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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



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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JANUARY HAPPENINGS



ART RECEPTION "FRIDAY DATES AND OTHER PLACES"

Tue, January 9th 6:00-7:30pm

MAURICE IORIO

After retiring in 2012, I joined a painting class hosted by my wife Linda, and I fell in love with painting what I saw. My art motto is "If I like it, I will paint it" - and my paintings reflect that feeling.

I sold my first painting in 2021 - that joy is up there with getting promoted or winning the lottery! Linda and I continue to paint at SSC.

LINDA IORIO

Returning from Europe with husband Maurice on a four-

year military tour, I had a chance to learn oil painting, recalling the amazing art we'd seen in Europe.

Fort Dix had an Arts & Craft Center, and when we transferred to Fort Devens I took all the classes at Fitchburg High and FSU !

In 2005, I joined SSC and had the opportunity to study and paint with wonderful Howard Besnia.

BILL MCCARTHY

Fri, January 19 at 1:00pm

Catch Bill playing a large variety of classic and contemporary acoustic and *not-so-acoustic* rock & pop!

Bill has fronted bands on Cape Cod and in Worcester since the 1970s, and is also a popular solo-acoustic performer in-and-around Worcester County, Boston Metro West, East Boston and Cape Cod.

Wachusett Area Rotary Club's complimentary



SENIOR VALENTINE BREAKFAST

Saturday February 10th, 8:00-10:00am at The Manor Restaurant, 42 W. Boylston St. Sterling & Princeton seniors sign up at Sterling Senior Center, 978-422-3032 by Wednesday, January 31st *CALL EARLY – space is limited* "Serving is the Heart of Rotary"

Growth in Sterling with Chief Gaudette, Sterling Police

Thu Jan 11 9:30am

Join Chief Gaudette and Detective Chase as they discuss the growth of the Sterling Police Department and their five-year plan as the town of Sterling also grows.

There will be an open Q&A session at the end of the presentation.



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



will be performing at the Townsend Senior Center January 11th at 1:00pm Everyone Welcome !



4 January UPCOMING PROGRAMS						
Jan		SPECIAL EVENTS				
Jan 1	CLOSED	Closed in observance of New Year Day				
Jan 9	12:00-1:00 pm	Mobile Market (monthly, second Tuesday) ** NEW TIME **				
Jan 9	6:00-7:30 pm	Art Reception with Linda & Maurice Iorio				
Jan 11	1:00 pm	Sterling Strummers at Townsend Senior Center				
Jan 15	CLOSED	Closed in observation of Martin Luther King Jr Day				
Jan 18	6:30 pm	Comedy Night \$5 tickets at SSC Reception				
Jan 19	1:00 pm	Bill McCarthy music program				
Jan 26	7:30-9:00 am	Pancake Breakfast / Fat Daddy's / Coffee with a Cop				
Jan 29	12:00 pm	Birthday Cake for all January birthdays!				
		IG - see calendar for exercise programs				
Jan 2	8:00 am	POOL all day every day!				
Jan 2	by appointment	-				
Jan 2	1:00 pm	Game Day (weekly on Tuesdays)				
Jan 3	12:30 pm	Rummikub (weekly on Wednesdays)				
Jan 3	1:00 pm	Van Shopping Trip (weekly on Wednesdays, sign-up required)				
Jan 3	1:00 pm	Wii Bowling (weekly on Wednesdays)				
Jan 4	8am-4pm	Bread Pickup (weekly on Thursdays)				
Jan 4	9:30 am	History Club (first Thursday of month)				
Jan 4	12:30 pm	Acrylic Painting \$5 (weekly on Thursdays) **NEW TIME **				
Jan 4	1:00 pm	Mahjong (weekly on Thursdays)				
Jan 4	1:00 pm	Beginner Ukulele (weekly on Thursdays)				
Jan 4	2:00 pm	Ukulele Club (weekly on Thursdays)				
Jan 5	9:00 am-noon	Ladies' Pool (weekly on Fridays)				
Jan 5	8:00 am-noon	Veterans Services Office (weekly on Fridays)				
Jan 5	9:30 am	Knitting Club (weekly on Fridays)				
Jan 6	6:30 pm	Pitch Party sponsored by Sterling Grange				
Jan 8	1:00 pm	BINGO (weekly on Mondays)				
Jan 8	5:00 pm	Meditation \$5 (weekly on Mondays)				
Jan 8,22	2:00 pm	Ukulele - Men's Open Strumming				
Jan 8,22	3:00 pm	Ukulele - Open Strumming				
Jan 11	9:30 am	Dull Men's Club (second Thursday of month)				
Jan 16	11:30 am	State Office Hours (third Tuesday of month)				
Jan 17	12:30 pm	Book Club The Girls in the Blue Coats				
Jan 19,20	9-11:00 am	Food Pantry WELLNESS				
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Jan 5	10:00 am	Going Steady (weekly on Fridays)				
Jan 5 Jan 8	1:00-2:00 pm 10:00 am	Caregiver Program registration suggested Guys & Gals Fitness with Marty (weekly on Mondays)				
Jan 9 Jan 10	9:30-11:30 am	Keep Well Clinic with Nurse Lenny				
Jan 10 Jan 10 24	12:30-2:30 pm	Chair Massage by appointment only Parkinson's Support (second and fourth Wednesdays)				
Jan 10,24 Jan 11,25	3:30-5:00 pm	Parkinson's Support (second and fourth Wednesdays) Foot Clinic \$45 to FC Nurse				
Jan 11,25 Jan 25	by appointment 9:30 am					
Jan 20	3.30 gill	Holistic Yoga (fourth Thursday in January)				

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).

