# Sterling Newsletter

# Connecting with each other & our community

January 2023

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



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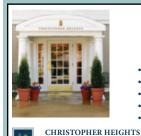
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Game Day
with
Chocksett
Peer Leaders

Wednesday, January 4th - 11:00am
Join Chocksett peer leaders for a half
hour of fun games.

Pool, board & Wii games and more! Sign up soon! 978-422-3032





with
Arizona Doug
Friday
January 13
1:00pm

Enjoy a musical concert with local musician Doug Urquhart, singer/guitarist, as he journeys through the decades of the 1940s to 1970s. You will be entertained with a variety of music from Frank Sinatra, Elvis, The Beatles, and more!

# Understanding Streaming TV Thursday January 12th, 9:30am

With new fiber optic Internet in Sterling, your options for TV have improved, and you may be wondering what it means to stream channels. Join us, and learn how you can customize your TV experience and save money.

Kalyn Stapel, SMLD Customer Service Rep, will demonstrate streaming TV and will discuss options available to Sterling residents.

Bill Underhill, Network Coordinator at SMLD, will update the status and availability of the fiber optic Internet, and answer any technical questions.





The Evening Dinner Committee

presents a



January 19th, 5:30pm Tickets available at Senior Center 978-422-3032

· Ham · Baked Beans · Cole Slaw · Brown Bread · Dessert ·



SPECIAL EVENTS  Jan 2 CLOSED New Year's Day (observed)  Jan 4 11:00 am Game Day with Chocksett Peer Leaders  Jan 10 12-1:30 pm Indoor Mobile Market (monthly, second Tuesday)  Jan 10 6:00-8:00 pm Artist Reception  Jan 13 1:00 pm Music of the Decades with Arizona Doug  Jan 16 CLOSED Martin Luther King Day  Jan 19 5:30 pm Evening Dinner Tickets \$5  Jan 20 1:00 pm Make & Take Love Bugs with Laura - Registration Required \$5  Jan 24 12-1:30 pm Fat Daddy's Farmer Market  Jan 27 7:30-9:00 am Pancake Breakfast  Jan 30 12:00 pm Birthday Cake  ONGOING - see calendar for exercise programs  Jan 3 by appointment SHINE counseling  Jan 3 9:00 am Open Coloring (weekly on Tuesdays)  Jan 4 12:30 pm Rummikub (weekly on Wednesdays, sign-up)  Jan 4 1:00 pm Wii Bowling (weekly on Wednesdays)  Jan 4 1:00 pm Wii Bowling (weekly on Wednesdays)  Jan 5 8am-4pm Bread Pickup (weekly on Thursdays)
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Jan 5 1:00 pm Acrylic Painting \$5 (weekly on Thursdays)
Jan 5 1:00 pm Beginner Ukulele (weekly on Thursdays, sign-up required)
Jan 5 2:00 pm Ukulele Club (weekly on Thursdays)
Jan 5 2:00 pm Mahjong (weekly on Thursdays)
Jan 6 8:00 am-noon Veterans Services Office
Jan 6 9:30 am Knitting Club (weekly on Fridays)
Jan 7 6:30 pm Grange Pitch Party
Jan 9 1:00 pm BINGO (weekly on Mondays)
Jan 9,23 3:00 pm Ukulele Open Strumming (second & fourth Mondays)
Jan 9 5:00 pm Meditation (weekly on Mondays, \$5)
Jan 12 9:30 am <b>Dull Men's Club</b> (second Thursday of month)
Jan 17 11:30 am State Office Hours (third Tuesday of month)
Jan 18 12:30 pm Book Club Into the Abyss
Jan 20,21 9-11:00 am Food Pantry
WELLNESS
Jan 6 10:00 am Going Steady (weekly on Fridays)
Jan 6 1:00-2:00 pm Caregiver Program registration suggested
Jan 10 9:30-11:30 am Well Clinic sponsored by VNA Care
Jan 11,25 12:30-2:30 pm Chair Massage by appointment only
Jan 11,25 3:30-5:00 pm Parkinson's Support (second and fourth Wednesdays)
Jan 12,26 by appointment Foot Clinic \$45 to FC Nurse
Jan 19 9:30 am Caregiver Yoga registration suggested



# CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Friday January 6th, 1:00-2:00pm

Still a peer directed support meeting facilitated by Eileen Brooks from Sterling Village, the program will include a directed activity for your loved one.



