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# The Senior Connection

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### **Important Dates**

We are CLOSED Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> for Town Elections, and again on May 29<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.

We have several special events this month:

May 3<sup>rd</sup>: *Movie Day "80 for Brady"* 

May 10th: The Greendale Retirees

Singing Group

May17th: Fire Presentation on

Electrical Safety

May 24: Memorial Day Cookout

Art classes for This month will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

#### Mission Statement

The mission of the Council on Aging (COA) is to provide community resources for Senior Citizens (defined as 60+) by developing and advocating the social, health, and recreational programs that maintain or enhance the quality of their lives.



#### From the Director

The beauty of Spring is upon us as we watch the beautiful flowers and trees come back to life. The buds on the trees will soon bring us their leaves, our gardens will soon flourish, lawns will become green again, and we will begin to get outside more to enjoy the beauty of Spring. The perennials are starting to bloom at our center bringing once again new life. I sincerely hope all of you who suffer from seasonal allergies spring brings with it are not too bothered. Please join us at the center as we bring back our Wednesday lunches for a delicious and inexpensive home cooked meal! We hope to see new faces and for all those who join us on a regular basis. Thank you to all the volunteers who help out in so many ways, we couldn't make so many things happen without YOU!! Lastly, HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all the wonderful Mothers out there!

Donna Seguin

Mondays
Zumba Gold with Melanie
\$5.00 Per class
1:00-2:00

Tuesdays
Tai Chi with Jen
\$5.00 Per Class
1:00-2:00

Thursdays
Gentle Yoga with Jen
\$5.00 Per Class
1:00-2:00

## We need your help!

Volunteer opportunities...

We are always looking for volunteers here at the Senior Center. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please contact Donna or Courtenay at 508-867-0220. We are still looking for pitch and cribbage players as well. Please let one of us know if you are interested in either or both.

# Need a Greeting Card?

Did you know that the
Center has a significant
supply of greeting cards?
Before you head to the store
stop by and check out our
selection, which is absolutely
free!!

#### Wish List

We are in need of...

If you would like to donate to the Center, please call us at 508-867-0220 for a list of needed items. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

#### \*\*ATTENTION! \*\*

We have a limited supply of medical equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, shower seats, etc.) to borrow. We also have a supply of male and female incontinence supplies. If you are in need please call us before you go out and purchase to see what we have on hand.

# **NBCOA** Meeting

The COA meets the second Monday of every month at 2pm here at the Center, and is open to the public. It is a great opportunity to voice any thoughts or concerns. The COA board consists of volunteers from the community as well as local seniors. If you may be interested in serving on the board, please contact us. The next meeting will be May 8th at 2pm.

# COA Board Members

Judy Manning Chairperson
Florine Martel Vice Chair
Kathleen Crevier Secretary
Kate Norrie Treasurer
Dottie Revene Member
Mary Waytina Member
Michelle Thayer Member



# Friends of the NBCOA Membership Drive

The Friends of the NBCOA are holding their ongoing Membership drive. The Friends are responsible for the fundraising events to raise monies for the center to provide meals and special programming. Some of their events include the SOUPer Bowl and the Harvest Dinner.

# Friends of the NBCOA Meeting

The next Friends meeting will take place on May 8th at 10:30am. It is open to the public and anyone is invited to attend the meetings.

#### Friends Board

Mary Dolan President
Pat Wetherell V. Pres.
Judy Zalansky Secretary
Peg Bodine Treasurer
Carol Hawkins Director
Sandra McGinty Director
Linda Novak Director
Nancy Karbowski Director

# May Book Club

This month's book selection is "The Woman In The Cabin", by Ruth Ware. It's a mystery/thriller taking place on a luxury cruise ship liner. The main character is a travel journalist who meets a mysterious woman in Cabin 10, and her subsequent disappearance. The Book Club meets the last Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted. If you have any questions contact Judy Zalansky at jezalansky@comcast.net.

#### Weekly Lunches

May 3: Cassarole for a Crowd

Kathy P.

May 10: Chicken Thighs Kathy C.

May 17: Pizza (\$5.00)

May 24: Memeorial Day Cookout

May 31: Taco Salad Courtenay R.

## A Friendly Reminder

- When visiting the Senior Center please remember to scan your keycard at the check in desk. If you need assistance ask Joyce or Courtenay.
- Hannaford Bread Distribution is open to North Brookfield and Brookfield residents only. Please, 1 ticket per family.
- Our hours are Monday through Thursday 9am to 2pm.
- If you recently moved PLEASE be sure to update your address with us.
- Be sure to like and follow us on Facebook

#### Thank You

First and foremost a huge thank you goes out to Kathy P., Kathy C., Judy M., Donna S., and Sandy M. for cooking this past month. We have definitely missed the home cooked meals! Also, thank you to Ella P., Janet P., and Kathy P. for providing goodies for our Coffee Hour. Thank you to Deputy Chief Darrin Anderson for stopping by to share some vital information with us about clutter and fire safety. Finally, thank you to SCM Elderbus for their informational session about the services they provide to our town.

# **Upcoming Events**

Town elections(Closed)	5/1/23
Movie Day	5/3/23
Greendale Retirees	5/10/23
Fire Dept. Presentation	5/17/23
Memorial Day(Closed)	5/29/23