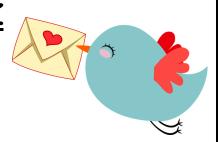


THE BUZZELL BUZZ

THE DEPARTMENT OF **ELDERLY SERVICES**

FEBRUARY 2021



BUZZELL SENIOR CENTER

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NEWS & UPDATES

February has arrived and we can begin to get excited because this is the last full month of Winter. We are getting closer to those warm sunny days again! Not only is February a short month, but it will fly by with all the fun events we have planned.

Harrows Pot Pie is back for our Valentine's Day Drive-Thru Luncheon! Learn more and see details for our second February luncheon on page 2. Sign up for these two events begins on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 9:00AM. Be sure to sign up quickly as limited space is available!

Take a look at our Zoom Trivia and drive-thru trivia winners from January and check to see if your answers were correct on page 5. The drive-thru luncheon winner from January 28, 2021 will be announced in the March newsletter as the event took place at the end of the month.

This month marks the last installment of our 6 common elderly scams to watch out for. Read about charity scams and more scams to be on the lookout for on page 4. Remember, public awareness is the best weapon we have against scammers! The more you know, the easier it will be to spot a scam.

We are happy announce that we will be able to provide Income Tax Preparation for Wilmington residents this year! We are so grateful to be able to provide this service again this year. Thank you to the AARP Income Tax Program for making this possible. Please call the center starting Wednesday, February 10, **2021 at 9:00AM to set up your income tax appointment.** These appointments will fill up quick! Please see page 6 for additional details and important information.

Please note that the center will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021 in observation of President's Day. There will be no home delivered meals on this day as well.

RECIPE SHARING

Do you have a favorite recipe? We would love for you to share it with us! Make sure the recipe is neatly written and gives clear and concise ingredients/instructions. Feel free to put your name on it and give us any other details you'd like to share about it. You can send us the recipe in the mail or drop it off at the center. We will publish recipes in upcoming newsletters.



FUEL ASSISTANCE

Fuel Assistance can help pay part of your home's winter heating bill. Any Wilmington resident who is 60 years or older in need of fuel assistance, please call the center to set up your appointment for assistance in the application process. Residents under the age of 60 should contact the Billerica Veteran's Agent.

2020-2021 INCOME GLUDELINES

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Household Size	Max. Gross Income
1	\$39,105
2	\$51,137
3	\$63,169
4	\$75,201



VALENTINES DRIVE-THRU LUNCHEON

When: Friday, February 12, 2021 At 12:30PM

Join us for Harrows Pot Pie. This event is free of charge. Thank you to the **Kiwanis Club** for sponsoring this event!



Call the center to sign up as limited space is available!

Sign up for this event will begin on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 9:00AM

DRIVE-THRU TRIVIA:

1. What does the "O" in XOXO stand for?

A. Hugs

B. Kisses

2. How many presidents have birthdays in the month of February?

A. 2 **B.** 3

C. 4

D. 5

3. What company created the first Valentine's Day box of chocolates?

A. Cadbury

B. Hershey

C. Russell Stover

D. Godiva

4. True or False: More greeting cards are purchased for Valentines day than any other holiday.

DRIVE-THRU LUNCHEON

When: Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 12:30PM

Join us for <u>Beef Stew from As Good As It Gets</u>. This event is free of charge thanks to an **Anonymous Donor!**

Call the center to sign up as limited space is available!

Sign up for this event will begin on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 9:00AM

DRIVE-THRU GAME:

How many hearts can you find throughout this newsletter? *Count them all!*

MOVIE BASKET RAFFLE

Call the center to sign up for our movie raffle! It is free to enter. We will be raffling off a movie and some movie snacks so you can have a fun movie night at home! One lucky winner will be chosen on Monday, February 22, 2021.

Congratulations to <u>Carol Mills</u> for winning the movie basket raffle in January. We hope you were able to enjoy a relaxing movie night! You can watch a video of us choosing the winner on our Facebook page!



WANT TO BORROW A DVD FROM THE CENTER?

We have DVD movies now available at the center if you are interested in borrowing one. Just call the center and let us know what you'd like borrow. The DVD cases and DVD's themselves will be cleaned before and after every use. Please see the list of available movies below...

