## Silver Threads

### From the Desk of the Director—

As we move into Autumn and it's colorful change of season, we are taking our next step toward change and bringing some of your favorite activities in-house.

Please refer to the calendar to see what they are and keep in mind a few rules of thumb:

- ♦ EVERY participant MUST call in to sign up for activities in advance
- $\diamond$  MASKS are required at ALL TIMES while in the building
- Please be courteous and cancel if you cannot attend a program, there may be a wait list
- Be patient with us! We have limited staff onsite and extra time and effort is needed to sanitize the area before and after programs

If we all work together we can make it through this craziness!

On another note, winter is coming and with that comes the regular flu season. Don't forget to come in for your flu shot on October 29th and be prepared just in case things get shut down again. I would suggest adding one or two items to each shopping trip. Don't forget, you can count on us to be here for YOU!

Karin

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 16 Dudley Road, Townsend, MA 01469 978-597-1710

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UNLI		UNLI	SEATING		
Monday	Tuesday Wednesday		Thursday	Friday	
			1 Pork Tenderloin with Apple Chutney	2	
5 Chicken Picatta	6	7 Kielbasa & Cabbage Casserole	8 Homemade Cheese Pizza	9	
12 CLOSED	13	14 Beef & Lentil Chili	15 Turkey Stew	16	
19 Chicken Jambalaya	20	21 Beef Stew  22 Baked Mac & Cheese		23	
26 Macaroni & Cheese	27	28 Sloppy Joe	29 Soup & Sandwich	30	

<sup>\*\*</sup>Monday and Wednesday meals provided by MOC; Thursday meals homemade by Donna

#### Meals on Wheels

Provided by MOC

Call: 978-345-8501 Ext. 2 to register

Ouestions? Call Donna 978-597-1710



Hot meal includes: Entree, Bread, Fruit, Milk Meals Delivered Monday and Wednesday each week between 10:10am –12:30pm.

Someone <u>must</u> be home to receive the meal

#### Obituaries

We keep in our thoughts and prayers those who have recently passed:

Bill Conway, 75—April 21

Barbara Reagan, 80—May 24

Daniel Forrest, 78—May 27

David Moore, 69—July 3

John Araujo, 95—August 3

Dot Wuoti, 85—August 11

Marcel Falardeau, 72—August 16

Natalie Davulis, 68—August 21

Stephen Sanderson, 63—August 23

Doug Larson, 91—August 23

Herman Wuoti, 89—August 24

John Stonefield, 81—September 5

#### **Important Phone Numbers**

COVID-19 Updates: Dial 211, then:

Symptoms & Testing x26 Financial Resources x21

Emotional Support or Suicide Hotline x25

#### **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 Ecumen. Outreach (Food Pantry)

(978) 597-2209

SHINE Medicare Counseling

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

## **Programs Inside the Building**

Space is limited; RSVP required for **ALL** programs

#### For Your Health

Space is limited; **RSVP** required for <u>ALL</u> programs.

Manicures, Pedicures, Reflexology with Veronica

Fridays, October 2, 9, 23 by appointment

**Healthy Living Group** 

Monday, October 5 at 12:30pm. No charge.

Hairdresser

Friday, October 16 by appointment.

**Diabetes Wellness Support Group** 

Monday, October 19 at 12:30pm. No charge.

**Hearing Clinic** 

Wednesday, October 21 by appointment.

**Medicare Counseling** 

October 22 & 28 by appointment. SHINE assistance enrolling in Medicare, choosing a plan, etc.

Flu Clinic

Thursday, Oct 29 from 2-6pm. Seniors only 2-4pm.

**Preparing for Medicare** 

Wednesday, October 21 at 6pm. If you're getting close to Medicare eligibility, this webinar is for you. Gain confidence to make the right health care decisions.

#### For Fun

Space is limited; RSVP required for ALL programs.

Women's Conversation

Mondays Oct 5 & 19 at 1pm.

**Trivia** 

Tuesdays, October 6 & 20 at 1pm. No charge

**Women's Meditation** 

Fridays at 10:30am. RSVP Required.

**Matinee Movie** 

Friday October 9: *Knives Out* Friday October 13: *Chicago* 

Bingo

Wednesdays at 1pm. No charge.

