Robert Rock Senior Center



November 2024

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.

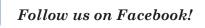
Senior Shopping

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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> Facilities: Kenny Atkinson Napoleon DeBarros

Transportation:

Joe Serodio Dennis Price Christopher Januario Tom Taylor 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 want to encourage everyone to get out and vote! Election Day is coming up and is Tuesday, November 5th. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Visit the Rhode Island Secretary of State website at Vote.SOS.ri.gov to determine your voting location or to view a sample ballot. Early in-person voting at East Providence City Hall can be done from October 16 through November 4.

Hours for early voting are Monday -Wednesday 8a.m.-4p.m., Thursday 8 a.m. -6p.m., and Friday 9 a.m. -1p.m.

If you are a senior and need a ride for early voting, please call the Robert Rock Senior Center at 401-435-7800 for transportation to City Hall to vote up to November 4th. Any questions about voting please feel free to call our Canvassing Department at 401-435-7502.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bob DaSilva



Letter from the Director:

November at the Senior Center is going to be very exciting. The good news is that there are lots of activities, learning opportunities and experiences to have this month. The bad news is you may have to choose from the many things we have planned each day.

I would like to highlight our upcoming third annual East Providence Senior Art Show and Exhibition. If you are 55 years or older you are eligible to enter your artwork into our show. You do not need to be a member of the Senior Center or an art student in one of our Senior Center art classes to enter your art. Your art can be any medium. I would like to thank East Providence Heritage Arts for their generosity in sponsoring our 2024 Senior Art Show. For more information on the art show see page 11 of this newsletter. I hope to see you there.

Best,

Laura Jones Director of Senior Services

Robert Rock East Providence Senior Center -Advisory Group-

Judy Phillips Ann Fagundes Donald Senna Jan Kinder Ken Goucher Dick Wood Jim Phillips Elaine Robinson Christine Singleton

BINGO INFORMATION EVERY TUESDAY

\$6.00 per card

Doors Open at 1:00PM. Games start at 1:30PM Dabbers: \$2.00 each



PULL TAB

Pull Tabs available on Tuesdays only. .50 ¢ per pull tab OPEN 1:00PM-1:25PM All transactions **MUST** be completed by 1:25PM.



Back in September, we participated in a contest called Steppin' Out: Fitness Challenge. Each year, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island facilitates this contest to encourage people to stay active.

To be entered into the contest, the East Providence Senior center had to post on social media each week in September highlighting all the great fitness-related activities we have going on at the Senior Center. We were entered into a raffle in hopes to win a \$500.00 donation to the Senior Center.

We are happy to announce, the East Providence Senior Center has WON this contest!!

DAYS TO REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER:

Tuesday, Nov, 5: Election Day (Senior Center <u>CLOSED</u>) Monday, Nov. 11: Veteran's Day (Senior Center <u>CLOSED</u>) Thursday, Nov. 28: Thanksgiving (Senior Center <u>CLOSED</u>) CHAIR YOGA WITH MARILYN TAKING A PAUSE FOR THE WINTER BEGINNING NOVEMBER 18.

SHOPPING TRIPS SCHEDULE

November 2024: Fri, Nov. 1: Shaw's Thurs, Nov. 7: Stop & Shop Fri, Nov. 8: Shaw's Thurs, Nov. 14: Stop & Shop Fri, Nov. 15: Shaw's Thus, Nov. 21: Stop & Shop Fri, Nov. 22: Shaw's Fri, Nov. 29: Shaw's NO WALMART THIS MONTH!



To add your name to our shopping list, please call: 401-435-7800.

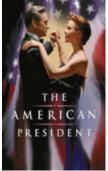
Reservations for grocery shopping <u>MUST</u> be made 24 hours in advance!

DO YOU KNOW THE SENIOR CENTER HAS A BILLIARDS ROOM?

Our Billiards group is looking for more players. Join in on the fun. Our Billiards Room is located downstairs. Stop by today for more information. Our Billiards Group welcomes everyone!



No experience needed. The Billiards group meets up daily M-F at 8:30AM.



We will be showing: **THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT** Monday, November 25 1:00pm

With the end of his first term in sight, widowed U.S. President Andrew Shepherd knows that overwhelming public support will guarantee his re-election. But when he falls in love with lobbyist Sydney Ellen Wade, Shepherd's supporters question the relationship, and his approval ratings drop. As

a rival presidential candidate goes on the attack, Shepherd must choose between his political career and his love for Sydney.

