STERLING COUNCIL ON AGING

Sterling Newsletter

Connecting with each other & our community

December 2022

Sterling Council on Aging Board Members

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Sterling Senior Center P.O. Box 243 36 Muddy Pond Rd. 978-422-3032 Hrs: Mon-Thur 8 - 4, Fri 8 - 2 Director: Veronica Buckley Outreach: Linda Chignola Bonnie Decker Ops/Vol Coord: Clare Felton Maintenance Tech: Jim Ash Kitchen Manager:

Ruby Hall Van Drivers: Pam Dell Gary Hill Kevin Lowe Robert Protano Rob Seidel Diane Sousa



Council on Aging Jingle Mingle Open House Sunday. December 11th Drop by 1:00-2:30pm

> Enjoy music, appetizers, holiday treats, gift and 2023 calendar!

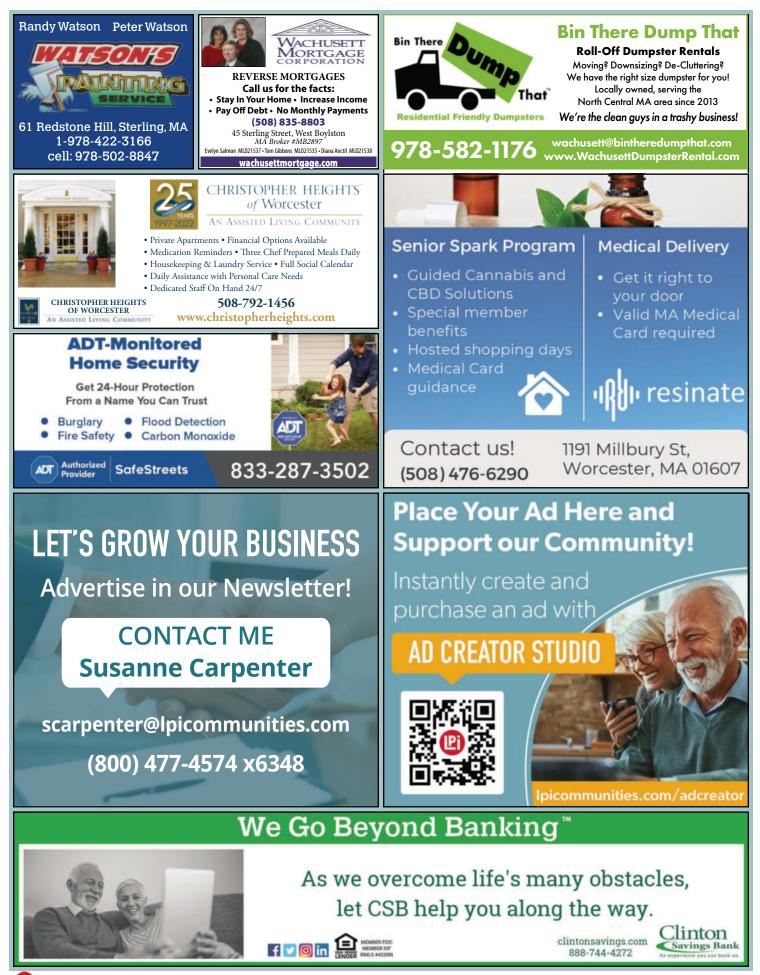
Holiday Music by Stephanie Sarkasian

(sponsored by Sterling Cultural Council)



No Reservations Required Not a seated event — just mingle and jingle!

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



SERIOUSLY FUN STUFF

Thank you to the Friends of the Sterling Seniors (FOSS) for their fundraising efforts and generous financial assistance. FOSS currently supports breakfast options, coffee bar, Muffin Mondays, Going Steady Balance Class and 6 themed lunches including Veterans' Day, Valentine's Day, St Patty's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and volunteer appreciation. FOSS also sponsors the popular monthly pancake breakfast.

The upcoming Holiday Cookie Sale and Craft Fair is one of FOSS's biggest fundraising events! We encourage all to support the crafters and bakers by attending the Fair on Saturday December 10th from 9 am to 2pm.

