

From the Desk of the Director -

Like many of you, I enjoy living vicariously through travel shows, Viking River Cruise ads, and the brochures we have here promoting trips to places like the Badlands of South Dakota and Iceland.

When contemplating the topic of retirement and "the Golden Years" (which I prefer to refer to as the third stage of life; a conversation for another time) many of us think about creating a bucket list. Usually it consists of trips to some far flung reaches of the Earth.

I love to travel! My bucket list includes taking my kids to Germany, driving through the United States in a truck with a fifth-wheel, and maybe even a Mediterranean cruise (or two... or three).

The world is an amazing place and the adventures are just waiting for us to find them! However, sometimes life takes you places you wouldn't have thought to go ... like Biloxi. *Really*??! We are headed there to spend the Independence Day weekend with our Airman. Granted, I'm sure there are plenty of noteworthy things to do and see there and certainly the food has to be amazing! (Can you say shrimp?) So watch out Biloxi, here we come! Feel free to stop in and ask me how it was.

I sincerely hope you all have created a bucket list whether it takes you around the world or simply on a day trip to Boston; visit a friend in Vermont or take walk on the beach. Need some inspiration? Just come in. We will help you explore your options and then you will see why this is where you WANT to be.



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 https://www.townsend.ma.us/senior-center-council-aging



SPECIAL EVENTS (RSVP requested)



Pickleball

Wednesdays in July at 9:00am Think tennis on a smaller court; a fun workout that's easier on your knees! Sessions will be outdoors & facilitated.



Pastries on the Patio Tuesdays, July 9 and 23 at 9:30am Enjoy the cool morning air on our delightful new patio, complete with coffee and pastries.

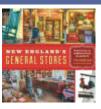


Happy Feet Wednesday, July 10 at 11am

A discussion about the importance of maintaining foot health to promote an independent, active, healthy and safe lifestyle. The nurse will cover tips and recommendations to keep feet happy and healthy and prevent problems. It IS sandal season, after all!



Laughter Yoga Wednesdays, July 10 and 24 at 3pm Learn to laugh with special guided techniques, a real and contagious laughter that oxygenates your body and brain. Free!



Book Talk & Signing with Ted Reinstein Wednesday, July 10 at 7pm Author of New England's General Stores provides insights on this quintessential New England experience: it's origins, near

extinction, and recent renaissance.

Our annual lobster roll lunch is back!

Tickets must be purchased in advance;

Thursday, July 18 at 12pm

Golden Oldies Concert &



Patio Party Wednesday, July 24 at 6pm Enjoy live music and light refreshments in the shade of our covered patio!

no take-outs please.

Lobster Bake

Cost: \$7



TED Talk: Embracing Change Tuesday, July 30 at 11am Jason Clarke sheds some light on why change can be so uncomfortable, and what we can do to embrace it.

Discussion will follow this brief video.

MONTHLY EVENTS

Book Club Wednesday, July 10 at 1pm

Book club meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month, and new members are always welcome. Books are usually available at the Townsend Public Library. This month's group will discuss *Clock Dance* by Anne Tyler

Birthday Party

Thursday, July 11 at 12pm

Please join us for our monthly celebration honoring this month's birthdays, including a delicious homemade meal and birthday cake.

Genealogy Club with Dwight Fitch Friday, July 12 at 10:30am

Trace your ancestry and find out where your family tree has roots. Join anytime, no need to sign up.

Council on Aging Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 16 at 10am Help determine Senior Center priorities, all are welcome.

O'Neil Cinemas Movie Club:

Wednesday, July 17 at TBD (late afternoon) Cost: \$12 (incl ticket & transportation; 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!

Bus Trip: Good Harbor Beach, Gloucester Friday, July 26 Cost: \$10

Spend the day at this beautiful beach with lovely white sand. At low tide, one can walk out to Salt Island. Restrooms, concessions, and showers available.

Bus Trip: Fitchburg Outdoor Concert Series Wednesday, July 31 at 5:30pm Cost: \$5

Enjoy the music of rock band ABRAXAS, the ultimate Carlos Santana tribute band. With music spanning five decades, you're sure to remember these hits! Food trucks too!

