



Senior Times

The Voice of the Hubbardston Senior Center

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THE SENIOR CIRCUIT BREAKER TAX CREDIT

Are you aware of the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit? This is a highly effective property tax-based credit, established by the legislature in 2001 to provide financial relief for low and moderate income seniors ages 65 and over. This credit could put up to \$1,170 back in the pockets of our senior citizens. Eligibility requirements are:

- You or your spouse must be 65+ as of January 1, 2022
- You must rent or own a home in Massachusetts
- If you're a homeowner, our property's assessed value cannot be greater than \$884,000
- Your total income cannot be greater than \$62,000 (single), or \$78,000 (head of household), or \$93,000 (filing jointly)

The credit is also retractive for 3 years, so taxpayers eligible for the 2021 credit may also be in line of credits for previous tax years.

You can find much more helpful information on the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit on [mass.gov/dor](https://www.mass.gov/dor).

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO AVOID A SCAM:

1. BLOCK UNWANTED CALLS AND TEXT MESSAGES
2. DON'T GIVE YOUR PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST THAT YOU DIDN'T EXPECT
3. RESIST THE PRESSURE TO ACT IMMEDIATELY
4. KNOW HOW SCAMMERS TELL YOU TO PAY (EX: NEVER PAY SOMEONE WHO INSISTS YOU PAY WITH A GIFT CARD OR BY USING A MONEY TRANSFER SERVICE. NEVER DEPOSIT A CHECK AND SEND MONEY BACK TO SOMEONE)
5. STOP AND TALK TO SOMEONE YOU TRUST

REPORT SCAMS TO THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AT [REPORTFRAUD.FTC.GOV](https://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov)

Contact the Police Department (978) 928-1400 x100

April 16, 2022
Annual Town Wide Cleanup
Dumpster will be available at the Curtis Recreation
Field from 8 a.m. to noon.
Pick up the trash in your area in an effort to clean
up our Town!
Get rid of your electronics!
Bottle & can drive too!

Don't Tell Mom—but we're serving

Pie for Breakfast
Saturday, April 30, 2022
9:00—11:30 A.M.

Suggested donation \$8.00 pp
Proceeds benefit outdoor space at the Senior Center
Sponsored by COA



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

April 9, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Curtis Rec Field

Rain date April 10, 2022

Bring your own basket
and take pictures with the
Easter bunny!



Need to get rid of old electronics? Bring them down to the Rec Field on April 16th 8-noon

\$25 for TV & monitors
\$30 for console & projection TV
\$10 for all other electronics

Hubbardston Boy Scouts



GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout annual bottle and can drive.

April 16th from 8 a.m. to noon at the Rec Field.

Bring your returnable and support the troop!

Don't forget—Pie for Breakfast event on April 30th. And it's not just quiche! Apple pie, custard pie, blueberry, chocolate cream, mince, cherry, and more.

Tickets available at the Senior Center

Suggested donation \$8.00 pp

Event supports the building of outdoor space for the Senior Center.

Community Services and Information

- **SHINE**—Counselor available. Call Senior Center to make appt or to discuss over the phone with Shine counselor.
- **Community Legal Aid of Central MA** Free 855-252-5342 or www.communitylegal.org
- **Food Stamp Program (SNAP)** - 978-965-8700
- **Fuel Assistance**—978-342-4520 (NEFWC); 978-342-9407 (Salvation Army); 877-563-4645 (Joe for Oil)
- **Meals on Wheels** is offered Tuesday and Thursday. Call 978-928-1400 x211 to sign up.
- **Central MA Agency on Aging** - 508-852-5539



TRANSPORTATION

Call or leave a message for Sharon at
207-710-1777

If she does not answer, please leave a message.
Your call will be returned within 24 hours
(excluding weekends)

Please give her the following information:

- Time and location you need to be picked up
- Time and location of your appointment
- Time your appointment should be finished

Medical Appointments: Available as needed

- Please note: If the appointment is for surgery, the client needs to find other transportation home. Van drivers cannot be responsible for a client after having any major medical procedures.

Shopping: Available as needed

- Anyone wanting to attend special event meals at the Senior Center, please call ahead. The van driver will give you a ride to the Senior Center and then back home free of charge.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the MART van services, please call Sharon @ 207-710-1777 or 978-928-1400 ext 210.