If the work of FOSS is interesting to you the founders and members of this fundraising arm of the Senior Center are looking to add a couple of new faces and board members. You can PM the <u>Friends of Sterling Seniors Facebook page</u> or stop into the Senior Center.

Sterling Garden Club Make & Take covers all supplies, Holiday Centerpiece including decorative vintage dish! Wednesday December 7th 1:00pm Registration Required - Call 978-422-3032 RICH GEDMAN LET'S TALK BASEBALL ! A Worcester native, Rich is a professional baseball coach and former DEC 8TH catcher, having played Major League Baseball for the Boston Red Sox, Houston Astros and St. Louis Cardinals. 9:30AM He currently serves as hitting coach with the Triple-A Worcester Red

Sox of the International League.

4	UPC	OMING PROGRAMS				
4 Decer	mber	SPECIAL EVENTS				
Dec 7	1:00 pm	Make and Take Holiday Centerpiece - Registration Required				
Dec 8	1:30 pm	Sterling Strummers Holiday Concert				
Dec 10	9:00 am-2:00 pm	FOSS Holiday Craft Fair and Cookie Sale				
Dec 11	1:00-2:30 pm	COA Jingle Mingle Open House Drop In, No Reservations				
Dec 13	12-1:30 pm	Indoor Mobile Market (monthly, second Tuesday)				
Dec 16	7:30-9:00 am	Pancake Breakfast				
Dec 19	12:00 pm	Birthday Cake				
Dec 26	CLOSED	Christmas Day (observed)				
Jan 2	CLOSED	New Year's Day (observed)				
		ING - see calendar for exercise programs				
Dec 1		Pool daily				
Dec 1	8am-4pm	Bread Pickup (weekly on Thursdays)				
Dec 1	9:30 am	History Club (first Thursday of month)				
Dec 1	1:00 pm	Acrylic Painting \$5 (weekly on Thursdays)				
Dec 1	1:00 pm	Beginner Ukulele (weekly on Thursdays, sign-up required)				
Dec 1	2:00 pm	Ukulele Club (weekly on Thursdays)				
Dec 1	2:00 pm	Mahjong (weekly on Thursdays)				
Dec 2	8:00 am-noon	Veterans Services Office				
Dec 2	9:30 am	Knitting Club (weekly on Fridays)				
Dec 3	6:30 pm	Grange Pitch Party				
Dec 5	1:00 pm	BINGO (weekly on Mondays)				
Dec 5	3:00 pm	Ukulele Open Strumming (weekly on Mondays)				
Dec 5	6:00 pm	Meditation (weekly on Mondays, \$5)				
Dec 6	by appointment	SHINE counseling				
Dec 6	9:00 am	Open Coloring (weekly on Tuesdays)				
Dec 6	1:00 pm	Game Day (weekly on Tuesdays)				
Dec 7	12:30 pm	Rummikub (weekly on Wednesdays)				
Dec 7	1:00 pm	Van Shopping Trip (weekly on Wednesdays, sign-up)				
Dec 8	9:30 am	Dull Men's Club (second Thursday of month)				
Dec 14	1:00 pm	Wii Bowling (weekly on Wednesdays)				
Dec 16,17	9-11:00 am	Food Pantry				
Dec 20	11:30 am	State Office Hours (third Tuesday of month)				
Dec 21	12:30 pm	Book Club A Christmas by the Sea				
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Dec 2	10:00 am	Going Steady (weekly on Fridays)				
Dec 7,14	12:30-2:30 pm	Chair Massage by appointment only				
Dec 8,22	by appointment	Foot Clinic \$45 to FC Nurse				
Dec 13	9:30-11:30 am	Well Clinic sponsored by VNA Care				
Dec 14,28	3:30-5:00 pm	Parkinson's Support (second and fourth Wednesdays)				
Dec 15	9:30 am	Caregiver Yoga registration suggested				
Dec 29	3:00-4:30 pm	Caregiver Support registration suggested				
If Wachusett Schools are closed for the day, there will be no programming (including meals program) at the Senior Center for the day. For delayed opening, the Center will open at lunch. For early closings, the Center will close after lunch.						

