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**DALTON COUNCIL ON AGING & SENIOR CENTER TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION'S
2026 ELDER LAW PROGRAM**

FREE IN PERSON PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD MAY 6, 2026, 1:00PM

DALTON, Mass. - Local seniors can learn about Elder Law issues at a free in person event hosted by the Dalton Council on Aging & Senior Center on May 6, 2026, at 40 Field Street Ext., Dalton MA.

The event is part of the statewide Elder Law Education Program presented by the Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA). It corresponds with the publication of the revised and expanded "2026 Elder Law Education Guide," the 17th edition of the resource guide, which is available at the Dalton Senior Center and online at the MBA's companion website, www.massbar.org/elderlaw

Among the topics discussed throughout the commonwealth this year are Veteran Affairs Financial Benefits, how to protect your home and assets, power of attorney and health care proxies, reverse mortgages, Homestead and Life Estates, Medicare/Medicaid changes, and alternatives to nursing home care. Holly Rojers, Esq. will present on basic Estate Planning.

The Elder Law Education Program matches attorneys from the MBA and the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) with more than 70 councils on aging or senior centers throughout the state to make free presentations about the law.

Volunteer attorneys have participated in the Elder Law Education Program since 1987. Past topics have touched on the Homestead Act, estate planning and long-term health insurance. The program is presented with the generous assistance and continued collaboration of the Massachusetts Chapter of NAELA.

To RSVP or for more information about the Dalton Council on Aging presentation on May 6, 2026, contact Kelly Pizzi, Executive Director at 413-684-2000 x 402 or at KPizzi@dalton-ma.gov.

Late Additions & Program Changes May 2026 Dalton Council on Aging & Senior Center

Join us on May 20th at 11:30 for **Mix & Mingle** featuring special guests **Maribeth Ritchie and Ashley Williams** from Prospect Meadow Farm! Learn more about their organization, the farm store opening soon on Crane Ave in Pittsfield, what CSA shares are, and much, much more! Light lunch will be served, and we hope to see you there.



Wellness Clinic with Sophie Carnes will be held from 12-1:00 on May 26 -Come with your questions and concerns and check your blood pressure while you are here!

Dalton is getting a new Veteran's Agent! On May 7th you can meet **Will Bateson** from 12-3:00. He will be shadowing **Robin Scace** for a couple of months, and we hope to have a meet and greet for him when he is ready to fly! Currently he will keep the first Thursday of the month but may change when he learns his schedule.

Do you want to learn **Chinese Mahjong**? We are now taking names and hope to begin classes starting in June (or even May if we get enough!). **Ellie Persip**, who leads the Mahjong group in Pittsfield, is willing to come to the Dalton Senior Center on Thursdays at 1:00-3:00 to teach this program. No cards needed! Sign up at the desk or call 684-2000.

Bridging the Legal Divide. Have you ever wondered what **Legal Aid** does? Can they help you? Join **Mike Morelli on May 21 at 1:00** as he walks us through the ways Legal Aid works and how they have helped older adults in the past. May is Elder Justice Month! Sign up at the desk