loss of a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences anyone can go through. The pain and grief can be

through. The pain and grief can be overwhelming. The Robert Rock East



Providence Senior Center is committed to helping those in need manage their grief in healthy ways and help begin the healing process.

Thursday, February 20 11AM-12PM

### SUPPORTING GOOD BRAIN HEALTH TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH 10:30AM-11:30AM

Rhode Island Mood and Memory will join us for a presentation on normal changes we experience in cognition as we get older, the eight pillars of brain health and some of the things that people can do to try and stave off cognitive

decline.

The team will also provide information on what to do if someone is experiencing abnormal changes in memory & thinking abilities.





#### ARE YOU IN NEED OF AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS?

All U.S households are eligible to order 4 FREE COVID-19 tests at <u>covidtests.gov.</u> The COVID-19 tests will detect current COVID-19 variants and can be used through the end of the year. The order is placed online through USPS. They will be delivered to your residence.

If you need assistance ordering your free test kits, please call our Elder Resource Specialist Amanda at 401-270-1788.



## YOU'RE INVITED!

# SENIOR SAFEGUARD

**Knowledge is Power!** 

Learn how to protect you and your loved ones from financial exploitation, fraud and scams.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> • 10:30 - 11:30am

**East Providence Senior Center** 610 Waterman Ave, East Providence, RI 02914

RSVP 401-435-7800 \*Space is limited



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### RI DATA BREACH: HOW TO KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTED

On December 13, 2024, the State was informed by its vendor, Deloitte, that there was a major security threat to RIBridges, the system that manages many of the state's social services programs. Additionally, Deloitte confirmed that there is a high probability that a cybercriminal has obtained files with personally identifiable information.

#### HOW DO I KNOW IF MY PERSONAL INFORMATION WAS COMPROMISED?

Any individual who has received or applied for state health coverage or health and human services programs or benefits could be impacted by this breach.

The programs and benefits managed through the RIBridges system include but are not limited to:

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
   (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
  - Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
    - Health coverage purchased through
       HealthSource RI

- Rhode Island Works (RIW)
- Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS)
- General Public Assistance (GPA) Program
  - At HOME Cost Share

WEBSITE WITH MORE INFORMATION: https://admin.ri.gov/ribridges-alert#what-you-can-do

#### WHO CAN I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RI DATA BREACH?

Households that have had personal information compromised will receive a letter by mail from the State that explains how to access free credit monitoring.

In response to the RIBridges data breach, a call center which is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. *If you have questions, call* 833-918-6603. *RI Incident Code is* B137035.

Call center staff will be able to provide general information about the breach as well as steps customers can take now to protect their data. Unfortunately, as the analysis of the data involved is still happening, call center staff will not be able to confirm whether a particular individual's data is or is not included in the breach at this time.

#### WHAT CAN I DO TO PROTECT MY PERSONAL INFORMATION?

#### 1. Freeze Your Credit:

Reach out to all three credit reporting agencies to freeze your credit. This is free and means no one else can take out a loan or establish credit in your name. You won't lose access to your money or credit cards. You can lift the freeze at any time.

#### 2. Monitor Your Credit:

Contact one of the three credit reporting agencies to order a free credit report. You can also access a free credit report through AnnualCreditReport.com

#### 3. Request a Fraud Alert:

Ask one of the credit reporting agencies to place a fraud alert on your files. This is free and lets creditors know to contact you before any new accounts can be opened in your name. Asking one agency to do this will cover this step for all three agencies.

#### 4. Use Multifactor Authentication:

This means instead of having just one password to access your information, you have a safety backup to help prove that it's really you before you can log into your account.

### **Robert Rock Senior Center Activities FEBRUARY 2025**

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	REWARDS CARDS: Every event in RED BOLD FONT will count towards your reward card!		**Calendar Items are subject to change based on cancellations and/or inclement weather**	



Part time Nurse is on site to assist you with any health related needs. Schedule an appointment with Shahnee today to learn more about maintaining a healthy lifestyle. 401-270-1792

Nurse Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9AM-4PM

### 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. FEBRUARY 12- 10:30AM

### **' Counse**

State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Counselor is available on Wednesdays and Fridavs (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 Help

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 Studio

Oriented for personal choice media such as collage, acrylic, pastel, etc.

#### WEDNESDAYS 11AM-12:30PM

Registration required \$3.00 per class.

### PACE Chair Exer

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.

### **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- Craft Group

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.