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



Spotlight on Janet Cote: Her Serving Started Early By Alice Struthers



"My first job was waiting on table in my father's restaurant," Janet Cote recalls. That familiar Townsend downtown restaurant was "Cliff's Eat 'N Joy," the premises known today as "Cliff's Café." "The day when fishing season opened in the Spring was our busiest day," she said. "Lots of folks showed up real early."

As the Senior Center's Outreach Coordinator she serves townspeople in a different way, for 15 hours per week. She calls senior members of the community to check on them and to invite them to visit the Center and learn of its programs. At times she connects people with services available to them. She developed her management skills in a job at New England Business Service for several years in the credit collections department.

Born in Cambridge, she came to live in Townsend when she was seven years old. She has two daughters and two grandsons.

Around Town:

The First Harbor Fire Station

By Alice Avery Struthers

A devastating fire in Townsend alerted the town to the need for modernized fire-fighting equipment, to be housed in each of the three sections of town. The Harbor Station was built in 1875. It sat straddling the canal, across Main Street from where it sits today. When space became available across the street, it was moved there in 1935. It became a neighborhood gathering place where the area's children were welcomed in for a party on Halloween. During the latter 1900s, the "fire horn" that summoned volunteer firefighters for fire duty, was tested at 8 in the morning and 6 at night. It served, in Summer, as the call to wandering children to come home to dinner. Today the building sits in a disheveled state, surpassed in function by a new, expanded Harbor Station, another town building, passed over by time.



Program Notes:

- NO Bingo July 10th due to library programming
- No Gentle Yoga on July 15th
- NO Silver Sneaker (Stretch & Tone) on July 16th due to library programming
- NEW PROGRAM: Wii Balance games, Thursdays at 1pm. Assess your balance, have some fun, and lower your fall risk!



Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 Gentle Yoga 9:30 Gentle Yoga 10:00 Chair Exercise 10:00 Stamp Collecting 10:00 Stamp Collecting 10:00 Lunch: Chicken Picatta 12:00 Lunch: Chicken Picatta 12:45 Qi Gong 1:00 Healthy Living Group 1:00 Knitting Group 1:00 Knitting Group 	2 10:00 Silver Sneakers 12:00 Lunch: Beef Burgandy 12:30 Walking Club 1:00 Flute 1:30 Watercolor 1:30 Watercolor Massage by appt.	3 9:00 Pickleball 10:00 Chair Exercise 10:30 Watercolor 12:00 Lunch: Cheeseburger 12:00 Knitting Group 1:00 Bingo 3:00 Chair Exercise Massage by appt. ** Closing at 3pm**	4 Jully Closed for Independence Day	 ⁵ 201 20 201 20 <l< th=""></l<>
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ARTS & CRAFTS



Knitting Group Mondays & Wednesdays at 1pm (Drop In)



Woodworking Wednesdays at 12:30pm (Drop In) Try something new! Experienced carvers & burners available to assist those new to the craft.



Evening Quazy Quilters July 24 at 5pm (Drop In) Sewing machines, fabric, & ideas available, or bring your own. Fellow quilters will assist in piecing things.



Watercolor Classes Mondays Series (10:30am): July 1, 8, 15, 22 (no class 7/29) **Tuesday Series (1:30pm):** July 2, 9, 16, 23 (no class 7/30) Wednesday Series (10:30am): July 3, 10, 17, 24 (no class 7/31) Thursday Series (10:30am): July 11, 18, 25 (no class 7/4) Cost: \$22/3 week class; \$30/4 weeks



Wednesday, July 10 at 3pm **Cost: \$10** Easy acrylic mini sampler. Paint a sunflower on a 6x6 canvas... perfect for beginners!

Mini Acrylic Sunflowers



Flower Power on a Zoom Loom Monday, July 15 at 1pm Cost: \$2

Come use a cool tool for an easy way to weave! Flower can be used lots of ways: scarf ring, napkin ring, hat or coat pin. You decide!



