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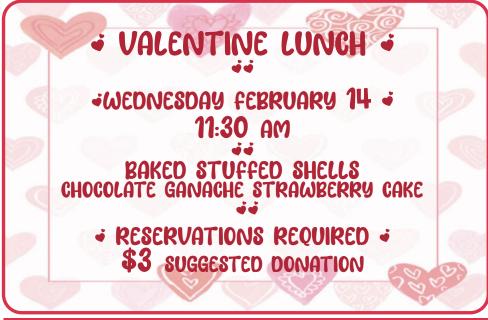
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Thu

Wachusett Reservoir Kathryn Parent,

Feb 8 9:30am MA DCR Division of Water Supply Protection

At the time of construction, the Wachusett Reservoir was the largest public water supply reservoir in the world, and today is the second largest body of water in Massachusetts.

Hear the history of this massive project and how Wachusett Reservoir fits into supplying 3.1 million people with pure unfiltered drinking water.



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





February 5th 9:30am



NASA Downlink **February 9th**

Join us at the Senior Center for a televised broadcast with astronauts on the International Space Station and Central Tree Middle School where students will be hosting a NASA downlink. The exact time will be announced nearer the event.

In-flight education downlinks are opportunities for students and educators to interact with astronauts aboard the International Space Station. Students will be submitting questions, and astronauts Loral O'Hara and Andreas Mogensen will be answering them live!

A unique opportunity for us to share this exciting program with CTMS students!

Join the Chocksett Peer Leaders for an Intergenerational event to make Valentine's Day gifts.

All are welcome to participate in this fun project!



Pancake Breakfast Fri. Feb 23. 7:30-9:00

Celebrity Server:

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

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Join Det Chase for Coffee with a Cop too!

World Ukulele Day.



If you'll be claiming insurance reimbursement for 2023 fitness classes. please call us and we'll provide documentation of your expenses at the Senior Center.



4 Fobr	uary UP(COMING PROGRAMS				
Febr	uary	SPECIAL EVENTS				
Feb 2	1:00-2:00 pm	World Ukulele Day Celebration All ukulele players welcome				
Feb 5	9:30 am	Peer Leaders Valentine Gifts				
Feb 9	TBA	Central Tree School & NASA broadcast				
Feb 9	1:00 pm	Make & Take Valentine Soaps Reservations Required				
Feb 13	12:00-1:00 pm	Mobile Market (monthly, second Tuesday) ** NEW TIME **				
Feb 14	11:30 am	Valentines Lunch Reservations Required				
Feb 15	5:30 pm	Valentines Evening Dinner Tickets \$5				
Feb 19	CLOSED	Closed in observance of Presidents Day				
Feb 23	7:30-9:00 am	Pancake Breakfast / Fat Daddy's / Coffee with a Cop				
Feb 26	11:45 am	Birthday Cake for all February birthdays!				
ONGOING - see calendar for exercise programs						
Feb 1	8:00 am	POOL all day every day!				
Feb 1	8am-4pm	Bread Pickup (weekly on Thursdays)				
Feb 1	9:30 am	History Club (first Thursday of month)				
Feb 1	12:30 pm	Acrylic Painting \$5 (weekly on Thursdays) **NEW TIME **				
Feb 1	1:00 pm	Mahjong (weekly on Thursdays)				
Feb 1	1:00 pm	Beginner Ukulele (weekly on Thursdays)				
Feb 2	9:00 am-noon	Ladies' Pool (weekly on Fridays)				
Feb 2	8:00 am-noon	Veterans Services Office (weekly on Fridays)				
Feb 2	9:30 am	Knitting Club (weekly on Fridays)				
Feb 3	6:30 pm	Pitch Party sponsored by Sterling Grange				
Feb 5	1:00 pm	BINGO (weekly on Mondays)				
Feb 5	5:00 pm	Meditation \$5 (weekly on Mondays)				
Feb 6	by appointment					
Feb 6	1:00 pm	Game Day (weekly on Tuesdays)				
Feb 7	12:30 pm	Rummikub (weekly on Wednesdays)				
Feb 7	1:00 pm	Van Shopping Trip (weekly on Wednesdays, sign-up required)				
Feb 7	1:00 pm	Wii Bowling (weekly on Wednesdays)				
Feb 8	9:30 am	Dull Men's Club (second Thursday of month)				
Feb 8	2:00 pm	Ukulele Club (weekly on Thursdays) No club on Feb 1				
Feb 12,26	2:00 pm	Ukulele - Men's Open Strumming				
Feb 12,26	3:00 pm	Ukulele - Open Strumming				
Feb 13	11:30 am	State Office Hours (third Tuesday of month)				
Feb 16,17	9-11:00 am	Food Pantry				
Feb 21	12:30 pm	Book Club America's First Daughter				
F 1 0	40.00	WELLNESS				
Feb 2	10:00 am	Going Steady (weekly on Fridays) Sponsored by LCU				
Feb 2	1:00-2:00 pm	Caregiver Program registration suggested				
Feb 5	10:00 am	Guys & Gals Fitness with Marty (weekly on Mondays)				
Feb 7,21	by appointment					
Feb 14	9:30-11:30 am	Keep Well Clinic with Nurse Lenny Parkinson's Support (second and fourth Wednesdays)				
Feb 14,28 Feb 28	3:30-5:00 pm	Parkinson's Support (second and fourth Wednesdays) Chair Massage by appointment only				
[CN 40	12:30-2:30 pm	Chair Massage by appointment only				



