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June 2019

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# Volunteer Appreciation Clambake

## Sunday, June 9th at 4:00 pm

The Senior Center is grateful for the dedication of our volunteers.

In thanks, volunteers with 10 hours or more volunteer service in the past year and their spouse / significant other are invited.

RSVP by noon on June 5th.

Thank you for all you do all year long!



## Learn how to

## Grow, Harvest and Arrange Strawflowers

with Greg Billings (our favorite botanist)

Come and make a small flower arrangement that will last for years.

Friday, June 7th at 12:30PM

Program is limited to the first 20 signups! \$5



### What you get....

About 20 dried strawflowers

Small mug or vase with foam to hold the wired flowers

A few live potted plants to start your own crop

20 wires to start drying your next bouquet

An hour of fun and learning

#### What you'll learn....

How & where to grow the plants

How to harvest the flowers

How to wire and dry the flowers

How to arrange??? Well you may be better

at that than I am so .... let's share!

- 1	June	
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		SPECIAL EVENTS
Jun 5	11:00 am	Peer Leaders Send Off
Jun 6	10:15 am	Pen Pal Meet & Greet
Jun 7	12:30pm	Strawflowers Learn to grow, harvest & arrange
Jun 7	1:00 pm	History Club Begins (weekly on Fridays)
Jun 9	4:00 pm	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Jun 13	11:30 am	Sheriff's Luncheon and Presentation
Jun 14	12:30 pm	Census 2020 employment info
Jun 17	10:30 am	MSNME Support Group Begins (monthly 3rd Monday)
Jun 17	1:00-2:30 pm	Ink Scarf Workshop
Jun 20	6:00-8:00 pm	Father's Day BBQ
Jun 27	3:30 pm	A Date with Music Begins (Monthly on 4th Thursday)
Jun 28	12:15-4:00 pm	Friday Afternoon at WAM
		JUST FOR FUN
Jun 1	6:30 pm	Saturday Night Pitch sponsored by the Grange
Jun 14	12:15 pm	June Birthday Cake sponsored by Sterling Village
Jun 28	7:30-9 am	Pancake Breakfast sponsored by FOSS
		ONGOING PROGRAMS
Jun 4	9:30 am	SHINE by appointment
Jun 6	12:30 pm	Acrylic Painting \$5 (weekly on Thurs)
Jun 6	1:30-2:15 pm	Beginners Ukulele Lessons \$3 (weekly on Thursdays)
Jun 6	2:30 pm	Ukulele Club \$5 (weekly on Thursdays)
Jun 7	8-12 Noon	Veterans Service Office Hours (weekly on Fridays)
Jun 19	12:30 pm	Book Club: One Town One Book: Educated by Tara Westover
		WELLNESS PROGRAMS
Jun 3	6:00 pm	Meditation with Cindy (Weekly on Mondays)
Jun 5	10:00 am	Walking Club (weekly on Wed., meet at Senior Center)
Jun 6	10-12 Noon	BP Clinic sponsored by the Sterling EMS
Jun 6	2:00 pm	Going Steady (weekly on Thursdays)
Jun 11	9:30-11:30 am	Elder Wellness Clinic sponsored by VNA Cares
Jun 13 Jun 19	9:00 am	Foot Clinic by appointment,\$35 to FC Nurse, \$45 1st appt Parkinson's Support Group
Jun 19 Jun 24	3:30 pm 9:30-11 am	Caregivers Connect (at Sterling Senior Center)
Jun 24 Jun 27	9:00 am	Foot Clinic by appointment,\$35 to FC Nurse, \$45 1st appt
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		COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
Jun 11	9:30 am	Flag Day Ceremony at Houghton

Our beginner ukulele members are moving up to the "Club!" So now is a good time to start your lessons! Thursdays at 1:30

#### SUMMER PLANS



If you are interested in expanding your golf circle this season . . . playing with other golfers, playing some different courses . . .

#### Check out our golf book at the front desk!

By signing up in the golf book, you will allow other Sterling Senior Center golfers to contact you by telephone, text or email as you prefer. Golf play will be determined by the individual golfers, not the Senior Center.



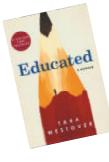












Try our Book Club! One Book One Town

Wednesday, June 19th 12:30pm

## Friday Afternoon at the Museums

This summer we kick off with a trip to the **Worcester Art Museum!** Friday, June 28th



Van leaves the Senior Center at 12:15 Return to the Senior Center around 4pm Cost is \$2 for transportation Museum is free courtesy of the Highland Street Foundation. Sign ups required. More museum trips planned for July and August

## Alcohol Ink Scarf Workshop Monday, June 17th, 1–2:30 Limited to 16 participants. Sign up required. \$10

Alcohol ink is a versatile medium that can provide vibrant, intense colors on any number of nonporous surfaces. Alcohol ink can be used to create beautiful designs on silk. This is an easy and fun way to create a special scarf for yourself or to give as a gift. No experience required. We'll have all the supplies—a 8" x 54" silk scarf, inks, Sharpies, brushes, alcohol (isopropyl), and inspiration.







Judy Dino is a local artist who dabbles in many media. She is a member of the Princeton Arts Society and the Wachusett Mt Chapter of the Assoc of Traditional Rug Hooking Artists. She enjoys painting with watercolor, working on many substrates with alcohol ink, experimenting with eco printing, playing with cement, and trying many crafts.

