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AUGUST 2025



"To an August filled with magic, miracles and the people who make your heart happy"

Greetings August!! Summer days are winding down. We hope the season stretches out as long as it can. Hope you've had a lovely, healthy summer. Remember each month is a fresh new opportunity. We want to thank our seniors on National Senior Citizens Day and hope you know we are grateful for each one of you. For the wisdom and experience you share, thank you.

We kick off our month with our end of summer Luau Luncheon. Unfortunately, it is sold out but we can still take names for the waitlist. Distribution for \$25 Farmer Market Vouchers on August 8th. Look inside for detailed information. We are still distributing fruits and vegetables from our Local Harvest program, courtesy of AgeSpan on Wednesdays. Buttonwoods museum will come in with an interesting presentation regarding the Shoe Strike and Labor Movement of Haverhill. Delvena Theater will be back this month with an interactive murder mystery called Mangia, Meatballs and Murders. We will have resourceful information from Driscoll Funeral Home, they will provide guidance on planning ahead. Therapy Gardens will return this month, space is limited. Our regular Chit Chat group and Movie Day will also take place as usual. Looking ahead, we will be looking for Crafters for the Annual Craft Fair and will be in the works to plan our Topsfield trip. As always look inside for details or call in.

If you are interested in becoming a member please come in or give us a call. You must be a member to participate in our events and classes.

We hope for a joyful and peaceful August!

August

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COMMUNITY NIGHT MEALS

MONDAY NIGHTS



SERVING STARTS AT 4:30pm

OPEN UNTIL 5:30pm

OPEN TO ALL IN THE HAVERHILL COMMUNITY

BINGO

MONDAYS

Haverhill Citizen Center

Cards sold at 12pm



Game begins at 1pm

Must be a member with the COA

FI GOLD CARD

Haverhill residents who are 62 and older are eligible for a free HPS "Gold Card", which is good for admission to all regular season home athletic events, musicals and other district events.

These cards can be picked up at the Council On Aging located at the Haverhill Citizens Center (10 Welcome Street). Proof of residence and age is required to obtain a card. Residents will not be permitted to show proof of age at the events.

CONGREGATE LUNCHES

AgeSpan will be serving lunches in the dining room

STARTING AT 10:30 to 11:00

\$2 suggested donation



COMEDY MASQUE

WEDNESDAYS

The Council on Aging Comedy Masque is looking for interested senior citizen singers to join their group. The group performs at local nursing homes throughout the year.

Feel free to contact Dolores at 978-556-9391

Or Paula at

978-374-2390 ext 3916

OPEN ART STUDIO

WORKING ON AN ART PROJECT, OR LOOKING TO JOIN AN ART GROUP?

JOIN OPEN ART STUDIO WITH

ANNA TERESA

TUESDAYS AT 11AM TO 1PM

IN THE BASEMENT

\$2 PER CLASS



Health updates

WELLNESS CLINIC

WEDNESDAYS 9-11

WITH NURSE MARY CONNOLLY





FOOT CARE IS BACK!!

Certified Foot Care Specialist, Marie Anderson, NP, will be available the

Every other

3rd Friday of each month at 11am.

You must have an appointment to be seen.

Appointments may be made by calling nurse

Mary

at 978-374-2390 X 3915.

There is a \$45 fee for the service, payable with cash or check. At your first appointment a complete foot evaluation will be done.



VETERINARY CARE PROGRAM

AgeSpan is fortunate that, through the generosity of Meals On Wheels America and PetSmart, we can offer people 65 and over help with these bills through our Veterinary Care Program.

Who can apply?

People currently receiving AgeSpan services, such as Meals on Wheels, home care or those living in community housing.

People 65 and over, not using our services

People who reside in one of the 28 cities/ towns we service.

For more information you can contact AgeSpan at 800-892-0890 if you receive our services

If you are not receiving our services, you can contact Sandy Jennings at

978-946-1222



HAVERHILL'S

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AND

LABOR MOVEMENT





Haverhill's largest industry was a catalyst for a major strike that attributed through the fight for fair wages in Massachusetts. Now, its laws came in 1912. Explore the labor movement in Haverhill leading up through the city's election of America's first socialist mayor,

John C. Chase

THURSDAY AUGUST 14, 2025

11AM

RM 45

RSVP AT 978-374-2390 EXT 3916





LET'S CATCH UP AND HAVE A LITTLE CHIT CHAT!

Thursday August 21, 2025

9-10am Dining Hall

Enjoy a warm cup of coffee or tea while engaging in casual chats with friends.

It's a chance to catch up, simply unwind or make new friends.



DRISCOLL FUNERAL HOME and cremation service

Lunch and Learn

Anaili Diane of Driscoll Funeral Home is a licensed fineral director, embalmer, and a former cremation specialist. She is the preplanning funeral director at the funeral home. Her role is to provide guidance and clarity to individuals who are looking to plan ahead for themselves or their loved ones with the intention of avoiding further complications and costs during times of grief and distress.

