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February 2020

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Denis Coughlin

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Melissa Cassata



see inside for special events

Meeting the Transportation Needs of our Community



As our senior population grows, the need for transportation services grows as well. To increase efficiency and provide the best service possible, new procedures are now in place for scheduling van rides.

Calls for trip reservations must be made between 8 am—11 am.

Pam Dell, our senior van driver, will now be scheduling all appointments for rides between 8—11 am Monday through Friday. Outside these times, a message will be taken and the Scheduler will call you the next business day. Thanks to the volunteer driving program with the electric car, we are now able to accommodate more requests for rides than ever!

When making your reservation, please inform the Scheduler if you need accommodations such as use of lift if unable to climb stairs, wheelchair access or other assistance.

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Due to popularity and to accommodate as many as possible, this year we are offering Valentines Luncheon or Dinner. Two great choices for a non-traditional Valentines Day for singles, couples & groups!

VALENTINES LUNCHEON

Thursday February 13th at 11:30 am

Chicken Piccata
Pasta
Broccoli
Black Forest Trifle

Sign Up Required \$3.00 Suggested Donation

Denis & Esther
Will be singing love songs of the
40s, 50s & 60s

VALENTINES DINNER

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19TH AT 6:00PM

STUFFED PORK LOIN
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CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

American Bandstand Revisited

presents love songs of the 50s, 60s & 70s Dancing Games Sing-a-Long

\$5.00

Purchase by noon on Feb 14

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Feb 10	8:30 am	Peer Leaders
Feb 13	11:30 am	Valentines Luncheon
Feb 14	12:30 pm	Lunch & Learn
Feb 19	6:00 pm	Evening Valentines Dinner
Feb 21	12:30 pm	Movement as Medicine—All-Access PT
		JUST FOR FUN
Feb 1	6:30 pm	Saturday Night Pitch sponsored by the Grange
Feb 14	12:00 pm	February Birthday Cake sponsored by Sterling Village
Feb 28	7:30-9 am	Pancake Breakfast sponsored by FOSS
F 1 0		ONGOING PROGRAMS
Feb 3	2:30-4:00 pm	ALFA Modern Italian Literature (weekly on Mondays)
Feb 3	9:15 am	SSC Singers (weekly on Mondays)
Feb 3 Feb 4	1:00 pm 9:30 am	Advanced Photography (weekly on Mondays)
Feb 4	12:00-3:00 pm	SHINE by appointment Computer Help (weekly on Tuesdays) Sign up please!
Feb 5	9:30 am	Beginner's Acrylic Painting \$5 (weekly on Wednesdays)
Feb 6	12:30 pm	Acrylic Painting \$5 (weekly on Thursdays)
Feb 6	1:30-2:15 pm	Beginners' Ukulele Lessons (weekly on Thursdays)
Feb 6	2:30 pm	Ukulele Club (weekly on Thursdays)
Feb 7	8:00 am-noon	Veterans Services Office (weekly on Fridays)
Feb 11	9:00 am	Dull Men's Club: Economic Update for 2020
Feb 14	1:00 pm	History Club: The Guns of August
Feb 19	12:30 pm	Book Club: "The Great Alone" by Kristen Hannah
		WELLNESS PROGRAMS
Feb 3	4:30 pm	Meditation (weekly on Mondays) 4:30 pm for month of Feb
Feb 5	10:00 am	Walking Club (weekly on Wednesday, meet at Senior Center)
Feb 6	10 amnoon	BP Clinic sponsored by the Sterling EMS
Feb 6	2:00 pm	Going Steady (weekly on Thursdays)
Feb 11	9:30-11:30 am	Elder Wellness Clinic sponsored by VNA Cares
Feb 13,27	8:30 am	Foot Clinic by appointment, \$35 to FC Nurse, \$45 1st appt.
Feb 24 Feb 24	9:30-11:00 am 10:30 am	Caregivers Connect (at Sterling Senior Center) MSNME Support Group (monthly, usually 3rd Monday)
Feb 24 Feb 26	3:30 pm	Parkinson's Support (monthly, usually 3rd Wednesday)
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Fitness Reimbursement Document Requests

If you'll be claiming insurance reimbursement for 2019 fitness classes, please sign up at the front desk and we'll provide documentation of your expenses at the Senior Center.

