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December 2023

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Council on Aging Winter Wonderland Open House Sunday, december 3rd drop by 1:00-2:30pm

enjoy music. appetizers.
holiday treats.
gift and 2024 calendar

holiday music by heather marie

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STERLING STRUMMERS HOLIDAY CONCERT



THURSDAY
DEC 7th
2:00pm

COME ENJOY
ALL YOUR
HOLIDAY FAVORITES

SNOW DATE DEC 14TH

The Strummers will also be playing during the pre-light-tour Santa & Cookie drive-through. Friday December 15th, 4:30—6:30pm

RESCHEDULED ALL ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND



Thu, December 14 @ 9:30am Ashley Grossi, Fraud Analyst

It is an unfortunate truth that the holiday season is prime time for scams. With the hustle and bustle, people can make careless mistakes - and crooks are fully aware of this.

Do you think you've heard it all and can't be scammed? Think again! Scammers are getting more creative with the use of technology, but continue to be bold in other ways too.

Join Ashley and keep abreast of the latest scams.



You don't have to be a man to join a DMC meeting....
Ladies welcome, dull or not!



FRI, DECEMBER STH AT 1:00PM



REGISTRATION REQUIRED



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR ON THE VAN !! TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH 4:30PM

Join us on the SSC Van to see the Christmas Lights House Tour! Hot Chocolate & Cookies on return. Sign up at 978-422-3032. Rain Date: Tuesday, Dec 19th



HOLIDAY CONCERT AND GING-A-LONG

FRIDAY, DEC 15TH AT 1:15PM

Join students of Chocksett School, as they lead us through a concert of cheerful holiday songs to make us all smile and be merry!

4	ember UP (COMING PROGRAMS
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Dec 3	1:00-2:30pm	COA Holiday Open House
Dec 4	1:45 pm	Holiday Jingo (after regular Bingo)
Dec 7	2:00 pm	Sterling Strummers Holiday Concert
Dec 8	1:00 pm	Make & Take Holiday Centerpiece \$5 Sign-Up Please
Dec 9	9:00am-2:00pm	FOSS Cookie Sale and Craft Fair
Dec 12	12:30-1:30 pm	Mobile Market (monthly, second Tuesday)
Dec 12	4:30 pm	Christmas Lights Van Tour Reservations Required
Dec 15	1:15 pm	Peer Leaders Concert and Sing-a-Long
Dec 15	4:30-6:30 pm	Drive-through with Santa and Sterling Strummers
Dec 18	12:00 pm	Birthday Cake for all December birthdays!
Dec 25	CLOSED	Closed in observance of Christmas Day
Dec 29	7:30-9:00 am	Pancake Breakfast / Fat Daddy's / Coffee with a Cop NG - see calendar for exercise programs
Dec 1	9:00 am-noon	Ladies' Pool (weekly on Fridays) Open Pool all day every day
Dec 1	8:00 am-noon	Veterans Services Office (weekly on Fridays)
Dec 1	9:30 am	Knitting Club (weekly on Fridays)
Dec 4	1:00 pm	BINGO (weekly on Mondays)
Dec 4	5:00 pm	Meditation \$5 (weekly on Mondays)
Dec 5	by appointment	SHINE counseling
Dec 5	1:00 pm	Game Day (weekly on Tuesdays)
Dec 5,12	2:00 pm	Acrylic Painting \$5 Special Tuesday dates in December
Dec 6	12:30 pm	Rummikub (weekly on Wednesdays)
Dec 6	1:00 pm	Van Shopping Trip (weekly on Wednesdays, sign-up required)
Dec 6	1:00 pm	Wii Bowling (weekly on Wednesdays)
Dec 7	8am-4pm	Bread Pickup (weekly on Thursdays)
Dec 7	9:30 am	History Club (first Thursday of month)
Dec 7	1:00 pm	Mahjong (weekly on Thursdays)
Dec 7	1:00 pm	Beginner Ukulele (weekly on Thursdays)
Dec 7	2:00 pm	Ukulele Club (weekly on Thursdays)
Dec 11	2:00 pm	Ukulele - Men's Open Strumming
Dec 11 Dec 14	3:00 pm	Ukulele - Open Strumming
Dec 14 Dec 15,16	9:30 am	Dull Men's Club (second Thursday of month)
Dec 15,10 Dec 16	9-11:00 am	Food Pantry Pitch Party appropried by Starling Crange
Dec 10	6:30 pm 11:30 am	Pitch Party sponsored by Sterling Grange State Office Hours (third Tuesday of month)
Dec 20	12:30 pm	Book Club Jingle all the Way
DCC 20	12.30 pm	WELLNESS
Dec 1	10:00 am	Going Steady (weekly on Fridays)
Dec 1	1:00-2:00 pm	Caregiver Program registration suggested
Dec 4	10:00 am	Guys & Gals Fitness with Marty (weekly on Mondays)
Dec 12	9:30-11:30 am	Keep Well Clinic with Lenny our new Nurse!
Dec 13	12:30-2:30 pm	Chair Massage by appointment only
Dec 13,27	3:30-5:00 pm	Parkinson's Support (second and fourth Wednesdays)
Dec 14,28	by appointment	Foot Clinic \$45 to FC Nurse
Dec 21	9:30 am	Holistic Yoga (third Thursday in December)



