

**MCOA BRIEFS**  
Weekly News from your State COA Association

**Friday 30 September 2011**  
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The latest MCOA Monthly Newsletter — **Late September 2011**

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**MCOA 2011 Conference**  
***"Preparing for Tomorrow"***

**October 5-7, 2011**

**At the Sturbridge Host & Conference Center  
Sturbridge, Massachusetts**

**CONFERENCE BOOKLET — FINAL EDITION**

**MENU TBA**

**Conference Registration Kit & Form**

**— Register Online Here —**

**Sturbridge Host Reservation Form 2011**

**Tuesday 13 September Deadline**

**Sponsor and Exhibitor Information Packet**

**MCOA Outreach Summit Working Group & Buffet Luncheon**  
**Worcester Senior Center**  
**Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 9:30 am**  
[Registration Form](#)

**Flood Assistance**

FEMA Flood Assistance — 1-800-621-3362 — [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov)  
Franklin & Berkshire County Filing Deadline — Wednesday 2 November

**MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Mass Senior Legal Helpline – Flyers**

The Massachusetts Senior Legal Helpline is a project made in collaboration with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elders Affairs, the Legal Advocacy & Resource Center, the Massachusetts Justice Project and the Massachusetts legal services providers. This project is made possible with a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging.

Flyers: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/legal/index.php> 9/30

**MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Mass-ALFA \$10K in Grants Available**

The Massachusetts Assisted Living Facilities Association (Mass-ALFA) is pleased to announce the availability of a total of \$10,000.00 in grant monies to be awarded in late 2011 to three (3) Massachusetts Councils on Aging/Senior Centers (COA). Each one-time award will be for no more than one third of the \$10,000.00 total funds available, or \$3,333 per award.

Grants page: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/grants/index.php> 9/16

**MCOA Briefs: For our Members — EOEA October Regional Board Trainings**

Elder Affairs will conduct regional board trainings:

**Thursday 20 October in Townsend MA**

**Monday 24 October in Leicester MA**

**Monday 31 October in Easton MA**

You are cordially invited to attend. 9/23

**MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Tornado Relief Resources**

**See our updated Emergency Management page.**

Information & Link: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/consumer/EM.php> 8/26

**MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Scam (Active) for Debit Card Numbers**

This is an automated phone call targeting mostly cell phones. They will state the name of the institute you bank with which makes it seem more believable. They then request your Debit Card number.

Scams page: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/consumer/scams.php> 9/9

**MCOA Briefs: For our Members — MArtap Driver Training at Medfield**

Please know that Medfield COA is hosting driver training at the Center on the following dates:

Tuesday, October 4                   9am-1pm   Coaching the Van Driver

Thursday, October 20               9am-1pm   Wheelchair Securement

Thursday, November 17           9am-1pm   ADA Driver Training

Please RSVP to Roberta Lynch 508-359-3665. If interested in HESSCO lunch (11:30am) cost is \$2.50.

## **MCOA Briefs: For our Members — The Latest on Medicare/Medicaid**

Each week new articles and updates are added to our Medicare/Medicaid website.

Medicare/Medicaid: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/medicare/index.php>

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## **MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Read NCOA's News & Publications**

New toolkit offers budget basics for seniors — We're taking your stories to Congress —  
Understanding evidence-based health care

Information & Link: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/ncoa/index.php>

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## **MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Keep Moving – Autumn Walks, Regn.**

Cape Cod Canal, Bourne MA – **Monday, October 17, 2011 – 10:30 am**

Gloucester Senior Ctr, Gloucester MA – **Thursday, October 20, 2011 – 9 am to 1 pm**

Schedule & Registration Forms: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/wellness/keepmoving.php> 8/19

### **Upcoming Events — by Event Date**

## **MCOA Briefs: Upcoming Events — Mary Parcher Retirement Party !**

**Friday 30 September** Mary is embarking on a new adventure after 30+ years in the work world. Come celebrate this milestone with Mary! <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/conferences/index.php> 9/9

## **MCOA Briefs: Upcoming Events — When to Stop Driving – Acton Sr. Ctr.**

The Driving Decision—When to Stop Driving

**Tuesday, October 4th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** at the Acton Senior Center

When to stop driving is a difficult, often emotionally charged, decision. When should someone with mobility issues, decreasing reaction time, failing vision, Alzheimer's or other dementias hand over those keys? Dr. Elizabeth Dugan, author of The Driving Dilemma and gerontology professor at the University of Massachusetts, Michele Ellicks of the Registry of Motor Vehicles and Occupational Therapists from the new Driving Assessment program at Emerson Hospital will speak on this subject. Open to seniors, family members and caregivers. Please call the COA at 978-929-6652 to register. Refreshments will be provided by Right at Home, an in-home care and assistance agency. The Senior Center is located at 50 Audubon Drive in Acton.

