



FRIENDS OF THE NORTH READING COUNCIL ON AGING
157 Park Street
North Reading, MA 01864

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Friends of the North Reading Council on Aging is a not-for-profit volunteer organization formed to support and enhance the good works of the Edith A. O'Leary Senior Center and the population it serves, the age 60 and over population of North Reading. Seniors today represent a diverse group of individuals with a wide array of needs. A broad spectrum of services and programming is needed to reach out to our seniors and serve them well. The current budget creates a financial challenge to properly serve these needs. Become a supporting member with a tax deductible donation. For questions or further information, please call the Center at 978-664-5600. The goal of the Friends is to help provide these needs with a number of fundraising activities to include memberships, bequests, special events, grant writing, etc., along with donations from business partners and others.

Please send the completed form for June 1st 2021 – May 31st 2022 along with your tax-deductible check made payable to Friends of North Reading COA, Inc. (FONRCOA) to :

Friends of the North Reading COA, Inc., C/O 157 Park Street, North Reading, MA 01864

Senior (60+) \$10.00 _____	Couples (60+) \$15.00 _____
Individual \$15.00 _____	Good Friend \$25.00 _____
Business \$35.00 _____	Great Friend \$50.00 _____
Other \$ _____	BFF—Best Friend Forever \$100.00 _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

I am a senior _____ I have senior family members in No. Reading _____

I am interested in volunteering, please contact me at _____

My areas of interest are _____

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE NOTE: Many companies have matching gift programs. Please check with your employer to see what their policy is. This applies to retirees as well as those still employed.

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Dear North Reading Neighbor,

This letter is to introduce you to the Friends of the North Reading Council on Aging. This group was organized in 2006 and was chartered as a 501C3 organization to help fund activities and improvements to the Edith O'Leary Senior Center, and have fun doing it. Our business is simply to raise money to benefit the Senior Center and have fun doing it. More of us become "seniors" every day. As we like to say, "Look who's a senior now".

What do we want? We want you to become a member of our group of active Seniors who are having fun while doing good things for their friends in town. Membership dues are small, but every little bit helps. See the application on the back of this page.

The combined state and town dollars don't permit our Senior Center to fund all the desired activities and services, so Friends is poised to handle the shortfall, plus whatever else we can. The Friends of the NRCOA has already helped the Senior Center in a number of ways:

1. Painting the interior, new appliances for the kitchen, comfortable library area, large screen tv for movies and bingo, as well as refreshing the entrances to the Senior Center and updating the men's and women's bathrooms.
2. Upcoming projects will include a new keyboard for the Senior Chorus that will be easier to move than the cumbersome piano.
3. Evaluating options for a new multi-generational facility.
4. Outreach to home-bound older citizens to be certain that no elder is at risk or isolated (500 seniors live alone in North Reading).
5. Ongoing discussions to determine interests, needs and concerns in order to enhance program offerings and future needs of seniors, as well as continue the pursuit of Life Long Learning.

You might ask how we raise money for our projects:

1. Fund raisers sponsored by our creative Friends, such as the ever popular Townwide Yardsale.
2. Private and business contributions as well as membership dues.
3. Pursuing grants – we can always use help in that area.
4. Amazon – When you shop on Amazon, go to Amazon Smile and choose Friends of North Reading Council on Aging as your charity of choice. Every time you shop, a small percentage of your purchase will go the Friends. Thank You!

When you complete the Membership application you will be saying:

I think this is a worthwhile objective and maybe it would be fun to be part of this effort – This could be interesting and I would like to know more. Also, your membership is tax deductible since we are a 501C3 organization.

Remember, what's good for old age is good for all ages, the town and the Senior Center. Membership and programs are open to all ages.

Gratefully,

Angela Mauceri, VP Friends of NRCOA