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FROM THE DESK OF DIANA FOX, DIRECTOR

This article was originally written in 2017, yet the information bears repeating, so credit for the original goes to former director, Ruth Spink with a few updates by me. The issues around isolation continue to be highlighted and the need for social connection remains a significant factor for the health and wellbeing of older adults, and others in our community as well. People end up being isolated for various reasons (their health, living/family situation, retirement, loss of loved ones, etc.) In Genesee we are VERY fortunate we are to have the Muriel H. Marshall Fund for the Aging County to offer that human touch to so many.

For those of you who don't know about the Marshall Fund, below is a little bit of the story.

An estate bequest from Roxanne Marshall, a local librarian and daughter of a Batavia businessman, established this permanent fund at Rochester Area Community Foundation in honor of her mother, Muriel H. Marshall. Roxanne's dream was to support services that enhance the quality of life for older residents of Genesee County, especially those in more rural areas, and enable them to remain independent and involved in the community.

In her instructions to the Community Foundation, Roxanne identified a number of possible services and was adamant that they be available at a reasonable cost to anyone who might benefit from them. She also insisted that her private dollars not supplant public dollars allocated to aging services.

A Planr	ning Team d	of local residents	ensures fai	thful complian	ce with her	wishes by o	continually:
[☐ Identifyin	g non-medical ne	eeds and op	portunities for	older adults	in Genese	e County;

□ Determining funding priorities and possibilities that are responsive to local needs;

□ Shaping grant making strategies that meet the criteria of the Marshall Fund;

□ Providing for appropriate community input and reporting.

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ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Office for the Aging No Meeting in August

Genesee Senior Foundation, Inc.

Thursday, August 15th 2:00 pm

The Financial Assistance, Library Visits, Handyman, Home Visitation and Transportation Programs are funded by a grant from the Muriel H. Marshall Fund for the Aging in Genesee County; the fund is overseen by the Rochester Area Community Foundation.

NY CONNECTS of Genesee County



1-800-342-9871

NY Connects of Genesee County is here to help you. Whether you are an older adult, person with a disability, or caregiver, we have a fair and easy way for you to get connected to the long term care help you need.

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Information is available in printed form (585) 343-1611

Or

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Prescreen for programs you may be eligible for at: www.mybenefits.ny.gov, it's quick, easy, and confidential!

This work funded through grants from NYS Office for the Aging, NY Connects, Administration on Community Living, and the generous support of the Genesee County Legislature.

Feeling the Stress?

Genesee County Mental Health

Providing phone, video and in-person Sessions (accept most insurances)

585-344-1421

Care & Crisis Helpline 585-283-5200

Crisis Text Line
Text GOT5 to 741741

Suicide & Crisis LifeLine

Call or Text 988 or Chat at 988lifeline.org/chat

If your life or someone else's is in imminent danger, please call 911.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Call 585-343-1611 for more information!

MONDAY:

- 9:30am-10:30am **Arthritis Exercise** (\$1.50 suggested contribution)
- 2nd Monday of the month/ 12:45pm 2pm Open Bingo
- 4th Monday of the month/ 2pm 4pm BUNCO Party

TUESDAY:

• 10am-12pm - Mahjong

WEDNESDAY:

- 9am-12:30pm Quilting/Sewing Group
- 1st Wednesday of the month/11am noon
 Book Club

THURSDAY:

- 10am-12pm Euchre
- 1pm-4pm Cribbage

FRIDAY:

- 9:30am—11am -Line Dancing
- 1pm-2:30pm—Young at Art (\$10 per class)
- 3:30-4:30 Yoga (starting September 6th)

MEALSITES (Must Pre-Register)

Lunch served at noon (\$3.50 suggested contribution)

Havenwood:

Monday through Friday Call 344-1330

Batavia at the Senior Center:

Monday, Thursday and Friday Call 343-1611

Leisuretimers:

Tuesday Call 343-1611

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Dorothy Sanfrantello Brenda Jarvis Thank you!



Website Address for the Genesee County Office for the Aging www.co.genesee.ny.us

YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

Because needs are always greater than the funds available to meet them, the Genesee County Office for the Aging (OFA) encourages monetary donations to our not-for-profit **Genesee Senior Foundation, Inc.**

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RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Location: Genesee County Fairgrounds, 5056 East Main St., Batavia

Each dog, cat, and ferret must be leashed or crated and accompanied by someone who can control it. Dog, cat, and ferret vaccinations are free. Voluntary donations are accepted.

