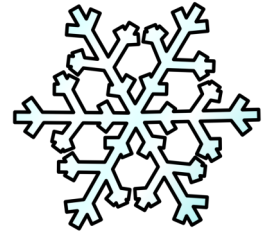




THE BUZZELL BUZZ THE DEPARTMENT OF ELDERLY SERVICES **JANUARY 2022**



BUZZELL SENIOR CENTER

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**MONDAY – FRIDAY
9:00AM– 4:30PM**



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NEWS & UPDATES

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a safe, happy, and stress free holiday season. With the winter finally underway, please make sure to take a look at our inclement weather policy that can be found on the bottom of this page.

It's that time of year again and we are very excited to announce that we will be offering the free income tax assistance for Wilmington seniors this year. For more information and how to sign up see page 3. These appointments will fill up quickly so make sure you call during the allotted sign up time.

This month there will be no Dance & Tone class on the following dates; Tuesday, January 25, 2022 and Tuesday, February 1, 2022. There will also be no crafting classes in January. Zoom trivia is now at a new time, make sure to take a peak at page 4 and call if you are interested in signing up.

December was a very busy month for raffles! We had basket raffles, the movie raffle, and the candy raffle. See who our lucky winners were on page 4! We will have another candy raffle at the front desk in January so make sure you stop by and take a guess! One lucky winner will be chosen on Monday, January 24, 2022. Dovetail Companies reached out to us in December to create a special raffle for twenty lucky ladies to get their nails done at Coco Nails. Thank you Dovetail Companies and Coco Nails for making this possible and spreading some holiday cheer!

The annual giving tree was a great success. We received well over \$4,000 dollars in gift card donations that we were able to send out. Speaking of donations... we would like to thank "Ann Nonni Mous" for their anonymous donation made every year around the holidays to the senior center in the amount of \$333.33.

There will be two drive-thru luncheons in January. Big thank you to the Wilmington Fire Department and Dagle Electrical Construction Corp. for making our January drive thru events possible.

Our "Color me Purple" tree for the Festival of Trees was a great hit and even won an award! See photo on page 4. Also, we'd love to put a smile on your face, see our Happy Holidays staff photo for 2021 on page 5!

Please note that the center will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There will be no home delivered meals on this date as well.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The Department of Elderly Services storm policy states that when the Wilmington Schools are closed due to inclement weather, all scheduled Senior Center activities are also canceled for the day. No home delivered meals are served and the van will not be available for transportation.

The center will remain open for emergencies.

Please note that you may receive automated calls from the senior center that will appear as (855) 997-7375 and may say Belmont, MA. These are not spam calls and will be recordings with important center information and updates. They may be voice recorded calls or automated calls.

Feel free to call with any questions or concerns.





DRIVE-THRU FIREFIGHTER LUNCHEON

Thank you to the Wilmington Fire Department for putting together this event!

When: Thursday, January 13, 2022
at 12:30PM

Where: Buzzell Senior Center Parking Lot

What's on the Menu?: American chop suey prepared by the Wilmington Fire Department.

Sign up for this event will begin on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 9:30AM.



DAGLE
ELECTRICAL
CONSTRUCTION

DRIVE-THRU LUNCHEON

Thank you to Dagle Electrical Construction Corp. for sponsoring this event!

When: Friday, January 28, 2022
at 12:30PM

Where: Buzzell Senior Center Parking Lot

A hot lunch will be served

Sign up for this event will begin on Friday, January 21, 2022 at 9:30AM.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 1:30PM. If you are interested in joining, please call the center.



This months book is
Touched by the Sun
by Carly Simon

**Next meeting is
Monday, January 24, 2022**

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The role of a caregiver can be a very difficult one, especially during these last 22 months. The Department of Elderly Services is offering a Caregivers Support Group that meets on the third Monday of each month.

If you are caring for a loved one, relative, or friend, come and meet with others who understand all that you are going through and who can offer support and provide helpful coping strategies.



THANK YOU TO IRONCLAD

John Johnston (Owner of IronClad) and Kim Cuscuna (Fitness Manager) sponsored the Love in Action Donation Project. They collected gloves, blankets, hats, and hand sanitizer for us to distribute for the Annual Giving Tree.



THANK YOU TO LUCCI'S

The Meals & More Program was created in the beginning of 2021 and made possible by a grant received from Winchester Hospital. This program delivers fresh fruit monthly to seniors.

