

**Our Mission** 



"The mission of the Nahant Council on Aging is to provide <mark>physical, emotional, and mental stimulation</mark> enabling those sixty and over to achieve engaged and fulfilling lives in a safe environment.

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# From the Director,

**MARCH** "comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb" as the saying goes. We have heard this saying for years and for the baby boomers reading this; do you remember the Saturday night skit with John Belushi? It was a classic. Some early weather watchers used this saying as a weather predictor. People often believed that bad spirits could affect the weather adversely. Those beliefs often included ideas that there should be a balance in weather and life. So, if the month came in bad (like a lion), it should go out good and calm (like a lamb). But the saying has become more of a rhyme than a true weather predictor.

MARCH is National Nutrition Month. So this month it is all about the food when it comes to good health, both physical and mental. Nutrition experts have found that the Mediterranean Diet helps keep your brain sharp and your heart healthy. These experts say eating your veggies, especially dark leafy greens and dark berries like blackberries, blueberries and cherries, boost memory function. Seafood such as salmon, sardines, Bluefin tuna to name a few are some of the best sources of omega-3 fatty acids which is essential for brain health. And lastly, walnuts good for snacking, not only help with improved memory, but also with heart health.

So check out the Belushi skit, eat healthy this month and keep in mind that spring arrives in **MARCH.** 

Línda Peterson Executíve Dírector



Tiffany Room Hours March 2016



Closed Tuesday, March 1 Massachusetts Primary Election

		ON THE GO TRIPS AND EVENTS		
		<b>Tides Restaurant.</b> The Tiffany Room will be used for voting today so we'll have lunch at our own Tide's Restaurant! The bus will make it's pick up and meet everyone at Tides at 12:00.		
<b>Thursday, March 10</b> Lunch and Shopping. Lunch at the Cheesecake Factory, then a little shopping the Mall. Wear comfortable shoes! The bus leaves the Tiffany Room at 11:00.				
E		<b>Boston Flower and Garden Show.</b> With this year's theme being "Season of Enchantment", look for whimsical scenes celebrating the wonder and promise of our very favorite time of year! Reduced rate admission is \$16.00. The bus will leave the Tiffany Room at 10:00. We will stop for lunch on our way back to Nahant.		
Thursday, March 17		<b>St Patrick's Day Luncheon.</b> Mt. Vernon Catering will provide a traditional Irish dinner. We will enjoy music and be entertained by an Irish Step dancing group! That should make to make our toes start tapping! The cost of the dinner is \$17.00. Festivities will begin at 11:30 in the Tiffany Room.		
<u> </u>		<b>Shine Presentation.</b> Topics: <u>Preventive Benefits Under Medicare and Assistance with</u> <u>Prescription Drug Costs.</u> Presentation will begin immediately after lunch at 12:15 in the Tiffany Room.		
COMING ATTRACTIONS				
April 6	the Mi	acon Café North Shore Community College. We will enjoy the cuisine the students at e Middleton campus of NSCC have prepared. Fee for the buffet lunch is \$7.00. We are nited to 12 guests so sign up asap!		
April 7	will be	sentation from the <b>Office of Consumer Affairs "Your Shopping Rights".</b> A representative be on hand to explain our rights as consumers and answer any of your questions. sentation begins at 12:15.		
April 20	-			
		HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN		
Veteran's Food Distribution, Wednesday, March 2, 10:30-11:30, at the Town Hall. If you are a veteran, widow or widower, or dependent of a veteranWe invite you to participate! For more information please contact Veteran's agent, Jon Lazar, at Town Hall.				
Nahant Village Church Breakfast, Friday, March 4, at 8:00am. Sharon Hawkes will conduct a book discus- sion with "The Burgess Boys", our first Nahant Reads title.				
<b>"Gardening is Murder", Thursday, March 31, 10:00 a.m.,</b> at the Nahant Public Library. The presentation Speaker will be Neal Sanders. Mr. Sanders is mystery writer, popular public speaker, and blogger of <i>The Principal Undergardener</i> . He will share his unique and humorous observation on gardening and gardeners. Coffee will be served.				



## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION- REMINDER**

The Nahant COA has become a *host site* to assist in the simple online transactions listed below:

License Renewals (for licensed drivers younger than age 75)

**Registration Renewals** 

**Change of Address** 

**Duplicate License or Registration** 

How to report a lost or stolen disability placard and how to request a replacement

Appointments are available on Wednesdays and Fridays only from 10:00 – 12:00.

If you have any questions please contact Linda Peterson, COA Director at 781 581-7557.

## **NAHANT PUBLIC LIBRARY - WINTER HOURS**

Tuesday and Thursday 12pm to 7pm Wednesday and Friday 10am to 5pm Saturday 1pm to 6pm Sunday and Monday - Closed 781-581-0306 www.nahantlibrary.org Please call for holiday information and events.

# **2016** Annual Town Meeting

Polls Open: 7 am Open Town Meeting : 12:30 pm Polls Close: 8 pm



Voting will take place in the Tiffany Room located in the lower level of the Town Hall.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS				
Tuesday	March 1	9:30 a.m.	Manicurist (sign up required) \$10.00	
Tuesday	March 15	9:30 a.m.	Manicurist (sign up required) \$10.00	
Tuesday	March 29	9:30 a.m.	Manicurist (sign up required) \$10.00	
Monday	March 21	9:30 a.m.	Hair Styling (sign up required)	
Thursday	March 31	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Sanphy—Podiatrist (sign up required)	
Thursday	March 31	9:00 a.m.	<b>Blood Pressure Clinic</b>	
EXERCISE/ACTIVITIES				
Monday	9:00 a.m.		YOGA (\$5.00)	Tiffany Room
Monday	Monday 9:00 a.m.		Total Body Exercise	<b>Community Center</b>
Tuesday	Tuesday 9:00 a.m.		Quilting, crafts, crocheting	<b>Community Center</b>
Tuesday & Thursday 5:00 p.m.			Mat & Stretch Class	<b>Community Center</b>
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.		Total Body Exercise	<b>Community Center</b>	
Tuesday & Thursday 10:30 a.m.		Chair Exercise	Tiffany Room	
Friday 9:00 a.m.		Total Body Exercise	Community Center	

# **MEDICATION DISPOSAL FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES**

# Chief Robert C. Dwyer announces

The Nahant Police Department has been awarded a grant from CVS/pharmacy to combat drug abuse by installing a drug collection unit. The new unit will provide residents with a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of unwanted or expired medication, including controlled substances.

The unit will be located in the front lobby of the Nahant Police Department and open 24 hours a day. Drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked.

Learn more about the CVS/pharmacy Medication Disposal for Safer Communities at <u>www.cvs.com/safercommunities</u>.

If you are unable to travel to the Police Station, call the Station at 781-581-1212 to arrange a pick up.

The following items will not be excepted, Hydrogen Peroxide, Needles/Sharps of any kind, Inhalers, Aerosol Cans, and Medications from Business or Clinics, Over the Counter Ointments, lotions, liquids.

# COMMUNITY NEEDLE DISPOSAL PROGRAM

# KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE USE A SHARPS CONTAINER

STEPS TO SAFE NEEDLE DISPOSAL Use syringe or needle once only.

Do not try to put the cap back on the needle. Do not snap, break, or bend any part of the needle.

Use a sharps container, which is a red biohazard single-use container that is filled with medical needles and then dipsosed of safety. Sharps containers are available at the Nahant Town Hall.

Never overfill or reuse sharps containers.

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Nahant residents can drop off their full sharps containers for FREE the last Thursday of every month at Town Hall during regular business hours. The Nahant Board of Health reminds you that if you use a *sharps container*, you can drop off your full container at the Town Hall free of charge. The drop off is available on the last Thursday of every month during regular business hours.

