# **Silver Threads** February 2024

News and Happenings at the Townsend Senior Center



Why are the Friends of the Townsend Seniors so important?

**Who are they?** The Friends are a non-profit organization. They were formed in 2000 to perpetuate the dignity and well-being of Townsend's elder residents. Their members and officers are volunteers who are passionate about giving back to the seniors of the community– whether seniors themselves or not.



What do they do? They support programs here at the Senior Center. Recently, their funds have sponsored, in part, the Sunshine Boys, the Nissitissit String Quartet, Delvena Theater, Matt York and Dan Kirouac. *The Friends also make it possible to serve meals 5 days a week and in appreciation of that we have renamed Donna's Diner to Meals With Friends.* 

The Friends also sponsor holiday dinners and offsite events for seniors, such as bus trips. In Fall 2023, they sponsored a bus trip to see Fiddler on the Roof at the Winnipesaukee Playhouse, followed by a group dinner at Hart's Turkey Farm. We saw a great response to this bus trip and seats sold out very quickly. *Starting in 2024, Friends members will enjoy early access to signup for their sponsored events and trips. Because their trips often sell out, becoming a member of the Friends will grant you the benefit of first access to sign up before the general public.* 

**How do they raise money?** To become a member of the Friends, one pays yearly dues. The fee is \$5 for an individual and \$10 for a family membership. In addition to dues, the Friends also raise funds through food and bake sales, puzzle sales and raffles. Volunteer support at these events is vital in order for them to successfully raise funds. They are very grateful for active volunteers and will always welcome new volunteer help.

**How can YOU get involved?** For all of their efforts, the Friends depend on membership above all. You do not have to be a senior citizen-or even a resident of Townsend to become a member of the Friends. Anyone of any age can join! Please consider filling out the form at the back of this newsletter and joining them in their mission to support the Senior Center's programming and events.

**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 Donna Howard, 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 16 Dudley Road, Townsend, MA 01469 978-597-1710 townsendma.gov/senior-center-council-aging



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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 (except 2/21) Mondays at 11:00am and Wednesdays at 3:30pm

**Osteo Movement** (except 2/22) Mondays at 2pm and Thursdays at 1:30pm; \$5 per class This class focuses on balance, weight bearing exercises using hand weights -Bring a mat and walking stick.

Learn to Tap Dance (except 2/22) 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. \$5 per class.

### Fit & Fabulous (except 2/22)

Thursdays at 9am; \$5 per class This class is designed to increase flexibility, joint stability, balance, coordination, agility, muscular strength and cardiovascular endurance.

Beginner Yoga (except 2/23) Fridays at 9:30am; \$5 per class Free Yoga with Kris On hiatus for the month of February

### **DVD Chair Exercise—Free**

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:30am Join us for a special LIVE Hip Hop Dance Chair exercise class with Rhondae Drafts on 2/21 @ 9:30.

### Walking Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am Inside and outside options, weather permitting.

Line Dancing Tuesdays at 1:30pm \$5 per class

### Tai Chi

Thursdays at 10am \$5 per class Through the slow gentle movements of Tai Chi, you can have better physical, mental & spiritual balance.

### Zumba with Nee

Tuesdays at 9:00am, Fridays at 9:30am. \$5 per class

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



Massage with Morningstar: By appointment. See Front Desk for Februarv schedule. \$45/50mins.

Thursday, Feb. 8th from 12pm to 4pm,

Call 978-597-1710 for an appointment.

3rd Wednesday of the month @ 12:30-2:30

Friday, Feb. 16th from 12pm to 3pm.

BP screening, glucose check, etc.

**Sarah from Footcare Focus** 

Wellness Clinic

**Diabetes Support** On hiatus for February

Fridays at 11am

**Women's Meditation** 

#### Water aerobics at the YMCA! Mondays at 3pm

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

#### **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** offers podiatry services, \$50 as of 1/1/2024

Wednesdays at 6:30pm Reach your weight-loss goals by getting the tools, information and support you need to succeed.

