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Franklin Senior Center's Monthly Newsletter

May 2024

### Franklin Senior Center

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### Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:30-4:00 Wed open until 5:30

Social Services available by appointment

### **Ben's Bounty Gift Shop**

Mon-Fri 10:00-1:00

### Common Ground's Café

Mon-Fri Breakfast 8:30-10:00 Lunch 11:30-1:00

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A Message to the Senior Center:

As we enter May, I continue to be filled with gratitude. We are always questioned - "why is the parking lot so full?" or "why is it so busy in here?" Well, that's just the norm for the Franklin Senior Center. Last month, our largest room was packed with our volunteers. What a humbling experience to see so many who donate their most precious gift to us - their time. That energy flows through our membership and right to our staff.

Every day presents new challenges and adventures, for our members, our staff, and our center. I wouldn't want to face them and embrace them with anyone else.

-Sarah Amaral, Acting Director

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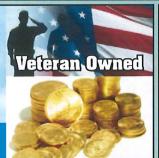
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# **May Happenings**

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Ryan's Senior Project.

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# **04** May Presentations

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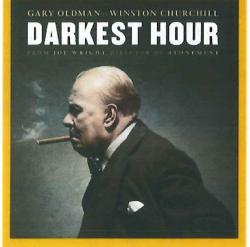


partnering with Franklin Food Pantry and the YMCA

Receive a bag of pantry goods, choice of protein, and dairy items

Wed, May 8 at 11:00

# Pizza & Movie Night



Thurs, May 9 at 4:30, \$3

### **Eat Around the World**



This month: KOREA

Once a month, join us in exploring a different country's culture and cuisine!

Fri, May 10 at 11:00, \$6

Five Wishes - Wednesday, May 1 at 12:30

Join Nurse Trish to learn about making the correct decisions as we age.

Sing-a-Long with George McPherson - Monday, May 6 at 2:00 Join us in the lobby with musician and guitar-player George!

Medicare 101 and Beyond- Wednesday, May 8 at 1:00

Lead by Paul Connor from Mass General Brigham Health Plan, licensed Medicare agent. Examining traditional Medicare and other options.

Mindful Moments - Thursday, May 9 at 10:30

Join Vika Whitted on a journey to spiritual & physical well-being as she educates us on the power of Reiki and guides us through a meditation. Vika is a certified Ayurveda & Reiki Energy Healer.

Art Class: Clay in May - Thursday, May 9 at 1:00

Join Jillian in using polymer clay to make a gnome for your garden!

Wills & Trusts - Friday, May 10 at 1:00

Local attorney Amy N. Azza, Esq. will present on wills and trusts, as well as health care proxies, HIPAA authorization release forms, and durable power of attorney.

Drum Circle - Monday, May 13 at 11:00

Drums provided. Drumming can reduce stress, increase energy, lower blood pressure, and boost brain health. Feel the beat with the group!

Learn about Uber - Monday, May 13 at 2:30

Learn everything you need to know about the Uber app for rides.

Gametopia - Wednesday, May 15 at 12:30

Playing games improves brain function, enhances multi-tasking, reduces stress, and provides a social connection. Join Pete from Pete's Nerd Emporium to play some new and exciting games!

Air Quality - Thursday, May 16 at 11:00

Wellness begins with the air you breathe! Come learn about insuring your indoor air quality is safe, and receive a FREE air quality inspection.

Exploring the Brain - Thursday, May 16 at 12:00

Join Nurse Trish in learning all aspects of our brains, and educating ourselves on what part of the brain controls our thoughts, balance, and other functions.

Fall Prevention - Friday, May 17 at 1:00

Physical therapist Dr. Matt DeWaele will be discussing fall prevention; the risk factors, corrective measures, and updated research.

Aging in Place - Monday, May 20 at 9:30

Coffee & conversation with Mr. Handyman. Gather to discuss aging in place, home modifications, and tips to comfortably age in your home.

Downsizing - Wednesday, May 22 at 11:00

Digging into downsizing & the treasures you may find along the way.

Long-Term Care Insurance - Thursday, May 23 at 11:00

Learn resources & what to know about long-term care policies!

Health Care Proxy - Thursday, May 30 at 12:00

Please join us for an easy way to complete your Health Care Proxy.

# **Support Corner**

Franklin Senior Center

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The Sunshine Club - The Sunshine Club is a supportive adult day program. This program offers seniors with memory loss, chronic medical issues, or social isolation a safe and engaging environment. For more info, contact Kathleen Laughran at (508) 520-4945 or klaughran@franklin.gov.

Memory Cafe - Please join us on Wednesday, May 15 at 1:00 p.m. for our "Where's the Toast?" Memory Cafe. Refreshments are sponsored by All American in Wrentham, and live music is provided. Memory Cafes are safe and inviting spaces for those experiencing memory loss, as well as for their caregivers & families. Please RVSP to Ariel at (508) 520-4945 or adoggett@franklinma.gov.

This Memory Cafe is sponsored by a generous grant from the Franklin Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



Alzheimer's Support Group - This group supports caregivers providing to their loved ones with Alzheimer's or dementia. Call the Senior Center at (508) 520-4945 for more information.

The group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

for a loved one? This support group does not focus on Alzheimer's or dementia, but instead a general caregiver's needs. Join this monthly group to receive tips and support, as well as connection with other caregivers. The group meets the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

Pathway to Healing Bereavement Group - This bereavement support group is designed to help people in their journey of healing after a loved one passes. The group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.