- Senior and Surviving Spouse exemptions required you be age 70 by July 1, own & occupy your home for at least 5 years. There are income & asset limits.
- Blind Exemption must present a certificate from the Division of the Blind with the July 1 qualification date.
- There are various Veterans' Exemptions a disability certificate must be provided from VA with your DD214. The Veterans are the only group allowed more than one exemption. 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 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.

CORRECTION: A single person with gross income below \$45,392 or a two-person household with gross income below \$59.359 can apply.

For more information including eligibility status, or if you need help completing the application, contact our Outreach staff.



CAREGIVER PROGRAM Fri Jan 5, 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 Representative Meghan Kilcoyne

STATE OFFICE Hours January 16, 11:30-12:30 at Sterling Senior Center

Jan 9th KEEP WELL CLINIC 9:30-11:30



 Appointments and walk-ins Now offering blood sugar tests Call us to make an appointment 978-422-3032



Fridays 8:00am-noon at the Senior Center If you need help outside of

these times, please call 978-534-7538



January 10 & 24 3:30 - 5:00pm In person support with Zoom option Please contact Joe at 508-335-0672 or northworcparkies@vahoo.com



Our Foot Clinic is extremely popular! New client signup for Sterling residents only. All others please call FBN 978-296-8449.



	JAN	IUARY CALENDAR	AR	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A HAPPY NEW YEAR	8:15 Pilates 9:30 SHINE 9:30 Line Dancing 11:30 Ham Dinner 1:00 Game Day	9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 General Tso Chicken 12:30 Rummikub 1:00 Van shopping trip 1:00 Wii Bowling 4:00 Pickleball	4 8 - 4 Bread Pickup 9:30 History Club 9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Hashbrown Breakfast Casserole 12:30 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Mahjong 1:00 Beginner Uke 2:00 Ukulele Club	5 8:00 VSO Hours 9:00 Ladies' Pool 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Caregiver Program
8 8:00 Muffin Monday 8:30 Tai Chi 10:00 Fitness 11:30 Beef Stroganoff 1:00 Bingo 2:00 Men's Strumming 3:00 Open Strumming 4:00 Pickleball 5:00 Meditation	9 8:15 Pilates 9:30 Keep Well Clinic 9:30 Line Dancing 11:30 Four Cheese Manicotti 12:00 Mobile Market 1:00 Game Day 6:00-7:30 Art Reception	 10 9:30 Chair Yoga 9:30 Chicken & 11:30 Chicken & 12:30 Rummikub 12:30 Chair Massage 12:30 Chair Massage 12:30 Chair Massage 12:30 Parkinson Support 4:00 Pickleball 	11 8 - 4 Bread Pickup 8:30-2:30 Foot Clinic 9:30 Dull Men's Club 11:30 Fish Chowder 12:30 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Mahjong 1:00 Beginner Uke 2:00 Ukulele Club 5:30 COA Board Mtg	8:00 VSO Hours 9:00 Ladies' Pool 9:30 Knit Happens 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord
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ONGOING PROGRAMS



MORE FUN & OTHER INFO

Need Transportation?

Our SSC vans are available Mon-Fri 8am to 4pm for the over-60 and the disabled populations. Call Mon-Fri 8:00am-11:00am at 978-422-3032

to reserve a ride.

In addition, consider Mart Connects. Mart is open 5:30am-10:00pm daily for your evening and weekend rides and is available for all ages.

Call MART Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm at 1-800-922-5636 Option 3. Rides must be booked at least one day in advance by 2pm.

Remember to sign up online for

CODERED messages at www.sterling-

ma.gov, scroll to the bottom of any page and click the CODERED link for

the Notification Enrollment page.

Sterling Fire Department on 978-

call Emily, admin assistant at

Center for assistance on

422-8107.

978-422-3032.

Those in need of assistance should

You may also call Clare at the Senior

Mart One way cost 1-10 miles \$3 11-15 miles \$4 16-20 miles \$5

Snow Policy

If Wachusett (WRSD) schools are closed for the day, there will be no programming (including meals) at the Center.

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.



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Fat Daddy's Mobile Market January 26th, 7:30-9:00 am

Hydroponic greens, lettuces, herbs, tomatoes, cheeses, cider, honey, more.

that, refund only if your seat can be filled.



Wachusett Food Pantry 50 Worcester Rd, Sterling Seniors: Fri Jan 19, 9-11 am All: Sat Jan 20, 9-11 am Call Outreach for assistance

AWAY WE TRAVEL AND GO 2024 Trip List For age 50+ travelers

Pre-Valentine's Art & Wine Tour to the Addison Gallery of American art in Andover. Sat Feb 10 \$139 NH, then food and wine tasting at Fulchino Vineyards in Hollis, NH. Crafts and Cruise A visit to Mount Sunapee for the annual Craftsman's Fair, then Sat Aug 10 board the MV Lake Queen for a two-hour cruise around Lake Sunapee, including a \$149 buffet lunch. Contact: Gladys Merrow 508-835-4312 or 508-612-5312 andawaywegotravel.gem@gmail.com All trips include gratuity for driver & escort. Cancellation 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

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