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# TOWNSEND SENIOR CENTER

# From the Desk of the Director

Peepers! That's all that needs to be said. Although there are other unmistakable signs that spring has finally sprung - flowers blooming, the return of the robins - the unique sound of spring peepers is what screams spring to me. Their high-pitched, loud and piercing call can be deafening when they congregate, but it is a sound that is most welcome and celebrated.

Interesting fact: Peepers are very tolerant of cold conditions. Spring peepers can withstand freezing during winter hibernation due to a natural 'antifreeze' in their blood. Not all frogs in cold climates bury themselves deeply enough to avoid freezing temperatures in the winter. As temperatures dip below 32 degrees, these frogs start producing their own 'antifreeze' to help preserve the most essential organs. Up to 70% of the frog's body can freeze, to the point that the heart stops pumping and the frog appears to be dead. Scientists still aren't sure how frozen frogs can wake up again, but once they thaw out and wake up, most frogs will go through a period of healing before they resume their normal lives.

Speaking of welcoming, please come in and welcome Katie Petrossi to Team Townsend as our Program Coordinator! As you can see within the following pages, Katie is raring to go and has already made a big impact! We all look forward to getting to know her better and having her as an integral piece of the puzzle that puts together this wonderful center.

If you haven't yet, pick something to attend and come join us. You'll be glad you did!

Karin Canfield Moore

# SPECIAL EVENT



# Pinewood Derby

Tuesday, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 10am (Prep) and Wednesday, May 31 at 5pm (Race) Cost: \$6 (supplies)

Spend Tuesday mornings in May creating your own pinewood derby car in preparation for the race taking place on May 31st. The race will be hosted by Harvard's Pack 10, with hot dogs, chips, and sodas available as a fundraiser for the scouts.



# New and Improved!

Some of our regular programs have gotten a makeover. Keep an eye out for the symbol!

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Karin Canfield Moore, Director Janet Cote, Outreach Coordinator Donna Fenton, Kitchen Manager/Volunteer Coordinator Abby Foster, Asst. Program Coordinator Donna Howard, Lead Van Driver Katie Petrosssi, Program Coordinator

#### **Townsend Senior Center Hours**

Monday-Thursday: 9am-3pm Wednesday: 9am-8pm Friday: 9am-2pm

# SPECIAL EVENTS (RSVP requested)



May Day Craft & Maypole Dance Monday, May 1, at 11am & 1:30pm Adorn yourself with a festive flower crown, and then celebrate the vitality and rejuvenation of Spring with a traditional ancient custom.



# A Musical Journey Through the Years with Tommy Rull Wednesday, May 3 at 12:45 (right after lunch!)

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Townsend Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



# Spring Makeover Tuesday, May 9 at 10am

Sharon Nolli, from Summit ElderCare, will provide tips on optimizing your look, including when to wear gold vs. silver, what to wear when, and how to try new looks with scarves. Audience members will be offered the chance to volunteer.



# Stamp Collecting Wednesday, May 10 at 2:30pm

Come hear a presentation on this fulfilling hobby. Bring your stamps!



#### Tick Talk Wednesday, May 10, at 11am

Learn about prevention, symptoms, and treatment of tick-borne diseases, such as Lyme disease, in order to keep yourself healthy.



#### Feeling the Burn? Wednesday, May 17, at 12:45pm

Do you ever have a burning sensation at the back of your throat? A bitter aftertaste in your mouth? If so, you may have Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD). Sponsored by MOC, to inform about the symptoms, causes, and treatment options.



#### Medicare Fraud Monday, May 22 at 12:45pm

Learn how to protect yourself and your loved ones from Medicare fraud and deceptive marketing tactics.



# Life & Times of Marion Rice Tuesday, May 23 at 1pm

A presentation showcasing the interview of the local dancer and instructor who touched the lives of many area residents in her 50 year career. Producer, director, and presenter of the movie, Judith Lindstedt, began studying with Mrs. Rice at age 5.

