sterling council on aging Sterling Newsletter

Connecting with each other & our community

March 2020

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Sterling Senior Center P.O. Box 243 36 Muddy Pond Rd. 978-422-3032 Hours: Mon-Wed 8 - 4, Thurs 8 - 6, Fri 8 - 2 Director: Veronica Bucklev Outreach: Nickole Boardman **Operations Coordinator: Clare Anderson-Felton** Maintenance Tech: Jim Ash Van Drivers: **Denis Coughlin** Pam Dell Lou Massa **Robert Protano Diane Sousa** Meal Site Manager: Melissa Cassata



Our mission is to maintain the health and well being of Sterling seniors and to assist them with preserving their independence.





ART RECEPTION JON MACK MARCH 10TH 6–8 PM

Long-time Sterling resident Jon Mack has been drawing since he was 4. Mostly self-taught but with early expert guidance in watercolor and color-mixing from Bill Griffith of Worcester Art Museum, Jon mixes all his colors from just six. Though experienced in most art mediums, Jon always returns to his favorite watercolor. Greatly influenced by American artists Homer, Troiani and Frazetta, much of Jon's art depicts images of the Revolutionary War.

ARMCHAIR TRAYEL Russia and Icons with Jim Woovis Thursday. March 26th 3:30pm

Sometimes we forget that Russia is a country filled with churches and religious art. Join Jim Woovis with a tour of famous sites across the country including Moscow and St. Petersburg. He will do this old school, no electronics just spellbinding stories and a hands-on look and explanation of his personal collection of icons.



Beginner's Acrylic Painting

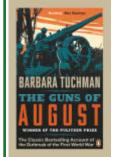
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Wednesdays 9:30am

New Members Welcome

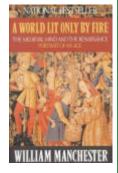
Have you wanted to learn something new but were afraid to try? Come join a great group who are learning a new skill in painting and creating!

History Club



Friday March 13th 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 April 17th at 1pm A World Lit only by Fire by William Manchester Exploring the Middle Ages, from a civilization near collapse to the grandeur of its rebirth. Discussion led by Pat Fox.



4	March	UPCOMING EVENTS
	10.	SPECIAL EVENTS
Mar 10 Mar 10 Mar 18 Mar 19 Mar 22 Mar 25 Mar 25 Mar 26 Mar 31	9:00 am 6:00-8:00 pm 11:30 am 12:30 pm 4:00-6:30 pm 8:15 am 6:00 pm 3:30 pm 1:00 pm	Dull Men's Club—MassWildlife Artist Reception—Jon O. Mack St Patrick's Day Luncheon CMDART Presentation A Taste of Sterling at Sterling Country Club Peer Leaders - Pickleball Tournament St Patrick's Day Evening Dinner Armchair Travel Russia and Icons Dull Men's Model Train Excursion
		JUST FOR FUN
Mar 7 Mar 13 Mar 27	6:30 pm 12:00 pm 7:30-9 am	Saturday Night Pitch sponsored by the Grange March Birthday Cake sponsored by Sterling Village Pancake Breakfast sponsored by FOSS
		ONGOING PROGRAMS
Mar 2 Mar 2 Mar 3 Mar 3 Mar 4 Mar 5 Mar 5 Mar 5 Mar 5 Mar 6 Mar 11 Mar 12 Mar 13	9:15 am 1:00 pm 9:30 am 12:00-3:00 pm 9:30 am 12:30 pm 1:30-2:15 pm 2:30 pm 8:00 am-noon 12:30 pm 2:30 pm 1:00 pm	SSC Singers (weekly on Mondays) Advanced Photography (weekly on Mondays) SHINE by appointment Computer Help (weekly on Tuesdays) Sign up please! Beginner's Acrylic Painting \$5 (weekly on Wednesdays) Acrylic Painting \$5 (weekly on Thursdays) Beginners' Ukulele Lessons (weekly on Thursdays) ** Ukulele Club (weekly on Thursdays) ** Veterans Services Office (weekly on Fridays) Book Club: "The Beantown Girls" by Jane Healy ** Beginner Ukulele & Ukulele Club combined program History Club: The Guns of August
		WELLNESS PROGRAMS
Mar 2 Mar 4 Mar 5 Mar 5 Mar 10 Mar 12,26 Mar 16 Mar 18 Mar 20 Mar 30	4:30 pm 10:00 am 10 amnoon 2:00 pm 9:30-11:30 am 8:30 am 10:30 am 3:30 pm 1:00 pm 9:30-11:00 am	Meditation (weekly on Mondays) March 9, 16, 23, 30 at 6pm Walking Club (weekly on Wednesday, meet at Senior Center) BP Clinic sponsored by the Sterling EMS Going Steady (weekly on Thursdays) Elder Wellness Clinic sponsored by VNA Cares Foot Clinic by appointment, \$40 to FC Nurse, \$45 1st appt. MSNME Support Group (monthly, 3rd Monday) Parkinson's Support (monthly, 3rd Wednesday) Senior Strong (weekly on Fridays) Sign-Up Required Caregivers Connect (at Clinton Senior Center)

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

Senior Strong returns!

