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April 2023

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Friday April 21st 11:30 Pizza 12:15 Presentation





\$50 Market Basket gift cards for four lucky attendees.

Registration Required.

Get Happy with Heather Rae The WOO Girl I

Friday, April 14th at 1:00 Pm

meet singer songwriter Heather who will Be sharing some old time favorites, classics and originals.

Registration suggested But not required.



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



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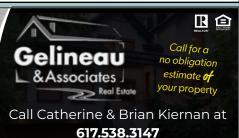
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FRI APRIL 28TH, 1:00PM

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All supplies included. Registration required.



Sterling Police Association Spring Grab 'n' Go

Reminder: If you ordered a spaghetti supper, collect it on Saturday April 1st, 5:00 - 5:45pm

Mindful Meditation
Mondays at 5:00pm
with Carol McGuiggan

Improve your health and wellbeing.

It's Spring - the days are longer!
You can enjoy mindful meditation and still be home before dark!

free

Open to All Ages



Thursday, April 20th at 5:30pm

Lasagne • Garlic Bread • Salad • Specialty Dessert

Buy your \$5 tickets at the Sterling Senior Center



Sterling Town-wide Clean Up April 22nd, 10am-2pm

Visit the Clean-Up tent at the Town Common on Saturday, April 22nd, and pick up special roadside debris collection bags and gloves, and tell us what roadways you are interested in cleaning up.

You can also get suggestions as to roadways that need attention.

Thank you for making Sterling a better place to live and work!

Organized by members of the Economic Development Committee.

Y.A.H.O.O.

"Young Adults Helping Out Others"

Every spring and fall, this amazing group of youth volunteers gives up several Saturday mornings to assist Sterling Seniors with yardwork. The spring project is geared toward getting your lawn ready!

Volunteers will help with tasks like raking, removing branches/twigs, cutting down dead flowers and helping to clear debris and damage left by snowplows. The group is generally able to assist about 20 homeowners per season and the spring program takes place in April.

If you could use some help, please call Linda or Bonnie at 978-422-3032 for more information.

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Ap	rII	SPECIAL EVENTS
Apr 1 Apr 5 Apr 11 Apr 12 Apr 14 Apr 17 Apr 20 Apr 21 Apr 24 Apr 25 Apr 28 Apr 28 Apr 28	5:00-5:45 pm 11:00 12:30-1:30 pm 1:00 pm 1:00 pm CLOSED 5:30 pm 11:30 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:30-9:00 am 7:30-9:00 am	Sterling Police Assoc Spaghetti Supper Sign-Up Required Peer Leaders TikTok Dance Challenge Indoor Mobile Market (monthly, second Tuesday) Pastels Art Class begins \$5 Heather Rae, The Woo Girl! Patriots Day Evening Dinner Tickets \$5 SMLD Pizza and 12:15 pm Safety Presentation Sign-Up Req'd Birthday Cake MassRelay Presentation Pancake Breakfast Fat Daddy's Farmer Market Make & Take with Laura \$5 Registration Required
	ONGOI	NG - see calendar for exercise programs
Apr 3 Apr 3 Apr 3 Apr 4 Apr 4 Apr 5 Apr 5 Apr 5 Apr 6 Apr 6 Apr 6 Apr 6 Apr 6 Apr 6 Apr 7 Apr 7 Apr 10,24 Apr 10,24 Apr 13 Apr 14,15 Apr 18 Apr 19	1:00 pm 5:00 pm by appointment 1:00 pm 12:30 pm 1:00 pm 1:00 pm 8am-4pm 9:30 am 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 2:00 pm 2:00 pm 8:00 am-noon 9:30 am 2:00 pm 3:00 pm 9:30 am 1:00 pm	Pool daily BINGO (weekly on Mondays) Meditation (weekly on Mondays) SHINE counseling Game Day (weekly on Tuesdays) Rummikub (weekly on Wednesdays) Van Shopping Trip (weekly on Wednesdays, sign-up) Wii Bowling (weekly on Wednesdays) Bread Pickup (weekly on Thursdays) History Club (first Thursday of month) Acrylic Painting \$5 (weekly on Thursdays) Beginner Ukulele (weekly on Thursdays, sign-up required) Ukulele Club (weekly on Thursdays) Mahjong (weekly on Thursdays) Veterans Services Office (weekly on Fridays) Knitting Club (weekly on Fridays) Ukulele - Men's Open Strumming (second & fourth Mondays) Ukulele Open Strumming (second & fourth Mondays) Dull Men's Club (second Thursday of month) Food Pantry State Office Hours (third Tuesday of month) Book Club The Johnstown Flood WELLNESS
Apr 7 Apr 7 Apr 12,26 Apr 12,26 Apr 20,27 Apr 11 Apr 20	10:00 am 1:00-2:00 pm 12:30-2:30 pm 3:30-5:00 pm by appointment 9:30-11:30 am 9:30 am	Going Steady (weekly on Fridays) Caregiver Program registration suggested Chair Massage by appointment only Parkinson's Support (second and fourth Wednesdays)



Tuesday, April 25th, 1:00pm Amy Strawser, MA CTS Community Outreach Coordinator

For people who have difficulty hearing or speaking, the simple act of using a telephone can be a challenging and frustrating experience. Whether it's conducting business, speaking to doctors, making appointments, or just keeping in touch with family and friends, an inability to communicate over the phone can affect almost every aspect of a person's day-to-day life.