We will run a supervised activity for your loved one as you attend the support group. January activity is an art project with Andrea Driscoll.

Every first Friday of the month!

Registration Suggested 978-422-3032



The Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period occurs each year from January 1 through March 31, and it is only available to people who are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan as of January 1st, 2023. 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 you doctors no longer accepts your plan. Call for assistance!

# **KEEP WELL CLINIC**

January 10th 9:30-11:30 am with Amy from VNA Care



Need a BP check? On a new medication? Have a new diagnosis? Interested in discussing diet. exercise or supplements?

Call 978-422-3032 to make a reservation



A caregiver may give ANY KIND of physical, emotional or social support to another person. That probably means you!

# Holistic Self-Care



for those on a journey in the caregiving process or in need of bereavement support

an 19th at 9:30am and every third Thursday

# parkinson's

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00pm

January 11 & 25 In person support with Zoom option

Please contact Joe at 508-335-0672 or northworcparkies@yahoo.com



# oot Clinic **Footcare By Nurses**

Appointments at the Senior Center with Moira, RN. Call 978-422-3032 to schedule your clinic visit for \$45 on Jan 12 & 26 and Feb 9 & 23.



Meet reps from the offices of Senator Gobi and Representative Kilcovne Jan 17, 11:30am-12:30pm at Sterling Senior Center.



If you need help outside of these times, please call Veterans'

Fridays 8:00am-noon at the Senior Center 978-534-7538

**Services** 

	JANU	JARY CALENDAR	~	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HAPPY NEW YEAR HAPPY NEW YEAR HAPPY NEW YEAR	8:15 Pilates 9:00 Open Coloring 9:30 SHINE 9:30 Line Dancing 11:30 Cranberry Chicken Salad 1:00 Game Day	9:30 Chair Yoga 11:00 Peer Leaders Game Day 11:30 Lentil Soup 12:30 Rummikub 1:00 Van shopping trip 1:00 Wii Bowling 4:00 Pickleball	5 8 - 4 Bread Pickup 9:30 History Club 11:30 Chicken Cordon Royale 1:00 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Beginner Ukulele 2:00 Ukulele Club 2:00 Mahjong	8:00 VSO Hours 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Caregiver Program
8:00 Muffin Monday 8:30 Tai Chi 11:30 Shepherd's Pie 1:00 Bingo 3:00 Open Strumming 4:00 Pickleball 5:00 Meditation	8:15 Pilates 9:00 Open Coloring 9:30 Well Clinic 9:30 Line Dancing 11:30 Pulled Pork 12:00 Mobile Market 1:00 Game Day 6:00-8:00 Artist Reception	9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Butternut Squash Soup 12:30 Rummikub 12:30 Chair Massage 1:00 Van shopping trip 1:00 Wii Bowling 3:30 Parkinson Support 4:00 Pickleball	8 - 4 Bread Pickup 8:30-2:30 Foot Clinic 9:30 Dull Men's Club 11:30 Fish Dinner 1:00 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Beginner Ukulele 2:00 Ukulele Club 2:00 Mahjong 5:30 COA Board Mtg	8:00 VSO Hours 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Music of the Decades
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\$2 Zoom		1/11 Target	9:30 Line Dancing	11:30 Pork Tenderloin   9:30 Line Dancing
\$5 In Person		1/4 Walmart, Leom	9:00 Open Coloring	8:30 Tai Chi
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		4:00 Pickleball		
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	2:00 Ukulele Club	1:00 Van shopping trip	1:00 Game Day	3:00 Open Strumming   1:00 Game Day
10:00 Going Steady	1:00 Beginner Ukulele   10:00 Going Steady	12:30 Chair Massage	12:00 Fat Daddy's Market	1:00 Bingo



Financial Assistance Fund for Sterling Residents in Need

Forms available at Town Hall or at https://tinyurl.com/3upmhn2w
For more information contact patrickfox1973@gmail.com
or 774-275-1174
or call SSC Outreach on 978-422-3032 for more information

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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. Call SSC Outreach on 978-422-3032 for

Medical Priority List

Sterling Municipal Light Dept maintains a list of people who, for medical reasons, are given priority for service restoration.
Call the SMLD office at

information and to sign up.

978-422-8267 for more

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

further information and application assistance.

