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May 2023

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Friday May 12th 1:00-3:00 pm

> Enjoy a pot of tea, a selection of finger sandwiches and sweet treats

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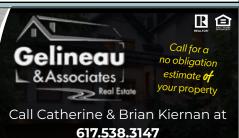
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#### BIRD WALK FOR BEGINNERS AT MUDDY POND

With Marion Larson & Scott Handler Tuesday May 9th, 7-9am

May is one of the best months for birdwatching as birds are establishing territories, actively looking for mates or building nests, while other birds are migrating north through the state.

Budding birders are encouraged to join Marion & Scott to learn to see, hear, identify and enjoy birds throughout the year. Those unable to comfortably walk over uneven terrain are invited to attend the 7:00am introduction to birding, bring a chair and 'bird' from the meeting point.

Reservations are required and information sheets will be available at the front desk.

Rain Date May 16th.



# Scam Prevention May 11th at 9:30am



## Presented by Kevin Donohue & Det. John Chase

Join Kevin Donohue from the Worcester County District Attorney's Office Community Outreach team and Detective John Chase, Police Dept liaison to the Senior Center, to learn current scam trends and how to prevent yourself from being scammed.

Also attending will be Bob Jumper, LCU Branch Manager, and Ashley Grossi, LCU Fraud Analyst, to answer banking questions.



# Medal of Fidelity presentation

Thursday May 18th 9:00 am

Veterans' Services invites you to attend and to enjoy coffee and Continental breakfast





# Student Art Reception and Exhibition Wednesday May 10th, 6-7:30pm

Artists from Kindergarten through 8th grade will be featured.

Light refreshments will be served.

Sterling Garden Club will present winning poster artists from Chocksett Middle School in their public programs 'Saving our Planet' and 'Spring Awakenings'.



The Chocksett-Houghton students' art will be on display at Sterling Senior Center throughout the months of May and June.

4		COMING PROGRAMS
M	ay	
May 4	2:00 pm	Spring Ukulele Concert
May 8	8:30-9:30 am	Intergenerational Pickleball Sign-Up Required
May 9	7:00-9:00 am	Birding for Beginners Registration Required
May 9	12:30-1:30 pm	Indoor Mobile Market (monthly, second Tuesday)
May 10	6:00-7:30pm	Art Reception Houghton & Chocksett Students
May 12	1:00 pm	Mother's Day Tea Party Reservation Required
May 18	9;00 am	Medal of Fidelity Presentation
May 18	5:30 pm	Evening Dinner Tickets \$5
May 19	1:00 pm	Make & Take Soaps with Laurel Registration Required
May 22	12:00 pm	Birthday Cake
May 23	1:00 pm	MassEDP Presentation
May 26	7:30-9:00 am	Pancake Breakfast
May 26	7:30-9:00 am	Fat Daddy's Farmer Market
May 29	CLOSED	Memorial Day
	ONG	OING - see calendar for exercise programs
May 1	4.00	Pool daily
May 1	1:00 pm	BINGO (weekly on Mondays)
May 1	5:00 pm	Meditation \$5 (weekly on Mondays)
May 2	by appointment	SHINE counseling
May 2	1:00 pm	Game Day (weekly on Tuesdays)
May 3	12:30 pm	Rummikub (weekly on Wednesdays)
May 3	1:00 pm	Van Shopping Trip (weekly on Wednesdays, sign-up)
May 3	1:00 pm	Wii Bowling (weekly on Wednesdays)
May 3	1:00 pm	Pastels Art Class \$5 (weekly on Wednesdays, no class May 24th)
May 4	8am-4pm	Bread Pickup (weekly on Thursdays)
May 4	9:30 am	History Club (first Thursday of month)
May 4	2:00 pm	Mahjong (weekly on Thursdays)
May 5	8:00 am-noon	Veterans Services Office (weekly on Fridays)
May 5	9:00 am-noon	Ladies' Pool
May 5	9:30 am	Knitting Club (weekly on Fridays)
May 8,22	2:00 pm	Ukulele - Men's Open Strumming (second & fourth Mondays)
May 8,22	3:00 pm	Ukulele Open Strumming (second & fourth Mondays)
May 11	9:30 am	Dull Men's Club (second Thursday of month)
May 11	1:00 pm	Acrylic Painting \$5 (weekly on Thursdays)
May 11	1:00 pm	Beginner Ukulele (weekly on Thursdays, sign-up required)
May 11	2:00 pm	Ukulele Club (weekly on Thursdays)
May 16	11:30 am	State Office Hours (third Tuesday of month)
May 17	12:30 pm	Book Club Making the Rounds with Oscar
May 19,20	9-11:00 am	Food Pantry
May 1	10:00 am	WELLNESS Guys & Gals Fitness with Marty (weekly on Mondays)
May 5	10:00 am	Going Steady (weekly on Fridays)
May 5	1:00-2:00 pm	Caregiver Program registration suggested
May 9	9:30-11:30 am	Well Clinic sponsored by VNA Care
May 10,24	12:30-2:30 pm	Chair Massage by appointment only
May 10,24	3:30-5:00 pm	Parkinson's Support (second and fourth Wednesdays)
May 25	by appointment	Foot Clinic \$45 to FC Nurse
May 25	9:30 am	Holistic Yoga - note: on the fourth Thursday in May
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### HELP AND SUPPORT



## Tuesday, May 23rd, 1:00pm Chris Murphy, MA CTS Community Outreach Coordinator

A follow-up to the April MassRelay discussion for those living with a vision, hearing or speech impairment, Chris will discuss the equipment available to assist you in making the right choice for you or your loved one.

