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Eucsoay Parch 7, 6-7:30pm

Experience the beauty of Ireland through the eyes of local photographer Nikki Connery.

From the magnificent scenery, ancient castles, massive cliffs and mountains, winding roads, fishing boats and

thatched cottages to ponies, sheep and donkeys, you can travel vicariously through her colorful photos all around this unique and magical country just in time for St. Patrick's Day.

Exhibition runs March through April.

Traditional Irish Music with Kate Chadboume

Friday, March 10th at 1pm

Join singer, harper and storyteller Kate Chadbourne for a lively program of songs, stories, and spirited company. Come to sing, listen and laugh.

Be enthralled by the sounds of Kate's beautiful harp. Irish flute and tin

whistle, as she weaves in traditional Irish tales.

A warm welcome - páitce - awaits everyone at this Irish celebration!

Registration is Required - Call 978-422-3032

This program is co-sponsored by the Sterling Senior Center and the Conant Public Library, and is also supported by a grant from the Sterling Cultural Council.

Reception



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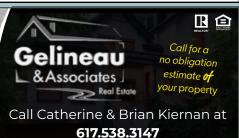
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Happy St. Patrick's Day !! Please join us for EITHER lunch OR dinner

St Patricks Day Luncheon



Wednesday March 15th 11:30am

Corned Beef Cabbage Pistachio Cake



Reservations Required \$3 suggested donation



Friends of Sterling Seniors (FOSS) support our coffee bar Thank you! and themed meals.



MAKE & TAKE WITH KAREN FRI MARCH 17TH, 1:00PM

Supplies include paints and shamrock & flowers stencils

BRING YOUR OWN TEE-SHIRT

Registration Required



Tee Shirt Art with stencils and free-hand paints

Circuit Breaker Tax Credit

For tax year 2022 the max credit amount is \$1,200.

- You must be a MA resident or part-year resident
- You must be 65 or older by December 31, 2022
- You must own or rent residential property in MA and occupy it as your primary residence
- Income no more than \$64,000 for single person, \$80,000 for head of household, \$96,000 for married couple

You must file a MA personal income tax return with Schedule CB. For more information, visit

www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-seniorcircuit-breaker-tax-credit



Medicare Advantage Open **Enrollment Period ends** SHINE March 31. It is available to Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone Decopile who are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan

(HMO or PPO) as of January 1st, 2023. One change can be made during this period, which will take effect the first of the month following the month you enroll. If you switch to a new Plan in March, new coverage begins April 1.

This is a chance to make a change if your coverage is not working for you.

4	UPC	OMING PROGRAMS
Mar	CIT	SPECIAL EVENTS
Mar 7	6:00-7:30 pm	Artist Reception Nikki Connery
Mar 10	1:00 pm	Traditional Irish Music Reservations Required
Mar 14	12:30-1:30 pm	Indoor Mobile Market (monthly, second Tuesday)
Mar 15	11:30 am	St Patrick's Day Lunch Reservations Required
Mar 16	5:30 pm	Evening Dinner Tickets \$5
Mar 17	1:00 pm	Make & Take with Karen Registration Required
Mar 23	9:30-11:00 am	Model Train Collection Visit Reservations Required
Mar 27	12:00 pm	Birthday Cake
Mar 31	7:30-9:00 am	Pancake Breakfast
Mar 31	7:30-9:00 am	Fat Daddy's Farmer Market
	ONGOI	NG - see calendar for exercise programs
Mar 1		Pool daily
Mar 1	12:30 pm	Rummikub (weekly on Wednesdays)
Mar 1	1:00 pm	Van Shopping Trip (weekly on Wednesdays, sign-up)
Mar 1	1:00 pm	Wii Bowling (weekly on Wednesdays)
Mar 2	8am-4pm	Bread Pickup (weekly on Thursdays)
Mar 2	9:30 am	History Club (first Thursday of month)
Mar 2	1:00 pm	Acrylic Painting \$5 (weekly on Thursdays)
Mar 2	1:00 pm	Beginner Ukulele (weekly on Thursdays, sign-up required)
Mar 2	2:00 pm	Ukulele Club (weekly on Thursdays)
Mar 2	2:00 pm	Mahjong (weekly on Thursdays)
Mar 3	8:00 am-noon	Veterans Services Office
Mar 3	9:30 am	Knitting Club (weekly on Fridays)
Mar 6	1:00 pm	BINGO (weekly on Mondays)
Mar 6	5:00 pm	Meditation (weekly on Mondays)
Mar 7	by appointment	SHINE counseling
Mar 7	1:00 pm	Game Day (weekly on Tuesdays)
Mar 9	9:30 am	Dull Men's Club (second Thursday of month)
Mar 13,27	2:00 pm	Ukulele - Men's Open Strumming (second & fourth Mondays)
Mar 13,27	3:00 pm	Ukulele Open Strumming (second & fourth Mondays)
Mar 15	12:30 pm	Book Club The Wedding Dress Sewing Circle
Mar 17,18	9-11:00 am	Food Pantry
Mar 21	11:30 am	State Office Hours (third Tuesday of month)
_		WELLNESS
Mar 3	10:00 am	Going Steady (weekly on Fridays)
Mar 3	1:00-2:00 pm	Caregiver Program registration suggested
Mar 8,22	12:30-2:30 pm	Chair Massage by appointment only
Mar 8,22	3:30-5:00 pm	Parkinson's Support (second and fourth Wednesdays)
Mar 9,23	by appointment	Foot Clinic \$45 to FC Nurse
Mar 14	9:30-11:30 am	Well Clinic sponsored by VNA Care
Mar 16	9:30 am	Holistic Yoga

