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The Foot Care Clinics

will be held on December 7th & 8th, 2022, and January 4th & 5th, 2023, by appointment from 9:30 AM-3 PM.

Care is provided by a Nurse Foot Care Provider, a specialist who has training in the care of "routine" foot care problems.

Treatment provided usually includes nail filing, trimming nails, reducing thick nails if needed, callouses/corn reduced or removed.

Cost is \$35, payable in cash or check to the Town of Kennebunkport.

Schedule an appointment at: 207-967-4401

Holiday Support in Our Community

Our three-town community really shines during the holiday season. The generosity of neighbors will first be on display on Tuesday November 8th when each community will be actively asking residents to help "Stuff the Bus" for Community Outreach Services (COS) Food Pantry on election day. Please consider shelf stable food items or a monetary donation.

Any family or individual who might benefit from COS Food Pantry or their Holiday Basket Delivery for Thanksgiving or Christmas should contact their Town's General Assistance Office. In Kennebunkport, please call 967-4401.

For more information on Community Outreach Services visit: https://bit.ly/3sxXpAU



Community Harvest is hosting the 24th annual Project Pilgrim Thanksgiving Meal on Thursday, November 24, 2022. Due to the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, food distribution will once again be offered as curbside pick-up and delivery options only. All meal reservations MUST be made in advance by Sunday November 13, 2022

For information and online sign up, visit Community Harvest: https://bit.ly/3D7lfbD Secret Santa is a local organization which has been providing Christmas gifts to children ages 18 years and younger, for over 30 years. If you are a Kennebunk, Kennebunkport or Arundel family in need this year, you may complete the online Secret Santa Application or contact your town's General Assistance Office by Nov. 4, 2022.

To link to application: https://bit.ly/3UfSAZ0

Covid-19 & other updates

The fall and winter months challenge us all. As we enter the season of "fall allergies, flu, colds, & R.S.V.," layered over the ongoing concerns of Covid-19; it is no wonder when a cough or runny nose starts, one has no clue what it might be! Check these links for useful information.

Fall allergies: https://wb.md/3f9k5og

Seasonal Flu: https://bit.ly/3TWFe3B <u>R.S.V.-</u>Respiratory Syncytial Virus-learn more from the US CDC at: <u>https://bit.ly/3W6cyqY</u>

To find a covid vaccination location near you visit: https://bit.ly/3dLW1of

It's that time-Sand for Seniors

For the second year the Kennebunkport Public Works Department and the Kennebunkport Public Health Office are partnering to help local senior citizens in need, obtain sand this winter to help keep their icy walkways safe to navigate.

Upon request, buckets of sand will be delivered to residents who are 65 and older or disabled; and are

unable to come directly to the Public Works Department to pick up sand for their personal use this winter.

If you participated last year and still have your bucket, simply call us to request that it be refilled!

To request a bucket please call Kennebunkport Public Health at 207-967-4401. Thank you to The Pilot House Restaurant, Alisson's Restaurant and Kennebunkport Health Council, for bucket donations this year.





REMINDER:

Daylight savings time ends November 6, 2022.

Community CPR/AED Class

On Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at The Village Fire Station, 32 North St., Kennebunkport from 6-8 pm the Kennebunkport Public Health Department will host a community CPR/AED (automated external defibrillator) educational event for residents ages 18 and over.

Join us for a CPR/AED refresher or to learn for the first time. CPR

classes will equip you with the tools and the confidence you need to transform yourself from the role of bystander to lifesaver.

This program is **FREE** to residents, however if you require a certification card there is a small fee for card and course book, please call 967-4401 for more information.

Join us for this fun and interactive program and learn a skill that can help save lives!



Positive Aging Resources

Positive Aging Community is an organization in the Mid Atlantic States that provides many free webinars on a regular basis. These programs are also typically recorded and posted for access promptly after a session is held, so there is a large library of prior presentation content available.

Some of the past content offerings are:

- The Future of Medicine for Older Adults,
- Author of Women Wise: The Essential Guide to

Financial & Lifestyle Decisions as we age,

• Safe & Accessible Homes: Stairs and Entryways.

Upcoming: Understanding Hospital Discharge.

To learn more: https://bit.ly/3SUHZS5

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Food for Thought

It is hard to believe that the holidays are just a few weeks away. This is a season when food is the star of any gathering!

To help you consider some new options to try check out a few of these suggestions.

