



THE BUZZELL BUZZ

THE DEPARTMENT OF ELDERLY SERVICES

OCTOBER 2020



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MONDAY – FRIDAY
9:00AM– 4:30PM



News & Updates

Happy October! You almost wouldn't believe it if it wasn't for the trees already beginning to change colors. Fall is in the air. Last month was National Senior Center Month and thanks to Winchester Hospital Community Benefits, we had a lot of fun drive-thru events. It was great to be able to see everyone! This month, Monteforte Law, The Wilmington Fire Department, and Adviniacare all reached out to us to sponsor a drive thru event for October. We are so thankful to have this opportunity! Check out our upcoming events on page 2 and be sure to sign up quick as space is limited.

We have had a great response to our trivia events. There were so many different trivia events last month that we have a whole page dedicated to our winners! See who won, and check to see if your answers were correct on page 6. Zoom Trivia has been a lot of fun too! If you are interested in learning more about Zoom, call the center and ask to speak with Kelly. It is so easy to learn! It is almost that time to vote. Don't wait till the last minute. Make sure you have all the correct information! **The last day to register to vote in the November 3, 2020 election is Saturday, October 24, 2020. The last day to apply for an early or absentee ballot is Wednesday, October 28, 2020 by 5:00PM.** See below for more information. If you have any questions, please call the center. There is a lot of information in this newsletter including updates on flu shots (page 2), voting (see below), and transportation (back page).

HAPPY FALL!



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Survey Information

The focus group for a new senior center has created a survey that we encourage everyone to complete. You will find the survey in the centerfold on this newsletter. There is a front and a back to the survey so be sure to fill out both sides. **Please return your response at the Senior Center's Drop Box by the front door by Friday, October 16th or send back in the mail to 15 School Street.**



IN PERSON ELECTION DAY VOTING:

WHEN: State Election is **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

WHERE: In person Election Day voting for **all precincts** will be held at the Shiners Auditorium (99 Fordham Road, Wilmington, MA FROM 7:00AM-8:00PM).

IN PERSON EARLY VOTING:

All early voting sessions for all precincts will be conducted in the auditorium at the Town Hall (121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA). Please see the early voting schedule list to the right of this.



Saturday-Sunday, October 17-18:	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Monday-Wednesday, October 19-21:	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday, October 22:	9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Friday, October 23:	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday, October 24:	2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Sunday, October 25:	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Monday, October 26:	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesday, October 27:	9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Wednesday-Friday, October 28-30:	9:00 am to 4:00 pm

DRIVE-THRU FLU CLINIC:

WHO: Seniors 65 Years or older

WHEN: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 from 9:00AM-12:00PM

WHERE: Buzzell Senior Center

CALL THE CENTER TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!

Once you sign up, insurance forms, screening forms and Vaccine Information Sheets will be available for pick up at the Senior Center. You will be advised as to where and when to pick them up prior to the clinic date.

What you need to do before you arrive:

Bring your Insurance form completed & signed.

Wear short sleeve shirt (If you are the driver you will receive the vaccine on the left arm, if you are the passenger you will receive the vaccine on the right arm. **No pets in the vehicle.**

You will not be able to get out of the car so be ready with your arm out.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Drive-Thru Luncheon

WHEN: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 12:00PM

Franks & Beans



This event is free of cost thanks to Monteforte Law! Please call the center to sign up. Limited space is available!

Trivia:

1. When was the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote ratified?
A. 1938 B. 1920
C. 1968 D. 1960
2. We elect a US Representative for how long?
A. 6 Years B. 4 Years
C. 2 Years D. 3 Years
3. How long is a US Senator's Term?
A. 4 Years B. 6 Years
C. 8 Years D. 12 Years



Wilmington Fire Fighters Drive-Thru Breakfast

Come grab a delicious breakfast sandwich prepared by the Wilmington Firefighters along with fruit, muffin, and juice.

WHEN: Friday, October 16, 2020 at 9:00AM

This event is free of cost thanks to the Wilmington Fire Department! Please call the center to sign up. Limited Space is available!

Trivia & Game:

1. Over 300 species of fruit depend on pollination by bats. Bats are typically attracted to flowers of what color?
A. Red/Pink B. White/Pale
C. Blue/Purple D. Yellow/Orange
2. Can you count all of the bats in this news-letter? Look carefully at all the clipart! (Count all bats even if they look a little different).

Spooky Drive-Thru Luncheon

Friday, October 30, 2020 at 12:00PM

Chicken noodle soup & a sweet treat!

We would love to see some Halloween spirit, dress up in costume or decorate your car and drive down! We will be taking photos for the upcoming newsletter.

This event is free of cost thanks to Adviniacare. Please call the center to sign up, limited space is available!

