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October 2023

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Presentation by Joanne DiNardo,
President of Sholan Farms Board of Directors

Luncheon Menu
Butternut Squash Apple Soup
served with Sourdough Bread
Caramel Apple Cupcakes

Take Home Apples provided by Sholan Farms
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OCTOBER HAPPENINGS



Medicare Open Enrollment Seminar Friday October 20th 1:00-2:30pm with Pamela and Veronica, SHINE counselors

Open Enrollment happens every year from Oct 15 – Nov 7th.

What do **YOU** need to do every year?

No computer skills? No problem! You can prepare yourself with or without a computer. What is open enrollment? Can I change plans outside Open Enrollment?

How to take a health and lifestyle inventory.

How to evaluate options and complete enrollment.

Sign up encouraged (so we have adequate handouts) but not mandatory.



Macabre & Morbid Tales A Bizarre History of Funeral Rituals

presented by David Gibbs

In the spirit of Halloween, local historian David Gibbs will be giving us insight into some bizarre funeral and mourning rituals of years past.

Was anyone ever "saved by the bell"? Did Mary Lincoln really ask for coffin screws rather than nails?





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

🔯 VNACare

Flu Clinic at the Senior Center

Wednesday, October 4th 12:30–4:30pm By appointment only Appointments will be inside the center, but accommodations can be made for those with ambulatory difficulties. Your flu shot is covered by Medicare Part B or your Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO, PPO). Remember to bring your card and wear a short sleeved shirt! It is not too late to call us at 978-422-3032 for an appointment.



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All Donations received will be presented to the Sterling Village Team Walking to End Alzheimer's



Thursday
October 5th
4:30 - 5:15pm
Reservations Required



4 Octo	u P (COMING PROGRAMS		
October SPECIAL EVENTS				
Oct 4	12:30-4:30 pm	Flu Clinic Appointments required		
Oct 5	4:30-5:15 pm	Walk to End Alzheimer's Grab 'n' Go Sign-Up Required		
Oct 6	1:00 pm	Make & Take Ghost Sign-Up Please		
Oct 9	CLOSED	Closed in observance of Columbus Day		
Oct 10	12:30-1:30 pm	Mobile Market (monthly, second Tuesday)		
Oct 13	1:00 pm	Decorative Wrapping Workshop Sign-Up Please		
Oct 19	5:30 pm	Evening Dinner Tickets \$5		
Oct 20	1:00 pm	Medicare Open Enrollment Presentation		
Oct 25	11:30 am	Apple Fest Registration Required		
Oct 26	9:30 am	Holiday Scams Presentation		
Oct 27	7:30-9:00 am	Pancake Breakfast / Coffee with a Cop / Fat Daddy's		
Oct 30	12:00 pm	Birthday Cake for all October birthdays!		
ONGOING - see calendar for exercise programs				
Oct 2	4.00	Pool daily		
Oct 2	1:00 pm	BINGO (weekly on Mondays)		
Oct 2	5:00 pm	Meditation \$5 (weekly on Mondays)		
Oct 3	by appointment	SHINE counseling		
Oct 3 Oct 5	1:00 pm	Game Day (weekly on Tuesdays)		
Oct 5	8am-4pm	Bread Pickup (weekly on Thursdays)		
Oct 5	9:30 am	History Club (first Thursday of month)		
Oct 5	1:00 pm 1:00 pm	Acrylic Painting \$5 (weekly on Thursdays)		
Oct 5	1:00 pm	Mahjong (weekly on Thursdays) Beginner Ukulele (weekly on Thursdays) Sign-Up Please		
Oct 5	2:00 pm	Ukulele Club (weekly on Thursdays)		
Oct 6	8:00 am-noon	Veterans Services Office (weekly on Fridays)		
Oct 6	9:00 am-noon	Ladies' Pool (weekly on Fridays)		
Oct 6	9:30 am	Knitting Club (weekly on Fridays)		
Oct 11	12:30 pm	Rummikub (weekly on Wednesdays, excl 10/4)		
Oct 11	1:00 pm	Van Shopping Trip (weekly on Wednesdays excl 10/4, sign-up)		
Oct 11	1:00 pm	Wii Bowling (weekly on Wednesdays, excl 10/4)		
Oct 12	9:30 am	Dull Men's Club (second Thursday of month)		
Oct 17	11:30 am	State Office Hours (third Tuesday of month)		
Oct 18	12:30 pm	Book Club The Secret of Midwives		
Oct 20,21	9-11:00 am	Food Pantry		
Oct 23	2:00 pm	Ukulele - Men's Open Strumming		
Oct 23	3:00 pm	Ukulele - Open Strumming		
		WELLNESS		
Oct 2	10:00 am	Guys & Gals Fitness with Marty (weekly on Mondays)		
Oct 6	10:00 am	Going Steady (weekly on Fridays)		
Oct 6	1:00-2:00 pm	Caregiver Program registration suggested		
Oct 10	9:30-11:30 am	Keep Well Clinic Meet Lenny our new Nurse!		
Oct 11	12:30-2:30 pm	Chair Massage by appointment only		
Oct 11,25	3:30-5:00 pm	Parkinson's Support (second and fourth Wednesdays)		
Oct 12,26	by appointment	Foot Clinic \$45 to FC Nurse		
Oct 19	9 9:30 am Holistic Yoga (third Thursday in October)			



