

# MCOA BRIEFS

## Weekly News from your State COA Association

Friday, 25 September 2009

(The MCOA Advisory Council would like us to consolidate our individual member requests into a weekly format. MCOA has also begun to reduce our carbon footprint. Over the next three months we will put into motion procedures to go paperless, or as paperless as we can by July 1, 2009.)

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The latest monthly MCOA Newsletter — **September 2009**

**2009 On-Line Conference Registration is now available at**  
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## **Workshop Changes due to Circumstances Beyond Our Control**

For the most up-to-date list, go to [www.mcoaonline.com](http://www.mcoaonline.com) — see **Preliminary Conference Bulletin 2009**. Look for the final lineup, including full workshop description online, one week prior to event.

### **ADDED TO THE LINEUP:**

#### **Disaster Preparedness**

**W4-2**

*Nicole Valentine, Director of Emergency Services, American Red Cross of Central MA*

#### **Roundtable on Volunteers**

**W4-5**

... new suggestions, ideas, practices and solutions.

*Emmett Schmarsow, Program Manager for Councils on Aging and Senior Centers, Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Boston MA*

*Pat Houde, Director, Bourne Council on Aging*

*Amy Kent Wilson, Director, Mendon Senior Center*

*Pat Ryan, Sandwich COA*

#### **Extreme Makeover – Senior Edition**

**W4-6**

... a list of target areas to improve the energy and functional efficiency of their buildings, a knowledge of how to do it with limited budgets, plus sources of grants.

*William A. Sterling, AIA, LEED, Sterling Associates Inc. Architects*

*Elaine Bello, The Interiors Group*

*John Ryan, Breezeway Farms Consulting, Inc87a W3-1*

#### **Understanding the Budgetary Process**

#### **for State Government and Cities and Towns**

**T1-6**

An effective advocate needs to understand how state and local budgets work and how closely they are tied for both revenue and spending. This workshop will walk through the budget process for both levels

of government and include a discussion of key revenue factors, such as property tax override and exclusion questions, and state mandated spending requirements.

**John Robertson**, *Deputy Legislative Director, Massachusetts Municipal Association*

### **The Role of the Senior Center**

**T3-2**

The panelists will be asked to reflect on the successes they celebrate and challenges they face thru their statewide networks of senior centers. The four state officials from the previous Plenary Session will be joined by the four statewide Senior Center Association Presidents.

**Mary Jo Riley**, *Director, Groton Senior Center, Noanok, CT & President of CASCP*

**Sharon Lally**, *Director Rochester COA, Rochester, MA and President of MCOA*

**Patti Drelick**, *Director, Salem Senior Services, Salem NH & President of NHASC*

**Jill Anderson**, *Executive Director Senior Services, Inc. Woonsocket, RI & RISCDA President*

### **Mental Health Models of Care Delivery**

**F3-2**

... an improved understanding of how to provide comprehensive mental health services to home-bound elders using collaborative agency networks.

**Stephen E. Corso, MSW, LICSW**, *Director of Strategic Initiatives, Baypath Elder Services Inc.*

## **CANCELLED:**

### **Changing Aging Population: Lifestyles, Needs, and Opportunities**

**W3-5**

Changes in the coming years bring new consumer segments to the eldercare industry. These different population groups have varying needs, preferences, habits and lifestyles. This has created opportunities for the services provided for seniors and the elderly and the ways in which to connect with and communicate to these audiences. This workshop will focus on the changes and strategies for a successful future.

**Megan Shea**, *CEO, RetireLife*

Megan worked in marketing, advertising and business development prior to getting her MBA at Babson College. She is the founder of RetireLife, an online resource for finding information and user reviews about local eldercare resources and business providers.



