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NEWS & UPDATES

Hello March! March is an exciting month for two reasons, Day Light Savings Time and Spring! The first day of Spring is Saturday, March 20, 2021. Those warmer weather days are near and finally it won't be dark by 5PM!

We are very excited to announce that we will be having a special Drive-Thru Luncheon for Saint Patrick's Day. This event will be on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 and **will be held at the Knights of Columbus**. We will also be having another drive-thru luncheon on Thursday, April 1, 2021 (April Fools Day). This luncheon will be in the usual location at the Senior Center parking lot. It is important to know that each of these luncheons have a different date to begin to sign up. **See more details about signing up on page two.** Also, anyone can participate in the drive-thru trivia even if you are not signed up for the event. You can call the center with your answers, email them to Kelly or drop them off in the orange bucket outside the center, just be sure to put your name on it. Winners get a fun prize!

It is not too late if you need fuel assistance! If you need help or have any questions, please call the center. Laura Pickett is available to answer any questions you may have or to help you with the application process.

Members of our knitting group have been busy knitting at home! On page 6, you can see what they have been working on. Also, check out who won our drive-thru trivia's and our Zoom trivia events on page 4 and you can check to see if your answers were right. On Monday, February 22, 2021 we picked one lucky winner for our movie basket raffle. Find out who won on page 4. You can also watch us pick the winner in a video on our Facebook page.

Please call the center if you would like to borrow any movies. In last months newsletter we listed the DVD titles that we have available. DVD's will be cleaned before and after each use. We also have books, puzzles, and puzzle books available. Just call the center and we can leave any of these items out on the bench for you to pick up or we can deliver them to you.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN



Day Light Savings time is here.
Don't forget to spring forward!
**Set your clocks one hour ahead on
Sunday, March 14, 2021**

The first day of Spring is
Saturday, March 20, 2021



MOVIE 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, March 22, 2021.



DRIVE-THRU LUNCHEON

When: Saint Patrick's Day
Wednesday, March 17, 2021
At 12:30PM

Where: Knights of Columbus
122 Middlesex Avenue
Wilmington

What's on the Menu: Join us for a delicious home cooked traditional Saint Patrick's Day meal of corned beef & cabbage.

This lunch is sponsored by **Peter and Vicky MacLellan** and is free of cost. We are so fortunate for their continued generosity.

We are also very lucky to have this meal prepared by our specialty chef **Lou Cimaglia**.

Sign up for this event will begin on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 9:30AM.

DRIVE-THRU LUNCHEON

When: Thursday, April 1, 2021
At 12:30PM

Where: Buzzell Senior Center Parking lot
15 School Street
Wilmington

Play along and join us for an April Fools Mystery Luncheon!

This event is free of charge thanks to a very generous donation from the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks Club. We thank them for making this event possible!

Sign up for this event will begin on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 9:30AM.

DRIVE-THRU TRIVIA:

1. What is the official birth flower of March?
A. Tulip B. Rose
C. Daffodil D. Daisy
2. Name the two zodiac signs associated with March.
3. The mathematical constant Pi (π) is celebrated every year on what date?
4. What is the month of March in Spanish?
5. In the original Roman calendar what month was March?
A. 1st B. 2nd
C. 3rd D. 4th
6. How many shamrocks can you find hidden throughout this newsletter?



A Message from the "Willing 'Wilmington Weakly Walkers' Group:

"We are senior citizens united to socialize while taking a planned walk for our personal enjoyment. On our exploratory walks we look for signs of nature; past, present, and future. We currently have about 17 trail heads to walk from. Most of these have been tried so far. We do repeat the ones that have special interest. **Our walks take place on Tuesday mornings at 9:00AM. To join our group, call the center at 978-657-7595.** Once you are registered, you will receive an invite to join our private Facebook Group."

If you don't use Facebook, that's not a problem, you can still join the group! Call the center to sign up. Many of the groups hikes are recorded and you can always see what they are up to on the Buzzell Senior Center Facebook page.