When in doubt, be safe! Call us first at 978-422-3032.

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SUPPORT PROGRAMS



	DECE	DECEMBER CALENDAR	AR	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
New: A Soupçon of Comfort with Soups on Wednesdays	Fees for Tai Chi, Yoga & Pilates : \$5 In Person \$2 Zoom Line Dancing \$2 Acrylic Painting \$5 Clean indoor shoes for exercise classes please.	Wednesday Shopping Trips: 12/7 Walmart, Leom 12/14 Whitney Field 12/21 Walmart, WB 12/28 Home Goods & Savers, Worc Registration Required	1 8 - 4 Bread Pickup 9:30 History Club 11:30 Fish Dinner 1:00 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Beginner Ukulele 2:00 Ukulele Club 2:00 Mahjong	2 8:00 VSO Hours 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord
5 8:00 Muffin Monday 8:30 Tai Chi 11:30 Pork Tenderloin 1:00 Bingo 3:00 Open Strumming 4:00 Pickleball 6:00 Meditation	8:15 Pilates 9:00 Open Coloring 9:30 SHINE 9:30 Line Dancing 11:30 Tim's BBQ Chicken 1:00 Game Day	7 9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Veggie Beef Soup 12:30 Rummikub 12:30 Chair Massage 1:00 Van shopping trip 4:00 Pickleball	8 8 - 4 Bread Pickup 9:30 Dull Men's Club 11:30 Steamed Dogs 1:30 Strummers Holiday Concert 2:00 Mahjong 5:30 COA Board Mtg	9 8:00 VSO Hours 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Make & Take
12 8:00 Muffin Monday 8:30 Tai Chi 11:30 Chicken Alfredo Baked Ziti 1:00 Holiday Jingo 3:00 Open Strumming 4:00 Pickleball 6:00 Meditation	13 8:15 Pilates 9:00 Open Coloring 9:30 Well Clinic 9:30 Line Dancing 11:30 Tuna Salad Plate 12:00 Mobile Market 12:00 Game Day	 14 9:30 Chair Yoga 9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Tortellini, Sausage & Spinach Soup 12:30 Book Club 12:30 Book Club 12:30 Rummikub 12:30 Rummikub 12:30 Pook Club 12:30 Parkinson Support 4:00 Pickleball 	15 8 - 4 Bread Pickup 8:30-2:30 Foot Clinic 9:30 Caregiver Yoga 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Beginner Ukulele 2:00 Ukulele Club 2:00 Mahjong	16 7:30-9:00 Pancake Breakfast 8:00 VSO Hours 9 -11:00 Food Pantry 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady
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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR ON THE VAN !! ON THE VAN !! TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH 4:30PM J.30PM Join us on the SSC Van to see the Christmas Lights House Tour! Hot Chocolate & Cookies on return. For Chocolate & Cookies on return. Sign up with Pam at 978-422-3032. Rain Date: Wednesday, Dec 21st	CHRISTMAS ON THE DUESDAY, DE A:3 4:3 4:3 4:3 4:3 4:3 4:3 4:3 4:3 4:3 4	Up Drive-Through Holiday Light Tour I 2 4:30-6:30 pm ing Strummers Ukulele ing Recreation Department of hot cocoa before taking a st festive homes! sifestive homes! a.	Warm-Me- ready for the ready for the Friday Dec Join Santa, the Sterli for some cookies an tour of Sterling's mo Enjoy the holiday mu and cocoa, receive y cheery Hello to Sant	An enormous Thank You to everyone who made a donation to the Sterling Village team's Walk to End Alzheimer's. Together you raised an incredible \$500. THANK YOU!
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Holiday JINGO Monday December 12th 1:00pm



Pool Players Wanted!

Tables available all day.

Bring your friends to play!