### **MCOA Briefs: For our Members — When It's More Than Sad**

**Tuesday, November 17**, 6-7:30 pm, Baystate Health Education Center, 361 Whitney Avenue, Holyoke  
Every 16 minutes someone in the U.S. dies of suicide. Every 17 minutes someone is left to make sense of it. Join us for a unique opportunity to learn about resources available to help prevent suicide from the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention; Dr. Benjamin Liptzin, chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Baystate; and other staff at Baystate Medical Center. You'll receive information about signs and symptoms, stress, depression, and prevention. Refreshments served. Registration required.  
FREE — Thank You, Linda Joyce Shippie, 413-788-7420 (9/18)

### **MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Mass DPH Flu Information Brochures**

Here is the link for ordering flu info brochures in several languages — [www.mass.gov/dph/flu](http://www.mass.gov/dph/flu) (9/11)

### **MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Mass DPH Memo on H1N1 Flu**

Mass DPH's Vaccination Program for H1N1 (Swine) Flu virus is being mis-represented as mandatory:  
<http://www.mcoaonline.com/content/pdf/H1N1-MA-DPH-090902.pdf> (9/11)

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

Application for employment may be downloaded at: <http://www.town.bedford.ma.us/jobs/index.htm>

Please send resume, application, and letter of interest to:

Jessica Porter, Human Resources/Management Analyst, Town of Bedford, 10 Mudge Way, Bedford, MA 01730 — or fax to (781) 275-6310

The position will remain open until filled. Preference will be given to applications received by October 15, 2009. (9/25)


— ★ WORTH REPEATING ★ —

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

## **MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Older Driver Education Programs**

Here is the **September outreach calendar** from Michele Ellicks, MA, Registry of Motor Vehicles you may find useful: (9/11)

## **MCOA Briefs: For our Members — MSC Falls Prevention Awareness Day**

  
Here is the flyer for our 3rd Annual Falls Prevention Awareness Day on **September 22nd**. Please circulate to other people and organizations that might be interested! FYI, the hearing regarding Senate Bill 317 on falls prevention, has been moved to 10am on **September 23rd** in room B1. — <http://www.mcoonline.com/content/conferences/>  
Our next meeting is on **September 18th** from 10-12 at the Mass Medical Society in Waltham.

Thank you. — Alissa Weintraub, Research Associate, Massachusetts Senior Care Foundation, 2310 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton Lower Falls, MA 02462  
Tel: 617.558.0202 X239 — Fax: 617.558.3546 — [aweintraub@massseniorcare.org](mailto:aweintraub@massseniorcare.org) (9/11)

## **MCOA Briefs: For our Members — MAOA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Barbara Farnsworth, MCOA Legislative Chair and MCOA rep to the MAOA Board, encourages all Council on Aging staff and Board members to attend MAOA's 40th Anniversary Celebration. This Celebration will be an event that should not be missed and over the years, all Massachusetts elders have benefited from the advocacy efforts of MAOA. By now, everyone should have received an invitation in the mail, and if not, please see the contact information on the invitation below. The cost for this event is \$40.00/person. Looking forward to see all of you on **September 24**. See Poster in MCOA Brief Annex.

## **MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Keep Moving — 2009 Regional Walks Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> — Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> — Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

## **MCOA Briefs: For our Members — MEEI – Saturday Morning Program**

Here is an interesting Saturday morning program at MEEI /Boston for seniors and providers.

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**Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) - Current Treatments, Future Directions**

Join us for an Update on Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) - Current Treatments, Future Directions on **Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, 9 a.m. – noon**, at Mass. Eye and Ear, 243 Charles Street, Boston, MA 02114, Meltzer Auditorium, 3rd Floor. To reserve your seat, please call (617) 391-5990. [www.masseyeandear.org/events/](http://www.masseyeandear.org/events/) (9/11)

### **MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Mass Gerontology – Fall Policy Program**

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

**Wednesday, 30th of September**

Massachusetts Gerontology Association (MGA) — Fall Policy Forum

Home Sweet Home: New Directions in Elder Housing and Services (9/11)

### **MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Save 3 Dates! – Money Conference & More!**

State Treasurer Tim Cahill's Money Conference & More!

