



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.

2019

Mar 16 and Mar 23, Paradise, Art Donnelly, 631-792-2203

Mar 18 and Mar 21, Savannah, Wink Daniel, 352-753-8563

Mar 20*, Sumter Place, Pauline Bolwell, 352-205-3880

Apr 02 and Apr 03, Colony Cottage, John Shepard, 352-398-2344

Apr 09 and Apr 12, Laurel Manor, Bob Stephenson, 702-275-1997

Apr 10* Harbor Chase, Joel Oleksa, 610-509-1915

Apr 15 and Apr 18, Savannah, Don Walker, 352-430-0610

Apr 17* Sumter Place, Pauline Bolwell, 352-205-3880

Apr 20 and Apr 27, Paradise, John Shepard, 352-398-2344

Apr 23 and Apr 24, Rohan, George Meidhof, 352-633-7398

April 26*, Buffalo Crossing, Jack Haughn, 352-603-1420 – NEW LOCATION

April 30, Freedom Point, Jack Haughn, 352-603-1420 – NEW LOCATION

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

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

Jack Haughn, AARP Smart DriverTEK Instructor

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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 from 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.