We would like to thank Scott Conrad of Lucci's for all of his help and support as this program wouldn't be possible without it. Scott truly goes above and beyond and for that we are very appreciative.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



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

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

Donna Balboni	Rose LaVerde
Sylvia Barbas	Ruthann Paiva
Linda Barrett	Patricia Palman
Kathy Brennick	James Palman
Nancy Brooks	Sara Piazza
Carmen Driscoll	Constance Rando
Joanne Fisher	Dorothy Shelley
Jean George	Margery Spear
Deborah Harrington	Joanne Tompkins
Anne Marie Hill	John Wallace
Patricia Ide	Betty Wolfe
Gigi Kaufman	

FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE



Sign up for income tax appointments will begin on **Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 10:00AM.**

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. Please be patient when calling to make an appointment as we will be experiencing a high volume of calls. 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. Please complete the form sent to you and give all info to the AARP person who comes to your car. 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 (2020)
3. All 2021 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





CANDY RAFFLE



CONGRATULATIONS PATRICIA KANE

There were 175 Hershey Kisses in the jar and Pat was spot on with her guess of 175! Wow! What a great guess! Make sure to come to the front desk this month to enter our next candy raffle.



MOVIE RAFFLE

Congratulations to LINDE KASHIAN for winning the December movie basket raffle! We hope you were able to enjoy it!

GIFT BASKET RAFFLES

This holiday season, we raffled off three fun themed baskets. On December 22, 2021 we chose three lucky winners. Without further ado...



Cozy & Comfy Basket: JACKIE GRAY



Dunkin Dream Basket: MARILYN WEST



Sporting Spirits Bright Basket: KATHY SOLAS

WOW FESTIVAL OF TREES

Our "Color Me Purple" tree for Alzheimer's Awareness won the award for best use of theme. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible!



ZOOM TRIVIA

Lets congratulate our December zoom trivia winner:



DISNEY MOVIES:

GEORGE ALLAN

Join Kelly for zoom trivia! This month is Webster's Dictionary 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!

The winner will be announced in the February newsletter.



WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY TRIVIA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

11:00AM-12:00PM

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.

HOW TO PLAY:

Call the center to sign up and we will email you the zoom event link. All you need is a pen and paper! I will ask a 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!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



From left to right: Sonja Halliday as the Abominable Snowman, Kelly Fordham, Laura Pickett, Terri Marciello, Patti Meehan, Lisa Fanikos as Rudolph.

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.



Household Size	Max. Gross Income
1	\$40,951
2	\$53,551
3	\$66,151
4	\$78,751



HAS SOMEONE ASKED YOU TO PAY A BILL WITH GIFT CARDS?

HAS SOMEONE YOU DO NOT KNOW ASKED YOU TO WIRE THEM CASH?

HAS SOMEONE OFFERED TO SEND A COURIER TO YOUR HOME TO COLLECT MONEY, OR OFFERED TO GET YOU AN UBER TO BRING YOU TO THE BANK?



THINK ABOUT IT... IT IS PROBABLY A SCAM!!

Common Scams

IRS IMPOSTERS: The Internal Revenue Service has demanded immediate payment for taxes owed.

BAIL/GRANDPARENT SCAM: You have been told a family member has been in an accident or arrested and in jail, and you need to send money for bail, lawyers, court or damages. Consider having a CODE WORD with family, so you can confirm you are actually talking to a family member.

GRAND PRIZE/SWEEPSTAKES WINNER: You won the grand prize in a contest, sweepstakes, or lottery and must send money upfront to pay fees or taxes to claim your prize.

TECH SUPPORT: You are told your computer has been detected as having a virus or is running slow, but for a fee and access to your computer, it can be repaired.

OVERPAID CHECK: You got an internet job to work from home, or you sold something online and you received a check for too much money. Your "employer" or the "buyer" tells you to deposit the full amount, but then send back or wire the difference.

ONLINE DATING SCAM: You have met a new special someone online and they have gone away on a trip before meeting you in person, but they need money to get home or need to send you something to re-ship.