Colonial Oatmeal Cookies

This recipe is over 200 Years Old
Submitted by Audrey Reed

Ingredients:

- 1 Cup Soft Butter
- 1 Cup Brown Sugar
- 1 Teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 2 Cups Rolled Oats
- 1 Cup All Purpose Flour
- 1/2 Teaspoon Baking Soda



Directions:

Cream together butter, brown sugar, and vanilla until light and fluffy

Stir in remaining ingredients.

Shape into 36 balls.

Flatten with glass or leave in ball shape.

Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Rose Brooks	Joyce Duff	Roger Mills	Kathy Perito
Frank Corvino	Patricia Kane	Janice Murray	Peggy Reese
Charlotte Demarco	Paulette Mangano	Richard McCauley	Don Rich
Jackie Draper	Terri Marciello	Linda Mytych	Mark Ryan

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!

Circuit Breaker Information



As a senior, you may be eligible to claim a refundable credit on your personal state income tax return. The Circuit Breaker tax credit is based on the actual real estate taxes paid on the Massachusetts residential property you own or rent and occupy as your principal residence. The maximum credit amount for tax year 2020 is \$1,150. If the credit you're owed exceeds the amount of the total tax payable for the year, you'll be refunded the additional amount of the credit without interest.

Who is eligible





- You must be a Massachusetts resident or part-year resident.
- You must be 65 or older by January 1, 2021.
- You must file a Massachusetts personal income tax return.
- You must own or rent residential property in Massachusetts and occupy it as your primary residence.
- For tax year 2020, your total Massachusetts income doesn't exceed:
 - ☘ \$61,000 for a single individual who is not the head of a household.
 - ☘ \$76,000 for a head of household.
 - ☘ \$92,000 for married couples filing a joint return.
- If you are a homeowner, your Massachusetts property tax payments, together with half of your water and sewer expense, must exceed 10% of your total Massachusetts income for the tax year.
- If you are a renter, 25% of your annual Massachusetts rent must exceed 10% of your total Massachusetts income for the tax year.

How to apply: If you are eligible for the Circuit Breaker Credit, complete Schedule CB with your Massachusetts state income tax return. If you qualify for the tax credit in a prior tax year but didn't file Schedule CB with your original state income tax return, you should file an amended return with your Schedule CB. Be sure to fill in the Amended return oval on the return. The Schedule CB must be completed within 3 years from the last day for filing the return, without regard to any extension of time to file.

ZOOM TRIVIA

Join Kelly for Zoom Trivia! This month is Abbreviations and General Knowledge. 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 April newsletter

 <p style="text-align: center;">ABBREVIATIONS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021 9:30AM-10:30AM</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TUESDAY, MARCH 16 2021 9:30AM-10:30AM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">HOW TO PLAY:</p> <p>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!</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">TWO WAYS TO SIGN UP:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="99 804 407 1033">  <p>Call the center and give us your email address. We will email you the link to the zoom event.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="407 804 1521 1033">  <p>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.</p> </div> </div>	

LET'S CONGRATULATE OUR WINNERS!

Drive-Thru Game: 1-28-2021

WINNER: DEBRA RUSSO

How many of these snowflakes did you find hiding throughout the January Newsletter

Answer: 23

DRIVE-THRU GAME: February 25, 2021

WINNER...

TO BE ANNOUNCED IN APRIL NEWSLETTER

How many hearts did you find throughout the February Newsletter? **Answer: 45**



ANIMAL TRIVIA

WINNER:

LINDA DEPIETRO WALSH

TELEVISION TRIVIA

WINNER:

AUDREY REED



FEBRUARY MOVIE RAFFLE WINNER:

Congratulations to **ROBIN MACMILLAN** for winning the movie basket raffle in February. 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!*

DRIVE-THRU TRIVIA: February 12, 2021

WINNER: JANICE MURRAY

- What does the "O" in XOXO stand for?

