#### News and Happenings at the Townsend Senior Center

# Silver Threads April 2024



Happy Spring! It's my favorite time of the year! I look forward to lighter, warmer days, taking more walks and seeing all the flowers blooming.

With the warmer weather remember that we have outdoor games that can be used during senior center open hours. We have cornhole, badminton and horseshoes that can easily be set up outside on the patio. Please call the senior center to reserve a game.



We are changing the van schedule to better accommodate riders beginning on April 1st by moving our Pepperell trips from Wednesday to Monday. Also, please try to plan your medical appointments and errands according to the daily schedule. See the back page for the new van schedule.



Help us welcome our new Transportation Administrator, Lori Alaimo. Lori lives in Townsend, has 2 daughters and a chihuahua named Cali. She is excited to work with the senior population and we are very happy to have her on our team!

Don't forget!!! Advance registration is required for all programs.

You can register at myactivecenter.com. Or you can call us at 978-597-1710, Option 0. Thank you!

Elise Johnson, Director
Greg Smith, Assistant Director
Jeanne Urda, Program Coordinator & Outreach
Janet Cote, Assistant Program Coordinator
Donna Fenton, Kitchen Manager & Volunteer Coordinator
Gail Gray, Chef
Lorraine Farmer, Senior Meals Associate
Lori Alaimo, Transportation Administrator
Drivers: Steve Bourdon, Peter Buxton, John Corwin, Lorraine Farmer

Townsend Senior Center Hours
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 9am-4pm
Wednesday: 9am-8pm; Friday: 9am-3pm
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# Fitness and Exercise RSVP required for ALL programs - 978-597-1710

#### Move your body with Carin:

Hybrid Yoga; \$5 per class

Mondays at 11:00am and Wednesdays at 3:30pm

Osteo Movement; \$5 per class

Mondays at 2pm and Thursdays at 1:30pm This class focuses on balance, weight bearing exercises using hand weights -Bring a mat and walking stick.

#### Learn to Tap Dance; \$5 per class

Mondays at 1pm, Beginners Thursdays at 10am You can't help but feel joyful learning this dance style! Tap shoes helpful but not required; we can loan some..

#### Fit & Fabulous; \$5 per class

Thursdays at 9am

This class is designed to increase flexibility, joint stability, balance, coordination, agility, muscular strength and cardiovascular endurance.

Beginner Yoga; \$5 per class

Fridays at 9:30am

#### Free Yoga with Kris and Friends

Wednesdays at 6pm

#### **DVD Chair Exercise—Free**

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:30am

#### Walking Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am Weather permitting.

Line Dancing; \$5 per class

Tuesdays at 1:30pm (except 4/16)

#### Tai Chi; \$5 per class

Thursdays at 10am, Wednesdays at 6:30pm Through the slow gentle movements of Tai Chi, you can have better physical, mental & spiritual balance.

Zumba with Nee; \$5 per class

Tuesdays at 9:00am, Fridays at 9:30am (except April 16th & 19th)

# For Your Health RSVP required for ALL programs - 978-597-1710



#### Massage with Morningstar:

By appointment. See Front Desk for March schedule. \$45/50mins.



offers podiatry services, \$50 as of 1/1/2024 Thursday, April 11th from 12pm to 4pm, Friday, April 19th from 12pm to 3pm. Call 978-597-1710 for an appointment.



#### Wellness Clinic

3rd Wednesday of the month @ 12:30-2:30 BP screening, glucose check, etc.



#### **Diabetes Support**

Thursday, April 18th @ 11am What are my Blood Sugar Goals? How to prevent the lows and highs.



#### **Hearing Clinic**

3rd Wednesday of the month @ 10am

#### **Healthy Living**

Wednesday, April 3rd @ 11am Review of the Food Label– What should I focus on?

#### Women's Meditation

Fridays at 11am (except April 26th)

#### Membership at the YMCA!

Meet at the Fitchburg "Y"! Call for more information.

#### **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Reach your weight-loss goals by getting the tools, information and support you need to succeed.

#### **Medicare Consultation**

Wednesdays, April 3rd, 10th and 17th from 2pm-6pm Call for an appointment.

Appointments available with a consultant from SHINE, Integrity Medicare Advisors, Inc or Blue Cross Blue Shield Medicare Outreach

# Grief Support Group with Karen Campbell

4th Monday of the month (April 22nd) @ 2:30pm

Are you grieving? Lonely?

Please join us for free adult bereavement support offered by Nashoba Nursing Service and Nashoba Associated Boards of Health.

Call 978-597-1710 and reserve your seat.

Funded by CHNA9, Haley Cremer Foundation and the Community Foundation of North Central MA

# **Technology Help**

Do you have a phone or tablet and need help? Learn to use popular programs including PayPal, Gmail, Facebook

Thursdays, April 4th & 18th @ 1pm Call 978-597-1710 to make an appointment. No charge.

#### **ARTS AND CRAFTS** Registration required for **ALL** programs - 978-597-1710



#### **Knotty Knitters**

Mondays at 12:30pm Knit or crochet with other beginners or get help from those who are more experienced.

