



Smart911 is Here!

Smart911 is a free service available in Gratiot County. By creating your safety profile with Smart911, valuable information is immediately available to first responders, which will assist in a faster response time to your emergency. It can also assist in making sure you don't accidentally give incorrect information to the 911 dispatcher. In your private profile, you can include information about specific medical issues you may have (i.e. allergies), your address and whether or not you have pets.

You can enroll in Smart911 by going to the website, www.smart911.com, or downloading the application onto your phone. If you would like to enroll, but need assistance, you can contact Gratiot County Commission on Aging, 989-875-5246, and we will be happy to assist you. You can also ask a family member to assist you.



Senior Project Fresh/Market Fresh Program 2021 Information

The Michigan Senior Project Fresh/Market Fresh Program is **HERE!** This is a coupon program for seniors 60 years of age or older who qualify. The coupons, a \$20 value, can be used at various farmer's markets in the area to purchase fresh produce grown in Michigan. Registration is required as a limited number of coupon books are available. To register for the program, call the Commission on Aging office and speak with Sarah McClung, 989-875-5286. If you have to leave a voicemail, please leave your name, phone number and that you are calling about Project Fresh. Please, **only leave one message**. Calls will be returned as soon as possible in the order they are received, however, due to the volume of calls, this may take a day or two. Thank you for your patience.

Eligibility Requirements:

Must be 60 years of age or older when receiving the coupons.

Must live in Gratiot County

Must have a total household income of 185% of poverty or less. (One person \$1986/month; two people \$2686/month)

There is no class to attend this year as the COVID-19 restrictions are still in place. The coupon books will be distributed in the parking lot using a drive-through system, with one day at Commission on Aging and one day at the St. Louis Senior Center. See below for the details. If you are unable to pick up your own coupons, you may designate a proxy to pick them up on your behalf.

Pick Up Schedule:

Wednesday, June 16th
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
St. Louis Senior Center
1329 Michigan Ave., St. Louis

Thursday, June 17th
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Commission on Aging
515 S. Pine River St., Ithaca

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah McClung at Commission on Aging, 989-875-5286.



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Air Conditioners Available

Summer is here and soon there will be plenty of heat to go with it. The Commission on Aging has air conditioners which can be loaned out to you. These units are available thanks to a grant received from the Gratiot County Community Foundation.

To receive an a/c unit, simply call the COA, 989-875-5246, to request one. We will ask a few simple questions, and then our home chore department will deliver and set one up! The number of units is limited and are disbursed on a first come, first served basis.

When you are done with the unit in the fall, simply call the COA to let us know and the home chore department will come out and pick the unit up.



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Suggested contribution to Senior Gratiot: **\$20.00 per year** helps to cover the costs of producing and mailing the paper. A great way to remember when to send your donation is to send it on your birthday each year.

Address Changes: Senior Gratiot is mailed under a nonprofit automated mail rate and will not be forwarded with a notice to the post office.

Please notify the COA office using the form at the left each time you request a change to assure we record changes correctly. Thank you. Your assistance with this helps to keep the costs down.

Senior Activity Building News & Information

The Senior Activity Building Board Inc. has conducted most monthly meetings by phone during this pandemic. The Board members, along with Linda St. Charles and Jo Jones thank you for coming to our "Drive-Through" on Friday, May 14, 2021. The SAB board has planned to have another "Drive-Through" on June 11th from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the SAB. We look forward to seeing you there and if you don't make it, we hope that we will see you when it is safe for us to gather.

The good news is that the Horseshoe competition (not really competition - it's just for fun!) will be on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm at the Horseshoe pits in Atkinson Park. We have four pits and lots of horseshoes, so just show up to play two games with other Seniors. If you would like to play Shuffleboard, let us know so we can schedule an afternoon for you to do that.

To contact a member of the SAB Board, please phone the Commission on Aging, 989-875-5246, to leave a message for Jo Jones. Jo or a member of the SAB Board will be happy to return your call.

Our June wish for you is that you will continue to STAY WELL and that you'll enjoy the many beautiful signs of summer that are all around us.

Commodity Food Distribution Date

Commodities distribution will be on **Monday, June 28 2021**. Anyone 60 years and older who meets the income guidelines is eligible to receive the food commodities. Income guidelines are as follows: one person's monthly income no more than \$1,383; income per couple not to exceed \$1,868 monthly. (To confirm income guidelines, please call Eight Cap.) Anyone interested in the program must contact Eight Cap at 989-463-5693. Clients may pick up commodities at the Alma Elks, 610 W. Warwick Dr., Alma from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or at the Commission on Aging, 515 S. Pine River St., Ithaca from **12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**



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To date,
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has donated \$8,782.43 to
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Home Delivered Meal Menu



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<p>Happy Father's Day</p>	1	2	3	4	
<p>Pork Chop Whipped Potatoes Winter Blend Fresh Orange Wheat Bread</p>	7	8	<p>National Iced Tea Day</p>	10	11
<p>Chicken Stew Lima Beans Kyoto Vegetable Fruit Cocktail Wheat Bread</p>	14	15		16	17
<p>Sloppy Joe Green Beans Peas and Carrots Peaches Hamburger Bun</p>	21	22	<p>Fairy Day</p>	23	24
<p>Salisbury Steak Company Potatoes Tossed Salad Fruit Cocktail Wheat Bread</p>	28	29	<p>Menus are Subject to Change Without Notice</p>	30	<p>Milk provided with all meals Suggested Donation \$2.50</p>
<p>Spaghetti Green Beans Carrots Dinner Roll Whole Grain Cookie</p>	<p>Baked Ziti Casserole Green Beans Tossed Salad Leprechaun Fluff Wheat Bread</p>	<p>Roast Pork Brown Rice Carrots Cinnamon Applesauce Wheat Bread</p>	<p>Ham Slice Cheese Slice Brocc/Cauliflower Salad Carrot Sticks Mandarin Oranges Hamburger Bun</p>	<p>Meat Loaf Whipped Potatoes Corn Strawberries Wheat Bread</p>	<p>Chicken Salad Carrot Sticks Potato Salad Apricots Hamburger Bun</p>

Menu is Subject to Change Without Notice

PLEASE CALL (989) 875-5332 TO CANCEL

Milk provided with all meals

Senior Activity Building Donors

Volunteers named and unnamed who completely care for the Building during this pandemic while our Building remains closed.

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Jo Jones

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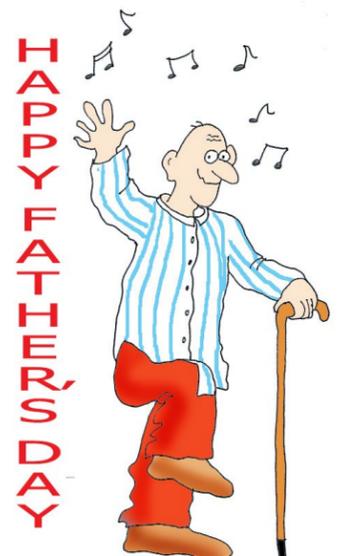
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