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To book a ride, call dispatch Monday to Friday, 8am-11am.

Always free to the Senior Center. \$1 in town. \$2 out-of-town.

Federal Extra COVID SNAP Ending

The last COVID SNAP payment is March 2nd, 2023. How will this impact your SNAP benefits?

Starting in April, you will get only one monthly payment. That is your normal benefit. Find the amount at www.dtaconnect.eohhs.mass.gov or by calling 877-382-2363.

Call Linda or Bonnie in Outreach if you need assistance. 978-422-3032.



Meet representatives from the offices of Senator Gobi and Representative Kilcoyne Mar 21, 11:30am-12:30pm at Sterling Senior Center.





The Conant Public Library has added Memory Kits to its collection of non-traditional items for patrons to check out. The self-contained kits are ideal for individuals with memory-related issues and their caregivers. Each kit includes an assortment of books, activity sheets, DVDs, puzzles and more. The kits are designed to trigger special memories of life experiences and encourage interactions between individuals with memory-related issues and their caregivers. Each kit can be checked out for three weeks and renewed for an additional three weeks. For more information, call the library at 978-422-6409.

CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Friday March 3rd, 1:00-2:00pm

Every first Friday of the month 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

Snow Policy

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

	/W	MARCH CALENDAR	AR	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fees for Yoga & Pilates \$5 In Person \$2 Zoom Line Dancing \$2 Acrylic Painting \$5 Clean indoor shoes for exercise classes please.	Wednesday Shopping Trips: 3/1 Walmart, Leom 3/8 Target 3/15 Walmart, WB 3/22 Ocean State JL 3/29 Walmart, Leom Registration Required	1 9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Pork Tenderloin 12:30 Rummikub 1:00 Van shopping trip 1:00 Wii Bowling 4:00 Pickleball	2 8 - 4 Bread Pickup 9:30 History Club 9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Brunch Casserole Strada 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 Weekly smorgasbord will include a non-meat option this month
6 8:00 Muffin Monday 8:30 Tai Chi 11:30 Chicken Dinner 1:00 Bingo 4:00 Pickleball 5:00 Meditation	8:15 Pilates 9:30 SHINE 11:30 Chicken Salad 1:00 Game Day 6:00 Artist Reception	9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Four Cheese Manicotti 12:30 Rummikub 12:30 Chair Massage 1:00 Van shopping trip 1:00 Wii Bowling 3:30 Parkinson Support 4:00 Pickleball	8 - 4 Bread Pickup 8:30-2:30 Foot Clinic 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 Wahjong 5:30 COA Board Mtg	8:00 VSO Hours 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Irish Music Program
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Appointments at the Senior Center with Moira, RN. Call 978-422-3032 to schedule your clinic visit for \$45 on Mar 9 & 23 and Apr 20 & 27.

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

March 8 & 22 In person support with Zoom option Please contact Joe at 508-335-0672 or northworcparkies@yahoo.com



March 14th 9:30-11:30 am with Amy from VNA Care

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FITNESS RIEIMBURSEMEN" DOCUMENT REQUESTS

8:00am-noon at the Senior

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Apr 2: Brave Companions by David McCullough

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

Open Strumming 2nd & 4th Mon 3-4pm

Beginner Thu 1-1:45pm

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Saturday, March 4th 6:30pm

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Richard Hopkins Historical Model Trains March 9th, 9:30am

Continuing a third generation "hobby" of antique train collecting, Richard will share his passion. Featured in The Boston Globe, and well known among Lionel train collectors, Richard will share a decades-long family tradition displayed in the Hopkinsville Junction Model Railroad.



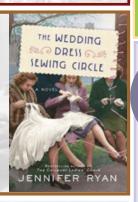
March 23rd: Richard Hopkins has invited us to view his model train displays and collection.

Van leaves at 9:30 am and returns at 11:00 am Sign Up Required

Book Club Mar 15 @ **12:30pm**

The Wedding Dress Sewing Circle

by Jennifer Ryan



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