#### Watercolor with Sue!

Wednesdays at 10am \$20 per month.
Limit of 16 students per class.

#### **Warped Weavers**

Fridays at 9am
Drop in to start a new project or to finish your project. \$5 per project.

#### **Wood Carving**

Thursdays, 9:30am-11am
Experienced carvers and beginners

Cookie Decorating with Mary Thursday, April 18th @ 1pm \$5 for 3 large cookies.



#### **Felting**

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:30am Choose one of these flowers to practice color blending and shading. \$5 materials fee.



#### **Ouazy Ouilters**

Tuesdays, and 1st, & 3rd Wednesdays at 9am. Work on your latest project, or use our supplies to create something new!



#### Crafting with Angela

April 16th and April 30th at 1pm Create with clay. Design, mold and paint your creation in this two part class. \$10 material fee.



#### **Alcohol Ink Jewelry**

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1pm Limited to 12 Students. Cost is \$12

#### For Fun Registration required for ALL programs - 978-597-1710

#### **Women's Conversation**

First & Third Tuesdays at 11am

#### Trivia

First & Third Tuesdays at 12:30pm

#### 3 Chord Strum Band

Tuesdays at 10:00am Open to all! For acoustic instruments only.

#### **Novel-Tea Book Club for Seniors**

Friday, April 19th @ 10:30 "The Tobacco Wives" by Adele Myers: Tea is Ginger Pear Spice. Pick up the book at the library.

#### Bingo

Wednesdays at 1pm Cost: \$5.00; limit 4 cards.

## **Hope Community Chorus**

Mondays at 10am

#### Genealogy with Dwight Fitch

Friday, 4/12 at 10:30am
Trace your ancestry and find out where your family tree has roots.



# TRIVIA











#### **Cornhole or Ping Pong**

Fridays at 1:00 (except 4/19)
Join us for a game! Bring a friend!

#### Women's Music Workshop

Fridays at 1:00
Explore various aspects of music.

#### **Mexican Train Dominoes**

Tuesdays at 10:30am

#### Table Shuffleboard

Wednesdays at 1pm

#### Rummikub

Mondays at 1pm

#### Wii Bowling

Mondays at 1 pm

#### Cribbage

Thursdays at 1pm, except...
Tournament on 4/18 at 9am

# TED Talks with Elise Johnson

Thursday, April 4th at 1 pm This month's topic: Maira Kalman: How to find humor in life's absurdity













AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Call the senior center to sign up for free tax preparation service, including electronic filing of returns.

Massachusetts residents will be able to get their taxes done for free.

#### Every Tuesday February 6th- April 2nd

Pick up a packet at the front desk to fill out **PRIOR** to your appointment.

Feb. Cribbage Winners!

**High Score:** Betsy Glow and Helen Roy-726 points **High Hand, 18 points:** 

Betsy Glow and Helen Lee

# YMCA Membership

Enjoy a free 1 year membership to the Montachusett Community Branch of the

#### **YMCA**

located at 55 Wallace Avenue, Fitchburg, MA

Swim in the pool, take classes, work out in the gym. All included in this membership.

We have a limited number of passes.

Call the Senior Center today to reserve your pass.



#### Galloping Gourmet Bamboo Restaurant Westford, MA

Wednesday, April 24th Van leaves @ 4:15pm



Cost is \$5 for the van ride plus price of the meal.

Registration Required.

## Meet with Veteran Service Officer Natalie Call Thursday, April 18th @ 10am

Natalie can help eligible veterans and their dependents find essential services. Call the Senior Center to make an appointment at 978-597-1710



#### Learn to Play the Ukulele Mondays @ 9:30am

Bring your own ukulele and music stand. In this class you will learn basic chords and to play a song.



Please register in advance.

#### **Fabulous Felt Art Exhibit**

Visit the Meeting Hall to see the BEAUTIFUL felt pieces made by the Townsend Senior Center Felting Class.

Contact the artist if interested in purchasing a piece of art. Items purchased can be picked up at the end of the show.

If you enjoy the exhibit consider joining the felt classes on Tuesday mornings.







# Spring Cookie Decorating with Mary Schwartz

Thursday, April 18th @ 1pm

\$5 material fee payable to the instructor.



Please register in advance.

#### **Attention Gardeners**

We are looking for help cleaning up our Memorial Daffodil Garden. If interested please inquire at the front desk.

#### **Meals With Friends**

Made possible by the Friends of the Townsend Seniors

# RESERVATIONS REQUIRED 24 hours in advance Cost \$4.00

Friends of the Tannsend Scott

All onsite meals are prepared by Gail and the Kitchen Staff
Meals subject to change without notice

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
4/1: Breakfast @9:30am	4/2: Soup & Salad	4/3: Bacon Mac & Cheese Side Salad	4/4: Baked Ham, Rice Pilaf, Vegetable, Roll	4/5: Chef's Choice	
4/8: Breakfast @9:30am	4/9: Soup & Salad	4/10: Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole, Vegetable, Roll	4/11: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Roll	4/12: Chef's Choice	
4/15: Closed For President's Day	4/16: NO LUNCH TODAY	4/17: Hot Dogs, Roll, Baked Beans, Coleslaw	4/18: Chicken Parmesan, Vegetable, Garlic Bread	4/19: Chef's Choice	
4/22: Breakfast @9:30am	4/23: Soup & Salad	4/24: Beef Taco Boats, all the fixings	4/25: Kielbasa, Potato, Vegetables Roll	4/26: NO LUNCH TODAY	
4/29: Breakfast @9:30am	4/30: Soup & Salad				

#### A note from the kitchen:

There is a minimum of 5 people for meals. If we don't meet this requirement, the meal will be canceled and you will be notified.