Summer Topiary Arranging Monday, July 22 at 1pm **Cost: \$10**

Dixie Pickard will guide us to arrange Peruvian Lilies into a beautiful summer centerpiece!

Needlefelted Flower Pins Thursday, July 11 at 1pm **Cost: FREE** This is the ideal, quick summer needlefelting project... make it as simple or elaborate as you desire. Finished project will also have hemmed or stitched edging. The perfect accessory for summer knits, a scarf holder, or hostess gift!

JUST FOR FUN



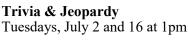
Scrabble July 12 & 26 at 10am



Movie Matinee Friday, July 12 at 12:30pm Going In Style Friday, July 26 at 12:30pm Woman in Gold



Rummikub Mondays at 1pm





Cribbage—Regular Play Thursdays at 1pm (except 7/4 & 18) **Cribbage Tournaments** Thursday, July 18 at 9am



Smartphone Help Sessions Wednesdays at 4pm



Fridays, July 12, 19, 26 at 1pm Shuffleboard

Thursdays at 10am Come check out our new table!

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

Ever wish you could play an instrument? Now you can! The Native American Flute is an intuitive instrument, no reading sheet music required. If you can cover the holes and breathe, you can play.

Stamp Collecting Mondays, July 1 and 15 at 10am Beginners and lifelong enthusiasts welcome!

Wii Bowling Thursdays at 11:00am

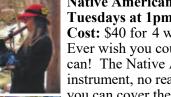
Wii Balance Training Games Thursdays at 1pm

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.









Mahjong



PERSONAL CARE



Women's Meditation Group On Summer Break—Returning this fall!

Oi-Gong Mondays, at 12:45pm Cost: \$5/class

Oi 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, July 1 at 1pm

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, July 12 & 26 Wednesday, July 10 by Appt. Cost: Reflexology (\$25/half hr.); Manicure (\$15); Pedicure (\$22)

Massage with Morningstar of Little Bear Massage Tuesdays (July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30) and Wednesdays, July 3 and 24 By Appt. \$45/50 min

Women's Conversation Group Wednesdays, July 10 and 24 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

Monday, July 29 at 1pm Manage your diabetes with confidence. Topics will include managing stress, lifestyle changes, shared experiences, preventing complications, etc.

Well Adult Clinic Wednesday, July 10 at 12pm

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

Hearing Clinic Wednesday, July 17 at 10am

Evening Tai Chi for adults of all ages (at the Townsend Common, weather permitting) Wednesdays, 6:30 –8pm Cost: donation

UP & COMING

In observance of Independence Day, the Senior Center will close at 3pm on July 3rd and be closed on July 4th and 5th.

August 7: Laughter Yoga Club

- August 8: Friends of the Townsend Seniors Band Concert
- August 9: Bus Trip: Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band
- August 14: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group (dinner and childcare included)
- August 15: CannaCare Medical Marijuana Talk
- August 16: Coach Bus Trip: Cape Ann Whale Watch
- September: Elsa Williams Needlework Show in the Meeting Hall. We are looking for pieces to exhibit. If you have any, please see Karin.

GROUP FITNESS

No Class 7/15

No Class

7/16

7/5

Chair Exercise Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 10am Wednesdays at 3 pm Exercise through video instruction.

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

Silver Sneakers TM Tuesdavs & Thursdays at 10am Cost: \$5/class, paid per class

Indoor/Outdoor 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 Improver: 10:00am -11:00am No Class Advanced class continues until 11:30

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

Your Elected Officials:

Edward Markey (D), US Senate: (202) 224-2742 Elizabeth Warren (D), US Senate: (202) 224-4543 Lori Trahan (D), US Representative: (202) 225-3411 Dean Tran, MA Senate: (617) 722-1230 Sheila Harrington, MA Representative: (617) 722-2305

Need a ride to Community Suppers?

Several Townsend churches/organizations offer free community suppers on Wednesday evenings. If you'd like to attend but don't want to drive, give us a call! Our van is ready to take you!

