

Senior Services

AARP Offers Safe Driving Courses

AARP Driver Safety now offers a 6 hour "Smart Driver" course for seniors; it is designed for those 50 and older. In The Villages, there are at least 4 classes each month. The classes are either two days, 9 a.m. to 12 noon or one day* 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fee is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Select your class and call the instructor to register. Instructor will give instructions and time to arrive to complete registration.

All available courses are listed at www.aarp.org/findacourse or call 877-846-3299.

<u>June 2019</u>

June 12, Harbor Chase, Wes Eades, 321-402-4839 June 15 and June 22, Paradise, Joel Oleksa, 610-509-1915 June 15 and June 20, Savannah, Al Cloutier, 352-693-2562 June 19, Sumter Place, Jack Haughn, 352-603-1420 June 25 and Jun3 26, Rohan, Paul Scannell, 352-399-6414 June 25, Freedom Point, Jack Haughn, 352-603-1420 July 2019 July 2 and July 3, Colony Cottage, Paul Scannell, 352-399-6414 July 9 and July 12, Colony Cottage, Bob Stephenson, 702-275-1997 July 10, Harbor Chase, Wes Eades, 321-402-4839 July 15 and July 18, Savannah, Art Donnelly, 631-792-2203 July 20 and July 27, Paradise, John Sheppard, 352-398-2344 July 23 and July 24, Rohan, Brenda Oleksa, 610-392-9552 July 26, Buffalo Crossing, Jack Haughn, 352-603-1420 August 2019 August 6 and August 7, Colony Cottage, Al Cloutier, 352-633-3793

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AARP now offers a FREE 90 minute Smart Driver Technology (SDTEK) program for mature drivers, starting in 2019. Please contact <u>www.aarp.org/findaworkshop9 or call 1-877-238-2456</u>.

For additional information or to schedule a FREE workshop for your Organization, Group or Club, contact:

Jack Haughn, AARP Smart DriverTEK Instructor Jackhaughn.aarp@me.com

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SHINE Provide Free, Unbiased help with Medicare questions

SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) is increasing its counseling sites considerably during the annual enrollment period. Volunteers will be available to assist clients with Medicare related questions including drug, Medicaid, Medicare Advantage, and Medigap plans. Counselors will be at the following locations to assist area residents for one on one counseling on the indicated days:

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 9-11:50 a.m. Eisenhower Recreation Center

1st & 3rd Friday, 3-5:50 p.m. Chula Vista Recreation Center

2nd & 4th Tuesday, 9-11:50 a.m. Lake Miona Recreation Center

2nd & 4th Wednesday 2-4 p.m. Lady Lake Library

The service is free and reservations are not taken. For more information, call 800-963-5337. "Understanding Medicare" a group presentation geared toward those turning 65, is scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of each month February - October, 1-3 p.m. at Manatee Recreation Center.

Finally, SHINE has certified presenters who are trained to speak to groups. If interested, please contact the number, above, to schedule a presentation.

Military Retiree Activities Office

The Military Retiree Activities Office was established to provide assistance to all military retirees, dependents, widows, widowers and divorcees on all programs and benefits to which they may be entitled. The office provides assistance on military pay matters, health and dental insurances, ID card procurement, survivor's benefits and more. The office is located in the Lake County Sheriff substation at 108 La Grande Blvd. in The Villages. Hours are 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information call 430-1679.

Seniors vs. Crime offers free dispute resolution assistance and scam awareness speakers

Seniors vs. Crime, a project of the Florida Attorney General's Office, is available to assist all Floridians in resolving disputes of any nature. Seniors vs. Crime also has a speaker's bureau. Any social, civic, religious or community service organization can get a speaker for their meetings to discuss scam awareness and avoidance. Visit or contact any office for personal assistance or to arrange for a speaker. The Marion County office is located in the Marion County Sheriff's Office at 8230 Mulberry Lane in The Villages. They are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesday or 753-7775. The Sumter County office is located in the Sumter County Sheriff's Office at 8035 County Road 466 in the Sumter County Villages Annex. They are open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays form 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. or 689-4600, ext. 4606. The Wildwood Office is located in the Wildwood Police Department Annex next to Barnstorm Theater, 2722 Brownwood Blvd. They are open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. or 750-1914. The newest location can be found at 3000 Moyer Loop. They are open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. or by call 674-1882.