



A monthly newsletter from your local Councils on Aging and the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living, PO Box 1729, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568, Tel: 508-939-9440. Edited by Leslie Clapp

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# **ELDER LAW**

# Planning during the last year of your life

By Arthur P. Bergeron

Elder law attorney in the Trusts and Estates Group at Mirick O'Connell

n a set of seminars this fall, I am inviting doctors, geriatric care managers, and others in elder services to talk about the many things you may want to consider to make that last year as good as it can be. Here are some legal tips you may want to consider:

- Give things away. If your asset value is over \$1 million, you can save on Massachusetts estate tax. There is no gift tax (unless you are giving and have given over \$11.4 million). Every dollar you give away, will reduce your taxable estate.
- Structure things to avoid probate. You can typically do this by making sure property is held jointly, or by using a "payable on death" designation, or by put- the latest informational videos.

ting the property into a revocable trust.

- Have an appropriate Health Care Proxy and Durable Power of Attorney, so your wishes can be carried out no matter how you are feeling during that last year.
- Have a MOLST (Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) form. Do you want artificial resuscitation? You get to decide if it's in the MOLST form.

If you need more information on this, you can contact me at 508-860-1470 or abergeron@mirickoconnell.com. You can also subscribe to Frank and Mary's YouTube Channel, https://www.youtube. com/user/ElderLawFrankAndMary for



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# Medicare Open Enrollment Begins Oct. 15

ow is the time to review your Medicare plan options. A quick review could save you money in 2020. Medicare's Part C (Medicare Advantage Plan) and Part D (Prescription Drug Plan) Annual Open Enrollment begins Oct. 15 and ends Dec. 7. Please make sure you review your 2020 Medicare options during this time period so that you have the most cost-effective plan for 2020.

During this Annual Open Enrollment (October 15 - December 7), you will have a chance to change your plan. This change will take effect January 1, 2020. SHINE Counselors can help you understand your plan's changes, screen you for assistance programs and discuss other options you may have. If you do not change your plan

during this period you may have to stay with your existing plan for another whole year. (Note: the open enrollment may not affect those with retiree coverage).

Don't wait until it's too late — appointments fill up fast! Call the senior center and make an appointment with a SHINE counselor for this year's open enrollment. If possible, create a mymedicare.gov account before your appointment. This will expedite the process. Please be sure to bring a list (or bottles) of your current medications to the appointment and if you are a couple, please ask for 2 appointments. If we are unable to accommodate you during this short period, please call the regional SHINE office in Barnstable Village at 508-375-6762. SHINE is here to help.

# Congratulations Jo Ann!

Congratulations to Jo Ann Murphy on her retirement! We are so grateful to you for your 20 years of service as the Dukes County Veterans' agent and wish you all the best!

# Options for getting to medical appointments on Cape Cod

using Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority service.

Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA) has added additional stops on its SeaLine route leaving from Woods Hole. You can now get to Falmouth Hospital and to medical and dental providers in the Jones Road area.

The CCRTA's ADA paratransit service (known as The Lift on Martha's Vineyard) travels to providers within 3/4 mile of fixed route service, if arranged in advance for eligible riders. In other words, if you are eligible for The Lift services here on the island, you are likely eligible on the Cape as well.

The DART service leaves from Woods Hole with a "reservation" made in advance with CCRTA (when timing can be accommodated) and travels to the door of the requested destination.

If you are on MassHealth (Medicaid) you are eligible for transportation assistance by applying for a PT1 through the MV Transit Authority and approved by your physician. Call the VTA at 508-693-9440 for information on the PT1 application.

For more information call the CCRTA

508-385-1430 800-352-7155 TTY 800-439-0183 Or go to the CCRTA website at capecodtransit.org

# Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Supportive Day Program



Leslie Clapp, Director Mary Holmes, SDP Supervisor

Program hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, 9 am - 3 pm. Call 508-627-0207 for information and referrals

The Supportive Day Program is a professionally run social program for anyone 55 and over who may be at risk if left alone and/or experience social isolation; offering peace of mind and much needed respite for families and caregivers.

