

The Upside Of Aging

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The Commission on Aging would like to thank the citizens of Grand Traverse County for passing the COA millage in November! We are thrilled to have funding for the next ten years.

Snow Removal

- Snow removal is our most popular service which means the COA has a waitlist for this program.
- We have completed pulling clients from our snow waitlist for this winter season.
- If you have requested this service but have not been contacted recently, please be assured that your name is still on our waitlist.
- You will remain on our snow waitlist until either you are next in line on the list when we have an opening in your area, or if you ask to be removed from the list.
- We do not plow until there are four or more inches of accumulated snow on the ground.
- We do not plow during heavy snowstorms and will begin plowing once the storm subsides.
- We plow for every snow removal client before we can come back for a second visit to clear snow from ends of driveways that occurs when your road is plowed.
- Most snow events will take two to three days for our crews to complete their routes.
- This snow removal service is not an on-demand service. If you have specific days and times you must be plowed out, you will need to make arrangements with another company to do that for you.
- We do not plow on major holidays.



AARP TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Due to lack of office space, the Commission on Aging had to make the difficult decision to not provide tax return assistance through AARP this upcoming year.

Most businesses that offer free tax preparation will have a locator list on the internet after the first of the year.

Caring for those who cared for you, since 1975

Just a friendly reminder...

Reminder we close for lunch. Our office is open 8:00 am to Noon, **closed Noon-1:00 pm**, and open 1:00 to 5:00 pm weekdays, except holidays
Upcoming Holidays: 12/23-12/26, 12/30/22-01/02/23

Personal Emergency Response System Units

Personal Emergency Response System units, (or PERS units) are personal safety devices that can connect our clients with a 24/7 call center in case of emergency.

We provide these units to our clients at a substantially discounted price as opposed to renting them on the open market. If you have a unit, please wear it! We would like nothing better than to see you wear it all the time, and if you have a charging unit, charge it as needed.

Although each COA client may pay little or nothing for the use of their PERS unit, the Commission on Aging pays anywhere from \$16-\$40 per unit to our vendor. The cost to the COA is approximately \$15,000 per month for the COA to provide these PERS units.

If you have a unit and you don't use it, or if it is stuffed away in a drawer or closet, **please** contact us. We can return the unit and the COA will no longer be charged for it.

If you don't have PERS service and you would like a PERS unit, please feel free to contact us and we will order one for you.



Happy Holidays From the Commission on Aging

January Birthdays And Anniversaries



Birthdays
No January Birthdays

Anniversaries
Nicole A. 4 years
Curt B. 17 years
Dean D. 23 years
Jenny G. 8 years
Melissa Z. 17 years