### Gym Orientations\_ Robin/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 1P-3P Thursdays 8:00A-11:30AM Fridays 1P-2P 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

### Hi Lo Jack

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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.

play .25 ups or

bumps

Participants are given the opportunity to explore various art making skills. Activities allow participants to enhance their creative and visual skills.

Registration required. Limited space available.

### Cribbage, Bridge, Scrabble, Mah Jongg, Backgammon

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.

### INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE:



AARP TAX ASSISTANCE:

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR TAXES? MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH PATTY FROM AARP TO GET THE BALL ROLLING.

### **APPOINTMENTS ARE MANDATORY.**

THE AARP TEAM WILL BE AT THE EAST PROVIDENCE SENIOR CENTER EVERY MONDAY FROM: FEB. 3, 2025- APRIL 14, 2025. 9AM-12PM.

The AARP Tax-Aide Program does <u>not</u> assist with business returns or returns dealing with rental property.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION OR APPOINTMENTS, CALL PATTY BREEN AT 401-246-1678.

Once you schedule your appointment with the AARP Tax-Aide team, there will be packets available at the Senior Center for you to pick up. Please pick up these packets before your appointment to fully prepare your tax information for the AARP tax-aide team. east bay community action program THE BRIDGE to SELF-RELIANCE



### VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VITA):

**Free Income Tax Preparation** 

To schedule an appointment please call EBCAP's Office of Volunteer Services 401-435-7876 ext, 6602

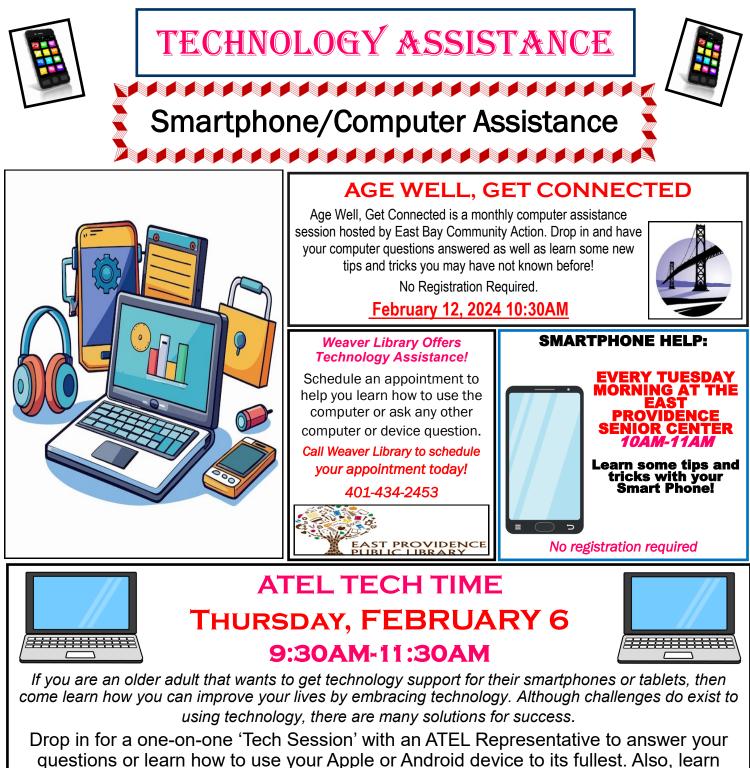
East Bay Community Action Program's (EBCAP) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program delivers FREE, confidential, and secure tax preparation and e-filing services for qualifying taxpayers -

individuals and families earning less than \$67,000 annually.

VITA volunteers cannot prepare Schedule D (Complex), Schedule E, Employee Business Expenses, Moving Expenses, Nondeductible IRA, Recent Bankruptcy, Rental Property, Electric Vehicle Purchase, or Solar Tax Credits returns.

For a complete list of "What to bring to your tax appointment" please visit: www.ebcap.org





questions or learn how to use your Apple or Android device to its fullest. Also, learn about apps and accessibility features that are designed to help older adults and people with disabilities use technology more easily.

Sign up for your appointment slot by the front desk! To borrow a device, or see if you may be eligible to receive a no cost smart device from the ATEL Program, please contact Denise Corson, 401-486-3325 or email Denise.Corson@ors.ri.gov



### SENIOR CENTER... COMPUTER LAB!

We have renovated the former Community Health Worker Suite to become a Computer lab! Our new computer lab consists of four large desktop computers. This room will now be home to all your technology needs.