Mondays: Breakfast will be served at 9:30am instead of lunch. Fridays: Lunch will be Chef's Choice.

Kitchen needs: Paper Towels, Chicken/Beef Stock

## **Movie Matinees for April**

**April 5th** "Breakfast at Tiffany's" (Musical) A young woman in New York meets a young man when he moves into her apartment building.

**April 12th** "Barbie" When Barbie and Ken join the real world they discover the joys and perils of living among humans.

**April 19th** "The Holdovers" Set in the winter of 1970-1971, a New England prepschool teacher and a cook form an unlikely bond with a troublesome student who is left at the school during Christmas Break.

No Movie Matinee on April 26th

# Movie begins at 12:30 pm

Sign up 24 hours in advance to reserve a spot.

Free popcorn!

#### Meals on Wheels

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Call: 978-345-8501 Ext. 5 to register

Hot meal includes:

Entree, Bread, Fruit, Milk

Meals Delivered Monday & Wednesday each week between 11am –12:30pm.

Someone must be home to receive the meal.

## **Important Phone Numbers**

Elder Abuse Hotline: (800) 922-2275

Executive Office of Elder Affairs: (617) 727-7750

Fuel Assistance: (978) 342-4520 Aging Services: (978) 537-7411

Nashoba Nursing Service: (978) 425-6675 Townsend Ecumenical Outreach (Food Pantry):

(978) 877-6002

Please let us know if you are living alone and would like a weekly phone call to check in on you.

# ROAD RUNNER AND WILE E. COYOTE BUS SCHEDULE

#### RESERVATION MUST BE MADE AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE DURING OPEN BUSINESS HOURS

TOWNSEND RESIDENTS ONLY

Schedule all appointments by calling 978-597-1730.

ALL stops must be scheduled. Up to two stops are included in your fare.

#### **DESTINATIONS:**

- Medical: Doctors, Dentists, Therapies, Lab work, etc.
- Errands: Shopping, Post Office, Banks, Employment, etc.

#### **FARES (One Way):**

- Within Townsend: \$1.25; Outside Townsend: \$1.75
- Discounted rate for Atwood Acres/Townsend Woods to the Senior Center (roundtrip): 509

# Buy a Bus Card and Save! 10 rides 522.50 (In Town)

# Please plan your appointments according to the van schedule

**NEW Road Runner and Wile E Covote Bus Schedule** 

Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday		Friday
Townsend & Pepperell Errands & Medical	Leominster, Lunenburg & Fitchburg Errands	Leominster & Fitchburg Medical	<b>Townsend</b> Errands & Medical	<b>Townsend</b> Errands	Groton & Ayer Medical	*Rotating Locations Errands See schedule Below
Roadrunner &			Wednesdays 3:00-8:00 PM	Rotating Locations: Fridays  Apr. 5: Lunenburg Walmart/Market Bask		



Wyle E. Coyote

By Appointment

Apr. 12: Watertower Plaza Leominster

Apr. 19: Lunenburg Walmart/Market Basket

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Apr. 26: Rt 101A area/Market Basket

## Bus Trip to see Jersey Boys at the Winnipesaukee Playhouse!!! Tuesday, June 25th

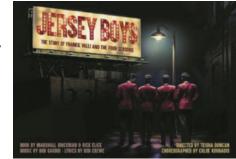
The Friends of the Townsend Seniors have planned a great way to spend a summer day. A trip to Lake Winnipesaukee including a visit to the beautiful Mills Falls Marketplace and a performance of the Jersey Boys at the Winnipesaukee Playhouse.

A Wilson Coach Bus will leave the Senior Center at 9:30am and arrive at Mills Falls Marketplace at 11:15am. Lunch is not included. You can enjoy lunch on your own in a quaint lakefront dining area, explore the public dock, and shop at the boutiques. At 1:15pm, reboard the bus for the short drive to the playhouse for a 2:00pm show. The bus will depart the playhouse around 5:15pm and return to the Townsend Senior Center at approximately 7:00pm.

The cost of the trip is \$65 per person. We ask that you pay in advance when you sign up at the front desk. Checks can be made out to *The Friends* of the Townsend Seniors. The trip is non-refundable unless it is canceled. Last day to sign up is June 7th.

Members of the Friends of the Townsend Seniors get 1st priority. Consider joining the Friends today to ger 1st access for this and other upcoming trips for 2024.

We hope you will join us and please tell your friends!!



**Mission Statement:** The Townsend Council on Aging is committed to the continued growth and wellbeing of our senior