**Book Club** 

Wednesday, October 14 at 11am. This month's book is "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman

**Tech Help** 

Learn to use popular programs including Zoom, Paypal, Gmail, Facebook, etc. Wednesdays and Thursdays by appointment. No charge.

## **Zoom Classes**

<u>How will Zoom classes work?</u> To sign up, call the Senior Center (978-597-1710). We'll email you a link to click on at the start of class.

Native American Flute Tuesdays at 1pm, \$40 per month

**Quazy Quilters** Fridays at 10am. Visit with friends while showing off your latest projects.

Selectman's Q&A Thursday, October 15 at 10:30am on Cable Channel 9 AND Zoom. Speak with

one of the Selectmen to hear the latest town news, share your thoughts, concerns,

and ideas about Senior issues. (This is NOT a Selectmen's Meeting)

**Genealogy** Friday, October 9 at 10:30am via Zoom (no charge)

**Q&A** with the Director Friday, October 9 at 1pm via Zoom (no charge)

Karin will provide updates on the Center and answer your questions.

**Travel Share** Wednesday, October 14 at 4pm via Zoom and Cable Channel 9. We're all

missing travel, but we can still talk about it! Show off your favorite travel photo

and tell us the story behind it!

**Preparing for Medicare** Wednesday, October 21 at 6pm. If you're getting close to Medicare eligibility, this

webinar is for you. Gain confidence to make the right health care decisions.

Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	Thursday	FRIDAY
Octo	ber 2	2020	9:30 Senior Fitness	2 10:00 Quazy Quilters
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Zoom Program Cable Program YouTube Live	S		Manicures, Pedicures, & Reflexology by appt	
5	6	7	8	9
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				Manicures, Pedicures, & Reflexology
12	13	14	15	16
Closed	9:00 Felted Pie Pincushions 12:00 Vibraphone 12:30 Walking Club 1:00 Flute Lessons 1:30 Chair Yoga	9:00 Senior Fitness 10:00 Chair Exercise 11:00 Book Club 12:00 MOC Lunch 1:00 Bingo 4:00 Travel Share	9:30 Senior Fitness 10:30 Selectman's Q&A 12:00 Donna's Diner 1:00 Watercolor 1:30 Chair Yoga	10:00 Quazy Quilters 10:00 Chair Exercise 10:30 Meditation 12:00 Weaving 12:00 Hairdresser
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### FITNESS/EXERCISE

#### \*\*RSVP Required for All Programs\*\*

Gentle Yoga with Patsy Available anytime on YouTube,

donation appreciated

Chair Exercise Mondays and Fridays at 10am in the Meeting Hall

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10am on Cable Channel 9

**Senior Fitness with Stephanie** Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30am via Zoom, \$5 per class

Wednesdays at 9am in the building, \$5 per class (no class 10/5-9)

Walking Club Tuesdays at 12:30pm, outdoors

Chair Yoga with Carin Tuesdays at 1:30pm via Zoom; \$5 per class

Thursdays at 1:30pm in the building, \$5 per class (9/29 class at 9:30am!!)

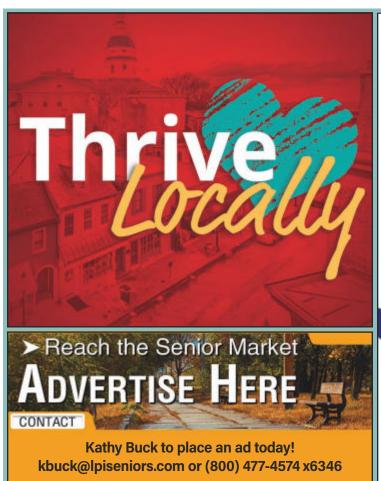
#### **Online Resources to Explore**

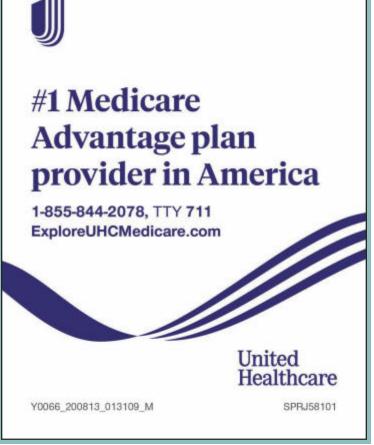
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## **For Your Safety**