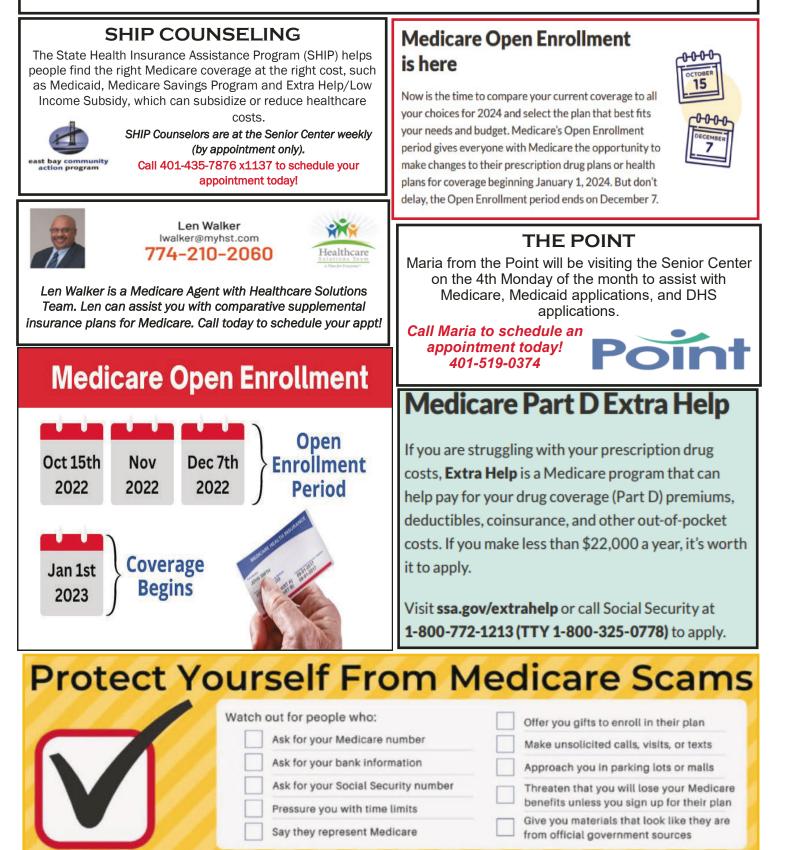
CRAFT CLUB Hosted by Brown University Students!

Monday, November 25 10:30AM-11:30AM

Craft to be Announced!

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

Medicare Open Enrollment begins on October 15, 2024 and ends December 7, 2024. During the Medicare Open Enrollment period, we bring extra resources to the Senior Center to assist with your Medicare needs. See below for Medicare assistance during open enrollment.



Health Related Programs:

WISDOM FOR LIVING NOVEMBER 14 FROM 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.



HOW TO BUILD A HEALTHY THANKSGIVING PLATE



Are you having trouble seeing? You may be suffering from age-related macular degeneration.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 10:30AM-11:30AM

The disease is most common in people over 60 years of age. The University of Rhode Island Pharmacy Outreach team will be here to explain more about the disease and to share tips on how you can slow down the disease and save your eyesight.

PODIATRIST IN HOUSE NOVEMBER 1. THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO OPEN APPOINTMENTS.

5 WISHES ADVANCED DIRECTIVES PRESENTATION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7@11AM



Five Wishes is the first living will that talks about your personal, emotional, and spiritual needs as well as your medical wishes. It is legally valid in nearly every state. Join us for a 5 wishes presentation facilitated by Beacon Hospice. Learn how to fill out the 5 wishes booklet and ask any questions you may have.

NEW 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 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, November 21 11AM-12PM

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URI SNAP ED Wednesday, Nov. 20 10:30AM **NUTRITION LABELS**



Do you look at the labels on food items at the grocery store? How do you know what to look for? It's important you understand what you are eating and often times that means understanding food labels. URI SNAP Ed will offer suggestions on what to pay attention to when choosing food items.

CARELINK MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC IS BACK! TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 (9AM-3PM)

CareLink Mobile Dentistry will be coming back to the East Providence Senior Center for a dental clinic. Registration in advance is required.

Please call Shahnee at 401-270-1792 to reserve your spot today!