THURSDAY AUGUST 21, 2025 12pm Must RSVP at 978-374-2390 ext 3916



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MANGIA, MEATBALLS & MURDER

Who dunnit? An exciting, live, comedic, interactive murder mystery performance set in Luigi's Ristorante. Come put your "super sleuth" on – having much fun along the way. Token prizes will be awarded.

HAVERHILL CITIZEN CENTER 10 WELCOME STREET, HAVERHILL, MA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025 12:00 NOON

This performance is funded in part by a grant from the Haverhill Cultural Council, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



FREE HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERIES

Chopsticks, Laughs, and Snacks
Presented by Therapy Gardens

Citizens Center, 10 Welcome Street, Room 45, Haverhill, MA.

Monday, August 18th at 1pm



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Light refreshments will be served

REGISTRATION PERIOD from August 11th through the 15th Call Mary Connolly to register at (978) 374-2390 x 3915





Lawrence General Hospital will be offering free blood pressure screenings to residents along with educational tools on hypertension and free blood pressure monitors if needed. They will also assist residents in connecting with health insurance and primary care provider

Friday August 8, 2025 9-12pm



Our Customer Advocates will be available to meet one-on-one on the 3rd Thursday of the month to discuss options to manage your energy bill and help you find assistance, including:

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- * Arrears Management Program (AMP)

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of the month 10 a.m. -1 p.m. **LOOKING AHEAD**

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DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

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Friday September 5, 2025

1pm

Rm 45

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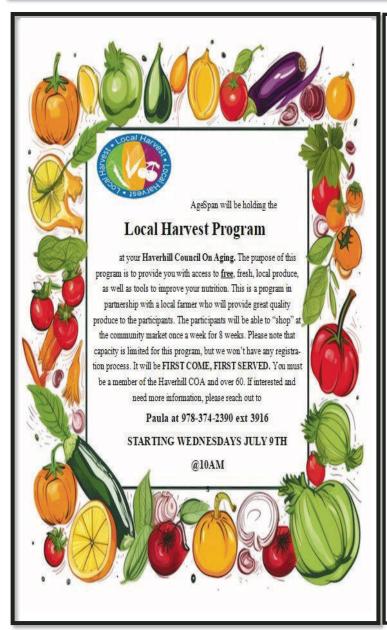
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As our economy evolves and technology transforms how we live and work, it's our job to ensure Massachusetts stays ahead of the curve — while creating opportunity for everyone.

Summer isn't just for sunshine and beach days — it's a time to recharge, reconnect, and reengage with our communities. Whether you're reading this from your porch, a coffee shop, or the lake, I hope this newsletter keeps you in the loop and inspires you to stay civically involved.

Wishing you a joyful, safe, and sunny summer ahead! Don't hesitate to reach out.

Connect with me at barry.finegold@masenate.gov or call the office at 617-722-1612.

To stay up-to-date with what I am working on, follow me on Facebook, Instagram and X (Twitter).