Known commonly as Fuel Assistance, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

(LULEAD) provides aligible beyond holds with ball

(LIHEAP) provides eligible households with help in paying a portion of winter heating bills.

Homeowners and renters including households whose cost of heat is included in the rent can apply.

CORRECTION: A single person with gross income below \$45,392 or a two-person household with gross income below \$59,359 can apply.

For more information including eligibility status, or if you need help completing the application, contact our Outreach staff.



CAREGIVER PROGRAM Fri Dec 1, 1:00-2:00pm

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



STATE OFFICE Hours Meet a representative from the office of Representative Meghan Kilcoyne

December 19, 11:30-12:30 at Sterling Senior Center



Wachusett Food Pantry
50 Worcester Rd, Sterling
Seniors: Fri Dec 15, 9-11 am
All: Sat Dec 16, 9-11 am
Call Outreach for assistance

Free Bread Thursday



8am-4pm or until supplies last Limit two loaves

Fat Daddy's Mobile Market December 29th, 7:30-9:00 am

Hydroponic greens, lettuces, herbs tomatoes, cheeses, cider, honey, more.

Medicare 2024 OPEN ENROLLMENT

Medicare Open Enrollment ends on December 7th. It is important to review your options EVERY year during open enrollment to make sure you have the plan that works best for you next year.

KEEP WELL CLINIC

Dec 12th 9:30-11:30



- Appointments and walk-ins
- Now offering blood sugar tests
 Call us to make an appointment
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Fridays 8:00am-noon at the Senior Center

If you need help outside of these times, please call 978-534-7538

parkinson's

December 13 & 27 3:30 - 5:00pm In person support with Zoom option Please contact Joe at 508-335-0672 or northworcparkies@yahoo.com



Foot Clinic Footcare By Nurses

Our Foot Clinic is extremely popular! New client signup for Sterling residents only.

All others please call FBN 978-296-8449.



Payment accepted: cash, credit/debit, SNAP/HIP dollars

12:30-1:30

	DECE	MBER CALENDAR	AR	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sunday December 3 COA Holiday Open House Saturday December 9 FOSS Cookie Sale And Craft Fair	Fees for Yoga & Pilates \$5 In Person \$2 Zoom Line Dancing \$2 Acrylic Painting \$5 Indoor Pickleball \$5	Wednesday Shopping Trips: 12/6 Hannaford's 12/13 Ocean State 12/20 Walmart, Leom 12/27 Target Registration Required	Community Lunch Sat Dec 2nd, 12pm First Church Sterling Beef Stew, Salad, Dessert Need a Ride? Call SSC Dispatch M-F 8-11am 978-422-3032	8:00 VSO Hours 9:00 Ladies' Pool 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Caregiver Program
8:00 Muffin Monday 8:30 Tai Chi 10:00 Fitness 11:30 Baked Chicken 1:00 Bingo 1:45 Jingo 4:00 Pickleball 5:00 Meditation	8:15 Pilates 9:30 SHINE 9:30 Line Dancing 11:30 Pork Tenderloin 1:00 Game Day 2:00 Acrylic Painting	9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Lasagne 12:30 Rummikub 1:00 Van shopping trip 1:00 Wii Bowling 4:00 Pickleball	8 - 4 Bread Pickup 9:30 Chair Yoga 9:30 History Club 11:30 Baked Fish 1:00 Mahjong 2:00 Sterling Strummers Concert	8:00 VSO Hours 9:00 Ladies' Pool 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Make & Take
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3:30 Parkinson Support 1:00 Van shopping trip 12:30 Rummikub 1:00 Wii Bowling 11:30 Chicken & Vegetable Soup 4:00 Pickleball 9:30 SHINE