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MONDAYS AT 8:30AM WITH SIFU GEORGE

CALL US AT 978-422-3032 TO JOIN!



# HISTORY CLUB

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Thursday, January 5 at 9:30am
Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, a
Daring Escape, and the making of
Winston Churchill by Candice Mallard

A thrilling narrative of Winston Churchill's extraordinary and little-known exploits during the Boer War. An epic story of bravery, savagery and chance encounters with a cast of historical characters. But *Hero of the Empire* is more than an adventure story, for the lessons Churchill took from the Boer War would profoundly affect 20th century history.

Feb 2: The War that made America by Fred Anderson



Tuesdays 8:15am \$5

Chair and Mat combined class Registration Required



# OPEN COLORING

TUESDAYS
9-10AM
BRING YOUR OWN,
OR SUPPLIES
AVAILABLE



Acrylic Painting Thursdays 1:00pm

\$5 New Members Welcome



Mondays at 1pm Cards \$1 each

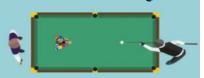




Pool Players Wanted!

Tables available all day.

Bring your friends to play!



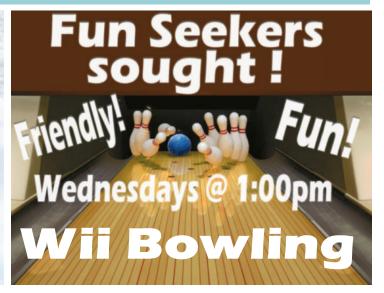
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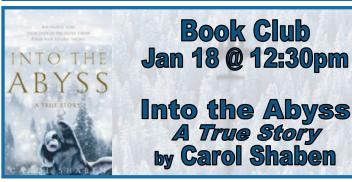
If schools in the Wachusett Regional School District (WRSD) are closed for the day, there will be no programming (including meals programs) at the Senior Center for the day.

For delayed openings, 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.





Knit Fridays @ 9:30

Cozies aren't just for teapots!

Bring your Knit, crochet, macramé or craft

# **GAME DAY TUESDAYS**



DOMINOES CRIBBAGE PITCH



12:30 12:30 1:00

project.





Pete Cummings offers tech help on Tuesdays. Call us to set up an appointment.

# Pancake Breakfast



Friday January 27 7:30-9:00am

> Guest Servers: Sean Gaudette, Sterling Police Chief Dawn Metcalfe, Sterling Police Dept

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 New Year Resolution?



Make and keep a promise to yourself to improve your health and wellbeing.

Join us in January at a new time and at no charge.

Open to All Ages

Mindful Meditation Mondays at 5:00pm

Beginner Thu 1-1:45pm

Strumming 2nd & 4th Mon 3-4pm

Ukulele Club Thu 2-3pm

Intro Offer \$8

Therapeutic Chair Massage Jan 11th & 25th Feb 8th & 22nd 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). Each session is at an introductory \$8 price.

call for an appointment!

# PITCH PARTY!



Wachusett Area Rotary Club's complimentary



Sunday February 12th 1-2pm Pick-up at Sterling Senior Center All meal reservations are required through Sterling Senior Center at 978-422-3032 by Friday, January 27th. CALL EARLY - meals are limited

Dinners prepared by The Manor Restaurant



Tuesday, Jan 10 12-1:30pm

Mobile Market the Senior Center inside at

If you are interested in home delivery of fresh veggies this winter, contact Growing Places at 978-598-3723 or e-mail audrey@growingplaces.org

Eligible for SNAP and HIP benefits



# Fat Daddy's Mobile Food Market

Tue, January 24 12-1:30pm Hydroponic greens, lettuces, fresh herbs, tomatoes, cheeses, cider, honey & more. Support local farmers!



Wachusett Food Pantry 50 Worcester Rd, Sterling

Seniors: All:

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Sid Solomon, Ralph Caputo, Linda Johnson and Denis Coughlin

Welcome to the passionate world of pastels. Sid, Ralph, Linda and Denis are acclaimed local artists. Their exhibited work demonstrates the vibrancy of this medium through a variety of subject matter from portraits to landscapes to much more. They bring their own unique talents demonstrating the broad scope of possibilities of pastels.

Each of these artists has been honored for their works in other mediums as well, including oils and watercolors.

The exhibition will run January through February.