When calling an advertiser, please let them know you saw their ad in this Newsletter!

FUN TO LEARN



Movement as Medicine: Vertigo presented by Joshua Swain, DPT, from All-Access Physical Therapy Friday February 21st at 12:30pm

Join us for the next in this series of presentations designed to educate local seniors on common conditions that cause pain and limitation.

Learn exactly what vertigo is, how it differs from other conditions that can make you dizzy, and how Physical Therapy and exercises can help!



Concerned About Your Investments?"

Tuesday February 11th 9:00 am Jay Merrill, CIMA and Matthew Palmgren, CIMA, CRPS, financial advisors with Clifford & Rano Associates will be providing an economic update for 2020. They will be discussing the current investing environment and how it may impact your investments in the years to come.

Do you want to save money on your Medicare Coverage?

If you are a Massachusetts resident with limited income and assets, who is eligible for Medicare, you may qualify for a Medicare Savings Program also known as Mass Health Buy-In. This program will pay your monthly Medicare Part B premium, which is now deducted from your Social Security benefit.

Starting January 1, 2020 the income and asset limits for the Medicare Savings Programs are increasing. If you qualify for a Medicare Savings Program, you will also automatically qualify for Extra Help, a program that will help pay for your prescription drugs under Medicare.

Income and asset limits effective 1-1-20

	Income /month	Assets
Individual	\$1,738	\$15,720
Married couple	\$2,346	\$23,600

Call Mass Health at 800 841 2900

Or see Nickole or Veronica at the Sterling Senior Center for application assistance

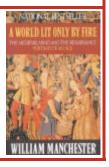
History Club



Friday February 14th at 1pm
The Guns of August
by Barbara Tuchmann
Bringing to life the people and
events that led up to World War I.
Discussion led by Maryanne
Macleod.

Friday March 13th at 1pm The Guns of August, Part 2

Friday April 17th at 1pm A World Lit only by Fire by William Manchester Discussion led by Pat Fox.



	FEBRUA	FEBRUARY ACTIVITY CALENDAR	LENDAR	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
r	4	2	9	7
8:30 Tai Chi	8:00 Chair Pilates	9:30 Beginners Acrylic	8:00 Zumba	8:00 VSO Hours
9:15 SSC Singers	9:30 SHINE	9:30 Gentle Chair Yoga	9:00 Strengthen Yoga	9:30 Knitting and
10:00 Oriol Fitness	9:30 Line dancing	10:00 Walking Club	10:00 BP Clinic	Crocheting
11:30 Vegetarian Chili and Cornbread	9:30 Open coloring	11:30 Hot Dog., Beans & Slaw	11:30 Chicken Parmesan	9:30 Pilates
1:00 BING0	Roasted Potatoes	12:30 Van shopping trip	12:30 Acrylic Painting	TT:30 Smorgaspord
1:00 Advanced Photo	12:00 Computer Help	12:30 Rummikub	1:30 Beginner Uke	Closed 2:00 nm
2:30 ALFA	12:30 Game day	1:00 Welcome back to	2:00 Mahjong	
3:00 Open Strumming		WII Bowling!! 4:00 Pickleball	2:00 Going Steady	
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8:30 Peer Leaders	9:00 Dull Men's Club	9:30 Gentle Chair Yoga	9:00 Strengthen Yoga	9:30 Knitting and
9:15 SSC Singers	9:30 Elder Well Clinic	10:00 Walking Club	8:30 Foot Clinic	Crocheting
10:00 Oriol Fitness	9:30 Line dancing	11:30 Cheesesteak Sub	11:30 Valentine Lunch	9:30 Pilates
11:30 Veggie Soup &	9:30 Open coloring	& French Onion Soup	12:30 Acrylic Painting	11:30 Smorgasbord
Chicken Salad Sandwich	11:30 Mac & Tuna	12:30 Van snopping trip	1:30 Beginner Uke	12:00 Birthday Cake
1:00 BING0	Pasta Salad	12:30 Rummikub	2:00 Mahjong	12:30 Lunch &
1:00 Advanced Photo	12:00 Computer Help	1:00 Wii Bowling	2:00 Going Steady	Learn
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4:00 Pickleball				
4:30 Meditation				
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PRESIDENTS DAY	9:30 Line dancing	10:00 Walking Club	11:30 Taco Bar	Crocheting
B	9:30 Open Coloring	11:30 Ham Dinner &	12:30 Acrylic Painting	9:30 Pilates