Amityville Horror (Horror, 2005) Bad Grandpa (Comedy, 2013)

Bridges of Madison County (Drama/Romance, 1995)

Coach Carter (Sports Drama, 2005)

Crazy on the Outside (Comedy/Romance, 2010)

Date Night (Comedy/Romance, 2010)

Davinci Code (Mystery/Thriller, 2006)

Fried Green Tomatoes (Comedy/Drama, 1991)

Furry Vengeance (Family Comedy, 2010)

Hairspray (Musical/Romance/Comedy, 2007)

Hangover (Comedy, 2009)

Imitation Game (Historical Drama, 2014)

It (Horror, 2017)

Journey to the Center of the Earth (Adventure Sci-Fi, 2008)

Julie & Julia (Biographical Comedy Drama, 2009)

Just Go With It (Romantic Comedy, 2011)

Kite Runner (Drama/Romance, 2007)

Land of the lost (Adventure/Comedy, 2009)

Little Rascals (Family Comedy, 1994)

Mall Cop (Comedy, 2009)

Mask of Zorro (Adventure/Western, 1998)

Misty (Family Adventure, 1961)

My Big Fat Greek Wedding (Comedy, 2002)

Neighbors (Comedy, 2014)

Notebook (Romance/Drama, 2004)

Other Guys (Comedy/Action, 2010)

Passion Of The Christ (Biblical Drama, 2004)

Phantom of the Opera (Musical/Romance, 2004)

Picture This (Comedy/Romance, 2008)

Possession (Thriller/Mystery, 2008)

Pursuit of Happyness (Biographical Drama, 2006)

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (Comedy/Drama, 2008)

Speed Racer (Family/Action, 2008)

Wildfire: The Arabian Heart (Coming of Age Drama, 2010)



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

We can't help you blow out the candles on your cake unless you tell us your special day!



Please call the Senior Center to confirm your birthday month so that we can mention you in future newsletters!

Nancy Assenza	Stephen Flynn	Joseph Maiella	Thelma Peters	Charles Vallas
Pat Brennan	Lois Jason	Joyce Miles	June Plumer	Thomas Walsh
Charlotte Chenevert	Cynthia Jones	Al Minervini	Roslyn Santangelo	Dorothy Walsh
Josie Ciaccio	Barbara Kaveney	Walter Moran	Mona Somerville	Dick Wetzler
Priscilla Cipriani	Mary Kiesinger	Helen Moulton	Gloria Szabo	Victor Wilhelm
Pat D'Antonio	Mary Kuchler	Sobhana Oum	William Tucci	
Robert Farrell	Toni LaRivee	Tom Pazyra	Jean Valente	

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP



Although our Caregiver Support Group is unable to meet in person, there is some information to share with caregivers that may be helpful. There are some educational programs offered by the Alzheimer's Association of MA/NH that are held virtually. These programs are both informative and useful for care givers. All are offered at no charge.

These cold winter months can be some of the most challenging times for caregivers. We are very fortunate to have our local cable station, WCTV which provides a wide array of programs that are both entertaining and informative. The Wilmington Memorial Library also offers virtual programs for all to enjoy, as well as their curbside pick-up of books, movies, and music.

Here at the Buzzell Senior Center we have lots of puzzles that can borrowed at any time which can be a fun, ongoing activity. And if you are able, a brisk walk outside (when weather permits) is great to relieve stress. Please feel free to contact Laura Pickett, Case Manager at the Buzzell Senior Center with any questions.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Beginning in February, Our van driver Sonja will be providing special transportation on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00PM-3:00PM for the following...



- **Grocery Shopping**
- Barber Shop/Salons
- Pharmacy
- Banking

Transportation is still being provided for medical appointments. Call the center at 978-657-7595 to schedule a ride. Please note that due to social distancing requirements, space on the van is limited.

THE WILMINGTON TOWN MUSEUM AT THE HARNDEN TAVERN

The museum is looking for any World War II items for display. In addition, they are also looking for...

- Photographs and artifacts from the cranberry bogs and ice houses on Silver lake. (Late 19th and early 20th Century)
- Other old Wilmington photographs
- Early (before WWII) license plates
- Unusual old kitchen tools
- Milk bottles from Wilmington dairies
- Old Wilmington postcards

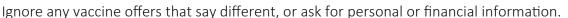
Please contact Terry McDermott at 978-658-5475 if you have any of these items and are interested in donating them to the museum.