Spooky Trivia:

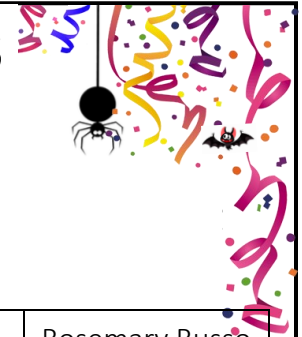
1. In what country was Halloween first celebrated in?
A. Mexico B. Ireland
C. Russia D. Italy
2. Fill in the blank: _____ of all candy sold annually in the US is purchased for Halloween.
A. 3/4 B. 1/2
C. 1/3 D. 1/4
3. What is your favorite type of puzzle or game to play in the newsletter? (Example: Word search, Sudoku, Maze, Spot the differences etc...)



OCTOBER 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!



Phyllis Allen	David Couture	Rosemarie Golisano	Jean Miceli	Rosemary Russo
Janet Amrock	Roy Crowell	Freda Graham-Rogers	Donna Ouellette	Debra Russo
Bill Bannon	Geraldine Debernardo	Irene Hoffman	Joanne Pfeiffer	Annette Shelley
Kay Bimbo	Mary Denehy	Paula Kalin	Alice Robb	Bob Veno
Carmen Bonarrigo	Helen Durkee	Lorinda Mansir	Stephen Robbins	Paul Welch
Roberta Burke	Jim Durkee	Annette Mattaliano	Elizabeth Roberts	Diana Wilson
Cynthia Conners	Joan Foresteire	Dorothy McGrath	Sandra Romsey	

Fuel Assistance:

The Community Teamwork, Inc. Fuel Assistance Program is available to new applicants starting November 1, 2020. 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 to set up your appointment for assistance in the application process with Terri Marciello/Laura Pickett at 978-657-7595. Wilmington residents that applied last year and are receiving renewal applications in the mail may also call for an appointment. Residents under the age of 60 should contact the Billerica Veteran's Agent (978-671-0968).

Renewal information is currently being sent out. Please feel free to call the center if you have any questions. Also, all copies can be made at center.

2020-2021 INCOME GUIDELINES

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

Caregivers Support Group

The Department of Elderly Services continues to test new ways of providing services during these challenging times. Our Caregivers Support Group will resume meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month from 10:30AM to 12:00PM outside at the Buzzell Senior Center (weather permitting). The next meeting will be held on **INSERT DATE HERE**. For safety and health reasons, this group is limited to 8. We are requesting that anyone interested to please call Laura Pickett, Case Manager at 978-657-7595.

The Department will continue to search for innovative ideas to meet the needs of our community during these unsettling times.



Bereavement Support Group



Meets the first Monday of the month 6:00PM-7:00PM
At Villanova Hall
126 Middlesex Ave, Wilmington

All are welcome, No need to RSVP.
COVID precautions will be in place,
Please wear a mask.

This group is facilitated by Lori Hayes,
RN – Faith Community Nurse

Please contact Lori at 978-604-3102 with any questions.



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS RAFFLE



October is breast cancer awareness month. In honor of this we are going to have a raffle! The raffle prize is this lovely Beijo Luxe Purse. We would like to thank Annette Shelley for making this raffle possible.

Call the center to be entered into this raffle. A winner will be chosen on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 and will be announced in the November newsletter.

ZOOM TRIVIA

Join Kelly for Zoom Trivia! This month we have Name that Movie and Name that Artist. Each event will have 20 questions and tie breaker questions if necessary. Questions for Name that Movie will be descriptive of the movie and can include popular quotes, movie plot, actors and actresses, and much more! The answer will be the name of the movie. Similar to this, Name that Artist questions will be descriptive of songs, lyrics, albums, band members, and much more. The answers will be the name of the Artist. Test your knowledge, see some friendly faces, and most of all... have fun! We are always interested in hearing your suggestions for Zoom Trivia events. If you have an idea for a trivia topic you would like to play, please call the center and speak with Kelly. You must sign up for this event. Limited space is available. This event is free of cost.

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. We encourage anyone interested in trying Zoom to sign up for an event or speak with Kelly. Though it is nice outside now and we are able to sit outside and catch up while social distancing, the weather may not always make this feasible. Lets all learn Zoom together and be prepared for those not so nice weather days!

TUESDAY OCTOBER 13, 2020
9:30AM-10:30AM

NAME THAT MOVIE

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27, 2020
9:30AM-10:30AM

NAME THAT ARTIST



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!

Winners will be announced in the November Newsletter



There are two ways to sign up...

1. Simply call the center to sign up. Tell us the date you'd like to join and give us your email address. We will email you the link to the zoom event. On the day of the event, click on the link and you will be entered into the video chat.
2. Sign up online for any of these events at www.myactivecenter.com This is a secure and easy to use site to browse and sign up for events at our senior center and others in the area. Create an account using your My Senior Center card (the card you scan when you enter the center). If you do not have a card, call the center and we will assign you one. Next, choose Buzzell Senior Center as the closest center available. The site will remember that this is the preferred location. In the search bar, search "Zoom Trivia" and click on it. Click on the date you'd like to join and click register. A new screen will pop up, click register again. The event will then be added on your My Activity Center calendar. The Zoom 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 video chat.