If recent economic uncertainty has left you scratching your head over basic and complex financial issues, then we have a few fantastic opportunities for you to manage your personal financial concerns. The Money Conferences and Your Money Bus Tour both offer a chance to citizens of the Commonwealth to gain basic money management skills in one-on-one meetings with a financial advisor.

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#### **Your Money Bus Tour**

**Thursday, October 1st 2009 & Friday, October 2nd 2009**

Location: City Hall Plaza, Boston, MA 02201 (next to Government Center MBTA Station)

Time: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

State Treasurer Tim Cahill welcomes the Your Money Bus Tour to Massachusetts. This bus will make a stop in Boston during “Financial Literacy Week.” Similar to meeting with a “Money Mentor” at The Money Conferences, Your Money Bus Tour has organized volunteer financial advisors to provide pro bono financial advice to anyone with a question or concern. Free educational toolkits will also be distributed with information on debt reduction, savings, budgeting and more.

To Learn More about this event, please visit:

[http://www.yourmoneybus.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=79:boston-ma-1012009-1022009-&catid=36:schedule&Itemid=63](http://www.yourmoneybus.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=79:boston-ma-1012009-1022009-&catid=36:schedule&Itemid=63)

To Learn More about Your Money Bus, please visit: [www.yourmoneybus.com](http://www.yourmoneybus.com)

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#### **The Money Conference: Rebounding from a Recession**

**Saturday, November 14th 2009**

Location: The Sheraton Boston Hotel, 39 Dalton Street, Boston, MA

Time: 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

Registration opens on October 1st 2009 at: [www.themoneyconference.com](http://www.themoneyconference.com) or call 617-367-6900

See video highlights of a Money Conference: <http://www.themoneyconference.com/feedback.htm>

The Money Conference is a FREE conference presented by Treasurer Tim Cahill in conjunction with the YWCA. This event aims to improve individuals' financial knowledge and affect positive changes in behavior. Financial choices are becoming more complex and without a formal system to develop financial education for the general public, ongoing vigilance is necessary to ensure that this financial education initiative and similar private and public financial educators continue to meet their important objectives.

The Money Conference delivers an array of workshops that offer attendees a path to begin living a financially responsible lifestyle and acquaint attendees with resourceful organizations and literature that offer ongoing assistance in reaching financial goals. The Conference will focus on money management, retirement and investment strategies for all ages, racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds, and levels of financial knowledge.

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\* The information provided during the Your Money Bus Tour in Boston, MA is intended to provide general information only. It is not intended as a substitute for legal advice or individualized financial advice. In addition, the Office of the State Treasurer is not responsible for any information provided by Your Money Bus. The fact that the Financial Education Department of the Office of the State Treasurer has teamed up the Your Money Bus is not an endorsement of other businesses represented throughout the tour.

### **MCOA Briefs: For our Members — ADA Today: It's More Than Just Ramps**

Hello! We will be presenting at this conference in October, and we encourage you to be there and bring lots of colleagues! -Rachel

**October 23** Conference Flyer: <http://www.mcoonline.com/content/pdf/ADA-Conf-091023-flyer.pdf>

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DPH Blog: <http://publichealth.blog.state.ma.us/>

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### **MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Mass-ALFA 2009 Fall Conference**

**Save the Date!**



**November 5, 2009**  
**DCU Center, Worcester, MA**

Mass-ALFA 2009 Fall Conference and Trade Show is Thursday, **November 5, 2009** at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA. This year's theme is Assisted Living Today: Mastering the Balancing Act! Check out the Mass-ALFA conference website for more information about this "greatest show in Massachusetts" about the growing, vibrant assisted living industry! This year's event will feature content about resident care, marketing and sales, operations, activities programs and leadership and professional development. CEUs have been applied for social workers, nurses and activities professionals. For more information, visit:

[www.massalfa.org](http://www.massalfa.org)

### **MCOA Briefs: Member Inquiry — Needs Assessment Surveys?**

The Northbridge Senior Center is interested in conducting a Needs Assessment Survey. Could you please ask the membership if they have samples of surveys that they have done that they might be willing to share with us. Thank you. Gail Anderson. — [ganderson@northbridgema.org](mailto:ganderson@northbridgema.org)

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### **MCOA Briefs: Member Inquiry — Veterans Agents housed in COAs?**

Is the Veteran's Agent for your town housed within your Senior Center / COA?

