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SHARON HOSPITAL ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY HEALTH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2007

Sharon, CT - Sharon Hospital is committed to providing members of the community the tools needed to make better healthcare decisions that promote healthy life styles. Through a variety of educational and support opportunities, participants are able to play an active role in their health and the health of their family. **The following are the community health programs scheduled for the month of November.**

Most programs are free of charge and take place at Sharon Hospital or at the Good Neighbor's building, located at 1 Low Road, Sharon CT. Fees and alternate locations are listed. Reservations are appreciated for all programs by calling Sharon Hospital's Community Health program at 860.364.1637 or 800.666.6885 unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, November 29

Health & Wellness Lecture Series

Emergencies at Home

Join the Sharon Hospital Emergency Department team and learn "What you should have in your First Aid Kit at home"

Speakers: Dr. Chin and our Emergency Department Team

12 noon – 1:00 pm • Sharon Hospital Board Conference Room Two

Friday, November 30

Health & Wellness Lecture Series

Help for Arthritis

Join Dr. Evan Rashkoff, Dr. Mark Marshall and our team from Physical Rehabilitation, Psychiatry, Nutrition, Clinical Resources and others from Homeopathic Care about the latest advances in the prevention and treatment of arthritis.

Speaker: Evan Rashkoff, MD, Orthopedic Surgeon, Mark Marshall, DO, Hospitalist & more

3:00 pm • The Interlaken Inn, Sponsored by Sharon Hospital. **Reservations are required** by calling 860.364.1637 or 800.666.6885. **Space reserved on a first come, first serve basis.**

Thursday, November 8

FLU VACCINE CLINIC

Co-Sponsored with the Northwest Visiting Nurse Association

Medicare is the only insurance accepted; please bring your Medicare Card.

Submit your receipt for other insurances that cover flu and pneumonia vaccination.

Fee is \$35.00 for Flu Vaccine and \$45.00 for the Pneumonia Vaccine.

Must be 18 years or older.

10:00 am – 2:00 pm • Sharon Hospital Good Neighbor's building • 1 Low Road, Sharon

Wednesdays

Tai Chi

Please join the group for Tai Chi, an ancient Chinese art of meditation in motion which enhances flexibility and balance. It is said to be one of the only exercises where one gets better as one gets older.

4:30 pm - 5:20 pm

Wear loose comfortable clothes and flat shoes.

Sharon Hospital Good Neighbor's building • 1 Low Road, Sharon

Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging

Sharon Counseling Site at Sharon Hospital Good Neighbors building

Questions & Answers

- Medicare
- Medicare Prescription Drug Plan
- Program Entitlements
- Care Giving Issues
- And More...

2nd Wednesday, November 14 • Reservations required please call WCAAA at 800-994-9422

Sharon Hospital Good Neighbor's building, 1 Low Road, Sharon CT 06069

Weekly Support Groups and Classes

Sundays, November 4,11,18,25

Alcoholics Anonymous - Women's Group

7:30 pm • Sharon Hospital Four Trees Cafe

Tuesdays, November 6,13,20,27

Yoga

8:45am and 5:30pm • Sharon Hospital Good Neighbor's building.

Strengthen and tone your body, gain flexibility, create balance and harmony.

Beginners are welcome. \$85 for six weeks or \$15 per class.

Wednesdays, November 7,14,21,28

Cancer Support Group

10:30am • Sharon Hospital • 2North Patient Lounge

Participants (family members are welcome) meet weekly to share their experiences, to listen & to give support.

Thursdays, November 1,8,15,22,29

Stroke Support Group

Join other stroke survivors in a comfortable environment to socialize and communicate with others. This is a functional group that meets to discuss current events & enjoy conversation in a positive & nurturing environment.

