

MCOA BRIEFS

Weekly News from your State COA Association

Friday 14 October 2011

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

Discover the MCOA Bulletin Board

http://www.mcoaonline.com/members_only/mcoabb/

(Right-Click on the open Bulletin Board to save as an icon on your Desktop.)

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

Franklin & Berkshire County Filing Deadline — Wednesday 2 November

MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Fight for Medicare & Social Security

Tell Washington you're not a pushover – Don't let them cut your Medicare and Social Security benefits. The stakes are clear, and couldn't be higher: "Supercommittee" members are considering proposals requiring cuts to Medicare and Social Security that would dramatically increase health care costs for seniors, threaten our access to doctors, and reduce the benefit checks we rely on to pay our bills.

Call AARP's toll-free number and be connected to your members of Congress — 1-888-722-8514

Congress needs to hear from you.

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

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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>

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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>

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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.

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MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Tornado Relief Resources

See our updated Emergency Management page.

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

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Upcoming Events — by Event Date

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 27 — November 7

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

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MCOA Briefs: Upcoming Events — Sharon – 6-week Music Course

Leslie Goldberg, Chair of the Music Department at Stonehill College will be our presenter. She will cover a broad range of new classical, ethnic, multi-media, jazz and more in this newest musical offering. We hope you will join us as participants in this musical Live and Learn Series, by either signing up for the entire 6 week course at only \$35 or attending a single lecture at \$8 per lecture. Bring your friends! If you have any questions at all, please call me at the Adult Center at: 781-784-8000 or email me at

mbooks@townofsharon.org. Regards, Marsha Books, Program Coordinator, Sharon Adult Center/COA, 219 Massapoag Ave., Sharon MA 02067 — 781-784-8000

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

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MCOA Briefs: Upcoming Events — Acton Documentary Film on Alzheimers
I Remember Better When I Paint: an Alzheimer's Documentary - Acton Senior Center
Monday, October 17th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Acton Senior Center

If you know someone suffering with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia, you'll want to see the inspiring and insightful film, "*I Remember Better When I Paint.*" This 2009 international documentary explores the positive impact of art on people with Alzheimer's and how this approach can change the way we look at the disease. Sean Caulfield, Creative Director, and Peggy Cahill, Program Coordinator, at ARTZ (Artists for Alzheimer's) will co-facilitate the evening. Open to the community. Please call 978-929-6652 to register. Refreshments will be served. The Senior Center is located at 50 Audubon Drive in Acton. <http://www.mcoonline.com/content/conferences/index.php> 10/14

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MCOA Briefs: Upcoming Events — 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: Upcoming Events — MAOA Annual Meeting 21 October

As you may know, the Massachusetts Association of Older Americans Annual Meeting is scheduled at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston MA on **Friday, October 21st between 9am and 12pm** (doors open at 8am). Our speaker is Michael Astrue, U.S. Commissioner of Social Security. **We are also honoring David Stevens**, Executive Director of the MA Association of Councils on Aging, with our 2011 Elsie Frank Elder Advocacy Award, and Former Secretary of Elder Affairs and lifelong advocate, Lillian Glickman, with the 1st Frank J. Manning Leadership Award. There is no charge for the event.

A continental breakfast will be served and other information about economic security will be available. **Advance registration is required.** MAOA must provide a list of participants to Federal Reserve Security officers and **photo IDs are required for admission.**

Please RSVP by Phone: 617-426-0804, Fax: 617-426-0070, or email: Advocacy@MAOAmass.org as soon as possible by **no later than October 19, 2011.**

MCOA Briefs: Upcoming Events — Haydenville Health Fair

HEALTH , SAFETY AND INFORMATIONAL FAIR
November 7, 2011 — 10 am–1 pm — Town Office Building, 141 Main Street, Haydenville MA
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MCOA Briefs: Job Opportunity — Volunteers Needed for Homeless Children

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Flyer: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/jobs/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 — Guidelines/Regulations re Rude Behavior?

As of late, I've been faced with many different issues regarding bad and disrespectful behavior by seniors in our four senior centers, and am looking to our City's Corporation Counsel for guidance. I was wondering if other cities/towns have written rules/regulations regarding bad/rude behavior in their centers, whether they've banned seniors from coming into their centers, whether they have all of that information posted, etc. I'd greatly appreciate any and all guidance you, and other MCOA Directors, could give me at this time. Thanks so much.

Pauline D. Gousie, Associate Director/Fall River COA – Pgousie@fallriverma.org

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

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

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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 9/23

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. Thanks. 9/23

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 or fax 413 566-2103, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks, Becky Moriarty, Director, Hampden Senior Center. 9/16

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 — Fax : 978 318-0856

Thank You so much, Carol Dromgoole 9/16

Job Opportunities

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

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> 9/16

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

Full Job Description: <http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/jobs/index.php> 9/30

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> 9/30

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> 9/16

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> 9/16

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> 9/16

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> 8/26

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> 8/26

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> 7/29

— ★ 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 and Jayne Colino/ Newton — jcolino@newtonma.gov We also need a copy sent to Peter@mcoaonline.com