The Importance of Oral Care in Older Adults WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 9:30AM-11:00AM

Older adults are at a high risk for poor oral health. Research has shown that gum inflammation (gingivitis) raises the risk for lung disease, heart disease, blood vessel blockage, and strokes. Another common problem older adults have with their oral care is dry mouth. Learn what you can do to improve your oral health and stay smiling years to come. Anyone wishing to have their teeth cleaned can reach out to

Shahnee for an appointment. Carelink Dental takes Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance coverage.

Aging Vibrantly Adults



20% of people age 55 years or older experience some type of mental health concern including feelings of depression and anxiety.

Learn to better understand mental health. Participants will gain knowledge, skills, confidence, and about resources. These trainings are for both care givers and older adults to better navigate mental health so we can all age healthy and vibrantly.

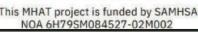
Participants will receive a \$25.00 gift card to Shaws for completing a brief survey.

Please join us Wednesday 11/27/24 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM at East Providence Senior Center Seminar Room 610 Waterman Avenue, East Providence RI 02914

To register for training or for more information please contact Steven Eiland, MHAT Project Director at eastbaymhat@gmail.com or call 401-247-1900 ext. 346 or Scan the QR code with your phone.















VOTING INFORMATION:

Ways to Vote

Know your voting options for the 2024 FALL ELECTION SEASON



FROM HOME

Go to <u>vote.sos.ri.gov</u> to download a mail ballot application -OR- contact CANVASSING OFFICE 401-435-7502

Primary Mail Ballot Deadline - August 20th

General Election Mail Ballot Deadline-October 15th



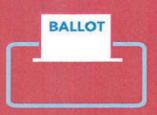
EARLY IN-PERSON

East Providence City Hall Mon-Wed 8am to 4pm Thursday 8am to 6pm Friday 9am to 1pm

Primary August 21st- September 9th

General Election October 16th – November 4th

For More Information Contact: Leslie Shattuck-Moore, Canvassing Administrator 401-435-7502 Ishattuck-moore@eastprovidenceri.gov



ON ELECTION DAY

Primary September 10th (All Polling Locations Open)

General Election November 5th (All Polling Locations Open)

Visit: vote.sos.ri.gov to determine your location Hours 7:00 A.M to 8:00 P.M.

Robert Rock Senior Center Activities NOVEMBER 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Calendar Items are subject to change based on cancellations and/or inclement weather		REWARDS CARDS: Every event in RED BOLD FONT will count towards your reward card!		1 8:30A: Scrabble 9:30A: Senior Shopping 10A: Mah Jongg 10A: Bird Watching 10:45A: PACE Chair 11A: Meditation (John Hosting) 1P: BCBS Balance 1p: Podiatrist appts 1:30P: Hi Lo Jack
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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. NOVEMBER 20- 10:30AM

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 He

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. Mondays with Marilyn 10:30AM No Fee 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 Exe

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.

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.

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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.

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

FO Jack

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.

\$3.00 to 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

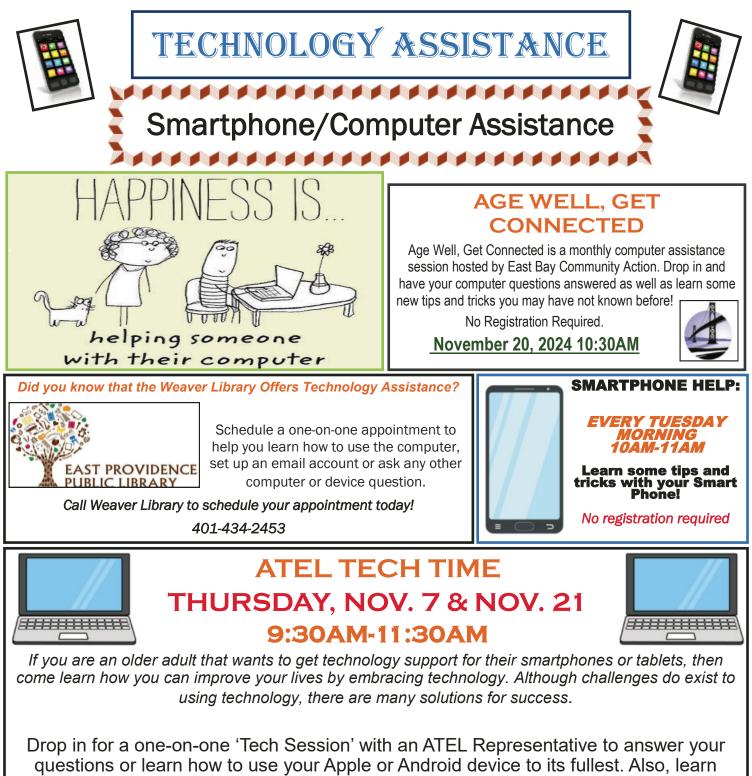
Each game is offered weekly at the Senior Center. Take a look at our daily activities calendar to see which day games are scheduled.

