Silver Threads May 2024

News and Happenings at the Townsend Senior Center



From the Director:

"The Only Thing Constant Is Change"

Change...I have experienced quite a bit of change in the last five years. It began with my first born going away to college. That was a very heart wrenching time and I must have cried for two weeks. The next change was finally admitting my marriage was not a happy or healthy one, which led to my divorce. During that time I desperately needed a full-time job with benefits and the Teen Librarian at the Townsend Library was leaving, so I was thrilled to take over the position. My time at the library gave me the experience and confidence to know that when the Senior Center Assistant Director position opened up that I could fill that role. When I learned that Karin, my predecessor, was retiring it was another step forward and more change, but I knew I could do it. I had no idea just how much I would appreciate being a part of the Senior Center community and the friendships I would make. I feel so lucky that I enjoy my job as much as I do, as it feels so good to be of service and to be able to help people every single day! That's not to say that things are always easy. There has been so much turnover in personnel, which can be challenging, but my co-workers are the best and they work hard every day to make the Center run smoothly and prioritize the needs of our patrons.

My most recent life changing event is my move to Ashburnham with my partner, Pete. We both have two daughters and we are excited to combine our families and start this new chapter in our lives. The day before the big move, I was given a Lowes gift card from the staff and some senior patrons, and I was so touched with their generosity and well wishes. Thank you!

Change can be scary but it can also lead to growth and new opportunities so I will always try to embrace it and be open to it.

Sincerely,

Elise

If you can't get out to pick up copies of our Senior Center Newsletter you can view it online by going to mycommunityonline.com

Type in **Townsend**, **Ma** where it says City, State, or ZIP

Then click on **Townsend Council on Aging**. Click on the current newsletter.

It will also give you the option to subscribe so you can get the newsletter emailed to you every month.

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!

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Janet Cote, Assistant Program Coordinator
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Townsend Senior Center Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 9am-4pm Wednesday: 9am-8pm; Friday: 9am-3pm 16 Dudley Road, Townsend, MA 01469 978-597-1710

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Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 *Medicare (Integrity) 9:00 Quazy Quilters 9:30 Chair Exercise 10:00 Watercolor 11:00 Healthy Living 12:00 Meals with Friends 1:00 Bingo 1:00 Table Shuffleboard 3:30 Hybrid Yoga 6:00 Friends Meeting 6:00 Free Yoga 6:30 TOPS 6:30 Tai Chi	2 *Massage 9:00 Fit & Fabulous 9:30 Wood Carving 9:30 Walking Club 10:00 Beginner Tap Dance 10:00 Tai Chi 12:00 Meals with Friends 1:00 TED Talks 1:00 Cribbage 1:00 Tech Help 1:30 Osteo Movement	9:00 Weaving 9:30 Beginner Yoga 9:30 Chair Exercise 9:30 Zumba 11:00 Woman's Meditation 12:30 Movie Matinee "Mister Rogers" 1:00 Cornhole/Ping Pong 1:00 Women's Music
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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

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

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



Massage with Morningstar:

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

Sarah from Footcare Focus

Offers podiatry services, \$50
Thursday, May 9th from 12pm to 4pm,
Friday, May 17th 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, May 16th @ 11am Great tasting snacks for people with Diabetes.



Hearing Clinic

3rd Wednesday of the month @ 10am

Healthy Living

Wednesday, May 1st @ 11am Exercises for seniors to improve strength and balance.

Women's Meditation

Fridays at 11am (except May 10th)

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, May 1st 2pm-6pm, & 8th 10am-6pm Call for an appointment.

Appointments available with a consultant from Integrity Medicare Advisors, Inc (May 1st), or SHINE (May 8th)

Grief Support Group with Karen Campbell

Wednesday, May 29th @ 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, May 2nd & 16th @ 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

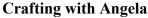


Felting

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:30am This month's project is turtles! \$3 materials fee.

Quazy Quilters

Tuesdays, and 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays at 9am. Work on your latest project, or use our supplies to create something new!



May 7th at 1pm
Create a mosaic coaster or trivet. No experience necessary. \$10 material fee.

Alcohol Ink Jewelry

On Hiatus

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

Women's Conversation

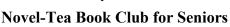
Tuesday May 21st at 11am

Trivia

First & Third Tuesdays at 12:30pm

3 Chord Strum Band

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



Friday, May 17th at 10:30am "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt: Tea is Sweet Ginger Spice. Pick up the book at the library.

Hope Community Chorus

Mondays at 10am

Genealogy with Dwight Fitch

2nd Friday at 10:30am
Trace your ancestry and find out where your family tree has roots.

TED Talks with Elise Johnson

Thursday, May 2nd at 1 pm This month's topic: David McWilliams: The Power of Unconventional Thinking















Cornhole or Ping Pong

Fridays at 1pm
Join us for a game! Bring a friend!

Women's Music Workshop

Fridays at 1pm Explore various aspects of music.

Beginner Ukulele

Mondays at 9:30am (currently full)

Mexican Train Dominoes

Tuesdays at 10:30am

Table Shuffleboard

Wednesdays at 1pm

Rummikub

Mondays at 1pm

Wii Bowling

Mondays at 1pm

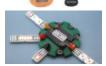
Bingo

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

Cribbage

Thursdays at 1pm, except...
Tournament on 5/16 at 9am













Meet with Veteran Service Officer Natalie Call

Thursday, May 9th @ 10am
Natalie can help eligible veterans and their dependents find essential services.