Best, Barry







FARMER MARKET VOUCHERS

FARMER MARKET VOUCHERS DISTRIBUTION WILL BE FRIDAY AUGUST 8, 2025 9-12PM HAVERHILL CITIZEN CENTER.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 3oz Grilled Chicken 2oz Piccata sauce ½ cup Rice Pilaf ½ cup Broccoli 1pc WW Bread ½ cup chocolate pudding
4 1pc Hamburger 2 oz Au jus 4 cup Roasted Sweet Potatoes 5 cup Beets 1pc WW Burger Bun 1pc Gelatin 1pc Ketchup No Margarine	5 4oz Potato Crunch Fish ½ cup Chuckwagon Corn ½ cup Mashed Potatoes 10 Dinner Roll 11pc Cookie 11pc tartar sauce No Margarine	6 3oz Grilled Chicken 2oz teriyaki Sauce ½ cup Green Beans ½ cup Vegetable Rice 1pc MG Bread ½ cup Pineapple	7 Cold: Two Compartment Turkey Chef salad 20z Deli Turkey 1 oz shredded cheese 1 cup Mixed Green Salad ½ cup Black Bean & Tomatoes 1pc Fresh Fruit ½ pc Pita Bread 1 pkt Dressing	8 Two Compartment 2 pc Breaded Eggplant 4 oz Marinara Sauce 1oz Mozzarella Cheese On top of ½ cup Pasta ½ Capri Blend 1pc LS Wheat Bread ½ cup mandarins
11 Two Compartment 1pc Grilled Chicken 4oz Greek Sauce (spinach, peppers, feta, olives) over ½ cup Risotto 1pc MG Bread ½ cup apple Slices	12 Two Compartment 11oz American Chop Suey 3oz Ground beef ½ cup pasta 4oz Tomato sauce ½ cup Broccoli 1pc WW Garlic Roll 1pc Fresh Fruit	13 Cold: 3oz Tuna Salad ½ cup Three Bean Salad ½ cup Garden Salad 2 slices Wheat Bread 1pc Menu Magic Dressing ½ cup Pineapple No Margarine	14 Special: BBQ Pulled Pork % cup warm peach cobbler % c garlic green beans (HDM) Congregate: Corn chowder to replace green beans % cup Potato Salad % pc burger bun No Margarine	15 1pc Broccoli & Cheese Egg Bake ½ cup Potatoes O'Brien ½ cup Carrots 1pc Fruit Loaf or muffin 1pc Yogurt 1pc Juice (no milk) 1pc Ketchup
18 Smothered Pork 3 oz Pork Roast 2oz Mushroom/cream/onions ½ cup Mashed Sweet Potatoes ½ cup Cauliflower 1pc WW Dinner Roll ½ cup Applesauce	19 Two Compartment Pasta & Meatballs 3 oz Chicken Meatballs 4 oz Marinara Sauce ½ cup Pasta ½ cup Pasta ½ cup Capri Blend 1 pc Oat bread ½ cup Mandarins 1pc Parmesan	20 1pc Cheese Omelet 1pc Turkey Sausage 2pc Sausage (congregate only) 1pc Roasted Potatoes ½ cup Ratatouille (no mushrooms) 1pc Vienna Bread ½ cup Pineapple Fruit Whip	21 Cold: 3.5 oz Diced Chicken Salad with celery ½ cup Citrus Quinoa Salad ½ cup Carrot Slaw 2pc MG Bread 1pc Cookie	22 3 oz Yankee Pot Roast 2 oz Au Jus ½ cup Beets ½ cup Mashed Butternut 1pc Biscuit 1pc Fresh Fruit
25 Thai Beef & Basil 30z Ground Beef, soy & oyster sauce with 20z Peppers ½ cup Broccoli 40z Brown Rice 1pc WW Bread ½ cup canned fruit	26 Hot dog (L.S Beef/pork) 32 cup baked beans 32 cup cinnamon apples 33 cup Coleslaw 19c Hot dog roll 19c Mustard 19c Relish No Margarine	27 Two Compartment: Cold 1 cup Tortellini Salad w/peas ½ cup Tomato & Cucumbers 1pc Fresh Fruit 1pc Oat Bread	28 Birthday 1pc Breaded Chicken 2oz Marry Me Sauce ½ cup Couscous ½ cup Green beans 1pc Cupcake 1pc Dinner Roll	29 3oz Unbreaded Fish 2oz Garlic & Lemon Butter ½ cup Corn ½ cup Creamed Spinach Congregate: Spinach instead of Spinach 1pc MG Bread ½ cup Gelatin

RESOURCES



Adults, at least 60 years of age or qualified adults with disability who are determined to be "Homebound" are eligible for home delivered meals at no cost. Call Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley at 1800-892-0890

COULD YOU USE EXTRA MONEY FOR FOOD?

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

For info: Christa Mayfield 617-598-5022/ snap@gbfb.org

AgeSpan & Greater Boston Food Bank has established the Elder Mobile Market program. Eligible Haverhill elders can pick up a free bag of groceries on the 1st Tuesday of every month (depending on your address) You must fill out application. Must be 60 or older and low income.

Info: Ruth Ortiz 978-946-1279/ Rortiz@AgeSpan.org

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Jeffrey Hollett Veteran Director

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Montgomery GI Bill- Chapter 30 Post 9/11 Education Benefits- Chapter 33 Vocational Rehabilitation- Chapter 31

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The City of Haverhill recognizes and deeply appreciates the service of all veterans. Our office strives to advise, engage, and advocate for veterans, dependents, and their families.

Meals on Wheels drivers needed in Haverhill

Just a few hours per week can make a difference in the lives of older adults in Haverhill.

More than half of Meals on Wheels recipients live alone, and for many of them, the person delivering the meal is often the only person they will see that day. The pandemic has been especially hard on seniors, many of whom were or continue to be isolated in their homes

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It's easy to give back. Drivers must be 18, pass a background check, have a vehicle, and a valid driver's license. Receive a daily stipend for a commitment from 1 to 5 days a week and just 3 hours per day.

Ready to sign up? Contact Meals on Wheels at nutrition@agespan.org or call 978-686-1422.



MVRTA E-Z TRAN

Applications are available at the COA to help seniors get around Haverhill by van. Must be at least 60yrs old & live in Haverhill or be an individual with a disability that prevents you from using the MVRTA fixed bus route. Call MVRTA 978-469-6878(select option 3) or call COA 978-374-2390 for an application. A limited number of vouchers for free ride are available at the COA. Contact Indhira at 978-374-2390 X3911

MVRTA "MEDI-RIDE"—EXPANDED DAYS

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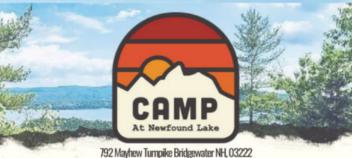
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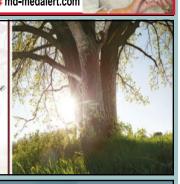
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