We welcome you back to the Senior Center, to enjoy the activities and people you love. To ensure everyone's safety, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Masks <u>must</u> be worn at all times
- Maintain a social distance of 6 feet between people
- Cooperate with staff screening questions and temperature screening
- Sanitize your hands upon arrival and during programs when necessary
- If you discover you have COVID-19 or have come in close contact with someone who has, please notify the Senior Center ASAP
- Patrons must be pre-registered for all onsite programs to be able to participate

These guidelines apply everywhere on Senior Center property: indoors and outdoors. Staff reserves the right to ask those not adhering to these guidelines to leave the premises.

If you are not feeling well (for any reason) PLEASE STAY HOME!!!!

## Thank you!!

Many thanks to the organizations that have been so supportive of the Senior Center during the pandemic:
Greater Lowell Community Foundation
North Central Massachusetts Community Foundation
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Townsend Hannaford

Special thanks to TEO for working with us to help those in need!

The Senior Center is in need of:

Lysol Spray
Disinfecting Wipes
Paper Bags

Thank you for your generosity!

#### FRIENDS OF THE TOWNSEND SENIORS



### **Friends of the Townsend Seniors - Coming Events**

**OCT 7:** The Friends will meet at 6 pm at the Senior Center.

**October 21 at 6pm:** The 20th Annual Meeting of the Friends will be scheduled at a later date due to COVID-19. The milestone meeting will introduce and vote on Reorganization and FoTS bylaw revisions. RSVP Required.

The Friends are in need of help on the board and in need of helpers. If you are interested please call the senior center and leave your name and number and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Age is not a issue... teenagers to seniors... it does not matter.

To learn more about the Friends - our mission, membership and reorganization plans contact chairman Peter Buxton, 978-502-6786.

**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 AND CRAFTS (via Zoom)

When you sign up & pay for a class, a kit with all necessary supplies will be placed outside the Senior Center for pick-up. Please let us know if delivery is needed.



## **Knitting Circle**Mondays at 12:30pm



#### Watercolor with Linda

Thursdays at 1pm via Zoom.
One-time fee of \$10 for an at-home painting kit for new students, plus \$30 per month for the class.



#### **Weaving Circle**

Fridays at 12pm. No charge. Open project time. RSVP Required.



#### Mosaic Sun Catcher

Wednesday, October 21 at 4pm Cost: \$10.00 This is a DIY kit, but we'll do it together and enjoy one another's company!



#### **Felted Pie Pincushions**

Tuesday, October 13 at 9am Cost: \$5.00

## **Chromebooks**

#### Available now to borrow!

It's easy to participate in virtual programs like senior fitness, yoga, watercolor, etc.



Give us a call and we'll get you trained and ready to go!

## **Special Event!**

Vibraphone by Rich Araldi



Tuesday, October 13 at 12pm.
Outdoors
as weather permits.
No charge.

#### ROAD RUNNER BUS SCHEDULE

PLEASE CALL IN YOUR RESERVATION AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE

#### Schedule all appointments by calling 978-597-1730

**SAFE RIDING PROCEDURE:** All riders will have their temperature taken before boarding. Riders **must** wear a mask covering **mouth & nose.** 

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
_	Mornings 9:00am—12:00pm	<b>Townsend</b> (Medical and Errands)	Leominster, Fitchburg, Lunenburg (Medical)	<b>Townsend</b> (Medical and Errands)	Groton, Ayer, Pepperell (Medical)	<b>Townsend</b> (Medical and Errands)
	Afternoons 1:00—3:00pm	<b>Townsend</b> (Medical and Errands)	(no service)	<b>Townsend</b> (Medical and Errands)	(no service)	<b>Townsend</b> (Medical and Errands)

#### **DESTINATIONS:**

- **Medical:** Doctors, Dentists, Therapies, Lab work, etc. (Please schedule morning appointments with your physician/provider).
- Errands: Grocery, Pharmacy, Bank, Shopping, Hairdresser/Barber, 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¢