No registration required. \$3.00 fee for Cribbage.





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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

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EAST PROVIDENCE SENIOR ART SHOW MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024 10AM-12PM

Would you like to display your artwork and enter a contest?! We would love to feature your work at our 3rd annual art show!

Prizes will go to art pieces: (Best in Show, First Place, Second Place, Judges Recognitions)





Drop off your art entries on Friday, Nov. 15, 2024. Art pieces will be displayed for one week after the Art Show. Pieces will need to be taken home by Friday, Nov. 22, 2024.











LIBRARY NEWS:

We have received new books with grant funding in our Library! Stop by to take a look.



The Senior Center also has a program partnered with the Weaver Library. If you wish to read a book we do not carry at the Senior Center, call the Weaver Library at 401-434-2453.Weaver Library will deliver the book to the Senior Center. Once you are finished with the book, return to the Senior Center library.

We have many dedicated volunteers in the library that can help you choose a book.

Donations are accepted of current books and magazines. Feel free to drop by with your book donations between the hours of 8AM-4PM Monday-Friday.

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. We would love to feature your collection!



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

At the end of September, 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.



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

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 East Providence Senior Center is excited to announce the return of the Rewards Program beginning in 2024! The program aims to promote and encourage member participation in educational opportunities at the Senior Center.

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.**

Robert Rock East Providence Senior Center

REWARDS CARD

Each Special Presentation Attended = 1 punch
5 punches = free prize!
When you reach 5 punches, see the front desk.

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ID:

Name: _

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Ingredients

Nonstick cooking spray

- 1 cup all-purpose flour 1 cup uncooked old fashioned oats
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup low-fat milk
- 1 (15 ounce) can pure pumpkin
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 3 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray muffin tin with nonstick cooking spray.
- 2) Mix flour, oats, sugar, baking powder, salt, and cinnamon together in a bowl.
- 3) In another bowl, beat together egg, milk, pumpkin, and oil.
- 4) Make a hole in the center of the dry ingredients, and pour in the wet ingredients. Stir until just moistened.
- 5) Stir in raisins and walnuts, if using.
- 6) Fill muffin cups with 1/4 cup of batter.
- 7) Bake for 35 minutes, or until lightly brown on top.

umpkin Muffins

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 35 minutes Servings per recipe: 12



Thank You!

Veterans Day Honoring all who served!



WHAT IS COMMUNITY POLICING?

Community policing or community-oriented policing is a strategy of policing that focuses on developing relationships with community members.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE SENIOR CENTER HAS TWO COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS?

<u>Officer Demers</u> and <u>Officer Cabrera</u> are stationed at the Robert Rock East Providence Senior Center to assist residents by providing advice/insight on particular situations. They also serve as a senior advocate who follow up on reports concerning elderly residents who may need social services and assistance with daily life. Officer Demers and Officer Cabrera also have experience with scams. Both are able to educate and assist those who feel they are in a possible scam situation.

Officer Demers and Officer Cabrera's office is located upstairs in the Administration Office. Their office is to the left once you walk in to the Admin Office. Stop by to say hi!





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26 27 Roasted Cauliflower soup Vegetable soup Marry me chicken Roast beef w/gravy Rice pilaf Mashed sweet pota Corn & carrots Mixed vegetables Ww roll Ww roll Cobb salad Egg salad sandwich
Ground beef Zucchini & carrots Ww roll Lorna doone cookie Tossed salad w/ chicken 27 Vegetable soup Roast beef w/gravy Mashed sweet potato Mixed vegetables
Election Day
east bay community action program
November 2024 PLEASE CALL OUR DINING ROOM AT 401-270-1814 TO PLACE YOUR LUNCH ORDER 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE!!