COVID VACCINE SCAMS

The distribution of vaccine has begun, and other vaccines are just over the horizon. Massachusetts has a three-phase plan for how the state will roll out the doses. It is very important to know that no one will need to pay anything to get vaccinated when their turn comes. The federal government has already paid for the doses. In addition the Federal Trade Commission says we should be wary of offers to jump the line, as they are scams.

Three Ways to avoid COVID-19 Scams:

- 1. You can't pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine. That is a scam.
- 2. You can't pay to get early access to the vaccine. That is a scam.
- **3.** Nobody legit will call about the vaccine and ask for your social security, back account, or credit card number. **That is a scam.**



Learn more at ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams



The most effective way to defeat scammers is to know how to identify scams. You should just hang up on any call you're uncertain of and ignore any suspicious emails. Many scammers pose as federal agents or other law enforcement using fear tactics to get what they want.

Over the past 5 months, we have learned about Grandparent Scams, Sweepstakes Scams, Home Improvement Scams, Telemarketer Scams, and Internet Scams. This month we will conclude this segment by learning about Charity Scams.

<u>Charity Scams</u>: While there are many charities that are worthy of your donations, be sure you know who you are donating to.

- Always verify the charity before making any donation by checking with your Attorney General's office.
- Know what the charity is doing with your contribution.
- Avoid charities that will not answer your questions or provide written information about their programs or finances.
- Talk with family, friends, or trusted sources before giving to charity.
- Never give cash or purchase gift cards for payment.

If you feel you have been scammed, or are concerned that you are a victim of fraud, contact your local law enforcement immediately. Remember to keep a close eye on bank and credit card statements, and report any unusual activity. Stay informed. Remember you are in control!

SOCIAL SECURITY SCAMS



There has been recent reports of more Social Security scams. These scams use sophisticated tactics to deceive the victim into providing sensitive information or money. New reports reveal that these scammers are using real Social Security officials' names in order to appear more legit. Please know that these names are publicly available and do not prove the caller to be legitimate.

Always remember that Social Security will **NEVER**:

- Suspend your Social Security number because someone else has used it in a crime.
- Threaten you with arrest or other legal action unless you immediately pay a fine or fee.
- Require payment by retail gift card, wire transfer, internet currency, or mailing cash.
- Promise a benefit increase or other assistance in exchange for payment.
- Send official letters or reports containing your personal information via email.

Don't believe anyone who calls you unsolicited from a government agency and threatens you. <u>JUST HANG</u> <u>UP</u>. Public awareness is the best weapon we have against scammers.



ZOOM TRIVIA

Join Kelly for Zoom Trivia! This month is Animal Trivia and Television Trivia. Please see below how to play. Test your knowledge, see some friendly faces, and most of all... have fun! We are always interested in hearing your suggestions for Zoom Trivia topics, reach out to Kelly if you have a trivia idea! If you are hesitant to sign up because you have never used Zoom, call the center and speak with Kelly. Zoom may seem intimidating but it is actually very easy and fun to use. Kelly can set up a one on one Zoom meeting with you and walk you through all the steps over the phone or just answer any questions you may have.

Winners will be announced in the March newsletter



ANIMAL TRIVIA TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021 9:30AM-10:30AM



TV TRIVIA TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021 9:30AM-10:30AM

HOW TO PLAY:

All you need is a pen and paper! I will ask the question and players will write down their answer. Once all players have their answer written down, everyone will hold up the piece of paper with their answer on it. I will be keeping score and whoever has the most correct answers at the end of the game will win a prize!

TWO WAYS TO SIGN UP:

(1) Call the center and give us your email address. We will email you the link to the zoom event.

(2) Sign up online at www.myactivecenter.com. Choose Buzzell Senior Center as your preferred location. Search "Zoom Trivia." Click on the date you'd like to join and click register. A new screen will pop up, click register again. The meeting link will be emailed to you a couple days before the event. A few minutes before it begins go to your email and click on the link, then you will be entered into the event.

LETS CONGRATULATE OUR WINNERS!