# **TIFFANY CAFÉ LUNCH PROGRAM**

Served everyday at 11:30 - 12:30 Reservations required 24 hours in advance Cost - \$3.00

#### FOOD SHOPPING PROGRAM

Wednesday	March 2	Market Basket and Vinnin Square	12:30 P.M.
Tuesday	March 8	Market Basket and Vinnin Square	12:30 P.M.
Tuesday	March 15	Market Basket and Vinnin Square	12:30 P.M.
Tuesday	March 22	Market Basket and Vinnin Square	12:30 P.M.
Tuesday	March 28	Market Basket and Vinnin Square	12:30 P.M.

placed in the front of the fridge where the temperatures tend to be higher.

## HOW TO KEEP PRODUCE FRESHER LONGER

Proper storage is the key to longer-lasting fruits and vegetables.

By Keith Dresser, COOK'S ILLUSTRATED

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Berries, Citrus, Corn on the Cob, Melons, Peas

**BEST KEPT IN THE CRISPER!** These items do best in the humid environment of the crisper.

Asparagus, Beets, Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Fresh Herbs, Green Beans, Leafy greens, Mushrooms, Peppers, Scallions, Summer squash, Turnips, Zucchini

**KEEP THESE IN THE FRONT OF THE FRIDGE!** These items are sensitive to chill-injury and should be



**CHILL THESE ANYWHERE!** These items are not prone to chill-injury and can be stored anywhere in the fridge (including the coldest zones), provided the temperature doesn't freeze them.

#### **Apples, Cherries, Grapes**

**KEEP THESE ON THE COUNTER!** Some produce is sensitive to chill-injury and is subject to dehydration, internal browning, and/or internal and external pitting if stored in the refrigerator.

Apricots, Avocados, Bananas, Kiwis, Mangos, Nectarines, Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, Plums, Tomatoes

**STORE THESE IN THE PANTRY!** The following produce should be kept at cool room temperature and away from light to prevent sprouting (in the case of potatoes) and to prolong shelf life.

Garlic, Onions, Potatoes, Shallots, Sweet Potatoes, Winter Squash



## **RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

# Country Style Chopped Sirloin with Old Fashion Onion Mushroom Gravy

#### SERVES 2 - START TO FINISH: 20 minutes

## Recipe Directions

1 large egg
1/3 cup quick oats (oatmeal)
1/4 teaspoon salt, plus more to taste
1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper, plus more to taste
8 ounces ground sirloin (90% lean)
1 cup finely chopped onion
1 cup finely chopped button mushrooms
up to 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided use
3 tablespoons all purpose flour
about 1 cup warm tap water (or beef broth)



1. In a large bowl, combine the egg, oats, 2 tablespoons of onion, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper and mix well. Crumble the ground beef well over the egg mixture. Using your hands mix well. Form into two patties about 3 inches wide and 3/4-inch thick.

2. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a regular (not nonstick) skillet over medium high heat. When oil is hot, add patties and cook about 3 minutes on each side or until golden brown. Remove to a plate and hold.

3. In the same skillet, add the remaining onion and mushrooms. Cook until tender and mushrooms have released their water, about 3 minutes. Scrap onto plate with beef patties.

4. Reduce heat to medium low and add another 1 to 3 teaspoons of oil, enough to cover the bottom of the skillet in a thin pool. Sprinkle the flour over the oil and stir well, forming a thick paste. Continue to cook the paste until it turns a medium brown and all the bits and pieces of the beef are incorporated in the paste. Slow and carefully add the water stirring, constantly to form the gravy. Once the gravy has come to a low boil and begins to thicken, add the beef patties and the veggies back to the skillet. Lower the heat to simmer (low) and spoon the gravy over the meat. Simmer for 5 to 15 minutes until ready to serve. Add a few more tablespoons of water if gravy be-

Approximate Values Per Serving: 432 calories, 17.5 g fat (5g saturated), 194 mg cholesterol, 42 g protein, 25 g carbohydrates, 3g dietary fiber, 406mg sodium