Shopping Wednesdays @12:30 2/5 Walmart Leom 2/12 Ocean Sate 2/19 WalMart WB 2/26 Whitney Field	Coffee served all day everyday in the dining room	Exercise Fees Line Dancing \$2 Tai Chi \$5 Zumba \$5 Pilates \$5 Yoga \$5		
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12:30 Movement as Medicine		12:30 Van shopping trip 12:30 Book Club	Casserole 12:00 Computer Help	
11:30 Smorgasbord	1:30 Beginner Uke	Signied Sweet Potato	11:30 Chicken Noodle	



2020 Census

Important Information for Sterling Seniors

This year, there will be a federal census mailed to you in March by the U.S. Census Bureau. This census is performed every 10 years.

The 2020 United States Census is separate from the annual town census which is used to confirm your residency and keep your voter registration status up to date.

For the next ten years, the Sterling Senior Center will rely on funding generated by information in the 2020 US Census, so it is very important to complete both your annual Sterling census and the United States Census in 2020.

Absentee Voting for Presidential Primary

The Presidential Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 7:00am -8:00pm at the Houghton Elementary School, 32 Boutelle Road. Early voting will take place between February 24 and 28 at Town Offices, Room 112. (Schedule a van ride if needed.) You may request an absentee ballot if you are a registered voter who will be unable to make it to the polls on Election Day due to:

Absence from town during normal polling hours; or

Physical disability preventing you from going to the polling place; or

Religious belief

You may request, in writing, to have a ballot mailed to you, or you may vote in person at the Town Clerk's counter during regular business hours. An application for an Absentee Ballot may be found online at <u>www.sec.state.ma.us</u>, at <u>www.sterling-ma.gov</u>, or by calling the Town Clerk at 978-422-8111 ext 2307. Copies are also available at the Senior Center.

SUPPORT



MSNME Support Donna Clark, facilitator Monday February 24th at 10:30 am

Refresh your mind, body and spirit, share your knowledge, tell stories, and inspire others to do the same.

Parkinson's SUPPORT GROUP February 26th, 3:30 pm

An open group for people

with Parkinson's, their caregivers and care partners, sharing Parkinson's related issues or insights, and speakers who bring us news about new and existing medicines or procedures.

Facilitated by Joe O'Connor, certified Parkinson's exercise trainer.

508-335-0672 or northworcparkies@yahoo.com



Caregivers Connect 9:30-11am February 24 Sterling Senior Ctr Clyde Wheatly, facilitator

No registration. Drop in. Light refreshments served.



Peer Leaders
Monday Feb 10th
8:30 am



Making fun crafts and décor for the Valentines Day events
Please join in the fun with these outstanding youth by signing up to help!

Monday Evening Meditation
4:30 pm for the month of February

Going Steady

The most fun balance class in Central MA!!

Thursdays @ 2:00pm

Drop in and give it a try!

This class is suitable and educational for all abilities, whether you need a walker or

can play pickleball. Free to you as this program is generously funded by FOSS (Friends of Sterling Seniors).



* Go Green *

To receive your newsletter by e-mail, please see Clare, call 978-422-3032 or e-mail cfelton@sterling-ma.gov

Game Day Tuesdays at 12:30pm In addition to Dominoes, Cribbage & Bridge ...



we are now playing Pitch!
1:00pm start \$2.00 fee

Wii Bowling is back Feb 5th!