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# Service Programs and Support Group Directory

### **BLOOD PRESSURE AND WELLNESS CLINICS:**

## Vineyard Scripts,

Beach Road, V.H. Have your blood pressure checked any day, any time.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE CLINICS:**

**Lila Fischer** is the new public health nurse. Call your Council on Aging for info.

**BLOOD PRESSURE AND WELLNESS CLINIC SITES:** 

**AQUINNAH:** 

Aquinnah Town Hall,

Oct. 15, 10 – 11 am

**CHILMARK:** Chilmark library,

Oct. 15, 11 - 1 pm

# **EDGARTOWN:**

Edgartown library,

Oct. 2, 10 – 11 am **EDGARTOWN STOP & SHOP PHARMACY,** 

Oct. 2, 11:30 – 1:30 pm

**EDGARTOWN TOWN HALL,** 

Oct. 22, 10 – 11:30 am

**EDGARTOWN COA,** 

Oct. 22, 12 - 1 pm

#### **OAK BLUFFS:** Woodside Village I.

Oct. 21, 11:30 – 12:30 pm

Woodside Village II: Oct. 21, 12:45 – 1:30 pm

Oak Bluffs COA: Oct. 1, and 17, 12:30 – 1:30 pm

# **TISBURY:**

**Tisbury COA:** Oct. 1, 10 – 11 am **Island Food Pantry:** Oct. 2, and 16, 2-3 pm

### **WEST TISBURY:**

**Up-Island COA, Howes House:** 

Oct. 8, 10 – 11 am **West Tisbury library:** 

Oct. 8, 1:30 - 3 pm

## HEARING SERVICES, CALL IN ADVANCE FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

Oct. 8, 11 am, call Rose, 5 08-693-4509, ext. 3, for appt.

# **UICOA: Vineyard Audiology**

Screenings and repairs. Call 508-457-9285 for appointment.

# ECOA: Ear Wellness

Oct. 7, with Shawn Woodbrey, licensed hearing aid specialist. Appointments begin at 9 am. Hearing tests are 30 minutes; general ear check and hearing

aid checks are 15 minutes. No cost. Call Meris for appointment, 508-627-4368.

#### TCOA: Miracle Ear

Jan. 30, 2020, Audiologist Jason Wenzel is available by appointment for hearing tests or to address other concerns. To schedule appointments, call the Falmouth office, 508-457-9285.

#### **PODIATRY AND FOOT CARE:**

# Pedi-Care with Audrey Harding.

Call 508-693-2896 for an appointment: half-hour appts., \$30

**OBCOA,** Oct. 9, 9:30 am Call 508-693-4509, ext. 3

**ECOA,** Oct. 15, 1 – 3:30 pm Call 508-627-4368.

**UICOA,** Oct. 28, 9 am Call 508-693-2896.

# Insurance, Legal, Social **Security**

Health

**Promotion** 

# Health Insurance Counseling, Medicaid, and MassHealth Info:

**ECOA**, call 508-627-4368 for an appt. **OBCOA**, call 508-693-4509, ext. 3, for appt.

**TCOA**, call 508-696-4205 for an appt. **UICOA**, call 508-693-2896 for an appt.

# **Wampanoag Tribal Council,**

508-645-9265.

Vineyard Health Care Access Program, 508-696-0020.

# Elder Law Project:

# **South Coastal Counties Legal Services** (Cape and Islands)

Katie Wibbey, elder law attorney. Oct. 1, ECOA. Appointments starting at 10 am. Call COA for appointment.

### Free Legal Clinic

Oct. 9, UICOA Patty Mello, elder law attorney Space limited (Medicaid planning, estate planning, asset protection, wills). Call 508-477-0267 for an appointment.

# **Social Security Video Display Program**

Oct. 28, 9 am - 12 pm, OBCOA Meet with a Social Security representative via Skype in a private office at OBCOA. Call 508-693-4509 in advance for an appointment.

### **Social Security**

Falmouth office, 855-881-0212.

# **Private Attorney Appointments**

Third Thursday of the month, 1 to 3 pm, by appointment, ECOA Arthur Bergeron, a private attorney

— not legal aid — will provide free consultations on a monthly basis at the Anchors. After your free consultation, if you choose to retain him in any matter for any reason, he will charge you, and it will cost you money. Whatever those arrangements are will be between you and Mr. Bergeron. Call 508-627-4368 for appointments.

# **Funeral Consumers Alliance**

802-865-8300, information on end-of-life alternatives.

# Food Services, **Transport** & Housing

# **FOOD SERVICES:**

# **Emergency Food Pantries:**

All Senior Centers. Monthly distribution. Call for date and time. First Baptist Church Parish House "Serving Hands" Williams Street, V.H., info at 508-693-5339.

