

Notes for Wednesday November 15th, 2023

Half way through November and the weather has been OK so far, knock, knock. I want to tell you about a new player called Remedy Hall, a new charitable organization in Williamstown, MA., offering basic life necessities to those in need, free of charge. The “shop” opened on November 1 in room B4 of the First Congregational Church, 906 Main Street. Remedy Hall plans to offer non-food necessities, such as personal hygiene items, winter clothing (hats, scarves, mittens, jackets), kitchenware, towels, blankets, etc. They will also stock tents and sleeping bags for those in the direst of situations. They welcome nonfood donations from the community. If they don't have something that satisfies an urgent need, they'll work to find it. Here's where you can reach them; Email: remedyhallinc@gmail.com Phone: 413-884-3051

Our friends with the big, colorful CHP van have scheduled a Covid Clinic for Thursday, November 30th 1pm to 3pm here at Harper. In addition to the latest Covid vaccine, they have “FLUAD the senior dose of Flu’ which the rest of us call the senior shot. This is available to those 65+. They do have the do have RSV vaccine for those who have a PCP with CHP, are over 60+ and have a qualifying diagnosis. If you're a CHP patient, talk to them about your eligibility.

Our annual coat collection has begun again and we've always set an annual goal at 100 coats. In the first week we surpassed 30. Keep it going Williamstown! The weather may be OK now but depending on what weather forecaster you believe we could have serious cold and snow. There are people out there in need and if you have a gently used coat you no longer need and wouldn't mind parting with, we're happy to pass it on.

Roger Tincknell will be here this Friday with a program titled “The Beatles and Beyond” and he'll be playing hits from the 60's and 70's. Join us at 12:30 for a cookout, chicken off the barbie with sides and show at 1:00.

Medicare Open Enrollment is here, the annual time frame when all people with Medicare can re-evaluate, add, drop, or switch your Medicare health and drug coverage. SHINE counselors will be here on Tuesday the 28th, 12:30-3:30. They will compare your plan to others on the market and find one that best suits your needs and budget. AARP says “Don't ignore open enrollment!” It's the only time you have in an entire year to review your coverage, make these changes and save some dough! Reservations Please. Be sure to bring your Medicare and other insurance cards and medication list.

A special four-week series of Loss Support meetings will begin on Tuesday the 21st at 10:30. We're heading into a major holiday period and we want to be as supportive as we can of folks experiencing loss. All welcome and remember, loss of job, home, pet or relationships are still losses. Call us at 413-458-8250 for information.

The Berkshire Food Project in North Adams, 134 Main Street. is offering a Thanksgiving Dinner on the Monday the 20th, in 2 sittings, 11:00 am to 1:00pm and another from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, all welcome and the event is free. And...All Saints Episcopal Church also in North Adams is delivering Thanksgiving with trimmings to seniors with no other way to get a meal on Thanksgiving Day between 11:00 and noon. You need to register by this Friday the 17th by calling 413-664-9556 and leave a message if nobody answers.

Happy Thanksgiving from your friends at the COA!