

From the Desk of the Director -

After taking this photograph on vacation last month, I said, "I've never been so happy to feel so absolutely insignificant."



Then I turned around and saw the people I was sharing this experience with; my husband, brother, his wife and the best friends I could ever wish for. That's when it hit me: I can feel insignificant in the grand scheme of things, but I am very significant in ways that are invaluable to others.

As November dawns and the holidays sneak up on us, let's not only give thanks to others and for our blessings, but take the time to thank yourself for being a vital cog in the workings of this world, this life, this existence. Sometimes you just have to look in front of you and the big picture that is life itself.

Come in and join others in sharing their significant insignificance or insignificant significance. Yes, in geologic time you may feel fairly insignificant, but YOU are a gift to us all. There are plenty of diverse opportunities here. Let us show you why this is where you WANT to be!

Karin

Save the Date: Holiday Bus Trip, December 2nd Visit Vaillancourt Folk Museum to see how they create their iconic Santas before stopping at Tower Hill Botanical gardens to see the lights.

Council on Aging: Tuesday, November 19 at 10am Help determine Senior Center priorities; all are welcome.



Program Notes:

- * No Silver Sneakers or Men's Strength on Nov 7
- * Yoga will meet in the Storytime Room on Nov 7
- * Line dancing is cancelled on Nov 8
- * Genealogy will meet Nov 15
- * No MOC Lunch on Nov 25
- * Closing at 3pm on Nov 27

Karin Canfield Moore, Director Janet Cote, Outreach Coordinator Susan Dejniak, Assistant Program Coordinator Donna Fenton, Kitchen Manager/Volunteer Coordinator Donna Howard, Transportation Administrator Katie Petrossi, Program Coordinator Townsend Senior Center Hours
Monday-Friday: 9am-3pm
Wednesday: 9am-8pm
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SPECIAL EVENTS (RSVP 978-597-1710)



SHINE Medicare Counseling Mondays and Tuesdays in November Now is the time to review your Medicare coverage and see if changes are necessary. Our expert will help you weigh the options.



Stamp Bingo Mondays, November 4 & 18 at 11am Immediately following Stamp Collecting, we'll play a stamp-themed bingo with stamp prizes!



Flu Clinic Wednesday, November 6, 12-2pm Cost: FREE (with insurance card) Protect yourself and stop the spread of influenza this winter. *Presented by* McNaab Pharmacy.



Medicare Basics
Wednesday, November 6, 6pm
Whether applying for Medicare for the first time or reviewing your coverage,
McNaab Pharmacy will lead us through the ABCs of Medicare. Please bring a list of your medications.



Bus Trip: American Heritage Museum

Friday, November 8 at 9:15am Cost: \$20 plus lunch after. This new museum is an impressive display of military vehicles from WWI to today and includes an immersive trench experience.



The Power of Positive Thinking Tuesday, November 12 at 12pm Sharon Nolli of Fallon Health will discuss how to believe in yourself and use to peace to generate power.



Bridges Together Intergenerational Program Tuesdays at 2:45pm Partner with HBMS students to share your perspective in dynamic group sessions.



Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Child Development and Updated Parenting Skills Wednesday, November 13 at 6pm (Free). Parenting practices and norms are different now than they used to be. Get a crash course in the new expectations. Dinner and childcare provided. RSVP Required.



Dementia Nurse Consultation November 13 & 21 by Appointment Bernadette Oinonen, MS, RN has decades of experience working with families facing dementia. She can help with skills to manage challenging behaviors, connect to relevant services, advise on legal & medical choices, provide caregiver support, and more.



Therapy Dog Visit Wednesday, November 20 at 4pm Pets help lift our mood and relieve stress. Drop in and pet our friends!



O'Neil Cinemas Movie Club Wednesday, November 20 Cost: \$12 (incl ticket & roadrunner; meal extra) The movie titles haven't been announced yet, but we'll pick something good. Relax in leather recliners, have snacks or a meal delivered to your seat, and enjoy the show!



Afternoon Tea Party Wednesday, November 20 at 4pm Enjoy tea, snacks, and the company of friends!