MassRelay is a free and confidential communication relay service for those who may be deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind or have difficulty speaking in order to make and receive telephone calls. Multiple service options are available to fit individual communication needs.

Join Amy to learn about the different options available, and which might be the right fit for you or your loved one.

Do you want help paying your Medicare Coverage?

Massachusetts is expanding eligibility for Medicare Savings Programs (aka "MassHealth Buy-In" programs).

A Medicare Savings Program can help pay for:

 Your monthly Medicare Part B premium (\$164.90/month)

Your prescription drug costs

	Gross monthly income	Assets
1 person	\$ 2,548	\$ 18,180
2 person	\$ 3,433	\$ 27,260

Call Bonnie or Linda in Outreach to apply



A peer directed support meeting facilitated by Eileen Brooks from Sterling Village, including a supervised activity for your loved one while you attend.

Drop in, but registration suggested if you're bringing your loved one to the activity.

Registration Suggested 978-422-3032



Fridays 8:00am-noon at the Senior Center If you need help outside of these times, please call Veterans' Services 978-534-7538

LIHEAP

Last Month to Apply!

Fuel Assistance application deadline is April 30th. Call Outreach for assistance.

KEEP WELL CLINIC

April 11th 9:30-11:30 am with Amy from VNA Care



Need a BP check? On a new medication? Have a new diagnosis? Want to discuss diet, exercise, supplements?

Call 978-422-3032 to make a





Foot Clinic Footcare By Nurses

Appointments at the Senior Center with Moira, RN. Call 978-422-3032 to schedule your clinic visit for \$45 on Apr 20 & 27 and May 25.



2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00pm

April 12 & 26 In person support with Zoom option

Please contact Joe at 508-335-0672 or

northworcparkies@yahoo.com

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Monday	Tuesday		Thursday	Friday
8:00 Muffin Monday 8:30 Tai Chi 11:30 Pork Tenderloin 1:00 Bingo 4:00 Pickleball 5:00 Meditation	8:15 Pilates 9:30 Line Dancing 9:30 SHINE 11:30 Baked Chicken 1:00 Game Day	9:30 Chair Yoga 11:00 Peer Leaders 11:30 Paula's Steamed Dogs 12:30 Rummikub 1:00 Van shopping trip 1:00 Wii Bowling 4:00 Pickleball	6 8 - 4 Bread Pickup 9:30 History Club 9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Fish Taco 1:00 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Beginner Ukulele 2:00 Ukulele Club 2:00 Mahjong	8:00 VSO Hours 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Caregiver Program
8:00 Muffin Monday 8:30 Tai Chi 11:30 Meatloaf 1:00 Bingo 3:00 Open Strumming 4:00 Pickleball 5:00 Meditation	8:15 Pilates 9:30 Line Dancing 9:30 Well Clinic 11:30 Tim's Barbecue Chicken 12:30 Mobile Market 1:00 Game Day	9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Pork Chops 12:30 Rummikub 12:30 Chair Massage 1:00 Pastels Art Class 1:00 Van shopping trip 1:00 Wii Bowling 3:30 Parkinson Support 4:00 Pickleball	13 8 - 4 Bread Pickup 9:30 Dull Men's Club 11:30 Chicken Cordon Royale 1:00 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Beginner Ukulele 2:00 Ukulele Club 2:00 Mahjong 5:30 COA Board Mtg	8:00 VSO Hours 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Heather Rae Music
HAPPY Patriot's DAY	8:15 Pilates 9:30 Line Dancing 11:30 Chicken Parmesan 11:30 State Office Hrs 1:00 Game Day	9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Corn Chowder 12:30 Book Club 12:30 Rummikub 1:00 Pastels Art Class 1:00 Van shopping trip 1:00 Wii Bowling 4:00 Pickleball	20 8 - 4 Bread Pickup 8:30-2:30 Foot Clinic 9:30 Holistic Yoga 11:30 Macaroni Salad with Ham 1:00 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Beginner Ukulele 2:00 Ukulele Club 2:00 Wahjong 5:30 Evening Dinner	8:00 VSO Hours 9-11:00 Food Pantry 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 SMLD Pizza 12:15 SMLD Safety Presentation
24 8:00 Muffin Monday 8:30 Tai Chi 11:30 Turkey Dinner 1:00 Bingo	8:15 Pilates 9:30 Line Dancing 11:30 Tim's Burgers 1:00 MassRelay	26 9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Chicken Caesar Salad 12:30 Rummikub	27 8 - 4 Bread Pickup 8:30-2:30 Foot Clinic 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Acrylic Painting	7:30-9:00 Pancake Breakfast 7:30-9:00 Fat Daddy's Market

