

TOP THREE

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Area Agency on Aging District 7



Welcome to our June 2024 news e-blast - sharing our "Top Three" focus items for this month. As always, reach out to us with any questions and follow us on our social media platforms!



Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Applications

Applications for the 2024 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program are now available. This year's application process is different from previous years – those eligible for the program now have the option to use a mobile application or a physical card to obtain nutritious produce at farmers markets across the state. Online applications are currently on the Ohio Department of Aging website – aging.ohio.gov/sfmnp - and also accessible from the AAA7's website at www.aaa7.org under the "Happening Now" section on the Home Page. Hard copy applications will be mailed to participants from last year. If you are new to the program and do not have access to the internet and need a hard copy application, please contact the AAA7 Farmers Market Hotline at 1-800-343-8112 or email FarmersMarket@aaa7.org.



Medicare Fraud Prevention Week

Medicare fraud is a serious problem. Medicare loses an estimated \$60 billion each year to fraud, errors and abuse. Every day, these issues affect people across the country and can lead to identity theft and cost you money. The AAA7 partners with the Ohio Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) to help share information and education about Medicare fraud and how best to protect yourself from being the victim of a scam. The week of June 3rd – 9th is Medicare Fraud Prevention Week. SMP provides free, unbiased, one-on-one assistance to Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers. In Ohio, the SMP can be reached at 1-800-488-6070, extension 4.



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Did you know that every year around 1 in 10 Americans over the age of 60 experience some form of elder abuse, that could be as many as 5 million people. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is recognized each June 15th in an effort to unite communities around the world in raising awareness about elder abuse. If you or someone you know has been the victim of abuse, exploitation or neglect, it is important to report the suspected abuse immediately. Call your doctor or confide in a family member or friend you trust, or call your local Job and Family Services agency to report elder abuse occurring in the community. To report abuse in long-term care facilities, call the AAA7 Ombudsman Program at 1-800-582-7277. If someone you know is in immediate, life-threatening danger, call your local police department or sheriff's office, or 9-1-1 immediately.