If you live with a disability, the Massachusetts Equipment Distribution Program (MassEDP) may be able to provide you with a specialized telephone network. Depending on your income level, these telephones may come for free or at a reduced cost.

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.

# 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 for application assistance



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.



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

May 10 & 24
In person support with Zoom option
Please contact Joe at

508-335-0672 or

northworcparkies@yahoo.com

# **KEEP WELL CLINIC**

May 9th 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 reservation





# 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 May 25 and June 8 & 22.



Fridays 8:00am-noon at the Senior Center

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



STATE OFFICE Hours Meet representatives from the offices of Senator Gobi and Representative Kilcoyne

May 16, 11:30am-12:30pm at Sterling Senior Center

	~	MAY CALENDAR	~	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 Muffin Monday 8:30 Tai Chi 10:00 Fitness 11:30 Oven Fried Chicken 1:00 Bingo 4:00 Pickleball 5:00 Meditation	8:15 Pilates 9:30 Line Dancing 9:30 SHINE 11:30 Cheesy Shells & Greens 1:00 Game Day	3 9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Beef Stew 12:30 Rummikub 1:00 Van shopping trip 1:00 Wii Bowling 1:00 Pastels Art Class 4:00 Pickleball	4 8 - 4 Bread Pickup 9:30 History Club 9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Tuna Melt 2:00 Spring Ukulele Concert 2:00 Mahjong	8:00 VSO Hours 9:00 Ladies' Pool 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Caregiver Program
8 8:00 Muffin Monday 8:30 Tai Chi 8:30 Peer Leaders 10:00 Fitness 11:30 Hamburg & Veggie Pizza 1:00 Bingo 3:00 Open Strumming 4:00 Pickleball 5:00 Meditation	7:00 Bird Walk 8:15 Pilates 9:30 Line Dancing 9:30 Well Clinic 11:30 Loaded Baked Potato 12:30 Mobile Market 1:00 Game Day	9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Beef Stroganoff 12:30 Rummikub 12:30 Chair Massage 1:00 Van shopping trip 1:00 Wii Bowling 1:00 Pastels Art Class 3:30 Parkinson Support 4:00 Pickleball 6:00-7:30 Art Reception	8 - 4 Bread Pickup 9:30 Dull Men's Club 11:30 Chicken Royal 1:00 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Beginner Ukulele 2:00 Ukulele Club 2:00 Mahjong 5:30 COA Board Mtg	8:00 VSO Hours 9:00 Ladies' Pool 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Mother's Day Tea
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Fees for Yoga & Pilates for exercise classes Clean indoor shoes 10:00 Going Steady Acrylic Painting \$5 Pastels Class \$5 9:30 Knit Happens 9:00 Ladies' Pool Line Dancing \$2 \$5 In Person \$2 Zoom please. 1:00 Beginner Ukulele Wednesday Shopping Registration Required Walmart, Leom Christmas Tree Ocean State JL Walmart, WB 2:00 Ukulele Club 2:00 Mahjong Target 5/10 5/24 5/31 5/3 31 1:00 Wii Bowling 3:30 Parkinson Support 11:30 Grilled Cheese & 1:00 Van shopping trip 1:00 Van shopping trip 1:00 Wii Bowling 1:00 Pastels Art Class 12:30 Rummikub 9:30 Chair Yoga 4:00 Pickleball 4:00 Pickleball **Tomato Soup** 30 11:30 Baby Back Ribs 1:00 Game Day 8:15 Pilates 9:30 Line Dancing 29 3:00 Open Strumming MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER AND HONOR 5:00 Meditation 4:00 Pickleball 1:00 Bingo



Hydroponic greens, lettuces, fresh Friday, May 26 7:30-9:00 am herbs, tomatoes, cheeses, cider, **Mobile Food Market** Support local farmers! Fat Daddy's noney & more.



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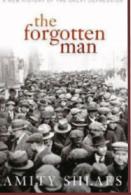
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# **Mondays at 10am**

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## **HISTORY CLUB**



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May 25 at 9:30am

and Trinity Hospice. No cost to participants

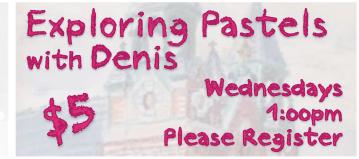


Thursday, May 4th No reservations! No wait list! \$5 drop-in fee

#### ONGOING PROGRAMS



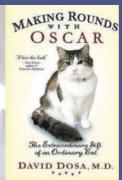
# Ladies' Pool Fridays 9am - hooh



# **One Book One Town**

**Book Club** May 17 @ 12:30pm

**Making the Rounds** with Oscar by Dr. David Dosa









# Intergenerational Pickleball Monday May 8th 8:30-9:30am team up Chocksett Peer Leaders for an hour of fun!



# **GAME DAY TUESDAYS**



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12:30 12:30 1:00



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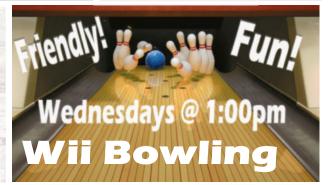
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