# **Island Food Pantry**

Christ United Methodist Church, Church Street, V.H., info at 508-693-4764.

# TRANSPORTATION:

# **Vineyard Transit Authority**

\$40 annual senior bus passes available at local Senior Centers, 508-693-9440.

# Medivan, 508-693-9440 (VTA)

Tuesdays to Boston-area medical services, \$30 round-trip. Wednesdays to Cape-area medical appointments, \$20 round-trip/\$10 one way.

# **American Cancer Society** Road to Recovery

800-227-2345, for cancer patients.

# **HOUSING AND LIVING OPTIONS:**

# **Caregiver Homes of Massachusetts**

In-home care and care management, income guidelines apply. Cape and Islands Branch, 774-212-5764. caregiverhomes.com

# **Havenside Apartments**,

508-693-2280

# Henrietta Brewer House,

508-693-4500

Assisted living, private pay.

# Island Elderly Housing,

508-693-5880. Subsidized housing for seniors and disabled.

# M.V. Center for Living **Supportive Day Program**

A social program for those needing supervision and socialization. Daytime respite for family caregivers. Call 508-939-9440.

# Windemere Nursing and Rehab,

508-696-6465. Long-term-care nursing home facility, Medicaid accepted.

# Vineyard Village at Home (VVAH)

Referrals, transportation, and assistance with independent living. Info and to join, call 508-693-3038, vineyardvillage@gmail.com

# **Support** and

Counseling

# **Cancer Support Group**

Wednesdays, 12 noon, Hebrew Center, Vineyard Haven.

# **Caregiver Support Group**

First and third Thursdays, 10:30 am MVCS Island-Wide Youth Collaborative Call Lindsay Famariss at 508-693-7900, ext. 210.

# **CORE**

Counseling, Outreach and Referral for the Elderly. Call the outreach worker at the Council on Aging in your town, or Lindsay Famariss at MVCS Island Counseling Center, 508-693-7900.

# **Dementia Caregiver Support Group**

Second and fourth Fridays, 9:15 am - 10:45 am M.V. Center for Living, 29 Breakdown Lane, Vineyard Haven Call Leslie Clapp, 508-939-9440.

# **Diabetes Support Group, TCOA**

Call 508-696-4205 for information

# Martha's Vineyard M.S.

Self-Help Group Call 508-693-3193.

# **Memory Support Groups**

Wednesdays, 9:30 am and 11 am Featherstone Center for the Arts Call Victoria Haeselbarth, 508-627-4368, ext. 15.

# Music and Memory Cafë

Every Thursday, 10 am, Music, conversation, laughter, companionship. Light refreshments. Drop in. Free of charge. M.V. Center for Living: 29 Breakdown Lane, V.H. Call 508-939-9440.

# Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group, UICOA

Call Bethany for details,

# 508-693-2896. **Prostate Cancer Support Group**

Third Wednesdays, 4 pm M.V. Community Services Bldg. C, Conference Room 1. Alan Ganapol, facilitator, 914-318-1477 (mobile).

# Vineyard Isle Parkinsonian's Support Group, UICOA

Oct. 21, 10:30 am Call for details, 508-693-2896.

# **Veterans Group**

Weekly support group. Discuss challenges of reintegrating after the war experience. MVCS Island Counseling Center. Contact Tom Bennett for info and group times at 508-693-7900, ext. 211.

# TRAVEL NEWS

# Cape Cod Railroad Lunch Train, TCOA

See the Cape as you have lunch on a train! Call 508-696-4205 to register.

# Falmouth Shopping Trips, UICOA

Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and Dec. 11 8:15 am boat leaving, 3:45 pm returning. Call 508-693-2896.

### "Come From Away" at Providence **Performing Arts Center, UICOA** Dec. 7. Round-trip motor coach and

buffet luncheon included. Price TBA. "Come From Away' is based on the true story of when the isolated community of Gander, Newfoundland, played host to the world. What started as an average

day in a small town turned into an international sleepover when 38 planes, carrying thousands of people from across the globe, were diverted to Gander's airstrip on 9/11/01.

Undaunted by culture clashes and language barriers, the people of Gander cheered the stranded travelers with music,

an open bar, and the recognition that we're all part of a global family." Call 508-693-2896.

