

# Department of Aging News and Events



## Sounds for a Brighter Day Concert

The Baltimore County Department of Aging is hosting their annual summer concert on Thursday, May 19, 2022 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Oregon Ridge Park Concert Pavilion. Celebrate spring with a fun day of music, delicious food and other activities. The Business, an 11-piece band from Philadelphia, promises an unforgettable afternoon. Senior center members and the general public can purchase their tickets at any senior center. Tickets are \$4.00 in advance or \$5.00 at the event.

The concert also celebrates our wonderful RSVP Volunteers who will be invited by special invitation and will receive a gift and other benefits in appreciation for their volunteer service.

Thank you to our sponsors for making this event possible: Baltimore City Health Department, Division of Aging (*Community Resources 2023 Sponsor*), Keswick Wise & Well (Entertainment Sponsor), AARP Maryland (Gift Sponsor), Avila Home Care (Business Sponsor), CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (Business Sponsor), Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (Business Sponsor), Gilchrist (Activity Sponsor), Maryland Vascular Specialists (Activity Sponsor), The Wesley at Home (Activity Sponsor), Kaiser Permanente (Event Sponsor), Mid-Atlantic Medical Supply & Equipment (Event Sponsor) and PG Builders, Inc. (Event Sponsor). We look forward to seeing you there!!!

## Living Creatively for Dementia Spring Virtual Series

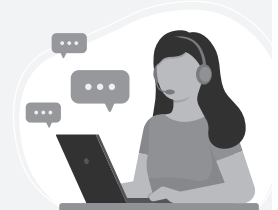
Join us for our exciting new Spring 2022 series, Living Creatively with Dementia! On the last Wednesday of every month March through June, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., we will offer a 90-minute experiential virtual workshop exploring creative ways to support those living with dementia and their care partners. Humor, play, music, and other artistic practices will be shared, providing participants with new tools for their creative engagement toolbox. Register at <https://bcwebservices.wufoo.com/forms/sfszade1wbx5m2/> For information, call 410-887-4751.



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## Free Technology Assistance

Do you have a new smartphone, tablet or computer? BCDA is proud to offer in partnership with the University of Maryland Extension a FREE tech helpline on Thursdays, 12-2 p.m. and Fridays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Call 410-887-2062 if you have any questions.



## Free and Friendly Forest Meetups - Every Tuesday, 11 a.m. - Noon

Every Tuesday, 11 a.m. – Noon, March 29th - May 3rd, 2022, Baltimore County Department of Aging welcomes you and your friends, family, and neighbors to a lovely hour exploring nature together and meeting up with old and new friends at the Willow Grove Farm. Our pace is friendly – which means slow and enjoyable to meet the needs and interests of individuals of all ages and abilities. This is a partnership with Baltimore County Department of Aging's Age- and Dementia- Friendly Initiatives, Towson University, and Baltimore County Recreation and Parks. For more information, please contact 410-887-7985.

## Senior Box Office Early Bird Membership Special Offer

SBO has an Early Bird special offer for new members to join Senior Box Office and participate in their 40th Anniversary festivities. You can join Senior Box Office for \$25 for a two-person household and your membership will be effective April 1 through September 30, 2023.

That's an 18 month membership for less than the price of a 12 month membership!

With your SBO membership you'll have access to deeply discounted and free tickets to concerts, plays and theatres, plus trips and usher opportunities. Call 410-887-5399 or sign up at [www.seniorboxoffice.org](http://www.seniorboxoffice.org).



## Baltimore County Department of Aging

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### CENTER CONNECTION

**410-887-2970**

Center Connection links persons age 60 and over who need support to activities and services provided by the senior center. Center Connection Specialists, operating in eight Baltimore County Senior Centers, maximize individual's senior center experience by encouraging participation in activities, registering for classes/Eating Together, and connecting them with other members.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

**410-887-2594**

Community Outreach Specialists evaluate the needs of older adults, 60+, and assist them in applying for benefits and services.

### COUNTYRIDE

**410-887-2080**

CountyRide provides paratransit transportation Monday through Friday within the County for qualifying clients. Reservations are pre-scheduled on a first come, first serve basis, destinations include medical appointments, shopping and other general purpose trips. Cost of rides are \$3.00 or 1 ticket each way. A book of 6 tickets costs \$15 and saves \$0.50 per way.

### EATING TOGETHER

**410-887-3052**

The Eating Together program provides a nutritious meal, socialization, and nutrition education in 35 County sites in senior centers, community buildings and senior residences. Residents aged 60 and over and their spouses of any age are eligible to participate in this program and are asked to make a voluntary, confidential donation.

### HOME TEAM

**410-887-4141**

This community-based volunteer program provides social support to County seniors 60+ who are isolated and confined to their home. Through friendly in-home and telephone visits, volunteers offer the needed interaction, socialization and reassurance to help seniors maintain a higher quality of life with the ability to remain independent in their home longer.

### MAP of Baltimore County

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Maryland Access Point offers information and assistance to older adults, persons with disabilities and their families. It also offers a loan closet for durable medical equipment.

Additionally, the (MAP) division is a great resource for Baltimore County residents to learn about the variety of **Assistive Technology (AT)** available. Assistive technology consists of a wide range of items used for areas such as dressing, personal care, eating, cooking, safety, mobility, and medication management. Many devices are available through MAP for demonstration and hands-on practice for County residents over the age of 60. Several items can also be loaned for an extended period of time. Individuals requiring financial assistance can be referred by the BCDA to possible funding sources that can help with purchasing AT. A demonstration of AT items is available by appointment with the MAP office at 410-887-2594 or by emailing [aginginfo@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:aginginfo@baltimorecountymd.gov).

### STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHIP) 410-887-2059 SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL (SMP)

Trained volunteers answer questions regarding Medicare A and B, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Supplement Insurance (medigaps), Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (Part D), Medicaid and potential Medicare frauds. Also, callers are assessed for eligibility to obtain financial assistance to help with Medicare and prescription cost.