Wednesdays at 1:00pm

The SSC Singers are Young at Heart

Mondays 9:15-10:00am

Inspired by the Northampton, MA, senior chorus Young@Heart in the 2007 movie of the same name, the SSC Singers enjoy bringing harmony to a wide variety of songs.

You are encouraged to remain young at heart and join them on Mondays at 9:15am.

No experience needed.

No auditions.

Birthday Cards Needed

Donate your unused cards to the Senior Center. We'll use them to brighten the birthday of a Sterling senior!





We open our doors to more that 100 people each day! In consideration of those who suffer allergies, COPD or asthma, please minimize use of perfume, after shave, scented creams, etc., so that *all* may enjoy our center. Thank you.



FOOD AND TRAVEL



Friday, February 28th 7:30 - 9:00

Celebrity Server:
Representative Kim Ferguson

Plain & special pancakes, ham, eggs, mixed fruit, tea breads, juices & coffee. \$3 suggested donation. Open to all. No reservations.

Wachusett Food Pantry

Seniors: Friday Feb 14, 9-11am

All: Saturday Feb 15, 9-11am Call Nickole at Senior Center for assistance.



Community Lunch at First Church February 1st at noon

Transportation available 978-422-3032

Do you like to drive? Do you have a few hours to spare driving a Sterling resident to the doctor's, pharmacy or an errand? See Clare to become a volunteer driver in our electric car.

CLOSINGS AND DELAYS INFORMATION

** BASED ON THE WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT **

TWO HOUR DELAY: Programming starts at 11:30 am with Lunch Programming ends after Lunch at 12:00 pm

SCHOOLS CLOSED: All programming cancelled for the day

** BASED ON TOWN OF STERLING CODE RED **

If Town Hall is closed for the day, the Senior Center is CLOSED

February 17-21 (school vacation): please check the town website, our Facebook page or call the Senior Center at 978-422-3032.

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Sat, Mar. 14	Boston Flower Show with lunch at Maggiano's and a stop at Boston Market	\$109 pp
Jun 14-15	Two-day Mystery Tour, somewhere along the Eastern Seaboard, one of the New England states or New York.	\$339 pp/double \$399 pp/single
May 14-17	Ottawa Tulip Festival, including Canadian War Museum, Ottawa River Cruise & more.	\$739 pp/double
Sep 20-30	Enchanting Canyonlands, Las Vegas, Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Monument Valley, Moab, Arches National Park Bryce Canyon, Zion & back to Las Vegas.	See Below
Sun, Nov 9	The Mousetrap, Agatha Christie's mystery play at the Ivoryton Playhouse, CT. Includes lunch at the Griswold Inn, Essex CT.	\$130 pp

Two travel meetings will be held on February 12th :: 1:00–3:00pm at West Boylston Senior Center, and 6:00–8:00pm at Total Wine in Shrewsbury. Flyers for new trips will be available, and a Globus Sales Rep. will be there to talk about the September *Enchanting Canyonlands* trip and answer any questions. Please come even if you are not interested in the Canyonlands trip but maybe would like to meet Fred and Gladys for the first time or just to hear about upcoming trips. Bring your ideas for future trips. Please RSVP via email or phone (below).

Contact: Gladys Merrow 508-835-4312 (C) 508-612-5312 (H) happytravelers.gem@gmail.com

All trips include gratuity for driver and escort. Also included in the price of day trips is cancellation waiver. You will receive a refund minus the \$5.00 built-in cancellation fee; if there is a theater ticket involved refund will be minus ticket cost and the \$5.00 fee, up to 10 days prior to the trip. After that you will only receive a refund if we or you can find someone to fill your seat.



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Lunch & Learn for Volunteers & Staff Friday, February 14th 12:30-2:00pm Dementia Friendly Training

Presented by Patty Sullivan, MCOA Program Coordinator for a Dementia Friendly MA

All volunteers, instructors and staff are strongly encouraged to attend this training session as we become Dementia Friendly Sterling. This is the first in a series of municipal and community education programs.

Take a lead role in defining necessary changes to ensure quality of life for all in Sterling.

Lunch 12:30pm (Chinese food)
Training 1:00-2:00pm
Sign up required!