# Symphony Trips, TCOA

Keep an eye out for info on day trips for the Fall A Series Boston Symphony Orchestra Concerts. Call 508-696-4205 for more info.

**Exercise** 

**Fitness** 

# **ISLAND-WIDE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

## **Airport Fitness:** Senior Fitness classes

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9:45 am. Free with Fitness Membership or daily-visit fee. For info, visit airportfitnessmv.com or call 508-696-8000.

### **Aquatic Exercise Class, Mansion House Pool**

Call Mansion House for info, 508-693-7400.

# **Balletics: Beyond Pilates! UICOA**

Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:15 – 9:15 am. \$12. Instructor: Karen Cullinan, Call 508-693-7730 for info.

# **Beginning Tap Dance, TCOA**

Wednesdays, 3:15 pm. Instructor: Carol Magee

# **Dance Free, UICOA**

Tuesdays, 3-4.

No money, no teacher, no instructions. Dance to catchy, funky, rhythmic music.

## **Dancing and Movement, OBCOA**

Fridays, 1 - 2:30 pm. A great way to exercise, improve mobility and balance, and have fun!

### Fitness with Catie, TCOA

Tuesdays: 9:30 am Thursdays: 10:00 am Instructor: Catie Blake Free. Equipment provided. Call 508-696-4205 for info.

## **Got Strength? Strength Training** Class, ECOA

Tuesdays, 8:30 am, Thursdays, 3:30 pm Instructor: Lisa Amols. Be strong, flexible, fit, and happy! Call Lisa, 508-693-1009, before first class. Punch cards available. Join anytime.

## **Misty Meadows Equine** Learning Center

Participate in facilitated interactions

with our four-legged friends. Call 508-338-7198 for info.

# O.B. Exercise Classes, OBCOA

Mondays, 8:45 am Group Exercise Thursdays, 9 am with Bill White Fridays, 8:30 with Floyd

# **Senior Fitness Classes, YMCA**

Free with Y membership or daily-use fee. Go to ymcamv.org for info and program guide.

## **Strength Training, UICOA**

With Katryn Gilbert \$8 (first class is free). Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 am and 9:30 am

# Walking Club, OBCOA

Saturdays, 9 am

Tuesdays, 10 - 11:30 am.

Free. Meet at OBCOA (weather permitting).

# Yoga with Carol Vega, ECOA

\$10 per class. Bring a mat or blanket. ECOA: Thursdays, 9 am.

# Yoga Chair Dance, OBCOA

\$5 per class. Tuesdays, 10 am. Thursdays, 10:30 am.

# Yoga: Kundalini, TCOA

Tuesdays, 3pm. Free-will offering. Instructor: Steve Power Bring a mat or blanket. Call to register: 508-696-4205.

## Yoga for Seniors, UICOA

\$10 per class Mondays and Fridays, 10:30 to 11:30 am Instructor: Martha Abbot Wednesdays 10:30 to 11:30 am Instructor: Kanta Lipsky

# Ideas, Books,

and

**Plays** 

# **Book Group, ECOA**

Oct. 30, 3 pm, with Jill Jupen. Book: TBA. Refreshments. Call 508-627-4368.

# Coffee and Conversation, OBCOA

Mondays – Fridays, 8:30 am

# Conversations with Barbara Plesser, **OBCOA**

Fridays, 10 to 11:30 am

# **Discussion Group, UICOA**

Tuesdays, 9:30 am Open discussion, all welcome. Call 508-693-2896 for information.

# **Documentaries and Discussion, TCOA**

Thursdays, 1:30 pm

### Friday Morning Conversation Group, **ECOA**

Oct. 18, 10 am Refreshments.

# **Group Crossword, TCOA**

Tuesdays, 1:30 pm

## **Howes House Writing Group, UICOA** Every Tuesday, 11:15 to 1:15 pm.

All levels welcome! Feel free to bring a snack to share.

# **Library Book Clubs**

Tisbury: Books available at the V.H. library. Call 508-696-4205 for information.Edgartown: Edgartown Public Library, call Lisa, 508-627-4221, for information.

### **Music and Memory Cafe**

Thursdays, 10 am – noon Live music and light refreshments. Call M.V. Center for Living for info, 508-939-9440.

# Play Readers, TCOA

Wednesdays: 9 am to noon.