April 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Paint Class 9 Pitch Party 6:30	2
3	4 Coffee with Friends 9 Wii-Bowling 9 Bingo 12:30	5 Walk Club 9 Knitting 10 Singing 1:30	6 Coffee with Friends 9 Wii Bowling 9 Golden Ages 1	7 EGGS 8:30 Walk Club 9 Crafts 10 Cribbage 1	8 Paint Class 9	9
10	11 Coffee with Friends 9 Wii-Bowling 9 Bingo 12:30	12 Walk Club 9 Knitting 10 Singing 1:30	13 Coffee with Friends 9 Wii Bowling 9 Pitch Party 1 COA Meeting 6	14 EGGS 8:30 Walk Club 9 Crafts 10 Cribbage 1	15 Paint Class 9 Pitch Party 6:30	16 Keep Hubbardston Beautiful Girl Scouts can drive Boy Scouts electronic fundraiser
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24	25 Coffee with Friends 9 Wii-Bowling 9 Bingo 12:30	26 Walk Club 9 Knitting 10 Singing 1:30	27 Coffee with Friends 9 Wii Bowling 9 Book Club 11 Pitch Party 1	28 EGGS 8:30 Walk Club 9 Crafts 10 Cribbage 1	29 Paint Class 9	30 Pie for Breakfast 

ACROSS

- 1) Spanish dwelling
- 5) ___ myrtle
- 10) Ship's post
- 14) Unknown quote source, for short
- 15) Edmonton pro
- 16) Asian housemaid
- 17) Thirty-two-card game
- 18) Lasting impressions
- 19) "Batman" cartoonist Bob
- 20) Some quick breakfast orders
- 23) Capital of Rhone
- 24) Regular writing
- 25) Carpenters' grooves
- 28) Helen of ___
- 30) "... and make it fast!"
- 31) Expressed awe
- 33) Blooming loop
- 36) It's indexed?
- 40) Sailor's "yes"
- 41) Attempts at waist removal?
- 42) Perfect, as one's skills
- 43) What wavy lines in comics represent
- 44) Keeps smiling
- 46) Hindu sage
- 49) Shish ___
- 51) Bogus monetary unit
- 57) Stir up sediment
- 58) Abdominal ailment
- 59) It can be good, bad or bright
- 60) Place for a lighthouse
- 61) Say "I'm thinkin'," e.g.
- 62) Ardor
- 63) Exterminator's quarry
- 64) Lions' prides?
- 65) Tear with force

DOWN

- 1) Playbill listing
- 2) Egyptian life symbol
- 3) Emulate eagles
- 4) Range rover
- 5) Earth and beyond
- 6) Poisonous protein in castor beans
- 7) Thicke and Rickman
- 8) South American nation
- 9) Prefix for "while"
- 10) Place to buy pies
- 11) Insect's adult stage
- 12) Tart flavors
- 13) The ones here
- 21) Seeing ___ dog
- 22) Lyrical poem
- 25) Computer input
- 26) Like an uncleaned hearth
- 27) It might begin "Bet you can't!"
- 28) Not that
- 29) Make go "vroom"
- 31) Legal hearing
- 32) Frequently, to Shakespeare
- 33) "Land of a million elephants"
- 34) Fish-eating bird
- 35) "Beware the ___ of March"
- 37) Murphy of Hollywood
- 38) Condensed lifetime account
- 39) More plump
- 43) Common breakfast dish
- 44) Lowers in esteem
- 45) Damage, as a surface
- 46) "77 Sunset ___"
- 47) Question of possession
- 48) Hard seed coverings
- 49) Anne or Calvin of fashion
- 50) Escape detection
- 52) Per ___ expenses
- 53) Earthenware jar
- 54) Run at the light
- 55) Trimmed of fat
- 56) Attain, as a job

COUNT TO NINE

By Jerry Berns

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The Crafty Crew – Meet every Thursday at 10 at the Senior Center

April 7 - Bunny Bum project for our shut-in's

April 17 – Tea Cup flower arrangement – Bring your own cup and saucer (will not be usable again) and artificial flowers of your choice for arrangement (small flowers and greenery are best)

Have a project you would like to share? All suggestions welcome!

