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Senior Spotlight by Pamela Dell

Paul Jones and his family moved to Sterling in 1988. At that time, he assumed the responsibility for the US Army Senior ROTC program at WPI. Paul finished 27 years of active duty on 8/31/93. During his career, he served in Korea, Vietnam, Europe and 7 locations in the United States.

In September 1993, Paul established a Junior ROTC program at English High School in Boston. This program focused on citizenship, life skills and community service. He retired in 2010. His wife, Susan, wanted him to put his time to good use and maybe start volunteering. Paul did just that and became a handyman at the First Church.

Paul also is a charter committee member of the Friends of the Sterling Seniors and the head cook for



Paul Jones

their monthly pancake breakfast. We thought he was doing such a great job; why not ask him to become our part-time volunteer handyman, too! Paul being Paul; he said "Okay." In May 2016 Paul jumped into action. He began hanging pictures, pool racks, TV's, anything he was asked to do at our new senior center including instructing our volunteers on all the new-fangled kitchen equipment like the gas range and the convection oven!

When asked what he liked most about volunteering, Paul said, "Personal fulfillment and accomplishment." Thanks so much, Paul!

Program Notes by Veronica

Meditation with Gina on Monday nights will be sponsored by the Conant Library as of September 11th. This program is now free for all participants. Bookend your weekends with Friday morning Guided Meditation with Bob and Monday evening Meditation with Gina!

With very few exceptions (CPR training and Senior Strong are the exceptions this month), all of our programming is drop in anytime. So drop in to one of our exercise programs - tai chi, yoga, pilates, line dancing, zumba, Oriol exercise, or the walking clubs. Consider something new like our ukulele club. We have extra ukuleles here so you can just "try it out" for a few weeks. Acrylic painting comes complete with instruction and supplies!

This is your senior center! If you are not sure about an event or an activity, ask at the front desk or ask me.

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 1 8:30 am Guided Meditation with Bob Stickles \$5

Sept 2nd 6:30 pm Pitch Party Sponsored by the Grange. All are welcome.

Sept 4th LABOR DAY CLOSED

Sept 5th 9:00 Dull Men's Club - Open Mic

Sept 6th 9:30 am SHINE appointments. Answers to your insurance questions.

Sept 6th 11:30 am Home-cooked Chicken Salad Sandwich. \$3 donation. Sign up.

Sept 6th 2:00-3:00 pm Harmonica Demo. Classes Begin October 4th.

Sept 7th 10 am -12 pm BP Clinic sponsored by Sterling EMS.

Sept 7th 11:30 am Home-cooked Summer Lasagna. \$3 donation. Sign up please.

Sept 7th 12:30 Painting with Acrylics, first class of 8 week drop-in workshop.

Sept 7th 6:00pm Andrea Driscoll's Artist Reception

Sept 8th 12:15 pm Birthday Cake for All September Birthdays!

Sept 12th 9:30-11:30 am Elder Well Clinic sponsored by the VNA.

Sept 13th 9 am Computer Class. Weekly instruction and assistance resumes.

Sept 13th 11:30 am Home-Cooked BBQ. \$3 donation. Sign up please.

Sept 14th 9am Foot Clinic by appt. \$35 to Foot Care Nurse.

Sept 14th 10:15 am Greendale YMCA presentation of pilot partnership program with the Sterling Senior Center

Sept 14th 11:30 am Home-Cooked Cowboy Pasta Salad. \$3 donation. Sign up.

Sept 14th 1:00 pm Senior Strong, first class of 8 week free exercise program.

Sept 15th 8:30 am Guided Meditation with Bob Stickles \$5

Sept 20th 11:30 am Home-cooked Cobb Salad \$3 donation. Sign up.

Sept 21st 11:30 am Home-cooked Assorted Wraps. \$3 donation. Sign up please.

Sept 21st 5:00—7:00 pm Classic Car Evening!

Sept.25th 2-5:00 pm Heart Saver CPR. Registration required.

Sept 27th 11:30 am Home-cooked Shepherds Pie. \$3 donation. Sign up please.

Sept 27th 12:00—3:00 pm Flu Clinic sponsored by Walgreens.

Sept 28th 11:30 am Home-cooked Soup & Grilled Cheese. \$3 donation. Sign up.

Sept 28th 12:30 pm Book Club featuring Maude by Donna Foley Mabre

Sept 28th 9 am Foot Clinic by appt. \$35 to Foot Care Nurse.

Sept 29th7:30—9:00 am Pancake Breakfast sponsored by FOSS.