## **Poetry Group, TCOA** Mondays, 10 am.

Poetry with Jill Jupen, ECOA

# Thursdays, 9:30 am

**Ukulele Group, TCOA** Wednesdays, 1 to 3 pm. Free

Instructor: Martha Child All levels welcome.

# Arts and Crafts

# Art Club, ECOA

Call to express interest, 508-627-4368.

# Color a Mandala, TCOA

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:15, Fridays, 10:45. Free. Bring a friend! Supplies provided.

# **Knitting with Nancy Merjos, OBCOA**

Thursdays, 1 pm Call 508-693-4509.

# **Knitting and Needlework, TCOA**

Mondays, 9:30 to 11:30 am.

# Mindful Knitting, ECOA

Mondays, 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Not an instructional group. Call 508-627-4368.

# **Needlework for Charity, ECOA**

Tuesdays, 10 am. Make projects benefiting charitable organizations, or your personal project. The more the merrier! Knitting, crewel, needlepoint, crochet, and more!

**Needlepoint, ECOA** 

Bring any projects you are working on — need not be needlepoint.

# Pop-Up Origami, UICOA

Thursdays, 2 - 4 pm.

4th Wed. of the month. 2pm. Free. Learning the ancient art of Japanese paper folding. RSVP: 508-693-2896

# **UFOs - Unfinished Forgotten Objects, OBCOA**

Fridays, 1 to 2:30 pm. Bring projects you've been putting off to finish, on your own or with the group! Call 508-693-4509.

# Watercolor Painting with Nancy Cabot,

Fridays, 1 pm. Beginners welcome!

# Woodcarving, OBCOA

Mondays and Thursdays, 9 to 11 am.

# Cards and Games

# Cribbage, OBCOA

Fridays, 9 am

# Bingo, OBCOA

Second Wednesday of the month. 1 to 3 pm, and 6 to 8 pm.

# **Bridge: Ladies, OBCOA**

Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:30

# **Bridge: Nonsanctioned Duplicate,**

Mondays 12:00 - 3:00 pm Call or email Carol for info on dates and seating: 508-627-4722, fligors@comcast.net.

# **Bridge Games, TCOA**

Duplicate Bridge -

Mondays, 1:15 pm Call Gayle for info: 617-966-7904.

# Party Bridge —

Fridays, 1 to 4 pm.

Call Trudy for info: 508-627-6719.

#### Hand and Foot Card Games, OBCOA Mondays – Fridays, 9 am

**Ladies Cards, OBCOA** 

Mah Jong ECOA, Tuesdays and Fridays, 1 pm

UICOA, Tuesday, 1:30 pm and Wednesdays, 1 pm OBCOA, Mondays 1 pm

# Men's Cards, OBCOA

Wednesdays, 9 am

# Scrabble, OBCOA Fridays, 9 am

Rummy, OBCOA Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 pm.

# **MVRHS LUNCHEONS ARE BACK!**

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Culinary Arts and Music Departments Culinary Arts Dining Room

# Thursday, Oct 10

Music at 11:00 • Lunch served promptly at 11:30

# MENU:

- Shaved apple and fennel salad with cheddar croquettes.
- Roasted chicken on cous-cous with butternut squash, brussels sprouts, and sage. • Buttermilk panna cotta with fruit and ginger cake.

Always delicious! \$12 Reservations are a must! • Call 508-939-9440

# THANK YOU FROM THE

The M.V. Center for Living would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations to the Supportive Day Program's lunch program:

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WHO MAKES WHAT?

Median household incomes

for Island towns.

his year marks the third year of Perfect Pitch MV, where Island entrepreneurs pitch their ideas "Shark Tank"-style to local businesses in hopes of getting seed money for their ventures. The 2017 secondplace winner was Sonnyside Rides, and we thought it would be interesting to follow up and see how they're doing. Perfect Pitch MV is sponsored by the Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce, Seidman Investment

the farm-style hay wagon, the latter accommodating up to 18 people. "Arrive at your special event in unforgettable style. These horses will take you on the ride of your life." Marshard told her audience.

"Our pitch was a little unusual — it was nighttime, and we had stationed a horse and carriage outside the windows, and had set up a spotlight." At the right time during the presentation, Marshard prompted the audience to look outside: "They were surprised and elated to see the horse-drawn carriage and its driver standing at attention in front

and appreciates the connections she made with other entrepreneurs.

