

ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

November 1, 2017

- Devens Household Hazardous Products Collection Center will next be open on November 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Ashby's SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) Representative is available by appointment on Thursday, November 9th call Marcia Zaniboni to schedule at 978-386-2424, ex. 27. Don't wait until it's too late! Every year, Medicare Part D and Medicare Advantage plans can change their premiums, co-pays, deductibles; list of drugs covered and preferred pharmacies. In the case of Medicare Advantage Plans they can also drop providers from their Plan. It is important to review your options EVERY year to make sure you have the plan that works best for you for next year. This year we are anticipating that there may be some new plans and choices for you to make. Along with these new plans and choices we expect there will be some aggressive marketing with an unusual high volume of plan sponsored meetings. REMEMBER!! YOU NEED TO BE SURE THAT YOUR PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN AND OTHER PROVIDERS ARE COVERED IN THE PLANS' NETWORK BEFORE YOU CHANGE TO A DIFFERENT MEDICARE PLAN. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE SURE YOUR MEDICATIONS ARE COVERED AS WELL. You have until December 7th to make any changes.
- Fall Centerpiece with The Bronze Bell will be held on Wednesday, November 8th at 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall. Dixie returns with an array of fall flowers just in time for your Thanksgiving table! Please let us know if you are interested so she can order flowers for you. There is no charge for this program, if you sign up by Monday afternoon. Drop-in fee will be \$15. Call Marcia Zaniboni to schedule at 978-386-2424, ex. 27
- GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS will be held on Wednesday, November 15th at the 873 Café. There will be a 9:00 a.m. breakfast followed by a Speaker, Kathy Benson, MSW, LICSW, from Nashoba Nursing and Hospice at 9:30 a.m. We know that the holidays aren't the easiest time for many people. We have asked Kathy to come speak with you about the emotional challenges of the season and offer some tips on making them better.
- FUEL ASSISTANCE: The Council on Aging will help Ashby residents complete fuel assistance applications, by appointment. Please call 978-386-2424, x27 to schedule.

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- An EMT Certification course is being offered at the Ashby Fire Station, 1093 Main Street, beginning in January. Call the Fire Station for more information at 386-5522 or visit the Town website www.ashbyma.gov

- The Selectmen have received the following mail, email, memos and faxes:
 - ❖ Conservation Commission October 4th Minutes and October 18th Hearing Minutes
 - ❖ Invitation to NMRHS Annual Veterans' Day Breakfast
 - ❖ Unital's Notice of Public Hearing re: Renewable Energy Contracts
 - ❖ Invitation to MMA 's 39th Annual Trade Show
 - ❖ Corrections for MMA's Municipal Directory
 - ❖ MMA's *The Beacon*

- Public Service Announcements:
 - + All eligible individuals (seniors and ADA qualified) wishing to participate in the Meals on Wheels Program should contact the Council on Aging at 386-2424, ex. 27. Meals are only \$2.25 and are now delivered Monday through Friday around noon.

 - + MART Shuttle Service is available to all eligible (60 years or older and ADA qualified) individuals. Ashby residents may use the van Monday through Friday for medical appointments, social day care and shopping. Rides cost 75 cents each way. Interested residents should call Jennifer Collins Monday through Thursday at 386-2501, ext. 11 to apply and schedule use.

 - + Current Board, Committee, and Department Vacancies: Administrative Assistant to the Police Department, Board of Assessors, Broadcast Technicians, Conservation Commission, Council on Aging, Cultural Council, Dispatchers, EMTs, Land Use Agent, Reserve Police Officers, Solid Waste Facility Attendant, Historical Commission, Historic District Commission, Senior Tax Work-off Program and Zoning Board of Appeals