### **Medicare Consultation**

Wednesdays Feb. 7th and 14th from 2pm-6pm *Call for an appointment* Appointments available with a consultant from SHINE or Integrity Medicare Advisors, Inc.

### **Healthy Living**

Wednesday, Feb. 7th at 11am This group offers the opportunity for open discussion on healthy eating, exercise, and well-being.

## **Grief Support Group with Karen Campbell**

3rd Wednesday of the month @ 10am

4th Monday of the month (Feb. 26th) @ 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.

Offered by Nashoba Nursing Service and Nashoba Associated Boards of Health. Call 978-597-1710 and reserve your seat.

## **Technology Help**

Do you have a phone or tablet and need help?

Learn to use popular programs including Zoom, PayPal, Gmail, Facebook

Thursdays, Feb. 1st and Feb. 15th 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-noon* Experienced carvers and beginners



#### Felting

*Tuesdays: 2/6 at 9am, 2/27 at 9:30am* Work on existing projects and get ready for the Gallery Exhibit in March & April.

### **Quazy Quilters**

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

**Crafting with Angela** *1st Tuesday, at 1pm* Macrame a bookmark. Cost is \$2 \$2 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, Feb. 16th @ 10:30

*"Sundays at Tiffany's"* by James Patterson & Gabrielle Charbonnet.: tea is Luscious Escape. 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** *Fridav*, 2/9 at 10:30am

Trace your ancestry and find out where your family tree has roots.













**Ping Pong or Cornhole** *Fridays at 1:00* 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 2/15 at 9am Dec. Cribbage Winners!

High Score: Darquise Bedard, 713 points Runner Up: Anne Foresman, 708 points High Hand: Donna Belleville, 22 points

## 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 appointment.







Beginner Rug Hooking Class Fridays, 10:30-1:00 Cost: \$80 for 4 week class Dates: 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15

Dates: 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15 Learn the art of traditional rug hooking and create a primitive hooked mat. Fee covers your pattern and supplies. Loaner frames are available for a \$50 deposit.



### The American Heritage Museum Hudson, MA Friday, February 23rd -Van leaves @ 9am

The American Heritage Museum is a military history museum located on the grounds of the Collings Foundation. Join us for a guided tour of the museum.

## After the museum we will stop for lunch at Victor's 50's Diner



Admission is \$15 due at sign-up Plus cost of the van and lunch

Please Register in Advance at the Front Desk

### Delvena Theater Presents "Love Letters by G. R. Gurney" Thursday, February 15th @ 6:30pm

Love Letters tells the story of a man and a woman through their life-long correspondence. They briefly become involved, go their separate ways, continue to share confidences, leaving the audience speculating on whether they will get together again. Their funny letters give insight into what it means to have a life-long friendship.

Sponsored by the TPL Endowment, The Friends of the Townsend Seniors, and the Amanda Dwight Entertainment Fund

Please Register in Advance

Meet Gwen Johnson, RD of Sage Nutrition Solutions in Pepperell, MA Monday, February 26th @1pm

Gwen will be sharing information about the services she can provide and the insurances she accepts. Gwen will also review the top foods to include in your diet for optimal immunity.



Please Register in Advance

## Quazy Quilters Exhibit

Visit the Meeting Hall from now until February 27th to see the BEAUTIFUL quilts made by the Quazy Quilters.

Contact the artist directly if interested in purchasing a quilt. Quilts sold can be picked up at the end of the show on February 27th.



Galloping Gourmet Monday, February 5th @ 11:30am

Mountain Room at Monty Tech Sign up at the front desk! Van will leave at 10:45am Cost is \$5 for van ride plus price of the meal.

## Baechtold and Abel Aerial Artistry Friday, February 23rd @ 11am



Join us for an amazing aerial performance in the main area of the library! This is a joint collaborative event between the Library and the Senior Center and is sponsored in part by the **Friends of the Townsend Seniors** 

Please Register in Advance

## Coffee with Donna Howard Wednesday, February 28th @ 10am

Don't be *sour* and don't *glower* That Donna *Howard* Is retiring! Join us for this special Coffee *hour* Where we can *shower* Donna *Howard* With thanks and appreciation!