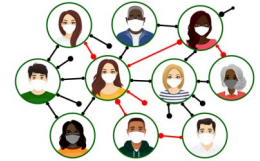


CONTACT TRACING: What is it and how to keep yourself safe

If you've been in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, you may be contacted. Here is what you need to know in case you get a call:

- **A contact tracer may call to** let you know you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. All information you share with a contact tracer, like who you've been in contact with and your recent whereabouts, is confidential.
- **You may be asked to self-quarantine for 14 days.** This means staying home and monitoring your health, and maintaining social distance from others at all times.
- **You may be asked to monitor your health and watch for symptoms of COVID-19.** Notify your doctor if you develop symptoms, and seek medical care if your symptoms worsen or become severe.

Beware of scammers pretending to be contact tracers. Legitimate contact tracers will **NEVER** ask for your Medicare Number or financial information. If someone calls claiming to be a contact tracer and asks for personal information, hang up and report it to **1-800-MEDICARE**



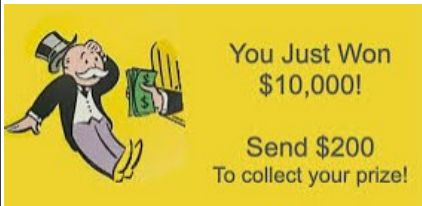
KEEP YOUR IDENTITY AND MONEY SAFE... DON'T FALL VICTIM TO SCAMS!

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.

In each upcoming newsletter we are going to go into detail about one of the 6 most common scams; Grandparent Scam, Sweepstakes scam, Home Improvement Scam, Telemarketer Scam, Internet Scams, and Charity Scams. Last month we learned about the Grandparent Scam. This month, we are going to go into detail about the sweepstakes scam. 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!

Sweepstakes Scam:

In this case, The scammer would send their target a check or something else of value, whether in the mail, email, or text/phone call that indicates the recipient won something. In order to claim the "prize," the recipient may have to send a check or money order to cover taxes and fees, and may be asked for banking information to deposit the winnings, or to buy something to enter the contest. This is so the scammer can obtain private banking information. The name of the sweepstakes may seem familiar—quite often scammers will do this to make it recognizable.



Legitimate contests do not ask for money or financial information. Do not respond to these messages with a check, money order, or cash. It is always best to **never** provide identifying information to anyone over the phone, text, or email, **especially your bank account information.**

SHINE COUNSELING



- Are you thinking about changing your Medicare Advantage or Medigap Supplement Plan?
- Are your prescription costs unaffordable?
- Do you want to learn about Medicare Savings Programs for income eligible beneficiaries?
- Annual Medicare Open Enrollment October 15, 2020 – December 7, 2020 is the best time of year to compare plans, costs, and new benefits. Please call 978-657-7595 to schedule a virtual or telephonic SHINE counseling session now.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

1960's

Congratulations to our 1960's Trivia master GEORGE ALLAN.
He got an incredible 17 out of 20 questions correct!

George won a gift bag filled with treats!

Thanks to all of the players: George Allan, Jim Brennick, Joan Foresteire, and Audrey Reed.

LOGO TRIVIA

Congratulations to our Logo Trivia winner DAVID COUTURE.
It was a close game but David won by one point!

David won a gift bag filled with treats!

Thanks to all of the players: George Allan, Jim Brennick, David Couture, and Joan Foresteire

WILMINGTON TRIVIA

*Wilmington Trivia had to be rescheduled for 9-29-2020.
The winner will be announced in the November newsletter.*



CONGRATULATIONS TO ARNOLD PETERSON!

Trivia Answers:

1. Speaking of sandwiches, this simple sandwich has been proposed as the official state sandwich of Massachusetts. In fact, the City of Somerville holds an annual festival for this sandwich. FLUFFERNUTTER

2. In 1887, this was the 1st state to make Labor Day an official public holiday?

- A. Florida C. Oregon
B. California D. Colorado

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAT VARDARO

Trivia Answers:

1. What year did Grandparents Day first begin?

- A. 1978 C. 1977
B. 1980 D. 1975

2. What President signed the proclamation for Grandparents Day?

- A. Ford C. Nixon
B. Reagan D. Carter

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAROL HURLEY

Can you find my Friends?



I had 33 friends hidden throughout the September newsletter.



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Transportation is being provided for medical appointments and now local errands (when availability permits). Call us at 978-657-7595 to schedule a ride. Please note that due to social distancing requirements, space on the van is limited.

Face masks are still available here at the center if anyone is in need of one. Also, if you are interested in borrowing any books or puzzles please don't hesitate to reach out



We would like to thank all of the business's that we worked with in the month of September



Beth Israel Lahey Health
Winchester Hospital



Table Talk Pies
"America's Favorite Pie"