SHINE **"MEDICARE AND MORE" PROGRAM**

The Central MASS SHINE Program is now sponsoring a monthly cable tv program called SHINE's MEDICARE AND MORE", we hope your local cable channel will pick it up. This program is designed to educate and update MEDICARE beneficiaries and their families on MEDICARE and other programs that can assist you with your health insurance needs. If you don't see it on your local cable channel give them call and ask about it.

Trained SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) volunteers can help you! They offer free, unbiased, confidential counseling on all aspects of health insurance to anyone on Medicare. Call your senior center and ask for a SHINE appointment. You can also call 1-800-AGE-INFO (1-800-243-4636), then press or say 3. Once you get the SHINE answering machine, leave your name and number. A volunteer will call you back. You can now visit us on the internet at shinema.org

Buy a Bus Card

and Save!

10 rides \$22.50 (In Town) \$31.50 (Out of Town)

ROAD RUNNER BUS SCHEDULE

PLEASE CALL IN YOUR RESERVATION AT LEAST **48** HOURS IN ADVANCE

Schedule all appointments by calling 978-597-1710							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Mornings 9:30am—12:00pm	Pepperell (Medical)	Leominster (Medical)	Townsend (Medical and Errands)	Groton and Ayer (Medical)	Fitchburg and Lunenburg (Medical)		
Afternoons 1:00—3:00pm	Townsend (Errands)	Leominster (Errands)	Townsend (Medical and Errands)	Townsend (Errands)	Fitchburg and Lunenburg (Errands)		

DESTINATIONS:

- Medical: Doctors, Dentists, Therapies, Lab work, etc.
- 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¢ •

**Occasionally, Senior Center day trips may alter this schedule.

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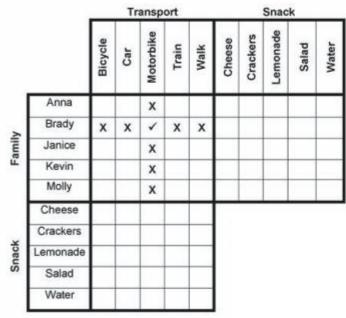
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Logic Puzzle

Five family members meet for a picnic. Use the clues below to work out how they got there and what snack they brought with them. Read through the list of clues below and use the grid to record information. Place a " $\sqrt{}$ " in a box if you have definitive positive information and an "X" for definitive negative information.

Clues:

- 1. Brady rode his motorbike and brought food with him.
- 2. The person driving the car brought water.
- 3. Both Janice and Kevin didn't drive a car no cycle to get to the picnic.
- 4. Molly exercised her legs getting to the picnic but she didn't bring the salad.
- 5. A woman walked to the picnic and brought some camembert.
- 6. Kevin took something to drink.



Complete the puzzle & turn it in to Katie for a chance to win a prize! Puzzle winner from last month:

Lynda Poloian

See Katie for your prize!

The Senior Center is in need of:

- Paper towels
- Lysol disinfectant wipes
- 6" paper bowls
- Carbon Paper (for woodcrafts)

Thank you for considering the Senior Center!



WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR?

In the past year the Friends of Townsend Seniors sponsored and/ or supported...

- Turkey Train tour of Lake Winnepesaukee
- Indian Hill Big Band and Beatles for Sale
- Senior Luncheon
- Foxwoods Bus Trips
- Winnepesaukee Playhouse
- Mini Golf

No... we do not pay for everything! We subsidize transportation and tickets to make events affordable. Our two major fundraisers are the Holiday Fair and Band Concert.

OUR DREAMS EXCEED OUR MEANS... WE NEED YOU!

Gotta sell a lot of cookies and hot dogs to maintain our support at the Senior Center. We are desperately in need of Friends who have alternative AND exciting fundraising ideas AND a willingness to share the workload.

Stop by the next meeting of the Friends Wednesday, July 10 at 6pm at the Senior Center

Want to Join? Stop by the Center for the Registration Form

Linda Holmes & Leona Sanford (369)



Thank you to Hannaford for the bread and pastry donations on Mondays and Wednesdays