Senior Tax Work Off Program

If you are over 60 years old, own and live in a home in Sterling, you are eligible to submit an application to take part in the Senior Tax Work Off Program. Qualified participants are credited \$15.00 per hour toward a reduction in their tax bills of up to \$1500.00 per year. The program runs

from November 1st - October 31st each year. Applications and application assistance will be provided at the Senior Center. Completed applications are submitted to Kama Jayne, Executive Assistant at the Town Hall.

Completing an application does not guarantee that the senior will be contacted to work or that the maximum reduction will be achieved. There is a limited budget for this program, therefore a limited amount of participants. However, completing an application is important to help us ascertain interest in this program.



fully aware of this.

Thu, Oct 26 @ 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

Join Ashley and keep abreast of the latest scams.

KEEP WELL CLINIC Oct 10th 9:30-11:30 am

MEET NURSE LENNY

- Appointments and walk-ins accepted
- Now offering blood sugar tests



Call us to make an appointment

VNACare



CAREGIVER PROGRAM Fri Oct 6, 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.

Save the date: November 3rd, Joelle Johns, Caregiver Support Specialist from Trinity Hospice, will be joining us.



Hours

Meet a representative from the office of Representative Meghan Kilcoyne

October 17, 11:30-12:30 at Sterling Senior Center

IN THIS TOGETHER

Second and Fourth Wednesdays October 11 & 25 3:30 - 5:00pm In person support with Zoom option

Please contact Joe at 508-335-0672 or northworcparkies@vahoo.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.



Fridays 8:00am-noon at the Senior Center

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

	OCT	OCTOBER CALENDAR	~	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 Muffin Monday 8:30 Tai Chi 10:00 Fitness 11:30 Chicken Parmesan 1:00 Bingo 4:00 Pickleball 5:00 Meditation	8:15 Pilates 9:30 SHINE by appt 9:30 Line Dancing 11:30 Pulled Pork 1:00 Game Day	9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Salisbury Steak 12:30-4:30 Flu Clinic 4:00 Pickleball	8 - 4 Bread Pickup 9:30 Chair Yoga 9:30 History Club 11:30 Tim's Grilled Chicken Thighs 1:00 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Mahjong 1:00 Beginner Uke 2:00 Ukulele Club	8:00 VSO Hours 9:00 Ladies' Pool 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Make & Take 1:00 Caregiver Program
e Happy Washington	8:15 Pilates 9:30 Keep Well Clinic 9:30 Line Dancing 11:30 Pork Tenderloin 12:30 Mobile Market 1:00 Game Day	11. 9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Paula's Dogs 12:30 Chair Massage 12:30 Rummikub 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 Salad 1:00 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Mahjong 1:00 Beginner Uke 2:00 Ukulele Club 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 Gift Wrapping Workshop
16 8:00 Muffin Monday 8:30 Tai Chi 10:00 Fitness 11:30 Turkey Dinner 1:00 Bingo 4:00 Pickleball 5:00 Meditation	8:15 Pilates 9:30 Line Dancing 11:30 Split Pea Soup 11:30 State Office Hrs 1:00 Game Day	18 9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Breakfast Casserole 12:30 Book Club 12:30 Rummikub 1:00 Van shopping trip 1:00 Wii Bowling 4:00 Pickleball	19 8 - 4 Bread Pickup 9:30 Holistic Yoga 11:30 Tuna Salad 1:00 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Mahjong 1:00 Beginner Uke 2:00 Ukulele Club 5:30 Evening Dinner	8:00 VSO Hours 9-11:00 Food Pantry 9:00 Ladies' Pool 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Open Enrollment Seminar
23 8:00 Muffin Monday 8:30 Tai Chi 10:00 Fitness 11:30 Chicken Marsala 1:00 Bingo 2:00 Men's Strumming	8:15 Pilates 9:30 Line Dancing 11:30 Tim's Grilled Sausage & Peppers 1:00 Game Day	25 9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Apple Fest (reservations required) 12:30 Rummikub 1:00 Van shopping trip 1:00 Wii Bowling	26 8 - 4 Bread Pickup 8:30-2:30 Foot Clinic 9:30 Holiday Scams 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Mahiong	7:00-9:30 Pancake Breakfast 7:30 Fat Daddy's 8:00 VSO Hours 9:00 Ladies' Pool 9:30 Knit Happens