	JUNE A	ACTIVITY CALENDAR	DAR	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 Tai Chi 10:00 Oriol Fitness 11:30 Breakfast at Lunch 1:00 BINGO 3:00 Open Strumming 4-7:00 Pickleball 6:00 Meditation	8:00 Chair Pilates 9:30 SHINE by appt 9:30 Line Dancing 9:30 Open coloring 11:30 Mac & Cheese 12:30 Game Day	9:30 Gentle Chair Yoga 9:30- Beginner Painting 10:00 Walking Club 11:00 Peer Leaders 11:30 Beef Tenderloin 12:30 Van shopping trip 12:30 Rummikub 12:30 Rummikub 4 - 6 Pickleball	8:00 Zumba 9:00 Strengthen Yoga 10-12 BP Clinic 10:15 Pen Pals 11:30 Sweet Potato Minestrone / Chicken 12:30 Acrylic Painting 1:30 Beginner Uke 2:00 Mahjong 2:00 Going Steady 2:30 Ukulele Club	8:00 VSO Hours 9:30 Knitting and Crocheting 9:30 Pilates 11:30 Smorgasbord 12:30 Strawflowers 1:00 History Club Closed 2 pm
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1:00 BINGO 1:00 Ink Scarf Wkshp 3:00 Open Strumming 4-7:00 Pickleball 6:00 Meditation	24	8:30 Tai Chi 9:30 Connect in Sterling 10:00 Oriol Fitness 11:30 Shepherd's Pie 1:00 BINGO 3:00 Open Strumming 4-7:00 Pickleball 6:00 Meditation	Coffee served all day in the dining room	Exercise Fees Line Dancing \$2 Tai Chi \$5 Zumba \$5 Pilates \$5





## Chocksett Middle School Peer Leaders Wed June 5th 11 am

It is time to say good luck as our peer leaders graduate from middle school! All are invited to send off the youth with a reminder of days past—a game of jax and a peck on a Smith Corona . . .perhaps some cursive lessons!

(We are working this event around final exams, so please call to confirm time.)



## Pen Pal Meet and Greet

## Thursday, June 6th at 10:15 am

Seniors continue to pair up with 4th grade students at Houghton Elementary School and become Pen Pals. Letters are exchanged on a monthly basis, and seniors are invited to meet with their pen pals at school events. At the meet and greet, the pen pals and seniors will share a craft and sing a few songs.

It is not a big time commitment to become a pen pal, but it is a wonderful experience for all involved. Please speak with Nickole Boardman if you would like to be a pen pal next year!



## Flag Day Ceremony

## Houghton Elementary School, June 11th at 9:30am

Join the staff and students at the annual Flag Day Ceremony on the front lawn at Houghton Elementary School. If you want a ride, the van will leave the Senior Center at 9:15.

## **SUPPORT**

## Caregivers Connect



Next Meeting:

Monday, June 24th

from 9:30-11 am

here at the

Sterling Senior Center

No registration...
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June 19th at 3:30 pm

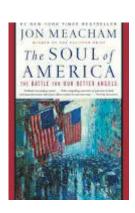
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#### Rick Voutour, Veteran's Services

Office Hours at Sterling Senior Center Fridays 8—12 noon or call 978 534 7518

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History Club
starting June 7th
Weekly on Fridays
1—2 pm



Join other history buffs as we start a history club! To get started, Pat Fox will be leading an 8 week discussion of "The Soul of America." Purchase or download your own copy or books will be available through the Sterling library.

June 7th meeting will focus on Chapter 1, "The Confidence of the Whole People."

## The Wachusett Area MSNME support group



June 17, 2019 at 10:30—11:30 and every third Monday of the month thereafter. Anyone with any form of Multiple Sclerosis, caregivers, family and friends are invited to come and enjoy current info, talking and sharing, snacks, games etc.

This is a drop in program. No preregistration necessary. Feel free to call Donna for more information at 978-660-4744.

"A Date with Music" 4th Thursday of each month at 3:30 pm

Starting June 27th with Music Bingo!

Every month the Senior Center Program Committee will bring you an entertaining musical experience. This month we play music bingo. Upcoming months will include a sing-along with tunes from Cole Porter and introductions to various musical genres,

"Music is the universal language of mankind." Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

## **ONGOING**

## Wii Bowling Every Wednesday

Every Wednesday 1 pm

Armchair Travel,

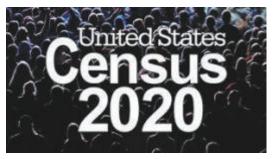
Walking Club Weds at 10:00am

Meet at Senior Center Entrance

Going Steady: Fall Prevention
With Marty
Drop in - Thursdays at 2pm

Returning in September.

Dull Men's Club & Computer Help are on hiatus for the summer.



Meet Susan LaFrance, Recruiting Assistant, Census 2020 Friday, June 14th at 12:30

Learn about the online hiring process for temporary positions working for Census 2020. The pay is good, the work hours are flexible and you will be doing an important job for our country.



## Wachusett Food Pantry

Seniors Friday, June 14th 9-11 am

All Saturday, June 15th 9-11 am

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Community Lunch at First Church June 1st at noon Chicken A La King Salad, Dessert



Transportation Available



## **Pancake Breakfast**

Friday, June 28 7:30 - 9:00

Celebrity Server:

Christopher LaBreck, Principal
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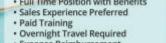
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