A. Hugs
B. Kisses
- How many presidents have birthdays in the month of February?

A. 2
B. 3
C. 4
D. 5
- What company created the first Valentine's Day box of chocolates?

A. Cadbury
B. Hershey

C. Russell Stover
D. Godiva
- True or False: More greeting cards are purchased for Valentines day than any other holiday. **FALSE, more greeting cards are sold for Christmas!**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE & SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD

Scammers are using the COVID-19 pandemic as an opportunity to file fraudulent unemployment claims, often using someone else's identity. Scammers may even use the identity of someone who is receiving or applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits.

SSI applicants and recipients who begin to receive—or seemingly begin to receive—State Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits could appear to be ineligible for SSI benefits. They could even appear to be overpaid because of an unemployment claim filed in their name.

These UI fraud schemes are widespread and affect most states. The United States Secret Service is investigating more than 500 claims in over 40 states related to unemployment fraud.

At Social Security, we're taking steps to verify whether SSI applicants and recipients are victims of UI fraud. We will not reduce or terminate your payments due to a fraudulent unemployment claim. If you suspect you may be a victim of fraud, report it to your state fraud hotline. You may also report suspicions of fraud to your local unemployment office.

Remember that scammers always look for a chance to exploit your fears. Don't fall for their tactics—and guard your personal information. Remember, stay informed! Please share this information with your friends and family—and let's help each other stay vigilant.



BEWARE: COVID VACCINE SCAMS

The FBI is warning the public about several scams concerning the COVID-19 vaccine. People have already reported receiving emails, messages, and robocalls from scammers claiming to be from government agencies. Some even promised they could deliver the vaccine within days for only \$150. It's important to know you will not be asked to pay to get the vaccine during the public health emergency. Also, you cannot pay to get early access to it.

Here are some common warning signs of fraud:

- Advertisements or offers for early access to a vaccine upon payment of a deposit or fee.
- Requests asking you to pay out of pocket to obtain the vaccine or to put your name on a COVID-19 vaccine waiting list.
- Offers to undergo additional medical testing or procedures when obtaining a vaccine.
- Marketers offering to sell and/or ship doses of a vaccine, domestically or internationally, in exchange for payment of a deposit or fee.
- Unsolicited emails, telephone calls, or personal contact from someone claiming to be from a medical office, insurance company, or COVID-19 vaccine center requesting personal and/or medical information to determine recipients' eligibility to participate in clinical vaccine trials or obtain the vaccine.
- Claims of FDA approval for a vaccine that cannot be verified.
- Advertisements for vaccines through social media platforms, email, telephone calls, online, or from unsolicited/unknown sources.
- Individuals contacting you in person, by phone, or by email to tell you the government or government officials require you to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

The FBI recommends you do the following to avoid getting scammed:

- Consult your state's health department website for up-to-date information about authorized vaccine distribution channels and only obtaining a vaccine through such channels.

Check the FDA's website ([fda.gov](https://www.fda.gov)) for current information about vaccine emergency use authorizations.

- Consult your primary care physician before undergoing any vaccination.
- Don't share your personal or health information with anyone other than known and trusted medical professionals. 🍀
- Check your medical bills and insurance explanation of benefits (EOBs) for any suspicious claims and promptly reporting any errors to your health insurance provider.



CHRISTINE FORD



JANICE MURRAY

MARYLOU HEALY



PAT SPURR

CAROL HURLEY

MARCH MADNESS

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 SPRING
 HOLIDAY
 PRIDE
 LUCKY
 RAINBOW
 BASKETBALL
 FLOWERS
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 CHARM
 GAMES
 HORSESHOE
 FEAST
 PARADE
 MARCH MADNESS
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WORD SCRAMBLE: HOBBIES

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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!

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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| 1. PAINTING | 6. DANCE |
| 2. SEWING | 7. WOOD WORKING |
| 3. KNITTING | 8. POTTERY |
| 4. PHOTOGRAPHY | 9. COOKING |
| 5. GARDENING | 10. ORIGAMI |

TRANSPORTATION



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.