August 8th: 4 - 7 pm October 10th: 4 - 7 pm

For more information contact the Genesee County Health Department at 585-344-2580 x5555 or visit www.GOHealthNY.org.

RABIES IS A DEADLY VIRUS

- · DO NOT touch or feed wild or stray animals.
- Keep your pets up-to-date on rabies vaccinations and obey leash laws.
- If you find a bat in your home, safely capture it and call the health department.
 <u>DO NOT</u> release it!
- If you get bitten by any animal, call your healthcare provider right away.





ARE YOU CARING FOR A LOVED ONE WITH MEMORY IMPAIRMENT?

Submitted by: Laurie Watson, **Specialist, Aging Services**

The Alzheimer's Association - WNY Chapter and the eight WNY Offices for the Aging, including Genesee County are part of the Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Support Initiative (ADCSI). This program is funded through the New York State Department of Health and designed to support caregivers and people with dementia in the community.

The core services of this program include: Caregiver Assessments, Education, Support Groups, Safety Services, Respite Services and Legal Services

learn more about this program, call Office for the Aging at 585-343-1611.

ALZHEIMER PROGRAM UPDATES

Submitted by Laurie Watson, **Specialist, Aging Services**

Tuesday August 20th 2024 from 2 pm-4:30pm Caregiver Resource Fair. We invite you to join us for a free Caregiver resource fair. Come learn about the free resources available in our community. Dementia care specialists will be available to help answer your questions. There will be a public forum starting at 2:30pm to obtain feedback from the community.

Wednesday September 18th at 10am
Presented by the Alzheimer's Association "The empowered Caregiver: Communicating effectively".

Each event will be held at the Genesee County Office for the Aging, 2 Bank St. Batavia. For more information or questions please call Office for the Aging at 585-343-1611.

PROGRAM FOR **FAMILY CAREGIVERS**

Submitted by Julie Brinkman, Specialist, Aging Services

The Memory Café at the Senior Center is an opportunity for caregivers and their loved one(s) to relax, socialize, have lunch and enjoy music. Registration is necessary.

The first Monday of the month (except for September)

Call our office for more information or to register! 585-343-1611.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Submitted by: Laurie Watson, **Specialist, Aging Services**

If you are a caregiver of someone with a memory impairment and feeling overwhelmed, depressed or angry, it is time for you to get help for yourself and the loved one that you are caring for. We offer a caregiver support group where you can freely express yourself among people who are going through a similar, if not the same, experience.

Meetings focus on providing emotional support, tips for coping with behavior issues and sharing experiences.

For more information please call 585-343-1611.

Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1pm at Office for Aging

CARING FOR A LOVED ONE

Submitted by: Laurie Watson, Specialist, Aging Services

If you are caring for a loved one who is 60 years or older, please give Office for the Aging a call. Our staff can provide you information to assist you and your loved one. This includes information about support groups, training, respite (short term break), managing stress, counseling and much more!

Please contact the Office for the Aging at 585-343-1611 for more information.

GOT GROCERIES?

Submitted by: Julie Brinkman Specialist, Aging Services

way to get those needed groceries. This program is designed specifically for individuals who meet following criteria:

- 60 years of age and older
- Ability to pay for own groceries
- Unable to do own shopping
- Unable to order via internet

OFA is seeking volunteers and individuals desiring assistance. Please call NY Connects/OFA at 585-343-1611 for information.

Program is not able to use SNAP benefits at this time.

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Powerful Tools for Caregivers: In the six weekly classes, family caregivers develop a wealth of self-care tools to: reduce personal stress; change negative self-talk; communicate more effectively in challenging situations; manage their emotions; and make tough caregiver decisions.

Location: Genesee County Office for the Aging, 2 Bank St., Batavia

Time: 2-3:30pm

Dates: Wednesdays - September 4, 11, 18, 25 and October 2 and 9, 2024

REGISTRATION: There is no cost for this six week Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop; however **pre-registration is required** by Monday August 26th.

Please note that it is strongly recommended that you attend all six classes. You are required to attend the first class in order to participate in this program. You will be provided "The Caregiver Helpbook", a great reference tool!

Please call the Office for the Aging at 585-343-1611 to register.

SUMMER HOURS

Genesee Office for the Aging is open Monday - Friday 8am to 4:30 pm until Labor Day.



Director's Article From Front Page Continued:

The Community Foundation provides administrative and fiduciary oversight for the fund, ensuring that it is effective now and forever.