Mark Lynch Thanksgiving Dinner Monday, November 25 at 5pm Celebrating 20 years of giving back to the community, this dinner is open to all! Volunteers needed.



TED Talk: How to Disagree Tuesday, November 26 at 11am Sometimes it feels like the only thing we can agree on is that we disagree. We'll hear tips on how to disagree productively and find common ground, then discuss afterwards.

Community Services:

Elder Abuse Hotline: (800) 922-2275 Executive Office of Elder Affairs: (617) 727-7750 Fuel Assistance: (800) 632-8175

Montachusett Home Care: (978) 537-7411 Nashoba Nursing Service: (978) 425-6675 Townsend Ecumenical Outreach (978) 597-2209

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Sheila Harrington, MA Representative: (617) 722-2305

Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Many thanks to the businesses that donated to the Senior Center this month: Gables of Fitchburg, Stewart's Florist, Hannaford, Townsend House, Patriot Pizza, Rivercourt Residences				9:00 Quazy Quilters 10:00 Line Dancing (improver) 10:00 Chair Exercise 11:00 Line Dancing (intermediate) 11:00 Women's Meditation 12:00 Lunch: Soup/Salad Bar 1:00 Mahjong Manicures/Pedicures/ Reflexology by appointment 11/3: 10th Anniversary Celebration: Vintage Vocal Quartet and Senior Center Open House
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9:30 Gentle Yoga 10:00 Chair Exercise 10:00 Stamp Collecting 11:00 Stamp Bingo 10:30 Watercolor 11:00 Intermediate Chair Exercise 11:00 Chorus 12:00 Lunch: Chicken Drumstick 12:00 Medicare Counseling 12:30 Healthy Living Group 10:00 Qi Gong 1:00 Qi Gong 1:00 Wii Bowling (League) 1:00 Wii Bowling Group 1:00 Wii Sowling Group 1:00 Wii Sowling Group 1:00 Kanitting Group 1:00 Kanitting Group 1:00 Kanitting Group 1:00 Christmas Card Angels 1:30 Planet Fitness	9:30 Festival of Trees 10:00 Silver Sneakers 12:00 Lunch: Baked Pollock 12:00 Medicare Counseling 12:30 Walking Club 1:00 Trivia & Jeopardy 1:00 Native American Flute 1:30 Watercolor Massage by appt.	10:00 Chair Exercise 10:30 Watercolor 12:00 Flu Clinic 12:00 Well Adult Clinic 12:00 Lunch: Breaded Chicken 12:30 Woodworking 1:00 Book Club 1:00 Knitting Group 1:00 Bingo 3:00 Intermediate Chair Exercise 4:00 Smartphone Help 5:00 Evening Quilting 6:00 Medicare Basics 6:30 Evening Tai Chi Massage by appt.	10:00 Shuffleboard 10:30 Watercolor 11:00 Wii Bowling (open to all) 12:00 Lunch: Shepherds Pie 12:30 Walking Club 1:00 Cribbage 1:00 A Matter of Balance 1:30 Chair Yoga Library Book Sale	9:00 Quazy Quilters 9:15 Bus Trip: American Heritage Museum 10:00 Chair Exercise 10:00 Scrabble 11:00 Women's Meditation 12:00 Lunch: Soup/Salad Bar 12:30 Movie: Brooklyn 1:00 Mahjong Manicures/Pedicures/ Reflexology by appointment Library Book Sale
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Closed for Veteran's Day	 10:00 Silver Sneakers 11:00 Chorus 12:00 Lunch: Chicken Parmesan 12:00 The Power of Positive	10:00 Chair Exercise 10:30 Watercolor 11:00 Women's Conversation 12:00 Lunch: Sloppy Joe 12:30 Woodworking 1:00 Bingo 1:00 Knitting Group 3:00 Intermediate Chair Exercise 3:00 Tree of Life 3:00 Dementia Consultation	9:30 Festival of Trees 10:00 Shuffleboard 10:00 Silver Sneakers 10:30 Watercolor 11:00 Wii Bowling (open to all) 11:00 Lunch:Beef Brisket Chili with Mac & Cheese 12:30 Walking Club 1:00 A Matter of Balance	9:00 Quazy Quilters 10:00 Line Dancing (improver) 10:00 Chair Exercise 10:30 Genealogy 11:00 Line Dancing (intermediate) 11:00 Women's Meditation 12:00 Lunch: Soup/Salad Bar 12:00 Hairdresser 1:00 Mahjong

