

Sterling Council on Aging August 2017

SQUEEZE OUT EVERY LAST MINUTE OF SUMMER WITH US!

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CREATIVITY WITH ZUCCHINI AT OUR AUGUST 7TH COOK OFF!

SUMMER JINGO ON AUGUST 16TH!



ICE CREAM TRIP TO KIMBALL'S ON AUGUST 21ST!

Get ready for the fair with our august 24th skillet toss practice!

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Our mission is to maintain the health and well being of the Sterling seniors and to assist them with preserving their independence.

Hours: Mon-Wed 8-4; Thurs 8-8; Fri 8-12:30



Senior Center Survey Results

Earlier this year, we sent out a survey with our monthly newsletter. Here is a synopsis of the responses.

Our respondents ranged in age from 60 to over 80; although half of the respondents were in their 70's. 73% of our respondents were female; only 27% were male.
66% of the respondents visit the senior center weekly. 11% of the respondents

never visited the senior center! Work was the leading cause for not visiting. Respondents reported that they were highly satisfied with our exercise programs, newsletter, special lunches, outreach services and health services.

Respondents made the following suggestions for improvement:

More exercise such as exercise equipment, karate classes, balance programs, walking groups.

- More home-cooked meals and more variety in food options, such as fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, vegetarian options, healthier breakfast choices.
- Increased variety of special events including day trips to museums or to the theater, programs that feature nature related topics, historical speakers, music, art, bereavement support and sports parties.
- Over half of the respondents were interested in evening events including the artist reception, cooking programs, wellness programs, insurance information including Medicare, nutrition programs and potluck dinners.

Where do we go from here? We have already begun to implement some of the suggestions and modification of our programming will be ongoing. Expect to see more surveys in the future; they may be shorter and more targeted in nature such as the last survey we completed with the exercise participants. We appreciate your suggestions - please talk to Veronica, use the suggestion box or send an email to <u>vbuckley@sterling-ma.gov</u>

If you would like to be more involved in the programming, marketing and communications, consider a position on our new program committee or marketing / communications committee. While our COA Board membership is currently complete, associate positions are available. Furthermore, anyone is invited to attend our meetings—the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm.

Senior Spotlight will return in our September Newsletter!

AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1st 9:00 am The Dull Men's Club is inviting "exciting women" to join them for a presentation about the history of Sterling, Clinton and the Clinton Dam.
August 2nd 11:30 am Home-Cooked Chef's Salad \$3 donation
August 2nd 9 am SHINE appointments. Answers to your insurance questions.
August 3rd 10-12 BP Clinic sponsored by Sterling EMS
August 4th 8:30 am Guided Meditation with Bob Stickles \$5.
August 4th 12:30 Quarterly Lunch and Learn for Volunteers & Staff. Sign Up.
August 5th 6:30 pm Pitch Party sponsored by the Grange. All Are Welcome.
August 7th 3:00 pm Zucchini Cook Off.
August 8th 9:30-11:30 am Elder Keep Well Clinic
August 9th 11:30 am Home-Cooked Sausage Alfredo Pasta \$3 Donation
August 10th 9am Foot Clinic by appt. \$35 to Foot Care Nurse. Sign up please.
August 10th 5:30 pm COA Board Meeting
August 11th 12:15 pm Birthday Cake for All August Birthdays!.
August 15th 11:00 am Montachusett Opportunity Council Nutrition Program
August 16th 11:30 am Home-Cooked BBQ Lunch - Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Corn on the Cob \$3 donation
August 16th 12:30 pm Summer Jingo
August 18th 8:30 am Guided Meditation with Bob Stickles \$5.
August 21st 12:30 pm Van Ice Cream Trip to Kimball's. Please sign up for van
or meet us there!
August 23rd 11:30 am Home-Cooked Ham Salad Sandwich \$3 donation.
August 24th 9 am Foot Clinic by appt. \$35 to Foot Care Nurse. Sign up please.
August 24th 12:30 pm Book Club featuring Beach Road by James Patterson
August 24th 12:30 pm Matt Changelian, PT, Coffee Talk on "Senior Strong"
August 24th 6 pm Senior Skillet Toss Practice Session
August 25th 7:30—9:00 am Pancake Breakfast. Sponsored by FOSS. Plain & surprise pancakes, sausage or spiral ham, scrambled eggs, fruit cup,juices, coffee. \$3 per plate. All ages welcome

August 30th 11:30 am Home-Cooked Breakfast for Lunch \$3 donation August 31st 12:30 pm Hiking the Appalachian Trail

BE INFORMED

Zucchini Bake Off August 7th at 3pm

We are approaching that time of the summer when you cannot <u>pay</u> your neighbor to take your extra zucchini!!

The solution?

We will each prepare our favorite zucchini recipe to share. Taste test. Share recipes. Vote for your favorites.

Prizes will be awarded!

Quarterly Lunch and Learn For Volunteers and Staff Friday August 4th

12:30-1:45

Topic: Overview of Alzheimer's and Related Dementias with a Focus on Effective Communication Strategies

Guest Speaker: Denise Thomas, Program Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association and Certified Dementia Practitioner

The Sterling Senior Center is working on a transportation survey.

We are interested in speaking with Sterling residents who require transportation assistance to medical appointments.

Call Veronica at 978 422 3032

Hiking the Appalachian Trail Thursday, August 31st 12:30–2:00 Guest Speaker Robert Potvin

Robert Potvin, a 69 year young former resident of West Boylston, tells of his 2016 seven month "thru hike" of the Appalachian Trail, a 2200 mile foot path from Georgia to Maine.

He will talk about the Trail and his experiences along the way. He will share what it was like, the difficul-

ties, the good times and the extraordinary beauty of the Trail itself. There will be slides of many of the photos he took along the way as well as time for questions and a chance to see his gear.