Feel free to pop by the Computer Lab anytime Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. No registration will be required to jump on a computer. We are working towards getting more technology and computer assistance in the Senior Center to show you tips and tricks on how to use a computer.

It is always advised and reminded to never put any personal information on a public computer!



### CAPABLE PROGRAM INFO SESSION AT SR. CENTER:



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The **CAPABLE** program helps older adults live safely in their homes. This program was developed at John Hopkins and is backed by research. You will receive home visits from an Occupational Therapist, Registered Nurse and a home modification specialist. This team works with you to identify goals to make your day-to-day activities easier. The Occupational Therapist works on tasks like dressing, bathing, cooking, grooming and moving around your house. The Nurse works on your pain, mood,



medications, fall prevention and incontinence. The home modification specialist will make minor home repairs based on your functional goals.

#### Services include:

- Up to 6 home visits from an Occupational therapist
- Up to 4 home visits from a Registered Nurse

• Minor home repair, modifications & assistive devices CAPABLE is a FREE, grant-funded program provided by CareLink with funding from BCBS Rhode Island

CAPABLE PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL SESSION AT THE SENIOR CENTER: FRIDAY, FEB 22 at 11:00AM

#### DO YOU LIKE WHAT YOU SEE?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CENTER?



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\*

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

Residents of East Providence: \$20.00/year

Non-residents: \$25.00/year

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDING FITNESS CENTER: Residents of East Providence: \$60.00/year

Non-residents: \$70.00/year

\*\* New membership and renewal forms can be picked up at the front desk!\*\*

Persons receiving transportation services from the Senior Center are called in the morning with their pick up times. Please allow time in the morning to assign pick up times before calling!



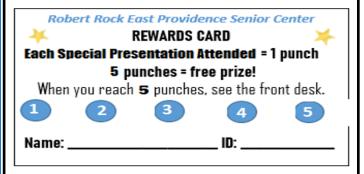
#### **REWARD CARDS**

The Rewards Program aims to promote and encourage member participation in educational opportunities at the Senior Center. YOU MUST STAY FOR THE DURATION OF THE PRESENTATION TO GET A REWARDS STAMP!!

Here's how the program works: Stop by the Resource Center to pick up your rewards card. Find a class on the monthly calendar that is in red bold font. Attend the class and receive a stamp on your Rewards Card. Once you earn 5 stamps, turn your card in for a gift card at the Resource Center.
Any staff member can stamp your card once you complete the class that is eligible for a stamp.

\*\*The rewards program at the Senior Center is funded by Blue Cross Blue Shield RI.

The rewards program is subject to change or end if/when all funding for the program is spent down.\*\*



### Do You Have a Collection You Would Like to Show Off?

Each month, we search for collectors to take advantage of showing off their collections in our display case located in the lobby area. This gives collectors an opportunity to show their wonderful collections in our locked case. We try to switch out the display case monthly.

#### Do you have a collection you would like to have featured in our display case?

Please contact Amanda at 401-270-1788 to coordinate.



### WHAT IS THE POINT?

The Point is the Rhode Island's free aging and disability resource center. Specialists are available to speak with you to help identify your needs, explore resources and services, as well as help with applying to public and private programs.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE SENIOR CENTER HAS A SPECIALIST FROM THE POINT COME MONTHLY TO ASSIST WITH BENEFIT APPLICATIONS?

### 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



Susan Cady will be at the Senior Center on:

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19 10:30AM-12:30PM



The virtual EP Military Service Honor Roll is being updated.

Please submit new submissions, corrections, and updates. You can also stop by the Senior Center on Feb. 19 to check that your prior submission is correct.

Local Veterans are encouraged to provide as much info as possible to be added into the EP Military Service Honor Roll ex.: basic info: in memory of Martin, Sergeant Joseph, WWII, Army, Infantry extra details optional: Invasion of Normandy, France, Battle of the Bulge. Silver Star

Longer biographical information and a military photo can be submitted now to this virtual collection. Bring a military photo so it can be photographed and returned on same day. Review the Honor Roll tab on the EPVMER2021 website: <u>www.sites.google.com/view/epvmer2021</u>



A copy of the reference book "Veterans With Individual War Memorials In E. Prov., RI" is available in the Robert Rock East Providence Senior Center library.

> Sponsored by the EPVMER2021 Committee Goal: to remember and honor our veterans and military members so their sacrifices and efforts are not forgotten.