# **MONTHLY EVENTS**

# **Birthday Party**

#### Thursday, May 4, at 12pm

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

#### **Book Club**

#### Wednesday, May 10, at 1pm

The 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 *The Murder of King Tut* by James Patterson.

#### Bach's Lunch

#### Thursday, May 18, at 1:30pm (Bus leaves at 12:45) Cost: \$3.50 (bus transportation); RSVP requested

Free concert by Indian Hill Musicians featuring a guitar quartet with pieces by Gershwin, Berlin, Ellington, Rodgers, and more. Complimentary coffee, tea, and cookies served, or bring your own lunch to enjoy.

# Council on Aging Board Meeting Tuesday, May 9, at 10am

Visitors are welcome.

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

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

# Bus Trip: Devens Museum

Friday, May 19 at 9:30am

#### Cost: \$12+\$3.50 (bus) + lunch money; RSVP requested

Take a visit to the museum that commemorates the largest military base in New England, following its closing in 1996. The collection holds an excess of 3,000 artifacts, photographs, and documents related to the land, buildings, soldiers, and families that were once part of the base.



# Women's Meditation Group Fridays, 11am-12pm

Gentle Yoga Thursdays, at 1:30pm-2:45 Cost: \$5/class

Relieve stress, increase flexibility, improve balance, and relax muscles.

Qi-Gong Mondays, at 12:30pm 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.

# Healthy Living Group Monday, May 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. New members are always welcome to introduce new areas of discussion.

Reflexology, Manicures & Pedicures Friday, May 5, 12, 17 & 26; By Appt. Cost: Reflexology (\$25/half hr.); Manicure (\$15); Pedicure (\$22)

Well Adult Clinic Wednesday, May 10, 12pm-2pm

#### Massage

Tuesday, May 9 & 23; Afternoon appt.'s Cost: \$20/20 min.
Chair and table massages available.

Grief Support Tuesday, May 16, at 1pm

Hearing Clinic Wednesday, May 17, 10am-12pm

Caregiver's Roundtable
Wednesday, May 10, at 6pm
Topic: Dealing with Challenging Behaviors
Caregivers are welcome to come for respite,
to share their experiences and concerns in a

supportive environment, led by Joy Niemiera. Free on-site caregiving available so caregivers are able to bring their loved one for fun, safe, professional attention while receiving the resources needed for support.

# NMRHS Luncheon

Tuesday, June 13

The NMRHS Student Council is hosting a luncheon to honor Townsend seniors. They will provide a free shuttle bus to & from the high school, as parking is limited. Sign up now!

#### **Gift Certificates**

Looking for a gift for the senior who has it all? Gift certificates to the senior center can be used for meals, transportation, classes, and trips. See Karin for more information.

#### Farmer's Market

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The Massachusetts Farmers' Market Nutrition Program provides coupons redeemable at local Farmers' Markets and roadside stands for fresh fruits and vegetables. The program helps support the health and nutrition of seniors through locally grown produce, while helping to expand local business. Please see Donna Fenton for more information, or call (978)597-1710.

# Warm Weather Walking Club Tuesdays at 9:30am

Our usual walking club is getting a makeover!
Keep track of your steps, miles, or time and log it with Katie. The Walker with the most movement logged monthly will win a prize, in addition to a 4 month Grand Prize winner coming in at the end of the summer.

#### **Chair Exercise**

**Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 10am** Exercise through video instruction.

#### Stretch & Tone

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10am Cost: \$20/4 classes; \$35/8 weeks; \$7/drop in

# **Line Dancing**

Fridays 10am-11am

Cost: \$3/class. Advanced class continues until 11:30. \$5 for both classes

Classes will take place outside on 5/12.

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 (RSVP requested)



#### Knitting Group Mondays, at 1pm (Drop In)

Bring current projects and work among fellow knitters, or take on a new craft.

# May Day Craft

Monday, May 1 at 11am

Create a festive flower crown to wear during the **Maypole Dance at 1:30pm**.

#### Cardmaking

Tuesday, May 2, at 1pm

Learn how to make beautiful, homemade cards with a Spring theme.

# Pottery II

Wednesday, May 17, at 5:30pm

The final stage of creating a decorative pottery piece, painting and glazing.