		Registration Required		4:00 Pickleball 5:00 Meditation
				1:00 Bingo
	Acrylic Painting \$5	10/25 Target	1:00 Game Day	12:00 Birthday Cake
	Line Dancing \$2	10/18 Walmart, Leom	(Spaghetti & Meatballs)	11:30 Pot Roast
	\$2 Zoom	Dollar Tree, Leom	11:30 Brains & Eyeballs	10:00 Fitness
	\$5 In Person	10/11 Home Goods,	9:30 Line Dancing	8:30 Tai Chi
	Pilates	Trips:	8:15 Pilates	8:00 Muffin Monday
	Fees for Yoga &	Wednesday Shopping	31	30
	2:00 Ukulele Club	4:00 Pickleball		4:00 Pickleball 5:00 Meditation
10:00 Going Steady	4)	3:30 Parkinson Support		3:00 Open Strumming

Friday October 27th, 7:30 –9:00 am

Guest Server:

Veronica Buckley

Retiring Director.

Sterling Senior Center

Plain & special pancakes, sausage, eggs, fresh fruit, tea breads, juice, coffee.

Open to All\$4 Suggested Donation

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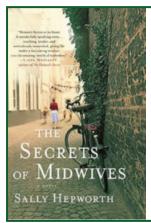
HOUGHTON CAFETERIA WINDOW PAINTING

We are looking for 8 – 12 seniors to partner with Houghton 4th graders for a three-week painting project in November at the school.

The project will be led by Houghton Art Teacher, Kate Blehar. Full information is available on the Senior Center bulletin board or by email. Sign up at Sterling Senior Center to participate!



ONGOING PROGRAMS



The Secret of Midwives by Sally Hepworth October 18 @ 12:30pm

Third-generation midwife Neva Bradley is determined to keep the details of her pregnancy hidden for as long as possible. Her mother finds it impossible to let this secret rest. Neva's grandmother is thrust back sixty years to a secret that eerily mirrors her granddaughter's - which, if revealed, would have life-changing consequences for them all - and wonders whether hiding her own truth is ultimately more harmful than telling it.

Mindful Meditation Mondays at 5:00pm with Carol McGuiggan

\$5

Open to All Ages

Bookend your weekends with Marty!

Fridays at 10:00 Mondays at 10:00

Going Steady Fitness



No sign-up needed



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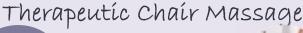
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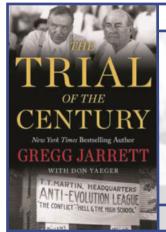


October 11 12:30pm - 2:30pm



Sherrill Sasser LMT, CAT

Call for an appointment!



HISTORY CLUB

Thursday, October 5 at 9:30am

The Trial of the Century by Gregg Jarrett with Don Yaeger

Nearly a century ago, liberal attorney Clarence Darrow defended schoolteacher John Scopes, accused of committing a heinous crime that shocked the public. Darrow's seminal defense of freedom of speech had broad implications on the legal landscape and society as a whole, and helped form the legal bedrock on which our civil liberties depend today.

November 2: The Impeachers by Brenda Wineapple





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Sat, Oct 7th 6:30pm

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Vet's Day Lunch Nov 9 11:30 am

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OCTOBER 6 1:00PM
OUTSIDE PROJECT! RAIN DATE 10/11
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WORKSHOP WORKSHOP

Join Joyce for an instructional workshop on the art of Decorative Wrapping

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October 13 1:00 pm

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