For tax year 2023 the max credit amount is \$2,590.

- You must be a full or part-year MA 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 \$69,000 for single nonhead of household, \$86,000 for head of household, \$103,000 for married filing jointly You must file a Mass personal income tax return with Schedule CB. More information is available at https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusettssenior-circuit-breaker-tax-credit



The Medicare Advantage Open **Enrollment Period occurs each SHINE** year through March 31, and it is Serving the Health available to people who are currently enrolled in a Medicare

Advantage plan (HMO or PPO).

One change can be made during this period, which will take effect the first of the month following the month you enroll. For example, if you switch to a new Medicare Advantage Plan in February. your new coverage begins March 1.

This is an opportunity to make a change if you find your coverage is not working for you; for example, one of your doctors no longer accepts your plan. Call for assistance!

IN THIS TOGETHER

February 14 & 28 3:30 - 5:00pm In person support with Zoom option Please contact Joe at 508-335-0672 or northworcparkies@yahoo.com



FY 2024 Property Tax Exemptions

You may be eligible to reduce a portion of your real estate taxes if you meet qualifications for one of the personal exemptions allowed under Massachusetts law. If you meet all the qualifications for a personal exemption as of July 1, you may file. Your application must be filed by December 15 or 3 months after actual bills were mailed for the fiscal year (Apr 1). Call the Assessors' office with any questions regarding application at 978-422-8111 ext 2313.

Contact Outreach to see whether you qualify and for application assistance.



Known as Fuel Assistance, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program provides eligible households with help in paying a portion of winter heating bills.

Homeowners and renters, even if the cost of heat is included in the rent can apply.

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

Contact our Outreach staff for assistance.



CAREGIVER PROGRAM Fri Feb 2, 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.



Meet a representative from the office of Senator Peter Durant

February 13, 11:30-12:30 at Sterling Senior Center



Fridays 8:00am-noon at the Senior Center

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

	FEBR	UARY CALENDAR	AR	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Show Policey If Wachusett (WRSD) schools are closed for take, there will be no programming (including meals) at the Center. For delayed openings, the Center will open a lunch. (Scheduled van lunch rides will take prorearly closings, the Center will close after lunch. When in doubt, be safe! Call us fi	t t nlace.) rst.	Wednesday Shopping Trips: 2/7 Home Goods & Dollar Tree 2/14 Whitney Field 2/21 Ocean State 2/28 Walmart, Leom Registration Required	1 8 - 4 Bread Pickup 9:30 History Club 9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Fish Sandwich 12:30 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Mahjong 1:00 Beginner Uke	8:00 VSO Hours 9:00 Ladies' Pool 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 World Ukulele Day 1:00 Caregiver Program
8:00 Muffin Monday 8:30 Tai Chi 9:30 Peer Leaders 10:00 Fitness 11:30 Pulled Pork 1:00 Bingo 4:00 Pickleball 5:00 Meditation	8:15 Pilates 9:30 SHINE 9:30 Line Dancing 11:30 Baked Chicken 1:00 Game Day	8:30-2:30 Foot Clinic 9:30 Chair Yoga 9:30 SHINE 11:30 Paula's Steamed Dogs 12:30 Rummikub 1:00 Van shopping trip 1:00 Wii Bowling 4:00 Pickleball	8 - 4 Bread Pickup 9:30 Dull Men's Club 11:30 Tuna Salad 12:30 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Mahjong 1:00 Beginner Uke 2:00 Ukulele Club 5:30 COA Board Mtg	8:00 VSO Hours 8:30 NASA Broadcast 9:00 Ladies' Pool 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Make & Take
8:00 Muffin Monday 8:30 Tai Chi 10:00 Fitness 11:30 Meatloaf 1:00 Bingo 2:00 Men's Strumming 3:00 Open Strumming 4:00 Pickleball 5:00 Meditation	8:15 Pilates 9:30 Line Dancing 11:30 Pork Tenderloin 12:00 Mobile Market 11:30 State Office Hrs 1:00 Game Day	14 9:30 Keep Well Clinic 9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Valentine Lunch Reservations Required 12:30 Rummikub 1:00 Van shopping trip 1:00 Wii Bowling 3:30 Parkinson Support	158 - 4 Bread Pickup 11:30 Chicken Royale 12:30 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Mahjong 1:00 Beginner Uke 2:00 Ukulele Club 5:30 Evening Dinner	16 8:00 VSO Hours 9-11:00 Food Pantry 9:00 Ladies' Pool 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord
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1:00 Bingo 2:00 Men's Strumming		1:00 Wii Bowling 3:30 Parkinson Support 4:00 Pickleball	12:30 Acrylic Painting	Indoor Pickleball \$5
3.00 Open Struming 4:00 Pickleball 5:00 Meditation				