#### Needlefelting: Bookmark Wednesday, May 24, at 5pm

Continue building skills you've been honing or take on a new craft with this fun, stress reducing art.





#### Watercolor Classes with Linda

Cost: \$30/4 weeks

- Watercolor I Mondays at 10:30am
- Watercolor II
  Tuesdays at 1:30pm
- Beginning Watercolor Wednesdays at 10:30am
- Watercolor III Thursdays at 10:30am

# **Wood Carving**

Wednesdays, 12:30pm-2:30pm (Drop In)

Try something new! Experienced carvers available to assist those new to the craft.

# Quazy Quilters Qub (Drop In) Fridays, 9am-2pm

No quips about it! Sewing machines, fabric, and ideas available, or bring your own, and fellow quilters will assist in piecing things together.

#### **FOR FUN**



#### **Movie Matinee**

Friday, May 12, at 12:30

Scully, with Andrew Schofield and Ray Kingsley.

#### Friday, May 26, at 12:30

Me Before You, with Emilia Clark and Sam Claffin.



# Bridge

Mondays, at 1pm



#### Trivia & Jeopardy Tuesday, May 2, 16 & 30, at 1pm

Let's exercise our minds, and have fun and socialize at the same time! Trivia helps to keep the mind sharp while enhancing cognitive functioning.



# Cribbage

Thursdays at 1pm & Wednesday, May 3, at 6pm

Cribbage Tournament

Thursday, May 18, at 9:00am Cost: \$5 (to be divided for prizes)

Cribbage
Lesson
Tuesday,
May 2, at

# **☆ ALL NEW ☆**

# **Galloping Gourmets**

Tuesdays, May 9, 16 & 30, at 11am

This group will visit a new or favorite lunch spot every other Tuesday. In the off week, meet with fellow Gourmets to write a review, which will be published in the newsletter. Meet here, carpool, and the only cost is your meal. Visit Mariano's (Pepperell) on 5/9, and Williams Restaurant (Gardner) on 5/30.

#### **Guided Meditation**

Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, at 6pm A new meditation group led by Deborah Evans-Hogan will help you get centered to relax, reduce anxiety, lower blood pressure, and improve sleep.

#### Afternoon Tea

Wednesday, May, 24 at 4pm

Take your afternoon tea in style, sipping tea from the Cozy Tea Cart. Please sign up in advance, so we'll know how many party favors we need!



Thank you to Hannaford's for the bread and pastry donations on Mondays and Wednesdays, and to Stewart's Florist for the birthday carnations each month.

# **Talking Information Center Network**

Do you have difficulty reading or holding books and newspapers? The Talking Information Center Network (TIC) is a radio reading service that provides around the clock programming for the blind or visually impaired. Tune in as volunteers read state and local newspapers, magazines, periodicals, and other information about state programs or events.

#### How to listen:

- Call TIC at (781)834-4400 to order a radio receiver.
- Listen over the phone by calling 712)832-7025.
- Listen on the web at www.ticnetwork.org
- Download the free app on your phone.

For more information, visit www.ticnetwork.org or call (781)834-4400.



## Flea Market Friday, May 12, 9am-2pm and Saturday, May 13, 8am-2pm

In conjunction with the Library's book, plant, and craft sale, the Senior Center will be hosting a flea market to raise funds for the Friends of the Townsend Seniors. Patrons can help by bringing items that they wish to donate, or may bring a table to set up to personally sell items.



Nashoba Lunch will be taking place on May 23. The menu will include Braised Beef with a rich Burgundy wine sauce or Baked Sole Florentine with a white wine crabmeat sauce. Registration and payment required by May 16.



**Manor on the Hill** will now be providing lunch on the 4th Thursday of the month!

**Bread Delivery** distribution will now take place on Mondays and Wednesdays in the kitchen after lunch. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped with the bread for so many years and continue to assist with this valuable benefit

# **ROADRUNNER BUS SCHEDULE**

# Please Call In Your Reservation 48 Hours In Advance!!

Reservations called in later may not be accomodated.