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1:00 Cribbage 1:30 Chair Yoga Friends Trip to Mohegan Sun	9:00 Cribbage Tournament 10:00 Silver Sneakers 10:00 Shuffleboard 10:30 Watercolor 11:00 Wii Bowling (open to all) 11:00 Men's Strength 12:00 Lunch: Chicken Stir Fry 12:00 Dementia Consultation 12:30 Walking Club 1:30 Chair Yoga	Closed for Thanksgiving
4:00 Smartphone Help 6:00 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Parenting 6:30 T.O.P.S. 6:30 Evening Tai Chi	10:00 Chair Exercise 10:00 Hearing Clinic 10:30 Watercolor 12:00 Lunch: Turkey Dinner 12:30 Woodworking 1:00 Bingo 1:00 Felted Gnomes 1:00 Knitting Group 3:00 Intermediate Chair Exercise 4:00 Therapy Dog Visit 4:00 Afternoon Tea 5:00 Evening Quilting 5:00 O'Neil Cinemas Movie Night 6:30 T.O.P.S. 6:30 Evening Tai Chi Massage by appt.	10:00 Chair Exercise 10:30 Watercolor 11:00 Women's Conversation 12:00 Lunch: Honey Mustard Chicken 12:30 Woodworking 1:00 Bingo 1:00 Knitting Group Massage by appt. **Closing at 3pm**
International Program Massage by appt.	19:00 COA Meeting 10:00 Meditation Stones 10:00 Meditation Stones 10:00 Silver Sneakers 12:00 Lunch: Shepherds Pie 12:00 Medicare Counseling 12:30 Walking Club 1:00 Native American Flute 1:00 Trivia & Jeopardy 1:30 Watercolor 2:45 Bridges Together International Program	10:00 Silver Sneakers 11:00 TED Talk: Disagreeing 12:00 Lunch: BBQ Pork Rib 12:00 Medicare Counseling 12:30 Walking Club 1:00 Native American Flute 1:30 Watercolor Massage by appt.
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Women's Meditation Group Fridays at 11am

Qi-Gong Mondays at 1:00pm Cost: \$5/class



Qi Gong is a gentle, soothing form of exercise excellent for seniors. It is also effective in improving balance, relieving pain, encouraging mobility and reducing stress.



T.O.P.S. Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Reach your weight-loss goals by providing you with the tools, information, support, and accountability you need to be successful.



Healthy Living Group Monday, November 4 at 12:30pm

This group offers the opportunity for open discussion on healthy eating, exercise, and well-being. A new topic of discussion is introduced each month.



Reflexology, Manicures & Pedicures Fridays, November 1, 8, 22 by Appt.

Cost: Reflexology (\$25/half hr.); Manicure (\$15); Pedicure (\$22)

Massage with Morningstar of Little Bear Massage Tuesdays: Nov 5, 12 & 26 and Wednesdays: Nov 6, 20, 27 By Appt. \$45/50 min

Women's Conversation Group Wednesdays, November 13 & 27 at 11am

Join us to discuss rotating topics of well-being, aging, personal history, current events, and anything else the group desires.

Diabetes Wellness Support Group: Carb Counting & Meal **Planning**

Monday, November 18 at 12:30pm

Manage your diabetes with confidence. Topics will include managing stress, lifestyle changes, shared experiences, preventing complications, etc.

Well Adult Clinic

Wednesday, November 13 at 12pm

BP screening, glucose check, general health and first aid.