School has Started! Pen Pals Wanted!

The new 4th grade students of Mrs.

Miller's class at Houghton school will be looking for senior Pen Pals for the school year. This does not require a lot of time but the benefits to both the students and the seniors are immense!

This is the 3rd year of this program.

Call Nickole at the Senior Center to sign up or find out more.

Acrylic Painting with Andrea Driscoll

8 Week Drop-In Workshop

Sept 7th - Oct 26th

12:30 - 2pm

Beginners and those with some experience are welcome! Andrea will be showing the class each step.

- *Color Mixing
- *Using different brushes and strokes to get the effect you want.
- *Creating a rough sketch of your painting on paper
- *Developing the background and foreground with paint
- *Developing details such as flowers, trees, shadows.

Cost \$5 per class includes materials.

Program partially funded through FOSS

Heart Saver CPR AED Program Provided by the Sterling Fire Dept September 25th

2-5pm

Limited to 12 Participants

Early Registration Required

This is a video-based, instructor-led course that teaches students critical skills needed to respond to and manage an emergency until medical

The program is free, but there is a \$7 charge if you require the CPR card upon completion.

services arrive.

2 Part First Aid Program will be offered on Oct 16th & Oct 23rd.

Flu Clinic Sponsored by Walgreens Wednesday September 27th

12-3 pm

Wear short sleeve shirt

Bring your Insurance Cards Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plan or
other insurance.

If you are on a Medicare Advantage Plan, such as an HMO, PPO or SNP, you must provide this card for coverage.

Questions?

Call the Senior Center at 978 422 3032

	Sept	September Activity Calendar	lar	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				8:00 - 12:30 Coffee 8:00 VSO Hours 8:30 Meditation 9:30 Knitting and crocheting 9:30 Pilates 11:30 ChixBr&BBeans CLOSED at 12:30
LABOR DAY CLOSED Have a Safe & Happy Holiday!!	8:00 - 4:00 Coffee 9:00 Dull Men's Club 9:00 Walking club (Cider Mill) 9:30 Line dancing 9:30 Open coloring 9:30 Elder Keep Well Clinic 11:00 Chair pilates 11:30 Gr.Chix Pesto Pasta 12:30 Game day	8:00 - 4:00 Coffee 9:30 Gentle Chair yoga 10:00 Walking Club (SC) 11:30 Home-Cooked Chix Salad Sand. 12:30 Van shopping trip to Whitney Field 1:00 Wii Bowling 2:00 Harmonica Demo	8:00 - 8:00 Coffee 9:00-Strengthening Yoga 11:30 Home-Cooked Summer Lasagna 1:00 Acrylic Painting 2:00 Mahjong 2:30 Ukulele Club 6:00 Artist Reception	88:00 - 12:30 8:00 VSO Hours 9:30 Knitting and crocheting 9:30 Pilates 11:30 Swedish Meatballs & Egg Noodles 12:15 Birthday Cake CLOSED at 12:30
8:00 - 4:00 Coffee 8:30 Tai Chi 9:30 Peer writing 10:00 Exercise 11:30 Veg Gumbo Soup & Steak & Cheese 12:30 Zumba 1:00 BINGO \$1 a card 6 pm Meditation	8:00 - 4:00 Coffee 9:00 Walking club (Cider Mill) 9:30 Line dancing 9:30 Open coloring 11:00 Chair pilates 11:30 Turkey Corn Stew 12:30 Game day	8:00 - 4:00 Coffee 9:00 Computer class 9:30 Gentle Chair yoga 10:00 Walking Club (SC) 11:30 Home Cooked BBQ 12:30 Van shopping trip to Walmart WB	8:00 - 8:00 Coffee 9:00 Strengthening Yoga 9:00 Foot Clinic 11:30 Home Cooked Cowboy Pasta Salad 1:00 Senior Strong 1:00 Acrylic Painting 2:00 Mahjong 2:30 Ukulele Club 2:00 Mahjong	8:00 - 12:30 Coffee/snacks 8:00 VSO Hours 8:30 Meditation 9:30 Knitting and crocheting 9:30 Pilates 11:30 Meatloaf CLOSED AT 12:30

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Sept. 30 (Sat) - Bennington, VT, the Museum, lunch with a view & the Apple Barn (6 seat available)

\$109.00 pp

Dec. 1-2 (Fri & Sat) 2 day New York City & Hudson Valley

\$419.00 Double

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. (Starting a waitlist)