U.S. GEOGRAPHY WINNER: George Allan





PRESIDENTIAL TRIVIA WINNER: George Allan

Drive-Thru Game:

How many of these snowflakes (🙀) did you find hiding throughout the January Newsletter? Answer: 23

WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED IN MARCH

Drive-Thru Trivia Winner: Carol Dwyer

1. In what year did the New Years Eve Ball make its maiden descent from the flagpole atop One Times Square?

ANSWER: 1907

2. Revelers in Spain usually eat something right after the clock hits midnight on New Year's Eve. What is it?

A. Grapes

B. Apple

C. Pear

3. According to the Chinese Zodiac, 2021 is the year of what animal? ANSWER: Ox

4. There were two years in which the Times Square New Year's Eve ball did not drop. What was one of those years? ANSWER: 1942 & 1943

Bisquick Hot Fudge Pudding: Submitted by: Marilyn West



Pour 1 1/2 cups of boiling water over a 6 ounce package of chocolate chips. Let set, then stir.

Mix together:

- 1 1/2 cups of Bisquick
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2-1 cup of chopped nuts
- 1/2 cup of milk

Pour this mixture into a greased 2 quart baking dish. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup of brown sugar.

Pour the chocolate chip and water mixture over.

Bake for 40-45 minutes at 350°

Liquid will sink to the bottom making the hot fudge. Serve with whipped cream.

Sugar Cookies

Quick and easy sugar cookies! They are really good, plain or with candies in them. This recipe can be found online at allrecipes. https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/9870/easy-sugar-cookies/

Prep Time: 15 Minutes Cook Time: 10 Minutes Total Time: 25 Minutes

Servings: 48 Yields: 4 Dozen 2¾ cups all-purpose flour

• 1 teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon baking powder

1 cup butter, softened

1½ cups white sugar

1 egg

• 1 teaspoon vanilla extract



- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. In a small bowl, stir together flour, baking soda, and baking powder. Set aside.
- 2. In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in egg and vanilla. Gradually blend in the dry ingredients. Roll rounded teaspoonfuls of dough into balls, and place onto ungreased cookie sheets.
- 3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven, or until golden. Let stand on cookie sheet two minutes before removing to cool on wire racks.

INCOME TAX APPOINTMENTS

<u>Sign up for income tax appointments will begin on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 9:00AM.</u> Please call the center to make your appointment. Appointments will fill up very quickly! When you call, we will need your name, phone number (preferably your cell phone number if you have one), the make/color of your vehicle, and your address. Appointments dates will span from February to April.

On the day of your appointment: When you arrive in the parking lot, please stay in your car and call the center to let us know you are here. A tax preparer will come out to your car and hand you a form to complete and give back. Be prepared to show your ID. They will then take your taxes inside to work on. You will go home and we will call you if we need more information. You will receive a call when your return is done and has been quality reviewed so you can authorize us to file it and then you will come pick up the completed return.

What you will need to bring:

- **1.** Identification and Social Security numbers for all persons on the return.
- **2.** Last years tax return (2019) If you did not file last year, please bring your tax returns from 2018.
- 3. All 2020 tax forms received in the mail:
 - 1099 R for pension
 - 1099 INT for interest
 - 1099 DIV for dividends
 - 1099 R for IRA's
 - 1099 G for lottery winnings
 - Investment statements
 - Social Security form
 - 1444 & 1444B for stimulus amounts

- **4.** For itemizing deductions:
 - Medical costs
 - Insurance
 - Copays
 - Taxes paid-Real Estate
 - Mortgage statements
 - Excise taxes for car
- **5.** Senior Circuit Breaker:
 - Real Estate Tax
 - Water and sewer bills.
 - House value



Can you find these February words?

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<u>SUDOKU:</u> Use deductive logic to complete the grid so that each row, each column, and each 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 in some order.

The solution is unique.

Valentine's Day Word Scramble

Can you unscramble these Valentine's Day words?

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STAY ACTIVE AT HOME 99 FOR COMCAST/39 FOR VERIZON

YOGA WITH JOAN



Tuesdays at 2:00PM Thursdays at 2:00PM

(Also available on our Facebook page)

NEW VIDEOS COMING SOON!

SPECIAL EXERCISE WITH MARY & FRED



Mondays at 11:00AM Saturdays at 10:00AM

(Also available on our Facebook page)

NEW VIDEOS COMING SOON!

PUZZLE ANSWERS:

- 1. DARLING
- 2. LOVEBIRDS
- 3 SWEETHEART
- 4. CUPIDS ARROW
- 5. CHERUB
- 6. AFFECTION
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