- Mondays: Townsend- Pharmacies, Banks, Harbor Mall, Townsend Doctors/ Dentists, Hairdressers/Barber And Errands
- Tuesdays: Fitchburg, Leominster, Lunenburg– Medical Trips & Shopping/Errands If Possible
- Wednesdays: Townsend- Pharmacies, Banks, Harbor Mall, Townsend Doctors/ Dentists, Hairdressers/Barber And Errands
- Thursdays: Pepperell, Groton, Ayer– Medical Trips & Shopping Errands If Possible
- Fridays: Lunenburg, Fitchburg-Shopping Day.

FARES: \$1.25 ONE WAY WITHIN TOWNSEND; BUS CARD \$22.50 Pay for 9 rides, get 1 free. \$.50 Round trip to the Senior Center from Atwood Acres/Townsend Woods \$1.75 ONE WAY OUTSIDE TOWNSEND; BUS CARD \$31.50 Pay for nine rides, get one free.

**Please schedule appointments between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM.** The bus goes to the Senior Center Monday through Friday. Bus Stop at Atwood Acres/Townsend Woods at 9:00 AM Mon-Fri.

\*Any trip to or from the Senior Center for residents of Atwood Acres or Townsend Woods is .25 each way regardless of the time of day subject, to availability. **Rides any time other than 9 AM pick-up need to be scheduled by calling 978-597-1730.** 



# 2017 WILLIAM E. MAY ENDOWMENT AWARD NOMINATION TIME

It's "William E. May Endowment Award" nomination time! The Friends are looking for that outstanding individual(s) in the Townsend commuity who has given of himself or herself to the growth and betterment of the town of Townsend. Candidates will be well-repsected and will have demonstrated through actions and deeds, a keen interest in the affairs and needs of the Senior Citizens of Townsend. If someone was nominated in the past, and not selected, please consider re-nominating that person. Nomination forms are available at the Senior Center and are due by Friday, June 2nd. Past William E. May Endowment Award Honorees:

2001-William E. May 2007- Hirk and Louise Fortin 2013- Susan and Ken Gerken 2002-Dr. Lawrence Churchville, Jr. 2008- Cornelia "Connie" Giles 2014- Jane and Ray Jackson 2003- Nancy and Roy Shepherd 2009- Terry McNabb 2015- Donna Miller 2004- Jim Clish and Ethel Amiro 2010- Lt. David Profit 2016- Peter Buxton 2005- Bob Tumber 2011- Avis Roy 2012- Russ Moore 2006- Ed and Mary West

Monday, May 1st FRIENDS' BOARD MEETING, 4:00 pm Senior Center ~ All Members Invited

**Thursday May 11th FOXWOOD TRIP** ~ The cost is \$30 per person and Sign-Ups and pre-paid reservations are at the Senior Center, 978-597-1710 or call Avis Roy at 978-597-6829. Everyone receives coupons for 'free play' and the buffet lunch. Foxwood trips are open to all adults, so bring your friends. It's a fun day!

There were two (2) Friends of the Seniors' events on April 22nd ~ Earth Day on the Common and the Annual International Dinner. We "go to press" before the 22nd, but know so many of you contributed to their success. Thank you for baking cookies for Earth Day, and thank you for international foods for the dinner buffet. Thank you to the Senior Center's Quazy Quilters for the "Flying Geese" quilt for a fund raiser. Our members are supporters and "cheerleaders" and you continue to amaze us. Hip Hip Hooray to all of you!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
2017 Friends of the Townsend Seniors MembershipRENEWALNEW MEMBER
\$5 Friend\$10 Family
\$25 Benefactor  \$Supporter\$100 Lifetime Membership (Individual or Family)
I am interested in volunteering for: Phoning Program Development Fund Raising Food (Prepare a main dish or dessert for a Fund Raiser) Other
NAME
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Checks are payable to: Friends of the Townsend Seniors. Please drop off at the Senior Center or mail to P.O. Box 972, Townsend MA 01469. Thank you very much for your continued support.

**MAY 2017 EVENTS** 

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