Tiffany Room Menu         March 2016         "One should eat to live not live to eat"         Moliere				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All lunches served with: Milk Bread & Butter Dessert	1 Closed for Lunch TIDES	2 Salad Meatball Stew Green Beans and Potatoes	3 Chicken Parmesan Angel Hair Pasta Grilled Vegetables	4 Guest Chef
7 American Chop Suey Salad	8 Salad Pepper Steak Sub Fries	9 Salad Chicken Tetrazzini Casserole	10 Meatloaf Creamed Corn Mashed Potatoes	11 A Taste of Greece (Guest Chef)
14 Salad Chicken Cacciatore	15 Baked Beans Hot Dogs Brown Bread Potato Salad	16 Pork Tenderloin with Apples, Onions and Potatoes	17 St. Patrick's Day Luncheon	18 Baked Macaroni and Cheese Salad
21 Salad Chicken Broccoli Ziti	22 Lasagna Salad Garlic Bread	23 Braised Chicken Thighs Potato Vegetable	Teriyaki <sup>24</sup> Salmon Rice Spinach (Alt. <u>T</u> eriyaki Chicken)	25 Picnic Lunch
28 Salad Chicken Parmesan Calzone	29 Broccoli Cheese Soup Chicken Salad Sandwich	30 Salad Pasta with Bolognese	31 Baked Ham Potatoes Au gratin Vegetable	Menu is subject to change

# **PUZZLE OF THE MONTH!**

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## SPRING IS IN THE AIR...SO... PUT A SPRING IN YOUR STEP!

Regular exercise provides a myriad of health benefits for seniors including a stronger heart, a positive mental outlook, and an increased chance of remaining independent. <u>American</u> <u>Trails</u>

The following information was taken from an article by Emily Smith; for Partnership for a Walkable America, University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center.

## The Benefits Of Walking

According to Partnership member Mark Fenton, "The elderly have some special physical concerns that can be helped with regular exercise like walking."

"As people get older," he said, "they seem to be at greater risk of developing osteoporosis and with regular exercise like walking, that seems to be forestalled." Fenton, editor of the Boston-based Walking Magazine, adds that the psychological benefits of regular physical activity for older adults are immense.

"We see again and again that regular exercise gives an improved sense of self-worth and an improved sense of purpose," he said. "It's also clear that regular activity may reduce the likelihood of clinical depression -- a problem among the elderly who may begin to feel they are a burden to their family. With regular exercise, they can continue to be contributing members of society and if they want, they can get involved in volunteer work or part-time work."

Other health benefits from regular physical activity such as walking include:

- Reduced risk of dying prematurely
- Decreased risk of dying from heart disease
- Decreased risk of developing colon cancer
- Reduced risk of developing high blood pressure
- Help in reducing blood pressure in people who already have high blood pressure
- Decreased risk of developing diabetes
- Lower risk of developing hypertension
- Increased muscle strength, flexibility and sense of balance, all of which reduce the risk of falls
- Help in controlling weight

"I think what's really notable is just how much benefit there is for older adults to be physically active," DL Pratt said. "We used to think that once you got to a certain age, it really didn't make any difference anymore, but what we're finding out is that even men and women into their nineties can see major increases in cardiovascular fitness and strength with regular physical activity."

To read more about the benefits of walking for seniors, visit:





Michele Martindale at 781-586-8621 or mmartindale@glss.net

**VETERANS' MOBIL FOOD MARKET** is a farmer's style distribution of assorted foods for Veterans and their families. The Nahant Veteran office and the Nahant Council on Aging in partnership with the Greater Boston Food Bank bring this program to Nahant. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, volunteer veterans and seniors help bring the food to Nahant using the COA bus. The food then gets sorted and distributed to the veterans and their families. If you need more information about this program contact Jon Lazar, Vet's Agent 781 599-1948 or Linda Peterson, COA Director 781 581-7557.