If yes, would you kindly respond to the following questions:

- How many hours per week is the position?
- Is the position strictly Veteran's Agent or are there other responsibilities handled by this individual?  
Please explain.
- Who does the individual report to?
- Is the individual a Veteran themselves?
- If you have a job description for the position and are willing to share it, please email to :

[GThieme@wellesleyma.gov](mailto:GThieme@wellesleyma.gov) or fax to 781-239-0394

Many thanks, Gayle Thieme, LSW, Director of Senior Services, Wellesley Council on Aging  
781-235-3961 — 781-263-1529 (direct line)

(28 Aug)

# MCOA Briefs: From the White House

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

September 4, 2009

## NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH, 2009

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### BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAMATION

Preparedness is an essential element of a resilient and secure Nation. My Administration has made preparedness a top priority, and we are working every day to ensure our country stands ready to respond to any disaster or emergency -- from wildfires and hurricanes, to terrorist attacks and pandemic disease. Our goal is to ensure a more resilient Nation -- one in which individuals, communities, and our economy can adapt to changing conditions as well as withstand and rapidly recover from disruption due to emergencies.

During National Preparedness Month, we underscore the responsibility of individuals, families, and communities -- including the private and nonprofit sectors -- to do their part before an emergency. I urge all Americans to take time to prepare an emergency supply kit and a family emergency plan, and to educate themselves about potential disasters. I also ask Americans to work within their own communities to coordinate emergency preparedness efforts. All Americans share this responsibility, and we must all work together to safeguard the Nation from harm.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) supports and promotes citizen education and grassroots preparedness efforts. FEMA's Ready Campaign provides simple and practical steps that all Americans can take to protect themselves, their families, and their neighbors. Additionally, the Citizen Corps educates, trains, and coordinates volunteer activities that help make our communities safer and better prepared for emergencies. I encourage all Americans to learn more at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and [www.citizencorps.gov](http://www.citizencorps.gov).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 2009 as National Preparedness Month. I call upon the people of the United States to recognize the importance of preparing for potential emergencies beforehand and to observe this month with appropriate preparedness activities, events, and training to enhance our national resilience.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

BARACK OBAMA  
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## MCOA Briefs: For our Members — MBTA Informational Website

Please distribute to your organization.

MBTA News/Events: [http://www.mbta.com/about\\_the\\_mbta/news\\_events/](http://www.mbta.com/about_the_mbta/news_events/)

MBTA Public Meetings: [http://www.mbta.com/about\\_the\\_mbta/public\\_meetings/](http://www.mbta.com/about_the_mbta/public_meetings/)

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# STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS – THURSDAY, SEPT. 3, 2009  
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

## SALES TAX HIKE BOOSTS AUGUST TAX COLLECTIONS

Tax collections in August were down by less than 1 percent, a much slower rate of decline than in previous months as tax collectors started taking a bigger cut on sales in Massachusetts. Collections for the month of \$1.298 billion exceeded budget benchmarks by \$58 million. Motor vehicle sales tax collections of \$55 million during August were up \$15 million from August 2008, a 36 percent increase attributed largely to a sales tax increase that added \$11 million to motor vehicle sales tax collections last month, as well as the federal Cash for Clunkers incentive program. Over the first two months of the fiscal year, collections are running \$32 million above benchmark, but are down by \$143 million, or 5.3 percent from the same two-month period a year ago. In a statement, Revenue Commissioner Navjeet Bal said "stronger than expected" withholding collections boosted August collections, but attributed that to the receipt of payments last month that had been expected in July or September. Bal said she expects withholding collections to fall below benchmark in September, a more significant month for tax collections. Compared to August 2008, sales and use tax collections were down by less than 1 percent while regular sales tax collections were down 6.5 percent. While motor vehicle sales tax receipts are collected daily, August's numbers do not reflect the 25 percent increase in regular sales and meals tax payments, which are not due until Sept. 20. Corporate and business tax collections in August were up 117 percent from August 2008, due mostly to "several" settlement payments received, including one totaling \$8 million that was expected in July and another \$18 million payment received on Aug. 31. (3 Sept)

**MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Read the Civic Engagement Times**  
<http://www.mass.gov/Agov3/docs/cetmayjun09.pdf>

**MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Elder Economic Security Standard Report**

**The Elder Economic Security Standard Report is done:  
"Lifelines for Elders Living on the Edge: How Elder Support Programs Compare to Living Costs" written by Laura Henze Russell, has been posted on MCOA's website.  
Go to [www.mcoaonline.com](http://www.mcoaonline.com)**

**MCOA Briefs: For our Members — OSD Procurement e-News now Online**

*The Operational Services Division is pleased to announce that the August 2009 edition of the OSD Procurement e-News is now available on-line at <http://www.mass.gov/Eoaf/docs/osd/outreach/enews/default.doc>*

*This month's newsletter includes;*

- Updates, news and/or renewals on 16 Statewide Contracts
- Cost Savings Opportunities with new Save\$mart offerings, vehicle auctions and pharmaceuticals
- Policy Impacts on Commonwealth Distributed ARRA Fund Recipients
- OSD web site is now part of the Administration and Finance web portal
- EPP Program information including Registration for the EPP Fair, Water Saving Devices and Kits on Statewide Contracts, Green Janitorial Cleaning Contracts and Environmental Purchasing and Sustainability Awards
- Comm-PASS Updates including Banner Advertising Program and increased training dates to support end-users
- Training and Events updates including AMP Kick-Off meeting, EPP Fair, Comm-PASS, interested bidder training and more!

*Please forward this newsletter to your colleagues and encourage them to subscribe (information below) so that we will be able to keep them informed! OSD Outreach looks forward to continuing to work with all eligible entities on Statewide Contracts and Comm-PASS. We welcome your comments and ideas; please send your suggestions to us.*

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Regards, Barbara Miller, Director of Quality Assurance, Training and Outreach, Operational Services Division  
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## MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Upcoming Computer Courses

Charles River Public Internet Center provides first rate, affordable computer courses for the general public, corporations, and nonprofit organizations. We are fully licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Proprietary Schools. Course curricula and each instructor's credentials are reviewed and approved by DOE, ensuring the highest quality of instruction. Most of our trainers have over 10 years of classroom experience. Our curricula match or exceed those of for-profit classes while our fees remain below market. We have developed special classes for rank beginners, seniors, and others. Scholarships are available as funding permits. Be sure to check our home page and most recent catalog for special classes, discounts, and new programs. There are several ways to access our expertise:

- Register for the open enrollment classes found in our brochure (press the CTRL button, then [Click here for brochure](#)).
- Schedule a private session of one of our regular classes for your own employees or organization. Use our computers and trainers, but tailor the standard curriculum to your users' needs and skill level.
- Have CRPIC develop a unique curriculum that addresses one or more software packages and how your business or organization uses them. We will work with you to develop the specifics of a curriculum that builds the skills you need most.

To learn more about our open enrollment classes and view our catalog online, see — [www.CRPIC.org](http://www.CRPIC.org)

For more information, call Pamela A. Kaye, Educational Coordinator, Charles River Public Internet Center, 154 Moody Street, P.O. Box 540589, Waltham, MA 02454 — T: 781.891.9559, Ext. 204 — F: 781.891.6535 — [pakaye@CRPIC.org](mailto:pakaye@CRPIC.org)

**2009 On-Line Registration is now available at [www.mcoonline.com](http://www.mcoonline.com)**



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### **MCOA Fall Conference: Oct. 7-9, 2009 at the Sturbridge Host**

**Conference Registration Information available online at [www.mcoonline.com](http://www.mcoonline.com)**

The Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging and Senior Center Directors is coordinating our 30<sup>th</sup> annual fall conference – “*Councils on Aging: Your Community Connection*” on October 7-9, 2009 at the Sturbridge Host & Conference Center on Cedar Lake in Sturbridge, MA.