The Senior Hubbardston Book Club

4th Wednesday of each month

April's book: *The Personal Librarian*
by Marie Benedict

Come join us for a lively discussion. All welcome



Are you a shower singer? Boy do we need you!

Come join our Hubbardston Swingin' Singin' Seniors

Every Tuesday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Cleaning out your attic or basement? We accept donations of clothing, household goods, furniture, etc. for our annual Yard Sale. Call 978-928-1400 x211 for more information



Bored? We've got puzzles. Come check out our collection. We also have a nice collection of books. All welcome to come and check out our offerings.

Oh no! Mom found out about the 30th!
At 9-11:30 a.m. Will keep you posted!

Looking for volunteers for the Keep Hubbardston Beautiful Committee.

The town wide cleanup has inspired scores of Hubbardston residents to pick up almost 5 tons of trash from streets, trails, and open spaces in our town since its inception in 2018. With your help, we can continue this tradition this year and into the future.

- Most of the work happens between the beginning of February and mid April, ending with the town wide Cleanup on the third Saturday in April
- There will be at least 3 meetings of about 30 minutes each from January – April to for planning and reporting.
- Committee members will place and remove yard signs, set up and break down the Town wide Cleanup base camp at the Curtis Recreational Field, and staff the event, which lasts 4.5 hours.

If interested in being a part of this Hubbardston tradition, contact Laura Foley at keephubbbeautiful@gmail.com.

Friends of Hubbardston Senior Center

Meeting April 20 at 5 in the Senior Center.
All welcome. We're looking for new Board members. Want to support the Seniors in town? Come join us! We need your help and ideas.

Thank you GFA
for sponsoring
our newsletter.



Inside-Out Chicken Cordon Bleu

Ingredients

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| 3 Tbs fig jam | 5 Tbs extra-virgin olive oil |
| ½ Tps Chopped fresh thyme | 1 shallot, minced |
| Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper | ½ Tps Dijon mustard |
| 4 6 oz skinless, boneless chicken breasts | 2 Tbs white wine vinegar |
| 1 C shredded Gruyere cheese (3 oz) | 2 C baby greens |
| 8 thin slices black forest ham | |

Directions

1. Mix the jam, thyme, and salt and pepper to taste in a bowl.
2. Lay out a long piece of plastic wrap on a cutting board. Place the chicken on the plastic and brush half of the jam mixture evenly on top of each breast. Mound a quarter of the cheese on each piece of chicken, then wrap 2 slices of ham around each breast to cover the cheese. Place another piece of plastic over the chicken and gently pound with a mallet or heavy skillet until about 1/4 inch thick.
3. Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a medium nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and cook until golden and crisp, 3 to 4 minutes. Turn and cook on the other side until cooked through but still moist, 3 to 4 more minutes.
4. Meanwhile, whisk the shallot, mustard, vinegar and the remaining jam mixture in a medium bowl. Slowly whisk in the remaining 3 tablespoons olive oil to make a smooth dressing.
5. Place each piece of chicken on a plate and drizzle with dressing. Toss the greens with the remaining dressing; serve with the chicken.



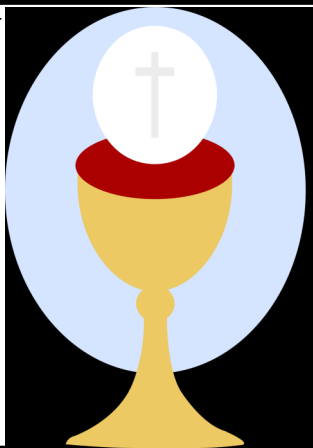
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Golden Age Club

*Come and join us every 1st and 3rd
Wednesday of the month. We have a lot
of fun!*

Bev K., President

**Mom called – The Doctor said it's ok to have Pie For
Breakfast! She said it's OK to bring lots of friends!**

Tickets available at the Senior Center.

Hubbardston Senior Center
7 Main Street Unit #3
Hubbardston, MA 01452



Hubbardston Council On Aging Mission Statement

The Hubbardston Council on Aging and the Senior Center exist to serve, support, and enhance the lives of all senior citizens in the community by providing social, educational, and health related programs and activities which support their well-being. It seeks to create an environment that is socially and intellectually stimulating, promotes interconnectedness and unity among older residents and encourages them to pursue healthy, active, independent lives.

Meet Your Council On Aging Members

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