New Personal Care Appointment Hours!

For privacy and peace of mind, all personal care appointments have been moved to Wednesdays and will be in the HEALTH office.

1st & 3rd Wednesdays
VNA Visiting Nurse Lenny
2nd Wednesday
Chair Massage by Sherrill
4th Wednesday

Footcare By Nurses

7 & 21

New fee - \$55 per session.
Our Foot Clinic is extremely popular!
New client signup for Sterling residents only.
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KEEP WELL CLINIC February 14th
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Therapeutic Chair Massage

February 28 12:30pm - 2:30pm







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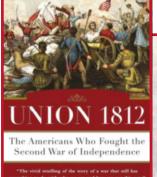
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HISTORY CLUB



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Thursday, February 1 at 9:30am Union 1812: The Americans Who Fought the Second War of Independence by A.J. Langguth

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March 7: Presidential Courage by Michael Beschloss

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GAME DAY TUESDAYS

DOMINOES CRIBBAGE **PITCH**



12:30 12:30 1:00





Sat. Feb 3 6:30pm

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Happens

Fridays @ 9:30 Bring your knit, macramé, crochet or craft project.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Our special Holistic Yoga program has sadly come to an end.

Due to the popularity of our current Chair Yoga programs, we are considering adding a new Yoga class to our schedule.

Look out for a questionnaire during our February Yoga classes, or pick one up at the Front Desk. We want your input, and we will create classes that will please as many people as possible

We want to hear from you!

Mindful Meditation Mondays at 5:00pm with Carol McGuiggan

\$5

Open to All Ages

Bookend your weekends with Marty!

Fridays at 10:00 Going Steady Mondays at 10:00

Fitness



No sign-up needed



Tuesdays 8:15am

\$5

Yoga for EveryBody chair yega

Thursday, Feb 1st @ 9:30am No reservations! No wait list! \$5 drop-in fee





Indoor Pickleball Mon & Wed, 4-7pm

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Tuesdays at 9:30am





Did you sign in today?

Whether you are picking up bread, attending a class, playing pool, staying for lunch (or all four) it is very important that you sign in at our electronic kiosk. This lets us know you are here, but also importantly helps us run statistics that aid us in applying for grants, helps us

gauge popularity, plan future events, and more.

If you do not already have a keycard, please see a receptionist. For one-time visits you may sign in as a Guest. Thank you for taking a little extra time for us \odot





Tue, February 13 12:00-1:00



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Sat. Feb 3 12 noon





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AWA G OTRAVEL A N D2024 Trip List For age 50+ travelers

		
Sat, Mar 16	The Cher Show at the Boch Center Theater, including lunch at Maggiano's .	\$179
Sat Apr 20	The Play That Goes Wrong at the Majestic Theater, Springfield with lunch at Storrowton Tavern on the grounds of the Big E.	\$149
Sat, May 18	The Downeaster to Portland At Haverhill Train Station, board Amtrak's Downeaster for a 13/4 hour ride to Portland. Lunch at the Muddy Rudder, Yarmouth, ME.	
Sat, Jun 22	Newport Flower Show & Harbor CruiseEnjoy New England's premier flower show at Rosecliff Mansion. Lunch at Johnny's in the Wyndham Hotel, followed by a cruise of Newport Harbor.	\$159

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