Fuel your Body for Health and Well-being Tuesday August 15th 11am Presented by Alex Welch Clinical Dietician, MOC

Attendance includes a free ticket for lunch (must be age 60 or older). Invite your friends!

Sign up 24 hours in advance please!

	A	August Activity Calendar	ndar	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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FOOD AND TRAVEL

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We're BACK! Look for our Senior Center coffee and baked goods table in front of the Butterick Building at the town yard sale, Saturday, Sept 16th.

Home-cooked Wednesdays!

Please make your reservations 24 hours in advance. This helps our kitchen manager to plan for volunteers and food prep. \$3 donation requested. PANCAKE BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY FOSS LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AUGUST 25TH 7:30—9:00 AM Thank you for your support!

On The Road Again Trips Call Mary Lajoie 978 827 4882

September 1st-11th, 2017

Mt. Rushmore \$949 September 22, 2017

Cape Cod Scallop Fest \$61

HAPPY TRAVELERS LIST

For the over 50 travelers-Contact Gladys Merrow at: 508-835-4312 Cell 508-612-5312 e-mail: happytravelers.gem@gmail.com

Per Person Sept. 10 (Sun) - Connecticut Lighthouse Cruise (full with a wait list) \$105.00 Sept. 30 (Sat) - Bennington, VT, the Museum, lunch at the Publyk House & the Apple Barn \$109.00 Oct. 22 (Sun) – A Mystery Tour???? Like our spring Mystery trip this is selling very well \$110.00 Nov. 05 (Sun) - Ivoryton Playhouse "The Game's Afoot" (full with a wait list) \$122.00 Dec. 1-2 (Fri & Sat) 2 day New York City & Hudson Valley -\$499.00 single per room, \$419.00 Double, \$409.00 triple Day 1 - New York Botanical Gardens, Rockefeller Center, Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show, Buca Di Beppo for dinner, our overnight is at the Spring Hill Suites in Tarrytown, NY. Day 2- After breakfast we have a guided tour of the Lyndhurst Mansion, after lunch on your own we visit Washington Irving's "Sunnyside" with a guided tour. (We purchased 85 none refundable tickets, with only 2 seats left, we will start a waitlist, at a later date if our list grows we will see if we can purchase more orchestra seats and book more hotel rooms.) Do not hesitate to get on my waitlists, so many times I will work my way down through it before the trip because life changes, people put their names on the list months before, then when I call they have made other plans.

SPANNING THE GENERATIONS



The Kindness Rock Garden

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world" Margaret Mead.

The children at Houghton Elementary school have been learning about kindness and sharing it around town. Rocks were painted with bright colors and cheerful saying reminding you to "Smile" or "Be Awesome". The Senior Center became a little brighter last month when the children came to plant their colorful rocks in our gardens on both sides of our door. Check out our Kindness Rock Garden at the Senior Center and other locations around town. Hopefully this small act of kindness will put a smile on your face.

The Pen Pal Program

For the second year, 20 seniors paired up with 4th grade students at Houghton Elementary School and became Pen Pals. Letters were exchanged between the students and the seniors on a monthly basis. The seniors were invited to meet with the Pen Pals at various school events including a State Fair and a 4th grade play. At the end of the year, the students came to the Senior Center to teach the seniors a Zentangle craft and sing a few songs. Many seniors continue to keep in touch with their Pen Pals and some even become friendly with their Pen Pal's family.

In September we will have a new 4th grade class eager to become your pen pal. It does not take a lot of time but what the students learn from the seniors and what the seniors get out of being a small part of the younger generations' lives is extraordinary!!! Give it a try.....YOU WILL LOVE IT! Sign up with Nickole.



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BE ACTIVE

Senior Strong

An 8 week Free Exercise Program

Sponsored by All Access PT

Thursdays at 1pm in September

Come to our Coffee Talk on Thursday August 24th at 12:30 pm to meet Matt Changelian, PT, and his explanation of "Senior Strong."

Matt is an educated Exercise Physiologist and has a Doctorate Degree in Physical Therapy.

Matt will also be discussing what physical therapy can do for you and how to access physical therapy services.

Senior Pickle Ball

Mondays 4PM until tired!

Town Tennis Courts

Pickle Ball's popularity is exploding! Find out why with Kirk and the gang!

Senior Skillet Toss Practice Session

Thursday August 24th

6pm

We are out to make the Senior Skillet Toss the most talked about event at the Sterling Fair! Join us to practice for the event. Hard hats optional! Rain Date August 31st!

Take a Look at All the Exercise Programs We Offer!

Chair Pilates \$5 Mat Pilates \$5 Gentle Chair Yoga \$5 Strengthening Yoga \$5 Tai Chi \$5 Line Dancing \$2 Zumba \$5

Walking Club (free) Oriol Exercise (free) Senior Strong (free)

Which exercise class is right for you? Information available at front desk.

SAVE THE DATE

Monday Meditation with Gina

6pm at the Senior Center

This program will be continuing as one of our Senior Center activities throughout the summer into the fall. There will be a \$5 fee starting July 31st. Art Workshops with Andrea Driscoll

Beginning September 7th

Learn to Paint with Acrylics

Thursdays at 12:30

Andrea's artist's reception will also be on September 7th.



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Dull Men's Club Tuesday August 1st 9am Guest Speaker

Terry Ingano



Retiring Superintendent of Clinton Schools, historical society member and author, Terry Ingano will offer a history of Sterling, Clinton and the Clinton Dam through vintage post cards.

"Exciting women" are invited to join the dull men's club for this program!

Congratulations to Ken Day and Charlotte Gildutis, celebrating 200 years of history!