Beginner Thu 1-1:45pm **Strumming** Mon 3-4pm **Ukulele Club** Thu 2 - 3pm

Mindful Meditation Mondays at 6pm



Join us to step off the treadmill of daily life with its stressors and mental busyness, and cruise in neutral for an hour. Learn to Stop, Breathe, and cultivate lifelong techniques to develop deeper self awareness, mental clarity, and peace of mind. Using a chair, some easy body stretches will be incorporated. Carol McGuiggan is a seasoned Meditation and Yoga Practitioner.

Open to All Ages

Free in Dec & Jan

Pancake Breakfast



Friday December 16, 7:30-9:00am Guest Server: Patrice Fullhart, Town Facilities Manager A selection of plain & special pancakes, sausage, eggs, fresh fruit, tea breads, juice, coffee. Open to All \$4 Suggested Donation Sponsored by Friends of Sterling Seniors Sought ! iendly function functions Wednesdays @ 1:00pm Will Bowling No bowling December 7th

Fun Seekers

Therapeutic Chair Massage Dec 7th § 14th 12:30pm - 2:30pm

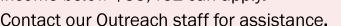
Sherrill Sasser LMT, CAT

Chair massage is a form of massage therapy performed utilizing a therapeutic massage chair. During your ten minute session Sherrill will perform a series of massage and acupressure points to your back, shoulders, neck, head, arms and hands (depending on what is accessible). The pressure used will be to your comfort level. You remain fully clothed during your ten minute session. You can choose to sit in a massage or office chair. Each session is at an introductory price of \$8.

call for an appointment!

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

Homeowners and renters including households whose cost of heat is included in the rent can apply - eligibility is based on household size and the gross annual income of every household member 18 years of age or older. A single person with a gross income below \$42,411 or a two-person household with a gross income below \$55,461 can apply.



SMLD Medical Priority List

Do you use life-support equipment? Sterling Municipal Light Dept maintains a list of people who, for medical reasons, are given priority for service restoration. The list is updated regularly to enable the SMLD to better assist those most in need. Call the SMLD office at 978-422-8267 for more information and to sign up.

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Financial Assistance Fund for Sterling Residents in Need

Established to help Sterling residents during difficult economic times, the Fund is intended to assist individuals and families in Sterling who have demonstrated financial need with payments toward housing, food, utilities, clothing and other essential living costs.

Apply

Forms available at Town Hall or at Donate https://tinvurl.com/3upmhn2w For more information contact patrickfox1973@gmail.com or 774-275-1174

Make checks payable to Sterling Neighbor to Neighbor Fund and mail to Neighbor to Neighbor, PO Box 173, Sterling MA 01564 Or Round Up your electric bill call SMLD at 978-422-8267 for info.

	AND AWAY WE GO TRAVEL 2023 Trip List For age 50+ travelers			
Sat, Mar 11	St. Patrick's Day at Nellie's Journey to the Irish Catskill Mountains and the town of East Durham, home of Nellie's Irish Pub to enjoy lunch, Irish music and shopping at Nellies in-house bakery. Maybe time for shopping in Durham too!	\$129 pp		
Sat, May 6	"Downton Abbey" Tea, Manners and Treats for Mother's Day Travel to the historic Silver Fountain Inn & Carriage House an 1870s Victorian inn in Dover, NH. Stops at Pig's Fly Bakery in Kittery, Maine, and Stonewall Kitchen in York, Maine.	\$135 pp		
Sep 29-Oct 6	America's Music Cities - Nashville, Memphis and New Orleans. Enjoy the Country Music Hall of Fame, Grand Ole Opry, Studio B, Graceland, Stax, Delta Blues and BB King Museums, scenic tours and much more. Early booking \$100 saving. Call Fred Clark at 509-421-6882 for all information on this trip.	Call for pricing		
<u>Contact</u> : Gladys Merrow 508-835-4312 or 508-612-5312 <u>andawaywegotravel.gem@gmail.com</u> Signed COVID waiver and proof of vaccination required. All trips include gratuity for driver & escort. Cancelation waiver included — you will receive refund, minus \$5 fee. If trip includes theater ticket, refund will also be minus cost of ticket up to 10 days prior to trip. After that, refund only if your seat can be filled.				



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