## MARDI GRAS/ FAT TUESDAY









VALENTINE LUNCHEON

## Friends of Nahant COA Executive Board

Linda Lehman - Co-President Lana Mogan -Co- President Mary Irene Dickenson - Treasurer Margaret Silva Secretary NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 9 AT 10:00

#### Help Support the Friends of the Nahant Council on Aging

Please accept my tax-deductible donation as a supporting member:

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Name	Address		
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Please accept my tax-deductible donation of \$	In memory of		
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Please make checks payable to: <b>Friends of the Nahant Council on Aging</b> 334 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908			

CORNER

## **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

- March 1, James Kasper, Timothy Maguire, Margaret Merrell
- March 2, Ronald Murphy, William Forster, Janet Collins
- March 3, Susan Bonner, Penelope Ross, Barbara Damico
- March 4, Carol Crawford, Leonard Patrick, Deidre O'Neil
- March 5, Kenneth Gavin, Edith Ann Roland, Robert Damico, Carol Keller
- March 6, Kathleen Atkinson, Stephen Chislak, Wendy Kessler-Cody
- March 7, Arthur Collins, Charles Butera, Barbara Beatty, Joseph Sardone, Charlotte Mayo, Peter Davis, Angela Lowell, Maureen Pomeo, Lisa Small
- March 8, Warren Edwards
- March 9, Thomas Levangia, Lisa Perella, Thomas Peterson, Janice Lewis
- March 10,-Joseph Bertorelli, Ruth Titus, Barry Markham, Diane Popp
- March 11,- Joyce Gaudet, Sarah Riser, Sherman Locke, Maureen Burke, Carl Lanzilli, Karen Jarzylo
- March 12,- JoAnn Deiulis, William Waters
- March 13,- Nancy Gallo, Doris Nelson, Edward Wong
- March 14,- Steven Arzillo, Vincent Steriti
- March 15,- Arlene Connor
- March 16,- Pauline Mahoney, Kathryn Myatt Carey, Diane Porcaro, Peter Hemenway
- March 17,- Ida Nannini, Marrit Nauta, Debra Croft
- March 18,- Janet Mullins, Enrichetta Ricciardelli, Angela Bonin, Thomas Campbell
- March 19,- Marie Ford, Mary Jane Cusak, Ann Passanisi, William Wheeler
- March 20,- Wayne Gaulzetti
- March 21,- Patricia Oshaughnessy, Paul Catoggio, Elias Markos, Fakhrolsadat Farahabdi
- March 22,- Clancy Asselin, Paul Spirn, Frank Nutell
- March 23,- Elena Pignato, Bernadette Butler, Barbara Lonergan, Mary Lou Mihovan, Paula Taylor, Purple Martine
- March 24,- Rayford Quinn
- March 25,- Mary Giannattasio, Robert Cusak, Patricia Flaherty, Thomas Cornu
- March 26,- George Koukounaris, Louise Anders, Judith Conn, Eden Milroy, Marny Vonaschwege, Michael Stempek
- March 27,- Paul Caira, Vincent Lopes, Jacob Irlich, John Mulkern, Robert Anderson, John McMenimen
- March 28,- Eva Cardile, Carol Sanphy, Samuel MacDonald, Catherine Letourneau, Susan Gilbert, John Sims
- March 29,- Sheila Christensen, Nancy Antrim
- March 31,- Paul Tobin, Tiffany Tran, Dan Jarzylo, Joseph Mellen, Inder Pal

## Mrs. Lea D. (Brunelle) Lewis



Mrs. Lea D. (Brunelle) Lewis, 94 years, of Nahant, died Friday, Jan. 22, 2016, in a local nursing home after a long happy life. She was the wife of the late Everett D. Lewis Jr. She was born in Somersworth, N.H., the daughter of the late Eugene and Georgianna (Gaudette) Brunelle. She was raised in New Hampshire and was a graduate of Somersworth High School. She has lived in Nahant for over 60 years.

She was a graduate of the Notre Dame DeLourdes School of Nursing and was employed as a nurse in Lynn Hospital until her retirement.

Mrs. Lewis was very active in the Nahant Council on Aging as a volunteer. She helped organize many of the Council on Aging trips. She enjoyed line dancing, quilting and Tai chi. Many years ago, she was involved in the Mariners in Nahant, similar to Sea Scouting.

She will be missed by everyone she touched.