Please Register in Advance

## **NEW NAME!** Meals With Friends Made possible by the Friends of the Townsend Seniors

### RESERVATIONS REQUIRED 24 hours in advance Cost \$4.00

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			2/1: Hearty Beef Stew with Bread	2/2: Homemade Pizza
2/5: Brunch for Lunch	2/6: Soup & Salad	2/7: Chili with Corn Bread and Nacho Chips	2/8: Turkey Tetrazzini, Bread	2/9: Homemade Pizza
2/12: Brunch for Lunch	2/13: Mardi Gras Jambalaya, Salad, Bread	2/14:Valentine's Veggie Quiche, Strawberry Spinach Salad	2/15: Sausage with Gravy over Biscuits	2/16: Homemade Pizza
2/19: Closed for President's Day	2/20: Soup & Salad	2/21: Ravioli, Vegetable, Garlic Bread	2/22: Chicken & Mushroom Scaloppine, Bread	2/23: Homemade Pizza
2/26 Brunch for Lunch	2/27: Soup & Salad	2/28: Seafood Casserole with Crumble Topping	2/29: Vegetable Lasagna, Garlic Bread	

### A note from the kitchen:

Don't forget we are offering meals **5 days a week**. Sign up for MONDAYS and FRIDAYS! See schedule above. Be sure to schedule lunch around your programs so you can enjoy the day at the center.

### Kitchen needs: chicken or beef broth, Lysol or Clorox disinfecting wipes

## **Movie Matinees for February**

Feb. 2nd "Groundhog Day"- A TV weatherman finds himself reliving the same day over and over again when he goes on location to the town of Punxsutawney.
Feb. 9th "Casablanca"- An American nightclub owner in North Africa is drawn into WWII when he discovers his old flame is in town with her husband.
Feb. 16th "Mamma Mia"- (Musical) A young woman invites 3 of her free-spirited mom's former flings to her wedding hoping to discover which one is her father.
Feb. 23rd "When Harry Met Sally"- Harry and Sally's paths cross over and over again causing them to consider a romance with each other.

## Movie begins at 12:30pm

Sign up 24 hours in advance to reserve a spot

**Free popcorn!** Sign up for Donna's Diner for pizza lunch

## Meals on Wheels

Provided by MOC **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 <u>must</u> 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 $\overline{}$

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): 50¢



## Please plan your appointments according to the van schedule

Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday		Friday	
Townsend & Lunenburg Errands	Leominster & Fitchburg Errands	Leominster & Fitchburg Medical	<b>Townsend</b> & <b>Pepperell</b> Errands & Medical	<b>Townsend</b> Errands	<b>Groton</b> & Ayer Medical	*Rotating Locations Errands See schedule Below	
Roadrunner & Wyle E. Coyote		Wednesdays 3:00-8:00 PM By Appointment	* Rotating Locations: Fridays Feb.2nd: Watertown Plaza/Market Basket Feb.9th:Lunenburg Walmart/Market Basket Feb.16th: Rt 101A area/Market Basket				

<b>Friends of the Townsend Seniors - Become a Member Today</b> <i>The Friends meet at 6pm at the Senior Center the first Wednesday each month.</i> You don't have to be a Townsend resident, you don't even have to be a Senior Citizen, whatever that is. <i>We've heard it's merely a state of mind.</i> The only requirement is an interest in the Friends' activities, mission and goals and a desire to support the Townsend Senior Center and the entire senior community - 25% of Townsend's population.	12
New membershipRenewal\$5 Friend\$10 Family \$Benefactor I am interested in volunteering for:	
Program Development Fundraising Baking Recruiting volunteers Other	
Name: Mailing Address:	
Phone: Email:	
To learn more about the Friends - our mission, membership and reorganization plans contact: friendsofthetownsendseniors1@gmail.com	

**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.