There are amazing programs and services provided through the Marshall Fund, administered by caring, local agencies. Each of these programs helps older adults connect with human beings on a very real level and I am so very proud that the Office for the Aging has a part in this remarkable outpouring of love and care for our Genesee County older adults. Marshall Fund programs include:

- Home Visitation through Catholic Charities of Buffalo
- Library Visits through Richmond Memorial Library, benefiting all of Genesee County
- Financial Management Assistance Program through Lifespan of Greater Rochester
- Handyman Program through Pathstone
- Transportation Assistance Program through Community Action Transportation Services
- Mini Recreation and Social Transportation funds through Genesee Senior Foundation, Inc.
- Centralized Intake, case management, and Marketing Coordination through the Office for the Aging

If you live in Genesee County, don't leave if you plan to live beyond age 60. There is no other county like Genesee that connects you to real people in such meaningful ways.

There are no income limits for people to benefit from these wonderful programs. Whether you're an older person yourself or caring for one, we encourage you to contact our office at 585-343-1611 or **ask marshall at 585-815-7979** to learn about the many Marshall Fund and other programs and services available to help you manage the ups and downs of life. A friendly face comes with every program. You are not alone!

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CUT OUT ADDED SUGARS

Submitted by: Miranda Bethin, Registered Dietitian

Sugars in your diet can be naturally occurring or added. Naturally occurring sugars are found naturally in foods, such as fruit (fructose and glucose) and milk (lactose). Added sugars are sugars and syrups put in foods during preparation or processing, or at the table.

Many people consume more sugar than they realize. Our bodies don't need sugar to function properly. Added sugars contribute zero nutrients but often many added calories that can lead to overweight or obesity.

The American Heart Association recommended daily limit for additional sugars:

- ★ Women: 6 teaspoons = 25 grams = 100 calories
- ★ Men: 9 teaspoons = 36 grams = 150 calories

Tips:

- ~ Looks for foods and drinks with 0g of added sugars
- ~Added Sugars can be listed as:
 - Brown sugar
 - Corn sweetener
 - Corn syrup
 - Sugar molecules ending in "-ose"
 - (dextrose, fructose, glucose, lactose, maltose, sucrose)
 - High-fructose corn syrup
 - Fruit juice concentrates
 - Honey
 - Invert sugar
 - Malt sugar
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If you are a Genesee County resident, age 60+, you are able to access nutrition education and counseling with the Registered Dietitian.

For more information please contact 585-343-1611.

Genesee County Chamber of Commerce: Your Gateway to Local Businesses! Submitted by: Katy Hobbs, GC Chamber of Commerce

Are you looking to explore the many wonderful businesses Genesee County has to offer? The Genesee County Chamber of Commerce is here to help! Our highly anticipated 2024-2025 Resident Resource Guide & Business Directory is now available for pickup, and it's a fantastic resource for Genesee County residents of all ages.

Pick Up Your Copy - The 2024-2025 Genesee County Chamber of Commerce Member Directory is completely free! Stop by the Chamber of Commerce or Office for the Aging during their regular business hours to pick up your copy.

For more information about the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce please call 585-343-7440 or to view a digital copy of the Member Directory online (once available), please visit our website at https://geneseeny.com/. We look forward to helping you explore all that Genesee County has to offer!

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With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. This training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or man-made disaster. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. Each family that attends will receive on Preparedness kit.

When: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 1pm Where: Genesee County Office for the Aging, 2 Bank Street, Batavia, NY 14020

*ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE.



To register and for additional information, visit www.prepare.ny.gov or scan the QR code.

This event is brought to you by the Governor in conjunction with the Genesee County Office for the Aging.



Don't worry! If you aren't able to attend this free training on August 27th, it will be offered again on September 11th at 5:30pm.

LUNCH & LEARNS

Submitted by: Kimberly Perl, Specialist, Aging Services

Come join us for a *Free* lunch, and listen to educational, informational speakers for an hour or so. Fill your belly and learn a thing or two... <u>reservations are required, as space is limited!</u> Please call us at **585-343-1611**.

Each program starts promptly at noon. Tuesdays, August 6th and 13th.

THANK YOU to our sponsors of this program: Aetna, EPIC - with Stern at Home Therapy, HIICAP/AmeriCorps Seniors, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield and MVP.