IF YOU SUSPECT A SCAM, BEFORE SENDING OR HANDING OVER ANY MONEY OR BUYING ANY GIFT CARDS, CALL THE WILMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AT (978) 658-5071

UPDATE ON NEW SENIOR CENTER PROJECT

Here's is what's been happening on the project since the last Update in our October Newsletter:

- The Senior Center Building Committee and the Town Hall/School Administration Building Committee along with the architects for both projects and our OPM met with the Board of Selectmen on September 27. The Selectmen wanted the Committees to look at the possibility of the new Senior Center and Town Hall both being located at Glen Road at the site of the present Hall. The Selectmen also raised concerns about parking and conflicts with other activities at the Swain Green site. The Selectmen also requested further study on potential building layouts on the sites and further vetting of the sites. In addition, the Selectmen wanted to make sure there was adequate public outreach. Both committees and architects proceeded to address these concerns.
- A site walk was held at the St. Dorothy's site by a group of seniors on November 29.
- On November 30, the Senior Center Building Committee held a meeting at the Town Hall before an overflow crowd of seniors. After a presentation by the project architect and a long discussion of the merits of the 3 potential sites, the Committee voted 5-2 for the new Senior Center to be located at the St. Dorothy's site. This vote reaffirmed the ranking of the sites developed at the joint committee meeting held on September 15, which was discussed in our October Newsletter.
- On December 14, Selectman Judy O'Connell, accompanied by Terri Marciello, George Hooper, Chair of the Senior Center Building Committee, Diane Allan, a member of that committee and Ken Clarkin, Chair of the Elderly Services Commission, took a tour of the Senior Center. Selectman O'Connell wanted to get a better understanding of the building and programming deficiencies.
- On December 16, Town Manager, Jeff Hull, attended the monthly meeting of the Elderly Services Commission. In addition to Commission members, there were a dozen seniors in the audience. Mr. Hull gave an explanation of why construction of a public building takes so long. He also addressed concerns about a Special Town Meeting on March 8, 2022 for a Feasibility Study for a new school and its potential impact on the construction of the new Senior Center. The School Department has received an offer of a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) but they have to meet certain dates, which is the reason for the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Hull estimated that any construction of a new school could be 5 years down the road and will not adversely impact the schedule of a new Senior Center. In response to questions from the audience regarding linking the new Senior Center and the Town Hall/School Administration building in one article for a Town Meeting vote, he indicated that they could be separate articles but the final decision is up to the Board of Selectmen. Several audience members were firm in their remarks that each project should stand on its own merits and be voted as separate articles. Mr. Hull expects that both projects would be ready for a Special Town Meeting in the Fall of 2022. The Commission and the audience thanked Mr. Hull for meeting with them.
- The next step in the process will be for the Town Hall/School Administration Building Committee to meet and review their architect's proposed layouts for the 3 sites and vote on the preferred site. That could happen at their meeting on December 20 or in early January. Both committees would then meet with the Board of Selectmen, hopefully in January, to discuss their recommendations.



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cooking curling baking hockey plowing

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SUDOKU: 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. *Answers on back page.*

WINTER WONDERLAND WORD SCRAMBLE:

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2. ENW RAYE: _____
3. IECCIL: _____
4. GRZFENEI: _____
5. MGNTIEL: _____
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WORD SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

1. SPARKLING
2. NEW YEAR
3. ICICLE
4. FREEZING
5. MELTING
6. SHOVELING
7. BLIZZARD
8. FIREPLACE
9. SNOWFLAKE
10. THERMOMETER



Please call the center if you are in need of hearing aid batteries or incontinence products. We also have puzzles, puzzle books, and DVDs available. Just give us a call!

BUZZELL PROGRAMMING



Monday

Tai Chi: 9:00AM

Blood Pressure Clinic: 9:30AM

Special Exercise: 10:30AM

Quilting: 1:00PM

Maureen's Crafty Creations Corner:
3rd Monday of the month at 1:00PM

Book Club: 4th Monday of the month at 1:30PM

Caregivers Support Group: 3rd Monday of the month at
10:30AM

Tuesday

Dance & Tone: 9:30AM

Hiking Group: 9:30AM

Chair Dancing: 1:00PM

Wednesday

Special Exercise: 9:30AM

Cards & Games: 1:00PM

Thursday

Yoga: 9:00AM

Art: 9:45AM

Knitting & Crocheting: 10:30AM

Ceramics: 1:30PM

Friday

Zumba: 9:00AM

Sewing: 9:30AM

Chair Yoga: 12:30PM

Poker: 1:00PM