Fridays @ 1:00pm March 20th to May 8th

Senior Strong is a unique fitness class that addresses 3 areas vital for optimal physical function: strength, flexibility and balance. These areas will be tested at first and last sessions to track progress. Supervision will be provided throughout to ensure highest level of safety.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of Sterling Seniors (FOSS). The program is free to participants. There is a \$25 deposit that will be refunded providing you meet attendance requirements (deposit can be waived if it poses a hardship). The program length is a total of 8 weeks. The first and last week are for testing and evaluation, and the middle six weeks are the instructional phase. You must attend 5 of the 6 weeks of instruction phase to meet the attendance requirements and receive your refund.



Prior participants of this program are eligible to participate in this session!! Sign up early as class size is limited!



Foot care is now \$40 per session, and \$45 for first appointment. If you are a Montachusett Home Care client, you may be able to receive foot care as part of your services. Please ask your case manager for information.



The Movement as Medicine series is airing on Sterling Lancaster TV this March!

Tune In!

Daily at 12pm & 8pm on Comcast Channel 8

March 2-8: March 9-15: March 16-22: Hip & Knee Osteoarthritis Exercise & Osteoporosis Vertigo

CENTRAL Massachusetts Disaster Animal Response Team

WHERE KINDNESS HELPS ALL KINDS

Thursday March 19th @ 12:30pm

The CMDART team will share steps you can take to be better prepared to care for your pets in a disaster, including emergency tips and planning information. Discover what items to keep in your "Go Kit", and your pet first-aid kit.

Learn how you can help as a volunteer with CMDART.

Going Steady

The most exercise fun in 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).



	MARCH	ACTIVITY CALENDAR	NDAR	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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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 Roasted Pork Loin	9:30 Open coloring	11:30 Hamburg Veg	11:30 Ham & Bean Soup	9:30 Pilates
1:00 BINGO	11:30 Lemon Herb	Soup	12:30 Acrylic Painting	11:30 Smorgasbord
1:00 Advanced Photo	Chicken	12:30 Van shopping trip	1:30 Beginner Uke	
2:30 ALFA	12:00 Computer Help	12:30 Rummikub	2:00 Mahjong	Closed 2:00 pm
3:00 Open Strumming	12:30 Game day	1:00 Wii Bowling!!	2:00 Going Steady	
4:00 Pickleball	Primary	4:UU PICKIEDAII	2:30 Ukulele Club	
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9:15 SSC Singers	9:00 Dull Men's Club	9:30 Gentle Chair Yoga	9:00 Strengthen Yoga	9:30 Knitting and
10:00 Oriol Fitness	9:30 Elder Well Clinic	10:00 Walking Club	8:30 Foot Clinic	Crocheting
11:30 Chicken Pot Pie	9:30 Line dancing	11:30 Spinach &	11:30 Cheesesteak Sub	9:30 Pilates
1:00 BINGO	9:30 Open coloring	Chicken Tortellini Soup	& French Onion Soup	11:30 Smorgasbord
1:00 Advanced Photo	11:30 Sweet Potato	12:30 Van shopping trip	12:30 Acrylic Painting	12:00 Birthday Cake
3:00 Open Strumming	Minestrone	12:30 Book Club	2:00 Mahjong	1:00 History Club
4:00 Pickleball	12:00 Computer Help	12:30 Rummikub	2:00 Going Steady	
6:00 Meditation	12:30 Game day	1:00 Wii Bowling	2:30 Combined Ukulele Club and Beginners	Closed 2:00 pm
			5:30 COA Board Meeting	
16	17	18	19	20
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 Line dancing	9:30 Gentle Chair Yoga	9:00 Strengthen Yoga	9:30 Knitting and
10:00 Oriol Fitness	9:30 Open Coloring	10:00 Walking Club	11:30 Breakfast at Lunch	Crocheting
10:30 MSNME	11:30 Turkey	11:30 Corned Beef	12:30 CMDART	9:30 Pilates
11:30 Meatball Stew	Casserole	Dinner sign up please	12:30 Acrylic Painting	11:30 Smorgasbord
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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.