8:30-2:30 Foot Clinic 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Beginner Uke - 4 Bread Pickup 2:00 Ukulele Club 1:00 Mahjong

7:30 Coffee with a Cop 10:00 Going Steady 7:30-9:30 Pancake 9:30 Knit Happens 7:30 Fat Daddy's 9:00 Ladies' Pool 8:00 VSO Hours **Breakfast** 28

29

00 Ukulele Club

Christy McGuire & Joyce Mara Fri, Dec 29, 7:30-9:00 first Church Community **Celebrity Servers:**

Lunch Committee

eggs, fruit cup, tea breads, juice, coffee. Plain & special pancakes, ham,

Open to All

\$4 Suggested Donation Sponsored by Friends of Sterling Seniors Join Det Chase for Coffee with a Cop too!

ready for the Holiday Light Tour 4:30-6:30 pm Warm_Me—Up Drive—Through oln Santa, the Ster lele Group and reation Departr Friday Dec 15





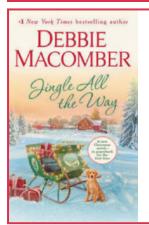
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Holiday **JINGO Monday** Dec 4 1:45pm following regular Bingo!







Mindful Meditation Mondays at 5:00pm with Carol McGuiggan



Open to All Ages

Bookend your weekends with Marty!

Fridays at 10:00 Mondays at 10:00

Going Steady Fitness



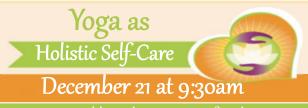
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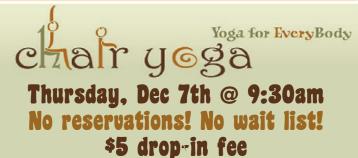
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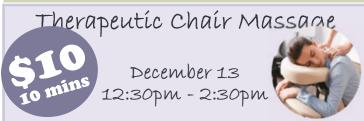
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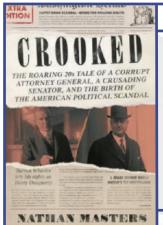


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January 4: The Wager by David Grann

Acrylic Painting December Dates: Tuesdays 5 & 12 @ 2pm **New Members** Welcome



Fridays @ 9:30

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Indoor Pickleball Mon & Wed, 4-7pm

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Thursdays 1:00 pm

GAME DAY TUESDAYS



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12:30 12:30 1:00





Sat. Dec 16th 6:30pm

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A MESSAGE FROM VERONICA

To the Sterling Senior Center community of members, guests, volunteers and staff:

Thank you for your well wishes and your party-hearty attitude! You were all so kind to give me such a wonderful send-off to the world of retirement! I am touched by how much you care and how much love you shared.

As many of you know, this was my dream job. And it didn't disappoint! I was so lucky to have landed in Sterling and be embraced by a community who shared a similar vision for a vibrant, welcoming senior center committed to its mission. Thank you for the opportunity to work among you and live my dream.

Need Transportation?

Our SSC vans are available Mon-Fri 8am to 4pm for the over-60 and the disabled populations. Call Mon-Fri 8:00am-11:00am at 978-422-3032 to reserve a ride. During the Holiday season our vans are very busy. Please do your best to call ahead.

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You may also call Clare at the Senior Center for assistance on 978-422-3032.

Snow Policy

If Wachusett (WRSD) schools are closed for the day, there will be no programming (including meals) at the Center.

For delayed openings, the Center will open at lunch.

For early closings, the Center will close after lunch.

When in doubt, be safe! Call us first.

AND AWAY WE GO TRAVEL

2024 Trip List For age 50+ travelers

Mar 16,2024 The Cher Show at the Boch Center Theater, including lunch at Maggiano's .

Jun 2-4,2024 The Von Trapp Lodge, Stowe VT Enjoy a Von Trapp history tour, visits to Cabot Cheese, Lake Champlain Chocolates, a brewery tour, dinners and afternoon teas.

"Lobstah & Bier" Tour A visit to When Pigs Fly bakery; then York Beach Beer Company for beer tasting followed by a full New England Clambake! Final stop at Stonewall Kitchen.

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