March Cribbage Winners!

High Score: George Reeves 726 pts **Runner Up:** Jan Johnson 723 pts

High Hand, 24 points:

Bill Hanson

Nissitissit String Quartet

Friday, May 10th @ 7pm at the Townsend Library

European Cruise Concert Music from Italy, France, British Isles and Scandinavia





Sponsored by the Mass Cultural Council **Please Register in Advance**

Spring Tea Party

Monday, May 13th @ 11am



Suggested donation to help cover cost \$2

Please Register in Advance

Scam Prevention Sheriff's Office

Tuesday, May 14th @ 11am

Members of the Sheriff's Office will talk about current scams, ways to recognize them and how you can help protect yourself and others.

Please Register in Advance

Galloping Gourmet The Paupers Pantry

Fitchburg, MA Wednesday, May 8th. Van leaves at 4:30pm



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

Decorative Paper and Collage Workshop with Ann-Marie La Bollita

Friday, May 17th @ 12:30pm –3pm

Participants will make a collage using decorative papers based on a landscape image that they supply. Images can be from a photo, copy of a painting or other image.

This is a FREE program sponsored by the Mass Cultural Council.









Please Register in Advance.

Bus Trip Groton Hill Music Center Piano Faculty Showcase

Wednesday, May 15th @ 12pm Bus Leaves @ 11:15am

This is a FREE Piano Concert featuring beloved classical selections.

Cost of the van is \$5 Must Register in Advance



Painting with Julie

Wednesday, May 22nd @ 6pm

Join in painting a beautiful Spring scene!
Step by step instructions will be given to create a soft background, and how to use brushes to create flowers. Painting will be done by using acrylic paint on an 11x14 canvas board.



Cost is \$10 for materials Please Register in advance

Meals With Friends

Made possible by the Friends of the Townsend Seniors

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		5/1: Tuna Noodle Casserole, Veg, and Bread	5/2: BBQ Pineapple Chicken over Rice, Veg, and Bread	NO LUNCH
5/6: Breakfast @9:30am	5/7: Soup & Salad	5/8: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Coleslaw, Chips	5/9: Italian Blend Meat Sauce over Pasta	NO LUNCH
5/13: Breakfast @9:30am	5/14: Soup & Salad	5/15: Asian Inspired Chicken & Rice, Veg, and Bread	5/16: Baked Haddock w/ Shrimp Stuffing, Veg, and Bread	NO LUNCH
5/20: Breakfast @9:30am	5/21: Soup & Salad	5/22: Ham & Asparagus Casserole, Side Salad, Bread	5/23: Beef & Gravy Mashed Potato, Veg, and Bread	NO LUNCH
5/27: CLOSED Memorial Day	5/28: Soup & Salad	5/29: Tuscan Chicken w/ Sundried Tomatoes, Seasoned Pasta, Veg and Bread	5/30: Apple Stuffed Pork Tenderloin, Veg, and Bread	NO LUNCH



RESERVATIONS REQUIRED 24 hours in advance.

Cost \$4.00

All onsite meals are prepared by Gail and the Kitchen Staff

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

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. No Friday lunches until further notice.

Breakfast is Monday at 9:30am in place of lunch that day. Lunch is Tuesday—Thursday at 12pm.

Kitchen needs: Paper Towels, 6" Paper Plates, 9" Paper Plates, Napkins

Movie Matinees for May

May 3rd "Mister Rogers It's You I Like" Join host Michael Keaton to celebrate "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood". Celebrities, and cast reveal their favorite memories. May 10th "Wonka" With dreams of opening a chocolate shop, a young and poor Willy Wonka discovers the industry is run by a cartel of greedy chocolatiers. May 17th "Julie & Julia" Julia Child's story of her start in cooking is intertwined with blogger Julie Powell's challenge to cook all of her recipes.

May 24th "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" A Musical based on the Old Testament story of the youngest son of Jacob.

May 31st "How the West Was Won" A family saga covering several decades.

Movie begins at 12:30 pm

Sign up 24 hours in advance to reserve a spot.

Free popcorn!

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Nashoba Nursing Service: (978) 425-6675

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- 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): 50¢

Please plan your appointments according to the van schedule

Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday		Friday
Townsend & Pepperell Errands & Medical	Leominster, Lunenburg & Fitchburg Errands	Leominster & Fitchburg Medical	Townsend Errands & Medical	Townsend Errands	Groton & Ayer Medical	*Rotating Locations Errands See schedule Below

Roadrunner & Wyle E. Coyote **Rotating Locations: Fridays**

May 3: Lunenburg Walmart/Market Basket on John Fitch Hwy

May 10: Watertower Plaza Leominster, Market Basket on John Fitch Hwy

May 17: Lunenburg Walmart/Market Basket on John Fitch Hwy

May 24: Rt 101A area/Market Basket

May 31: New Hampshire Mall Plaza

(Kohls, Burlington Coat, Hannaford)

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 get 1st access for this and other upcoming trips for 2024.

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



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Mission Statement: The Townsend Council on Aging is committed to the continued growth and wellbeing of our senior citizens by providing programs, education, information and referral services with a goal of helping seniors achieve the best quality of life possible.