11:00 am, Sharon Hospital, Center for Rehabilitation

Fridays, November 2,9,16,23,30

Alcoholics Anonymous - Open Meeting

7:30 pm • Sharon Hospital Four Trees Café

Monthly Support Groups and Classes

Hospice Volunteer Support Group

Sharon Hospital Four Trees Café

For further information call Louisa LaFontan 860.364.1796

2nd Wednesday, November 14

Mended Hearts Support Group

7:00 pm • Sharon Hospital Four Trees Café

A national volunteer support group affiliated with the American Heart Association dedicated to providing help, encouragement & support to heart disease patients & their families. For further information call Betty Rooney 845.373.8443.

2nd & 4th Wednesday, November 14 & 28

Grief Support Group

6:00 pm – 7:15 pm • Sharon Hospital Two North Waiting Room

A supportive counseling group for those suffering with the loss of a spouse, partner, child, significant other or friend. This group is open to those 18 and older, who are struggling with recent or past loss. Traumatic loss or those who have lost a loved one from suicide. Join this supportive group to help cope with the impact of loss and to express feelings in a supportive environment. For further information please call Hope LaPlante, LCSW at 860.364.4426

Blood Pressure Screening

1st Thursday, November 1, 2pm - 3pm • Main Lobby at Sharon Hospital

4th Wednesday, November 22, 12pm - 1pm • Sharon Hospital Good Neighbor's building,

Co-sponsored by VNA Northwest

Childbirth Education Classes

Classes are offered by Special Beginnings, Sharon Hospital's family-centered comprehensive birthing center. Please call 860.364.1637 or 800.666.6885 to register. For a complete brochure, visit sharonhospital.com, click on services, click on maternity.

Mondays, November 5,12,19,26

Mothers and Toddlers Group

10am-4pm • Sharon Hospital Good Neighbor's building
Weekly discussion group for new mothers with toddlers.

Fridays, November 2,9,16,23,30

New Mothers Group

Bring your baby, meet other mothers, ask questions and share
Your experiences. Refreshments provided.
10am-11:30am • Sharon Hospital Good Neighbor's building

Tuesday, November 6

Sibling Class

For the big brothers and sisters of all ages to help them adjust and prepare for the
Birth of the new baby.
6:30 pm -7:30 pm • Sharon Hospital

Tuesday, November 26

Baby Basics/Parenting Class

A one evening "how-to" course for new parents to make the transition to parenting a little easier.
6:30 pm -8:30 pm • Sharon Hospital, Maternity Department. FEE

Wednesday, November 14

Prenatal Breastfeeding Class

For women who are at least six months pregnant. Partners are invited to share in the experience &
to learn about the advantages & benefit of breast-feeding for mother and child, as well as the role
of your partner in the breast feeding experience.
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm • Sharon Hospital, Maternity Department

Tuesdays, October 30 & November 6,13,20,27

Childbirth Education Class

For couples or individuals desiring prepared childbirth education. Topics include; end of
pregnancy, labor, birth, postpartum, breathing and relaxation techniques, medications and
anesthesia options.
6:30 pm -8:30 pm • Sharon Hospital
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HypnoBirthing,

Call for Dates

This class offers mothers and birth companions a safe and satisfying birthing experience through
deep relaxation, visualization and special breathing.
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Breast Cancer Support Network

A one-on-one support network for women with breast cancer. Volunteers are women who have gone through treatment for breast cancer and have received professional training to help others who are going through this rigorous journey. There is no fee for this network, and its services are available to the patient as long as they are needed.

Please call 860.364.4123.

American Heart Association CPR Classes are held monthly. Class space is limited and a fee is charged. Registration is required. Please call 860.364.1637.

Sharon Duplicate Bridge Group meets every Wednesday afternoon at the Sharon Hospital Good Neighbor's building. Play begins at 1:00 pm, but players are asked to arrive no later than 12:45pm with a partner. New players from the Tri-State area are always welcome.

For more information call Harry Hall 860.364.1294 or Cindy Rubicam 860.364.0125.

HIV Prevention Counseling

Co-Sponsored by the Northwestern Connecticut Aids Project • Sharon Hospital Good Neighbor's Building • Call 800.381.2437 for a free and confidential appointment.

Lending Closet

Equipment donated for the use of others on a loan basis.

Supplies vary daily, please call 860.364.1637 for information.