Schedule a Van Ride to Vote!

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.

You *may* be eligible for circuit breaker tax credit if:

you are a homeowner and your MA property tax payments, together with half of your water & sewer expense, exceeds 10% of your total MA income for the tax year;

you are a renter and 25% of your annual MA rent exceeds 10% of your total MA income for the tax year.

Other rules and restrictions apply, so see your tax professional or visit <u>https://www.mass.gov/service-details/senior-circuit-breaker-tax-credit</u> for more info.

S U P P O <u>R T</u>

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MSNME Support Donna Clark, facilitator Monday March 16th 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 March 18th, 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 March 30th Clinton Senior Ctr Clyde Wheatly, facilitator No registration. Drop in. Light refreshments served.



CLOSING AND DELAY INFO BASED ON WACHUSETT SCHOOL

DISTRICT

TWO HOUR DELAY: Programs start at 11:30am EARLY RELEASE: Programs end after Lunch SCHOOLS CLOSED: All programs cancelled

BASED ON STERLING CODE RED

If Town Hall is closed, the Senior Center is CLOSED If in doubt, call the Senior Center at 978-422-3032.

NEW AND FAVORITES



Tuesday March 10th 9:00 am

Unexpected Encounters with Bears, Moose and Coyotes

presented by Marion Larson MassWildlife Chief of Info & Education

Learn about the larger wild neighbors in the Sterling area, with useful tips to prevent or reduce potential conflicts with these fascinating mammals..

A Sterling resident, Marion has 30 years experience in environmental law enforcement and conservation education. Dull Men's Train Excursion



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March 31st

As a follow up to the recent Dull Men's Club presentation, Rich Hopkins has extended an invitation to view his model train displays and collection.

> Van Leaves at 1:00pm Van Returns at 3:00pm Limited Seats Sign Up Required



Monday Mar 25 8:15 am Peer Leaders Annual Pickleball Tournament at Chocksett School Meet at Senior Center 8:15am Sign Up Please!



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 !



The SSC Singers enjoy bringing harmony to a wide variety of songs. You are encouraged to join them on Mondays at 9:15am.

The SSC Singers

Mondays 9:15-10:00am

No experience needed. No auditions.

** Go Green **

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



We open our doors to more than 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



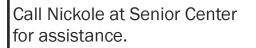
Friday, March 27th 7:30 - 9:00 Plain & special pancakes, ham, eggs, mixed fruit, tea breads, juices & coffee.

Celebrity Servers: Robert Marrama Sterling Postmaster Ethan Belding CMAA Director of Planning & Research Coralito Gonzalez CMAA Census Outreach Coordinator

\$3 suggested donation. Open to all. No reservations.

Wachusett Food Pantry

Seniors: Friday March 20, 9-11am All: Saturday March 21, 9-11am







Community Lunch at First Church

March 7th at noon Garden Salad Pasta & Meat Sauce Italian Bread & Butter

Dessert

Transportation available Call 978-422-3032



Wachusett Area Rotary Club SPRING FUNDRAISER

Friday March 27th 6:00-10:00 pm Manor Restaurant, West Boylston

Tickets — \$40 or 2 for \$70 Call 508-509-2008 or email <u>ChandlerJ3@aol.com</u> to purchase

2020 THE HAPPY TRAVELERS & AWAY WE GO TRAVEL TRIP LIST for Aged 50+ Travelers

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
Jul 18	42nd Street at Mac-Haydn Theatre with stop at Furnace Brook Winery and lunch at Winding Brook Country Cl	\$139 pp
Aug 1	Cruisin' Winnipesaukke with lunch at the Wolfeboro Inn and a visit to the Wright Museum of World War II	\$119 pp
Sep 20-30	Enchanting Canyonlands, Las Vegas, Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Monument Valley,	Contact us for Info
Oct 15-18	4-Day Washington DC featuring African American Museum	\$699 pp/double \$939 pp/single
Nov 8	The Mousetrap, Agatha Christie's mystery play at the Ivoryton Playhouse, CT. Includes lunch at the Griswold Inn, Essex CT.	\$130 pp
Dec 6	Christmas in Connecticut: 20th Annual Holiday Boutique at Hill-Stead Museum, lunch at Chowder Pot IV. and Wadsworth Atheneum of Art for Festival of Trees & Traditions	\$119 pp
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<u>Contact</u>: 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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