Event Flyer: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/conferences/index.php>

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## **MCOA Briefs: Upcoming Events — Ounce of Prevention Conference 2011**

**“Communities ~ Taking Charge ~ Making Change”**

**Tuesday, October 4, 2011** — Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough MA

Event Flyer: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/conferences/index.php>

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## **MCOA Briefs: Upcoming Events — Silent No More – LGBT Conference**

Silent No More — A Conference About the Emerging Needs of Aging LGBT Adults

**Tuesday, October 4, 2011** — 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Worcester Senior Center, 128 Providence Street, Worcester MA 01604

For further information / registration: [kmcgrath@eswa.org](mailto:kmcgrath@eswa.org)

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**MCOA Briefs: Upcoming Events — MA Transportation Listening Sessions  
Transportation Access for All – The Governor's Commission to Reform Community,  
Social Service, and Paratransit Transportation Services**

**October 4, 12, 27 — November 7**

Schedule & Information: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/conferences/index.php>

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**MCOA Briefs: Upcoming Events — Senior Prom in Sharon MA**

On **October 6th**, Sharon Credit Union and Sharon Adult Center are hosting a Senior Prom at the Community Center in Sharon. We would like to extend an invitation to the senior citizens in your community to attend this event.

Event Flyer: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/conferences/index.php>

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**MCOA Briefs: Upcoming Events — Gerontological Society of America Mtg**

Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Meeting

**November 18-22, 2011** — Location: **Boston, MA** — <http://www.geron.org/>

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**MCOA Briefs: Upcoming Events — GSA Conference – Special Day of Sessions**

NCOA will host a special day of sessions during the Gerontological Association of America (GSA) 64th Annual Scientific Meeting. Mark your calendars now to join us!

**Monday 21 November 2011** — Location: **Boston, MA**

Flyer: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/conferences/index.php>

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**MCOA Briefs: Upcoming Events — Greater Haverhill Annual Home Repair**

Application **Deadline is December 31, 2011** for consideration for home repair work scheduled for April 28th, 2012 at the Annual Rebuilding Day event.

Information Flyer: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/conferences/index.php>

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**Member Inquiries**

**(Posting COAs — please notify us when inquiries are answered — Thank you)**

**MCOA Briefs: Member Inquiry — On-Location Hairdressing Services ?**

Does any Center provide hairdressing services on location? If so, do you ask for a donation or other?

Corinne LaCharite, Director, Methuen Counsel on Aging — 978-983-8825

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**MCOA Briefs: Member Inquiry — “Beacon of Light” Program ?**

For those COAs involved in their local SALT Council or TRIAD - Do you have the "Beacon of Light" program? If so, could you please contact me at the phone or email below. Thanks.

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Elaine Kingston, Director, Charlton Council on Aging/Senior Center, 37 Main Street, Charlton MA 01507  
(ph) 508-248-2231 — (fax) 508-248-2379 — (cell) 508-726-9906 — website: [www.townofcharlton.net](http://www.townofcharlton.net)

**MCOA Briefs: Member Inquiry — COA By-Laws for amending purposes ?**

I am looking for copies of your COA By-Laws. We are in the process of amending our By-Laws and I need a guide. Thank you.

Felice Monteiro, COA Coordinator, 181 Hillman St., Bldg. 9, New Bedford MA 02740  
508-991-6251 — 508-979-1514 Fax — [Felice.Monteiro@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:Felice.Monteiro@newbedford-ma.gov)

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**MCOA Briefs: Member Inquiry — Information on New Center Funding ?**

The building site committee in Sterling believes that grants will fund 75% of a new Senior Center. For those of you with a relatively new center, what percentage was covered by grants and what percentage was covered by the town? Thanks, Karen.

Karen L. Phillips, Director, Sterling COA/Senior Center, 1 Park Street, PO Box 243, Sterling MA 01564  
978-422-3032 || 978-422-9916 fax || [kphillips@sterling-ma.gov](mailto:kphillips@sterling-ma.gov)

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**MCOA Briefs: Member Inquiry — Successful Collaboration w/ area YMCAs ?**

The Beverly Council on Aging is gathering information on successful collaborations with area YMCA's. If your COA partners with the Y for any activities, we would love to hear what and how you are doing. Also, if your Y has a Senior Membership rate, we would love to know that as well. Please contact Kendra Seavey, Activities Coordinator at [kseavey@beverlyma.gov](mailto:kseavey@beverlyma.gov). Thanks.

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**MCOA Briefs: Member Inquiry — Seeking Needs Assessment surveys**

Seeking Needs Assessment surveys – the Hampden Senior Center is looking to create a new town wide needs assessment and would like to see what other towns have done. If you can email a copy of your assessment to [coa@hampden.org](mailto:coa@hampden.org) or fax 413 566-2103, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks, Becky Moriarty, Director, Hampden Senior Center.

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**MCOA Briefs: Member Inquiry — Volunteer Library Aide Job Sample ?**

I am in need of a job description for a volunteer library aide job here in Concord.