Sun. Mar. 11, 2018 – Sunday Brunch at the Curtis House Inn and more

\$99.00 pp

Sun. Apr. 08, 2018 - Mystery trip

\$122.00 pp

Sat. May 19, 2018 – "Something Rotten" at PPAC in Providence, RI with lunch at Spirito's on Federal Hill

\$145.00 pp

Sun. & Mon. June 24 & 25 - A 2 day Trip to "The Hamptons" and Long Island

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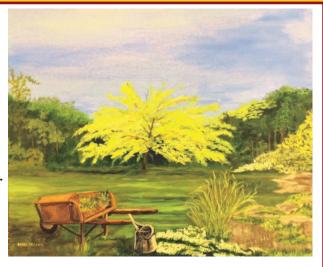
This trip list is subject to change. Most day trip pricing includes driver & escort gratuity and cancellation waiver. The \$5.00 per person cancellation waiver is added to the cost of the day trips to cover any cancellations up to 7 days prior to the trip. The refund will be minus the cancellation waiver. If you cancel after that date the refund will only be sent if you or we can fill your seat.

ART AND MUSIC

Artist's Reception for Andrea Driscoll September 7th at 6:00 pm

Andrea's artwork encompasses realistic seascapes and landscapes, as well as monoprints, scratchboard drawings and abstracts in mixed media. She also creates abstracts in needlepoint, designs with fabrics and paints furniture.

Her passion is exploring and interpreting art within nature, and has been since childhood. Between her early experiences with art lessons



at the Worcester Art Museum and many years as a camper at a natural history summer camp, she has gained both inspiration and insight into the natural world. Her diverse yet connected interests in design, gardening and flower arranging help her to create her view of nature. She has continued her study of painting, but has also taken courses in enameling and monoprinting.

A resident of Sterling, Andrea is a member of the Princeton Arts Society and Arts Worcester and the Gardner Area League of Artists, and also chairs the Sterling Cultural Council. She offers painting and drawing classes to adults and children, loves creating an atmosphere where everyone can find enjoyment in creating art. Andrea is also a fundraising and organizational consultant to small non-profits.

You can contact Andrea at andreadriscoll@hotmail.com

View Andrea's Exhibit at the Senior Center September and October.

Harmonica Classes with Paul Luria Demo on Wednesday September 6th at 2 pm

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Classes to start Wednesday October 4th at 2 pm You will leave your first class able to play a song!

BE ACTIVE

SENIOR STRONG

September 14th—November 2nd Thursdays 1-2 PM

Registration Required (Class size may be limited!)

Senior Strong is a unique group fitness class lead by Matt



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GREENDALE Y PARTNERS WITH THE STERLING SENIOR CENTER Presentation at 10:15 on Thursday September 14th

The Greendale Y and the Senior Center have been working on a partnership that would enable Sterling seniors to join the Y at half the regular cost of membership. Payments can be made on a monthly basis, and while your cost is discounted, your membership is not. You are granted a full membership.

This partnership was forged in response to our seniors request for programs using exercise equipment and the pool. Furthermore, at the Senior Center we do notice a lack of male participation in our exercise programs and we are hopeful that the Y membership may better meet their needs.

DO NOT IGNORE YOUR MEDICARE MAIL!

It's that time of year again! If you have a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO, PPO), you should be receiving information from your plan by the end of September. It is important to **understand** and **save** this information because it explains the changes in your plan for **2018** including changes to the plan providers, network, and changes to the drug plan formulary that would let you know if your medications will continue to be covered and if the tier and cost is changing. This is important information and if you do not understand it, you should discuss it with your caregivers or schedule an appointment with a SHINE Counselor during the Medicare Open Enrollment Period.

During the annual Medicare Open Enrollment Period (October 15th - December 7th), you will have a chance to CHANGE your plan for next year. SHINE Counselors can help you understand your plan changes, as well as other options you may have. Call early to get a SHINE appointment during Open Enrollment!





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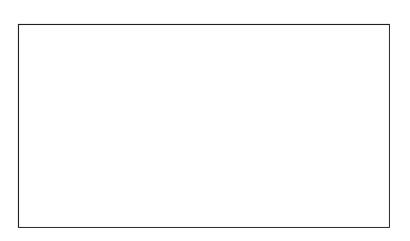


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We have practiced! We are ready to compete!



Cheer us on at the
Senior Skillet Toss
Saturday Sept 9th at 4pm





Thanks to the participants and guests at our first zucchini cook off. Prizes were awarded for the yummiest, the prettiest, the greenest and "is there even zucchini in here?"

Everyone was a winner as we sampled each others dishes and swapped recipes!