

Changes to SSI State Supplement Program (**SSP**) as of April 1, 2012. SSI (Supplemental Security Income) is a federal program of the Social Security Administration that provides monthly payments to certain individuals 65 or older, blind or disabled. Massachusetts provides additional money to **SSP** recipients who live in this state. Until now, the federal government has been directly depositing both payments to peoples' bank accounts or by mailing them checks. As of April 1st, there will be a new system for receiving SSI payments. If you currently receive one (combined) check from Social Security you will receive a check from Social Security **and** from the Commonwealth of MA. ***If you normally have the check deposited in the bank for you, you will see two deposits that will add up to the same amount.*** The Massachusetts deposit appears as "**SSI SUPP**". This change allows the state to save money by administering its own payment system. In sum, ***your SSI payment will be the same*** but you will receive payments from the federal government and from Massachusetts. The conversion will occur automatically and your payment totals will not be affected.

If you have any questions about this change, please call the Massachusetts **SSP** Customer Service Center at 1-877-863-1128. Thank you.

☺NEW :

INDOOR FLEA MARKET: Saturday, March 24, 2012, 9-2 Event is open to the public please bring your family. Sponsored by the Friends of the North Andover Senior Center.

GOLF LESSONS: Golf lessons with PGA Pro John O'Connor at Far Corners Golf Course. Class limited to 8 students. Wednesday May 2, 9, 16, 23 from 10-11am. Clubs provided if necessary. \$99 due at sign up see Receptionist.

SHRINERS CIRCUS: Friday April 20th 10-2, limited free tickets, Transportation \$2 Sign up at Reception.

KEEP MOVING SPRING WALKS: Moore State Park, Paxton, MA. Thursday, May 24. Bus leaves Senior Center at 9:15 am. The 2nd walk is at Fort Independence, Castle Island, S. Boston on Friday, June 15th. Bus leaves at 9:30. There are 1 mile and 3 mile routes to walk. Bring a picnic lunch with you and meet seniors from all over Massachusetts. Sign up is required.

EARLY STAGE ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: A new group will begin in April and continue until June. Anyone interested in participating in these support groups please call Donna Delaney at 978-688-9560 to book a screening. The coalition members have been trained by the Alzheimer's Association of Massachusetts.

GREASE AT THE REGENT THEATER, ARLINGTON, MA: Friday, April 20, 2012 @ 2 p.m. Grease the Musical. Tickets: \$12.

TALL SHIPS 2012: Monday July 2, 2012-\$89 Due at sign up. Includes transportation, lunch, entertainment & cruise.

TANGLEWOOD & THE POPS: Sunday July 8th, 2012-\$125 Includes transportation, lunch, reserved seats under the shed and professional tour director.

BREATHING & MEDITATION WORKSHOP: Friday June 8th at 3 p.m. Trial Class sponsored by Dahn Yoga.

BRIDGE II: Wednesdays, 1-3 pm, 8-week session for \$64. Beginning April 11, Sign up at the Reception Desk at the Senior Center.

FOXWOODS: Next scheduled trip, Tuesday, April 10, \$30 Includes lunch buffet, transportation and Keno. Bus leaves from St. Michael's parking lot at 6:30 am.

MYSTERY RIDE: \$4 Lunch and transportation, social visit with another Senior Center. April 12, 2012, 10-3. Reservations accepted 2 weeks in advance on April 3.

SUPPER CLUB: Dine Out at Lee Chen. 4:30, Bus \$2, April 19, 2012. Separate checks. See Reception April 1.

LECTURE SERIES: Monday, March 26, Guest Speaker will be John Packard from the Brooks School.

GIRL TALK with Lu: Every Wednesday, 12:30-1:30, no fee. Drop in. The group will explore life's transitions and related women's issues.

STRESS RELIEF: Wednesdays from 2-4 pm, 20 minute sessions with Miriam Smith, Pranic Healer. Cost \$5.

FOOT CARE SCHEDULE: Dr. Connolly is scheduled to see clients on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 1 – 4 pm by appointment only; \$30 fee.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: Held every Wednesday, 9 to noon.

SHINE VOLUNTEERS: Free, confidential counseling on all aspects of health insurance to North Andover residents on Medicare. Call the North Andover Senior Center and ask for a SHINE appointment, on either the 1st, 3rd or 4th Tuesday of the month from noon to 2 pm (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders).

Mr. FIX IT: Here at the Senior Center. 1st and 3rd Monday every month 12-3 pm.

ROCKINGHAM MALL: \$4 Round Trip, Last Monday of every month. Bus leaves Center at 12:30 and returns at 4 pm. Call for reservation.

ONE ON ONE COMPUTER LAB: Thursdays, 9-11:30, 45 minute sessions \$7 each at the Senior Center. Call to reserve your slot.

TROOP PACKAGES: The Senior Center sends out 1 or 2 boxes a month to the troops but our supplies are dwindling. Please help by donating socks, candy, toiletries, stationary, magazines, snacks or donations for postage.