Hearing Clinic Wednesday, November 20 at 10am

Hairdresser Friday, November 15 at 12pm

Evening Tai Chi for adults of all ages Wednesdays, 6:30 –8pm, location TBD, Cost: donation

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GROUP FITNESS

Chair Exercise (video instruction) Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 10am

Intermediate Chair Exercise (video instruction) Mondays at 11am Wednesdays at 3 pm

Gentle Yoga with Patsy Mondays at 9:30am Cost: \$6/class

Joint Health Yoga Monday, November 25 at 9:30am

Group Trip to Planet Fitness Mondays at 1:30pm

Silver Sneakers TM

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10am Cost: \$5/class, paid per class

Men's Strength

Thursdays at 11am

Cost: \$5/class, paid per class

Walking Club

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12:30pm

Chair Yoga with Carin

Thursdays at 1:30pm Cost: \$6/class

Line Dancing

Fridays; Cost: \$5/class or \$7 for both/all

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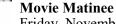
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JUST FOR FU



Scrabble

November 8 & 22 at 10am



Friday, November 8 at 12:30pm Brooklyn

Friday, November 22 at 12:30pm San Andreas



Mondays at 1pm

Trivia & Jeopardy

Tuesdays, November 5 & 19 at 1pm

Cribbage—Regular Play

Thursdays at 1pm (except 10/17)

Cribbage Tournament

Thursday, November 21 at 9am

Smartphone Help Sessions

Wednesdays, Nov 6 & 13 at 4pm

Genealogy with Dwight Fitch

Friday, November 15 at 10:30am



Mahjong

Fridays, November 1, 8, 15, 22 at 1pm



Shuffleboard

Thursdays at 10am Come check out our new table!



Helen's Native American Style Flute Lessons Tuesdays at 1pm Cost: \$40 for 4 week sessions

Stamp Collecting

Monday, November 4 & 18 at 10am Beginners and lifelong enthusiasts welcome!



Wii Bowling

Thursdays at 11:00am



Book Club

Wednesday, November 13 at 1pm This month's group will discuss: "My Dear Hamilton" by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamole



Hope Community Chorus Mondays at 11am

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.

ARTS & CRAFTS



Knitting Group (Drop In)



Scrapbooking Studio (Drop In) Mondays at 1pm

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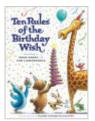
Weaving Group (Drop In) Mondays at 1pm (except (11/18) Bring your loom and work with fiber friends.



Watercolor Classes Cost: \$22/3 week class; \$30/4 weeks Mondays Series (10:30am) Tuesday Series (1:30pm) Wednesday Series (10:30am) Thursday Series (10:30am)



Christmas Card Angel Charms Monday, November 4 at 1pm Cost: \$2/card Create a beaded Christmas Angel charm, displayed on repurposed cards. Makes a great gift!



Festival of Trees Workshop Tuesday, November 5 & 14 at 9:30am Help us design decorations for the Senior Center's tree, based on the book "Ten Rules of The Birthday Wish"



Evening Quazy Quilters (Drop In) November 6 & 20 at 5pm Sewing machines, fabric, & ideas available.



Tree of Life Suncatcher Wednesday, November 13 at 3pm **Cost: \$12**

Use wire-wrapping techniques to create a beautiful tree of life sun catcher! Would also make a great Christmas gift.



Weaving: Bead Loom Bracelets Monday, November 18 at 1pm Cost: \$2 Learn to incorporate beads into your weaving! Beads are locked in between the warp threads by the weft threads, to create unique designs! Sponsored by Rivercourt.



Meditation Stones Tuesday, November 19 at 10am Cost: \$12 You will create 3 glass meditation stones using alcohol inks. We'll learn the basics of working with alcohol ink, along with some tips and tricks. All supplies included, but bring a pair of sharp fabric scissors.



Needlefelted Gnomes Wednesday, November 20 at 1pm **Cost: \$5** Can these festive little guys be any cuter??

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Afternoons 1:00—3:00pm	Townsend (Errands)	Leominster (Errands)	Townsend (Medical and Errands)	Townsend (Errands)	Fitchburg and Lunenburg (Errands)

DESTINATIONS:

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