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9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 1:00 Make & Take	COOPM ZOOPM ZOOPM RMG UKULELE CONCERT	
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1:00 Pastels Art Class 1:00 Van shopping trip 1:00 Wii Bowling 3:30 Parkinson Support 4:00 Pickleball	Wednesday Shopping Trips: 4/5 Whitney Field 4/12 WalMart, WB 4/19 Home Goods/ Savers, Worc 4/26 WalMart, Leom Registration Required	
	If you have any symptoms such as runny nose, sore throat, headaches or more, please STAY AT HOME.	
4:00 Pickleball 5:00 Meditation	Fees for Yoga & Pilates \$5 In Person \$2 Zoom Line Dancing \$2 Acrylic Painting \$5 Clean indoor shoes for exercise classes please.	1



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Join the Chocksett Peer Leaders for a Wed, April 5th 11:00 - 11:30am Dance Challenge! fun and lively J TIKTOK

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Different though they are, these uncommon people have in common a rare vitality and sense of purpose.

May 4: The Forgotten Man by Amity Shlaes

Men's Strumming Open Strumming 2nd & 4th Mon 3-4pm

2nd & 4th Mon 2-3pm

Beginner Thu 1-1:45pm

Ukulele Club Thu 2-3pm



MONDAYS AT 8:30AM WITH SIFU GEORGE

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Pool Players Wanted!

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Tuesdays 8:15am \$5

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Mondays at 1pm Cards \$1 each



Saturday, April 1st 6:30pm

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Butterfly Pollinator Gardens

Presented by Richard Traina April 13th at 9:30am

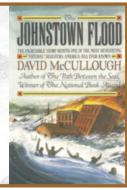
Richard will discuss the value of pollinator gardens, and the role of Wachusett Rotary in establishing pollinator gardens in our communities.



Book Club Apr 19 @ 12:30pm

Johnstown Flood

by David McCullough





West Sterling

Outdoor Pickleball returns on April 17th

Mondays & Wednesdays 4-7pm

All players **Tennis Courts** and levels welcome!



STATE

OFFICE

Hours

Meet representatives from the offices of Senator Gobi and

Representative Kilcoyne Apr 18, 11:30am-12:30pm at Sterling Senior Center.



Every first Thursday of the month! April 6th, 9:30am No reservations! No wait list! \$5 drop-in fee

Yoga as Holistic Self-Care



Apr 20 at 9:30am and every 3rd Thursday

Therapeutic 310 Chair Massage Apr 12th & 26th 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Sherrill Sasser LMT, CAT

During your ten minute session Sherrill will perform a series of massage and acupressure points to your back, shoulders, neck, head, arms and hands (depending on what is accessible).

call for an appointment!

GAME DAY TUESDAYS



DOMINOES CRIBBAGE







Pete Cummings offers tech help on Tuesdays. Call us to set up an appointment.



The traditional Mother's Day Tea will return on Friday, May 12th with guest Harpist



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Seniors: Fri Apr 14, 9-11

All: Sat Apr 15, 9-11

Call Outreach for assistance 978-422-3032



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Friday, April 28 7:30-9:00 am Hydroponic greens, lettuces, fresh herbs, tomatoes, cheeses, cider, honey & more.

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Do you like to drive around town?

If you would be interested in collecting library books and delivering to Sterling Seniors, please call Clare at 978-422-3032.

Free Bread Thursday 8am-4pm

supplies last
Limit two loaves

or until

A N D A W A Y W E G O T R A V E L 2023 Trip List For age 50+ travelers

"Downton Abbey" Tea, Manners and Treats for Mother's Day Travel to the historic Silver Fountain Inn & Carriage House an 1870s Victorian inn in Dover, NH. Stops at Pig's Fly Bakery in Kittery, Maine, and Stonewall Kitchen in York, ME.

Lake Winnipesaukee Cruise sails from Weirs Beach aboard the M/S Mount Washington, enjoying an on-board full buffet lunch, then visit the Wright Museum with exhibits including World War II aircraft.

America's Music Cities - Nashville, Memphis and New Orleans. Enjoy the Country Music Hall of Fame, Grand Ole Opry, Studio B, Graceland, museums, scenic tours and much more. Call Fred Clark at 509-421-6882 for all information on this trip.

Contact: Gladys Merrow 508-835-4312 or 508-612-5312 <u>andawaywegotravel.gem@gmail.com</u>
Signed COVID waiver and proof of vaccination required. All trips include gratuity for driver & escort.
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Exploring Pastels with Denis Coughlin

Wednesdays at 1:00pm, beginning April 12th

Join Denis for a fun hour exploring the colors and textures of pastels.

All levels from beginners to seasoned artists are welcome.

In this friendly setting, discover your hidden talents!

There will be eight Wednesday one hour sessions beginning April 12th.

\$5 drop in fee.

Registration Required.

Indulge your Passion for Pastels!