We are planning over 80 workshops to reach the diverse needs of our attendees who will include COA and Senior Center directors, board members, outreach workers, program managers, volunteer coordinators, social workers, nurses, case managers, government employees, transportation coordinators, elected officials, administrators, advocates, lawyers, nursing homes, assisted living staff, and older adults. Information can be found at [www.mcoonline.com](http://www.mcoonline.com) under the banner 2009 Fall Conference.

Member Rate*	MCOA 2009 Fall Conference	Non-Member
\$360	Complete Conference 3-Day Package (Wednesday Reception & Thursday Annual Dinner)	\$540
\$300	Three-Day Workshop Only Package (Breakfast & Lunch)	\$450
\$115	Wednesday Only (Breakfast & Lunch)	\$175
\$115	Thursday Only (Breakfast & Lunch)	\$175
\$100	Friday Only (Breakfast & Lunch)	\$150
\$20	Wednesday Welcome Reception	\$30
\$50	Thursday Annual Dinner Meeting	\$75

**The complete *Registration Kit* can be found at [www.mcoonline.com](http://www.mcoonline.com)**

To meet MCOA's goal of reducing our carbon footprint, no hard copy of the Registration Kit will be mailed unless requested. For a hard copy contact MCOA available from [Peter@mcoonline.com](mailto:Peter@mcoonline.com) or call 413.527.6425.

**Thank you for your interest in this event.**



Please consider the environment and recycle this paper.

## **MCOA's 2009 Fall Conference — 7-9 October 2009 at Sturbridge Host**

MCOA's 2009 Fall Conference will be held at the Sturbridge Host and Conference Center in Sturbridge Massachusetts. We maintain our standard de facto rolling submission deadline for workshop proposals, which means "Please submit your Presentation proposal ASAP." — Thanks, P. Kubaska.

Please see MCOA's website at [www.mcoonline.com](http://www.mcoonline.com) for all the information and forms you need.

**Call for Presentations:** <http://www.mcoonline.com/content/pdf/2009-CALL-FOR-PRESENTATIONS-FINAL.pdf>

**Sturbridge Host Reservation Form:** <http://www.mcoonline.com/content/pdf/Sturbridge-Host-Registration-Form-2009.pdf> (Send directly to them.)

**Sponsor and Exhibitor Information Packet:** <http://www.mcoonline.com/content/pdf/MCOA-2009-Sponsor-Exhibitor-Packet.pdf>

## **MCOA Briefs: For our Members — MCOA Awards, Call for Nominations**

Please submit your nomination and any supplemental material by Friday, September 4, 2009.

<http://www.mcoonline.com/content/pdf/2009-AWARDS-Call-for-Nominations-form.pdf>

*Join us Wednesday October 7, 2009 for a  
Down Home Country BBQ!  
Wear your overalls and straw hats and  
join the hoe-down!*



Sturbridge Host Hotel  
Under the Tent  
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.



Jody Ahern, Director, Ludlow Council on Aging  
Rebecca C. Moriarty, Executive Director, Hampden Senior Center  
Local Arrangements Co-Chairs

## **MCOA Briefs: For our Members — Call for Participation 2010**

MCOA recognizes that Members' volunteer time is as valuable as the dues annually contributed, but we can only accomplish our many goals and objectives with assistance from our members. Volunteering just a few hours a month in combination with other COA Directors will provide MCOA the talents and cooperation necessary for accomplishing the membership's set tasks that we are pledged to achieve in FY2010.

<http://www.mcoonline.com/content/pdf/Call-for-ParticipationFY10.pdf>

## **UPDATED REQUEST**

**MCOA and Mass Municipal Association are collaborating on a Survey**  
*We are collecting info on any cuts...*

**SAVE OUR Senior Centers Task Force:** Is actively tracking the impact the FY09 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)**