

Friday February 10th, 2023

Today will be the day of links. Below you'll find some information of interest so follow the links and forward this message if you think you know someone who could use it. Then tell them to get on our list so you don't have to share...

Starting April 1, 2023, all current MassHealth members will need to renew their health coverage to ensure they still qualify for their current benefit. These renewals will take place over 12 months. In summary:

1. MassHealth participants should update their contact information so they do not miss important information and notices.
2. Residents should report any household changes.
3. MassHealth members should create an MA Login Account.

Learn more by visiting the link below

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-eligibility-redetermination-outreach-toolkit>

This is a link to some information regarding the municipal electricity aggregation effort in Williamstown. It's been around for about 5 years now and all town residents, or should I say households, were automatically enrolled back when it started.

Newcomers would have had to enroll or opt in if they wanted..

I'm sure that you've heard about it for a while now. Anyway, this may also explain why you're getting mail from electric companies asking about your interest in their services. I've heard that some folks have opted out of the process without realizing that it may be a good deal for them. This bit of information is in a recent press release from the COOL committee.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aJNzG46Nf8iKqQAdV_Sod2Crpm0GfY06NiDSvWby5t0/e/dit#heading=h.u0ctdkoq9orn

Questions can be addressed to the COOL committee, here's the link to that organization ;

www.coolwilliamstown.org

The Northern Berkshire YMCA is hosting a Wellness Wednesday event on February 15 from 11-1 pm at the Y at Brickyard Court in North Adams. There will be representatives from many North Berkshire organizations and, if you haven't received your latest vaccine, a COVID Vaccine Clinic will be part of the event. Pre-registration is encouraged. Walk-ins are welcome. You can visit mass.gov/getboosted (enter North Adams YMCA into the search bar). MA residents will be able to receive a \$75 gift card while supplies last!

Ok, here at Harper we're having a conversation on Tuesday the 14th, also known as Valentines Day, with Jessi Byrne from the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition. She is talking about heart health, offering tips and demonstrating exercise strategies for heart health. There will be lunch first, at 12:30, heart healthy foods (mostly)...

Just another reminder that the folks from the Fire District are coming here to Harper on the 16th at 1:00 to talk about the project and answer questions regarding it. It's an informational session

and an important conversation. Bring yourselves and your questions, we'll have refreshments too.

Incidentally, the actual Town wide special Fire District meeting to vote to raise funds and build the facility is being held on Tuesday February 28th at the Williamstown Elementary School gym at 7:00. This is an important meeting so please plan to be there!

Next Friday, February 17th, we'll have an early Mardi Gras party with pizza and the Richard Meyer Band. Join us!

Finally, the tax season is in full swing and we've been accepting reservations for appointments. You can make an appointment by calling (413) 458-8020 during the MORNING from 9:00 -12:00 or by calling (413) 749-2020 during the AFTERNOON, 1-4. You'll have to pop into Harper to pick up a booklet with questions to be answered after you've registered and before your tax meeting. A couple pertinent notes; the session for Tuesday February 28th has been canceled as Tax Aides and participants will be attending the Fire District meeting that evening. Additionally, you must have a reservation to have your taxes completed and filed, they're not accepting walk in sessions.

Have a great weekend!

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