

COACH MESSENGER

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COA LAUNCHES “RMV NEAR ME”

In an effort to further serve the senior population in Chester, the COA has partnered with the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) to offer the “RMV Near Me” program. This a pilot partnership with the RMV and statewide Councils on Aging (COA) to provide additional service locations at which senior citizens can receive assistance processing routine Registry transactions online. Chester is one of 50 COAs that has signed on for this pilot program.

Who is Eligible?

The COA will provide this service at the town hall to those ages 60 and over.

How will it work?

There are two public-use computers for seniors to use. Someone could also be assisted

using their own iPad or laptop computer. This service will be available by appointment. Individuals will need a credit card for payment of any registry fees, and an email address. Help is available to set up an email account if necessary

Transactions Available

Seniors can get help conducting online transactions and locating important RMV forms, documents, and resources online. Examples of RMV transactions that can be processed at the Chester COA include: 1) renewing Massachusetts driver’s licenses online (if the resident is younger than 75); 2) renewing a motor vehicle registration without having to visit the local RMV branch; 3) replacing a lost or stolen handicap placard; 4) changing your (*cont. on back*)

TRIP TO BUTTERFLY MUSEUM PLANNED

The COA has planned two trips to the Magic Wings Butterfly Museum, on April 29 and May 3. Thanks to a grant from the Chester Cultural Council, we are able to offer free admission to 20 seniors who are interested. Seniors may either ride the van or use their own transportation and meet as a group between

11:15—11:30 AM at the museum. Magic Wings is an 8,000-square foot indoor conservatory, home to nearly 4,000 exotic and domestic butterflies. The museum environment is lush with tropical plants. There are benches throughout for those who want to sit and watch butterflies move (*cont. on back*)

**Save
The
Date**

If you need a ride to any of these events, please call the COA at 354-7735

Sat. April 9
Breakfast Trip to Strawbale Café, Westhampton. Leave Chester at 9AM. Ordering off the menu (\$4—\$12) Call 354-7735 to reserve your seat on van (or meet group there.)

Friday April 15
Brown Bag Pick-up/delivery 10:45 –11:15 AM

Tues. April 19 11AM
Pot Luck Luncheon 12PM
Medicare Senior Patrol Presentation 12:45 PM
RSVP 354-7735

Tues. April 29 10AM– 4PM
Outing to Butterfly Museum

Tues. May 3 10AM– 4PM
Outing to Butterfly Museum (see article this issue)

WEEKLY MONDAYS

**KNITTING SERVICE GROUP
1-3PM**

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

WEDNESDAYS “FUN BOWL”

**SOUTHAMPTON LANES \$7.50
CALL 354-7735 FOR MORE
INFO**

Thursdays

**Matinee Movie
Doors open at 12:15PM
1 PM Free**

RMV Near Me (cont.)

address. "The RMV Near Me Program is another example of the COA's commitment to identifying new, and creative ways to improve life for the seniors in Chester. I am pleased to provide this opportunity for our seniors. None of us likes waiting in line at the RMV, so this is a great program to be able to offer", said Sue Kucharski, COA Director.

Museum Trip (cont.)

in their natural tropical habitat. An onsite restaurant offers a lunch menu of soup, salads, wraps, sandwiches, and burgers ranging in price from \$3.75 to \$13.75.

Please call the COA at 354-7735 by Wednesday, April 27 if you are interested in either date regardless of whether you will ride the van or meet at the museum.

Also of Interest...

Honor Flight New England is a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring America's most senior veterans. Through generous donations, they transport World War II and Korean War Veterans to visit and reflect at their memorial in Washington, DC **at no cost** to those that served. Top priority is given to World War II veterans and those that are terminally ill. Contact 603-518-5368 for a veteran application, or visit www.honorflightnewengland.org

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APRIL MATINEE MOVIE SCHEDULE

All movies begin at 1PM and are shown in the Senior Room. Please use the side entrance to the town hall on Thursdays as the front entrance to the town hall is locked. This program is free. Free hot dogs, popcorn, and soft drinks are available.

April 7 The Martian (2015) Abandoned on the surface of Mars after his crew concludes that he perished in a dust storm, astronaut Mark Watney must find a way to survive the planet's harsh environment -- despite having only 28 days of supplies left Rated PG-13 130 min.

April 14 Bridge of Spies (2015) *Biography, Suspense* At the height of the Cold War in 1960, the downing of an American spy plane and the pilot's subsequent capture by the Soviets draws Brooklyn attorney James Donovan into the middle of an intense effort to secure the aviator's release. Stars Tom Hanks PG-13 142 min.

April 21 A Walk in the Woods (2015) *Drama, Adventure* Returning to America after living abroad many years, aging travel writer Bill Bryson decides to focus on his native land by hiking the length of the Appalachian Trail with his longestranged pal Stephen Katz -- a tottering, wisecracking ex-alcoholic. Stars Robert Redford, Nick Nolte R 104 min.

April 28 Spotlight (2015) *Thriller; Social Issue Drama* Revealing a string of cover-ups stretching back decades, a team of "Boston Globe" reporters exposes the Catholic Archdiocese's history of keeping reports about child molestation and other priest-initiated abuse under wraps. R 123 min.

May 5 He Named Me Malala (2015) *Social, Cultural Documentary* Vividly portraying the obstacles Pakistani women face in getting an education because of prohibitions by the Taliban, this affecting documentary chronicles the story of Malala Yousafzai, a 15-year-old who was shot because of her advocacy efforts. PG-13 87 min.

Senior Medicare Patrol To Speak

A representative from the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) will speak at the COA on Tuesday, April 19 at 12:45 p.m. This presentation will immediately follow the monthly pot-luck luncheon served at 12PM. This free information workshop will provide you with the tools to become a more informed and engaged health care consumer. You will learn how to protect your Medicare and Medicaid benefits and how to detect and report suspected errors, fraud and abuse. The program should last about 45 min. If you cannot attend, but have concerns or questions about your healthcare statements, call the SMP Program Office at 800-892-0890.