While Marshard has found that word of mouth can be the best advertising, she has worked with event venues like the Harbor View and Winnetu hotels to get the word out about Sonnyside Rides. Her website, mvhorseandcarriage.com, created and updated by Moehnke, is loaded with photos and a video of the horses in action at several local weddings.

Marshard says it has been gratifying to see people so happy with her service. She



Source: 2017, U.S. Census Bureau



COURTESY LAURA MARSHARD

describes one rider at the Agricultural Fair

as saying the horse and carriage ride was the

"best ride if you're under 5 and over 30." She

Portfolios, Martha's Vineyard Bank, Cape & Islands SCORE, Martha's Vineyard Commission, and many individual donors.

If you were at the fair this year, you couldn't miss the horses and carriages taking fairgoers for rides; especially the happy smiles on the riders' faces. Sonnyside Rides, Perfect Pitch MV 2017 second-place winner, was hired by the fair's management. The business is a service that caters to weddings, birthday parties, reunions, and all sorts of events on the Island.

Laura and Bruce Marshard have a long history of horses in their lives and business. In fact, Bruce rescued Sonny Boy (for whom the business is named), and that horse's image even graced an Agricultural Fair poster back in 2014. While Sonny Boy is unfortunately no longer, there are two Percherons (Touch of Texas and Tim) and a Belgian (Dudley) who continue his legacy of making events more special for everyone involved.

Marshard, who prepared and presented with her friend and business associate Emily Moehnke, remembers her Perfect Pitch well. "We had a great time, and tried to convey the fact that horse and carriage rides have the potential to enhance any outing." She recalls enjoying preparing the presentation, and credits Mike Adele from SCORE for his assistance. She focused on the carriage and

of the Whaling Church."

Marshard says she and her husband put the Perfect Pitch MV winnings toward a new carriage intended for weddings and other formal events. The ornate carriage has velvet seats, accommodates six people, and has a retractable cover to protect passengers from inclement weather. Recently it

commented that she enjoys the huge smiles on people's faces when they get off the carriage, and was especially pleased to have hosted Jabberwocky campers for rides at this year's fair. Marshard notes that the horses make ap-

pearances at more than just weddings. The hay wagons are often used for children's birthday parties, as well as at Misty Meadows Equine Learning Center: "We have a lot of fun whenever we bring our horses and carriages to an event — it always

feels great to enhance it and make it even more special."

Her advice for upcoming Perfect Pitchers is to "take advantage of the assistance they offer — it's so helpful for the way you present your business to the public." Marshard is lucky to have the best ambassadors built right in to her business — three horses who make people smile.

# - Laura Marshard, co-owner of Sonnyside Rides

was rented by a high schooler to transport him and a group of friends from the Tisbury School to the Junior Prom at West Chop.

Marshard also credits the Perfect Pitch experience with her becoming more involved with the M.V. Chamber of Commerce and the local businesses that participate. She was impressed to see how hard the chamber works for Island businesses,

# **BUSINESS**Brief

# **Hospice honors top donors**

A Major Donor appreciation party will be held at the Granary Gallery from 5:30 to 7 pm on Saturday, Sept. 28, honoring top donors to Hospice of Martha's Vineyard.

According to a press release, Hospice of Martha's Vineyard board of directors and executive staff will gather together with about 80 of their largest philanthropic supporters at Granary Gallery to celebrate the generosity that these individuals have shown to the Hospice organization.

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Hospice would like to express its gratitude to its presenting event sponsor, Martha's Vineyard Bank, and its gracious hosts, Chris and Sheila Morse.

Hospice of Martha's Vineyard is one of three Hospice organizations left in the country that do not charge patients, their families, or insurance for their services. As such, philanthropic support is the lifeblood of the agency. They literally would not be able to meet their mission to pro-

vide quality hospice and bereavement services without charge to all who are facing serious illness, grief, and death, without the contributions made by the individuals who have been invited to join together at the Granary.

"It is essential that Hospice embrace our most dedicated supporters," said Jess Rogers, development coordinator of Hospice of Martha's Vineyard, "and ensure that we communicate just how much their support means to us as an organization and Island community. In one word, it truly means everything."



Reply online as a comment, or send your answers to onisland@mvtimes.com with the subject line "MVSB Big Question."

I was floored when I witnessed firsthand the state of the M.V. Community Services campus, and after learning how critical their work is to the health and stability of the Island community, I knew I had to do something.

-Barry Tatelman,

former owner of Jordan's Furniture