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HOME VISITING PROGRAM

Submitted by: Linda Chadderdon, Program Coordinator

Have you heard about the Home Visitation Program in Genesee County? It is a **free** program offered to ALL **older adults, regardless of income, who are age 60+ and live in Genesee County.** Participants may be homebound, live with family or live independently but may be feeling more socially isolated and would benefit from a weekly volunteer visit. Our program is generously funded by The Muriel H. Marshall Fund for the Aging and is administered by Catholic Charities which serves people of all faiths. It is a social based program and its primary focus is to bring a renewed sense of friendship to older adults who may feel less connected to their community as their circle of friends grows smaller. Our goal is to decrease feelings of social isolation, which studies show can then extend the length of time in which participants live independently in their homes. Visits occur weekly by the same volunteer visitor, and typically last one hour. Participants and volunteers often partake in simple conversation about life and family, while sharing memories of growing up. They may partake in board games, cards, a shared love of crafts, etc. We find simply being in each other's presence for even a short time every week is enough to grow a mutual sense of friendship that has the opportunity to last many years.

Visit times are flexible and arranged between the participant and their volunteer. Participants can choose to partake in receiving weekly in person visits or phone calls. Our volunteers do not provide personal care, respite, transportation, yard work or assistance with banking/budgeting. In person visits are subject to a home inspection which simply ensures the safety for the volunteer who visits. We happily offer the alternative of phone call visits to accommodate participants who may have hoarding concerns, insect or vermin infestation, aggressive or perceived aggressive pets.

New participant referrals are accepted from all sources including self-referrals, family & friends, church community, case workers, physician office, etc. When a participant has someone whom they consider a friend and can be relied on every week to visit or call, they experience a renewed sense of belonging and a decrease in the feeling of isolation and sadness. All of our volunteers are 21+, trained, and background and reference checked. They have a connection to people and are eager to give back to the community in which they live. If you would like more information on how to receive a friendly visitor, or if you'd like to become a volunteer, please contact **ask marshall** - 585-815-7979 or askmarshall@geneseeny.gov.

LIBRARY VISITS

Submitted by: Lucine Kauffman, Coordinator



If you are unable to visit the Richmond Memorial Library and browse our collection of library materials, you may qualify for home delivery. Anything that can be checked out of the library—books, magazines, music CDs, audiobooks, and DVDs-- can be delivered to your door!

The Library Visits Program delivers library services to Genesee County residents who are 60+ years old and unable to visit the library due to long/short-term illness, disability, caregiving responsibilities, or lack of transportation.

Through personalized visits, LVP staff and volunteers bring customized library materials to older adults so they can remain connected and engaged.

CURBSIDE PICKUP is another option for Library Visits patrons who are able to drive to the library, but would rather not enter the building due to health or mobility issues. Simply call or email LVP staff to make a request. Or, you can place a hold (over the phone or through your online library account) within the NIOGA System. When your items are ready for pick up, we'll contact you. Then when you arrive in the parking lot, call the circulation desk, and someone will bring the library materials out to your car.

To apply for our services, or if you would like to volunteer please contact **ask marshall** at 585-815-7979 or askmarshall@geneseeny.gov.

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CELEBRATING

Dinner and live music - Genesee County Residents age 55+
September 26th at Batavia Downs
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for more information



DINNER and DANCING

Calling all Genesee County residents age 55+! Join the Office for the Aging in

Celebrating 50 Years in Genesee County. We will be celebrating at the Batavia Downs Event Center on September 26th with a buffet dinner and live music by the Batavia Swing Band. Tickets will be available starting Monday, August 5th and go through Friday, September 6th (or until they sell out!) Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at the Office for the Aging with exact cash or checks made payable to the Genesee Senior Foundation.

Get your tickets before they sell out!

 \bullet FISHING CLINIC Join us for an Intergenerational Fishing Clinic! Open to Genesee County residents age 60+ accompanied by a child or youth. Learn fishing skills, being a responsible angler, fish identification, and free fishing for clinic participants. This clinic will take place at DeWitt Recreation Area on Tuesday, August 27th, 10:00 – 1:00 PM and lunch will be provided. This clinic is hosted in partnership with the Genesee County Office for the Aging, Genesee County Parks and NYS Department of **Environmental Conservation and partially** funded by a family beguest. This program is free for participants to attend but registration is necessary. Please call the Office for the Aging at 585-343-1611 to register.

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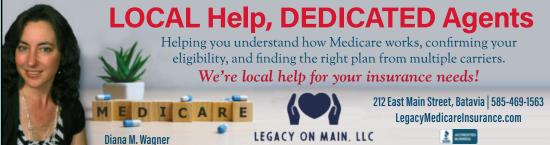
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