I can be reached at 978 318-3020 — [Coa\\_volunteer@concordma.gov](mailto:Coa_volunteer@concordma.gov) — Fax : 978 318-0856

Thank You so much, Carol Dromgoole

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**MCOA Briefs: Member Inquiry — Tap Dance Instructor for Bellingham ?**

Looking for a Tap Dance Instructor for Bellingham Senior Center. If you know anyone in this area, please email me at [ldemattia@bellinghamma.org](mailto:ldemattia@bellinghamma.org) Thanks — Laura DeMattia Director, Bellingham Council on Aging/Senior Center, 40 Blackstone Street, Bellingham MA 02019 – 508-966-0398 - website: [www.BellinghamMA.org](http://www.BellinghamMA.org)

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**MCOA Briefs: Member Inquiry — Line Dance Instructor for Charlton ?**

Looking for Line Dance Instructor for Charlton Senior Center. If you know anyone in this area, please email me at [elaine.kingston@townofcharlton.net](mailto:elaine.kingston@townofcharlton.net)

Thanks — Elaine Kingston, Director, Charlton Council on Aging/Senior Center, 37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507 — (ph) 508-248-2231 — (fax) 508-248-2379 — (cell) 508-726-9906  
website: [www.townofcharlton.net](http://www.townofcharlton.net)

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## Job Opportunities

(Posting COAs — please notify us when position is filled — Thank you)

### **MCOA Briefs: Job Opportunity — Prescription Advantage, Director of Operations**

Full Job Description: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/jobs/index.php>

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### **MCOA Briefs: Job Opportunity — HOME – Housing Counselor**

Homeowner Options for Massachusetts Elders (H.O.M.E.) is a private non-profit organization. Our mission is to enable low and moderate income elder homeowners to successfully age in place. Housing Counselors carry out our mission by advising clients on financial matters, assisting them in accessing available resources and benefits, and identifying viable options to financial and housing problems. Housing Counselors provide information to clients on property tax relief, home repairs, consumer protection, budgeting, debt management, public benefits, foreclosure prevention, and equity conversion options. Please submit resumes to Jacob Mandell, Deputy Director for Operations, H.O.M.E., 87 Hale Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell MA 01851.

Full Job Description: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/jobs/index.php>

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### **MCOA Briefs: Job Opportunity — Boston ABCD – Case Manager, citywide**

Conduct intake process and assist clients in establishing educational and occupational goals. Identify support services needed and make appropriate referrals. Continued....

Full Job Description: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/jobs/index.php>

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### **MCOA Briefs: Job Opportunity — Town of Bedford – COA Director**

The Town of Bedford (pop. 13,986) seeks an energetic and team-oriented individual for the position of Director for the Council on Aging. This full time position reports directly to the Town Manager.

**Deadline for applications is Friday 14 October.**

Full Job Description: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/jobs/index.php>

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### **MCOA Briefs: Job Opportunity — Town of Adams – FT Outreach Coordinator**

The Town of Adams is seeking a qualified individual to fill a full-time Outreach Coordinator position with the Council on Aging. This is a 35hr/week clerical union position with benefits.

Full Job Description: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/jobs/index.php>

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### **MCOA Briefs: Job Opportunity — Abington – PT Outreach Worker**

The Town of Abington is now in need of a part-time Outreach Worker. The position is temp to permanent, part-time, non-benefited, consisting of between 15 and 19.5 hours/week as needed at the Abington Senior Center at 441 Summer Street, Abington, MA 02351.

Full Job Description: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/jobs/index.php>

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### **MCOA Briefs: Job Opportunity — Wellesley – Transport Options Coordinator**

The Wellesley Council on Aging is seeking an individual to join our transportation effort to provide outreach, education, and coordination of existing transportation options for Wellesley elders.

This is a non-benefited 8-hr/week position.

Full Job Description: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/jobs/index.php>

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## **MCOA Briefs: Job Opportunity — Framingham – Director of Elder Services**

The Town of Framingham is seeking an experienced and qualified candidate for the Director of Elder Services. The ideal candidate is responsible for managing and supervising employees, budgets, operations, maintenance, and programs for the Callahan Senior Center.

Full Job Description: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/jobs/index.php>

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## **MCOA Briefs: Job Opportunity — Northborough Sr. Ctr Program Coordinator**

Town seeks Program Coordinator for 15 hr/wk temporary position to develop & implement programs and services for Northborough's Seniors. Some evening hours required.

Full Job Description: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/jobs/index.php>

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— ★ WORTH REPEATING ★ —

[ NB: Please re-send your submissions after 30 days ]

*We are collecting info on any cuts...*

**SAVE OUR Senior Centers Task Force:** Is actively tracking the impact the FY12 budget on senior centers and staffing. Please send updates and your concerns to Ruthann Dobek/Brookline — [Ruthann\\_Dobek@town.brookline.ma.us](mailto:Ruthann_Dobek@town.brookline.ma.us) and Jayne Colino/ Newton — [jcolino@newtonma.gov](mailto:jcolino@newtonma.gov) We also need a copy sent to [Peter@mcoaonline.com](mailto:Peter@mcoaonline.com)