Glazed Blueberry Rolls: https://bit.ly/3MHCODK

Sweet Potato Kale Frittata: https://bit.ly/3TxZWGP Butternut Squash Fritters: <u>https://bit.ly/3zuXp8Y</u>

Green salad with roasted carrots and tarragon dressing: https://bit.ly/3yT7e03

Turkey and Dumpling Soup:

https://bit.ly/3NlqU2y

Spaghetti Squash Au Gratin: https://armagazine.com/3 FtuUME Stuffed Butternut Squash with Wild Rice: https://bit.ly/3UfSAZ0

Leftover Turkey Stuffed Peppers: https://bit.ly/3DTB8UI

Pumpkin Dump Cake: https://armagazine.com/3 SYREag

Every Flavor Thanksgiving Pie Bars: https://bit.ly/3sP94eW



New Option for Upcycling!

There are new textile collection bins at both the Kennebunkport Police Station (101 Main St.) and the North Street Fire Station (32 North St.) These bins are operated and maintained by Apparel Impact under a no-cost agreement with the town. All collected materials will be reused, up-cycled or recycled, with only a small percentage sent to incinerators or landfills.

For a list of items to donate visit: https://bit.ly/3DVgwM3

Community, Coffee & Conversation

On Wednesday November 30, 2022, we will host the first Kennebunkport Death Café at 9 AM at The Louis T. Graves Library in the Community Room.

What is a Death Café? A Death Café is a safe and relaxed space to gather with people to discuss topics related to death and dying.

The objective is to engage in interesting, thought

provoking and lifeaffirming conversations. Please join us at this community conversation!

This gathering will be facilitated by Marilyn R. Gugliucci, MA, PhD, AGHEF, GSAF, AGSF, NAOMEF; Professor & Director, Geriatrics Education & Research; Director, U-ExCEL Older Adult Fitness Program; Division of Geriatrics; University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Learn more about Death Café's at: https://bit.ly/3T1WN1r



National Family Health History Day

As your family gathers for Thanksgiving, in addition to spending time catching up on what everyone has been doing, watching the Macy's Day Parade, cooking, eating and sports consider setting aside some time to discuss your family health history. A family health history is a record of the diseases and health conditions in your family. You and your family members share genes. You may also have behaviors in common, such as exercise habits and what you like to eat. You may live in the same area and encounter similar things in the environment. Family history includes all these factors, any of which can affect your health. (US CDC)

<u>To learn more</u> and access the "My Family Health Portrait" site visit: https://bit.ly/31nPVn1



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The mission of the Kennebunkport Public Health Department is to assist the residents and guests of Kennebunkport with meeting their health and social service needs. The Public Health Department staff strives to improve the quality of life.

Services provided include:

- Skilled nursing care in the home
- Well-being checks/health supervisory visits
- General health counseling and guidance
- General Assistance & Social Service needs

Office Hours: M-F 8-9:30 AM and by appointment

Staff: Alison Kenneway BSN, RN Stacey Corsie BSN, RN Kim Noble BSN, MBA, RN Kristen Garvin BSN, MS, RN



Medical Loan Closet



• Disease prevention & health promotion

Kennebunkport Emergency Medical Services (KEMS) offers an annual subscription service (\$100-400) that helps individuals, couples and families (both permanent and seasonal residents.) Those who participate in the subscription service will have the portion of their bill typically charged to the client waived, which offers residents a tremendous savings. (The KEMS subscription does not apply in the event that a neighboring EMS responds mutual aid to the subscriber's address. For more information: kemsemschief@gmail.com or leave message: 207-967-9704.

Your Health Matters: Book Discussion Group

On Wednesday November 16, 2022, join us at the Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library at 9:45 AM for our monthly book discussion "Your Health Matters."

This month we will focus on a discussion of "stuff!" Our homes are filled with things, items we have purchased, been gifted, or inherited. These things can bring us joy and remind us of family members no longer with us; however, they can also overwhelm us and clutter our lives.

But where to begin? The challenge is very real and

can easily be the stopping point in the process for many of us.

The book we will discuss this month "Keep the Memories, Lose the Stuff: Declutter, Downsize and Move Forward With Your Life," by Matt Paxton, is a wonderful starting point for everyone.

Matt Paxton is a downsizing and cleaning expert, speaker, author, radio personality, and host of the 2-time Emmy nominated television show Legacy List with Matt Paxton. (https://bit.ly/3frPMcf) This small book is filled with engaging stories on how the author has helped people declutter and create their all important "Legacy List." In addition, there are fabulous resources included.

Copies of the book are available at Graves Library. Haven't had time to read the book? Feel free to join us for the discussion, everyone is welcome. If you have read the book and want to share one item from your legacy list, feel free to bring it with you!