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Friday

Thursday

Wednesday

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2:00 Silvertones

# Tuesday Blood Sugar & Blood Pressure Testing Monday

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every Wednesday & Thursday

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### 10:00 Vets Coffee Social 11:00 Pound Fitness \$3 10:00 Asian Mah Jong 4:00 Cardio Fusion \$3 9:00 Walking Group 10:00 Chair Yoga \$3 12:30 Five Wishes 10:00 Scrabble 10:00 Knitting 12:00 Bridge 1:00 Pokeno

# 2:00-Low-Vision Technology 2:30 Beginner Android, Pt 3 10:00 Discussion Group 1:00 Caregiver Support 9:30 Low Impact \$3 10:15 Bible Study 9:30 Busy Bees 9:00 Cribbage 1:00 Tai Chi \$3 1:00 Cribbage 11:00 CSB \$3 1:00 BINGO

# 5:30 Acoustic Jam Session

11:00 Mobile Food Pantry 11:00 Pound Fitness \$3 10:00 Asian Mah Jong 10:00 Chair Yoga \$3 9:00 Walking Group 10:00 Scrabble 10:00 Knitting 12:00 Bridge 1:00 Cribbage Instruction 9:30 Hand & Foot Cards

9:00 Low Impact \$3

9:30 Italian Novel Reading

10:00 Garden Club

10:30 Poker

9:30 Steve Avellino, Pt 3

9:00 Cribbage

9:30 Busy Bees

11:00 CSB \$3

11:00 Line Dancing \$3

1:00 Trivia

1:00 BINGO 1:00 Chess

1:00 Bereavement Support 4:00 Cardio Fusion \$3 1:00 Medicare 101 1:00 Pokeno

> 1:00 Audio Reading of May's Newsletter

1:00 Quilting

1:00 American Mah Jong

1:15 Movie Matinee:

1:00 Chair Volleyball

2:30 Let's Talk Apps, Pt 4

4:00 Pool Night

2:00 Sing-a-Long with

George

My Cousin Vinny

:00 Senior Scribbolers 4:00 Alzheimer's Support

4:30 Pizza & Movie Night:

9:00 Walking Group 10:00 Scrabble 10:00 Knitting

# IPM LOW VISION TECH Darkest Hour \$3

8:30 Coffee Hour with 9:30 Low Impact \$3 9:30 Busy Bees 9:00 Cribbage

### **CLOSED FOR LUNCH** 10:00 Political Discussion 10:00 Hand & Foot Cards 10:00 Woodcarving **BREAKFAST &** 1:00 Diamond Art 03 LIMITED 9:30 ZUMBA \$3 12:30 T.O.P.S. 1:00 Pokeno

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10:00 Discussion Group

9:30 Low Impact \$3

9:00 Cribbage

9:30 Busy Bees

10:30 Mindful Moments

11:00 CSB \$3

1:00 BINGO

10:15 Bible Study

1:00 Garden Club 10:00 Political Discussion World: Korea \$6 11:00 Eat Around the 1:00 Wills & Trusts 1:00 Diamond Art 2:00 Silvertones 12:30 T.O.P.S. 1:00 Pokeno 2:30 Beginner Android, Pt 4

1:00 Art Class: Clay \$4

1:00 Tai Chi \$3

1:00 Cribbage

10:00 Political Discussion 10:00 Hand & Foot Cards 10:00 Woodcarving 9:30 FOFE Meeting 9:30 ZUMBA \$3

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State & Local Officials

10:00 Asian Mah Jong 10:00 Chair Yoga \$3

9:30 Hand & Foot Cards

11:00 CSB \$3

9:00 Low Impact \$3

9:00 Cribbage

9:00 Cribbage Tournament

9:30 Italian Novel Reading

10:00 Garden Club

10:30 Poker

9:30 Steve Avellino, Pt 4

9:30 Busy Bees

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2:30 Let's Talk Apps, Pt 5 Same

4:00 Cardio Fusion

2:00 Thriving Solo 1:30 Franklin Q&A

4:00 Pool Night

9:00 Low Impact \$3 9:00 Cribbage

10:00 COA Meeting 9:30 Busy Bees

10:00 Hand & Foot Cards 10:30 Hearing Clinic 11:00 CSB \$3

10:00 Ryan's Senior Project

10:00 Garden Club

9:30 Italian Novel Reading

9:30 Steve Avellino, Pt 5

9:30 Aging in Place

12:00 Chef Showdown \$3 L:00 BINGO

11:00 Fraud Prevention

11:00 Line Dancing \$3

10:30 Poker

1:00 Audio Book Club 1:00 Legal Clinic 1:00 Chess

1:00 American Mah Jong

1:15 Movie Matinee:

1:00 Chair Volleyball

1:00 Trivia

1:00 Cribbage Instruction 1:00 Senior Players Show 1:00 Quilting

2:30 Let's Talk Apps, Pt 6

4:00 Pool Night

The Great Escape

10:00 Chair Yoga \$3 9:00 Walking Group 10:00 Scrabble 10:00 Knitting

10:00 Hand & Foot Cards

11:00 CSB \$3

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1:00 Cribbage Instruction

2:30 Rainbow Café

1:00 Quilting

1:00 Audio Book Club

1:00 Chess

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11:00 Pound Fitness \$3

1:00 Memory Café

1:00 Pokeno

1:00 Cribbage Instruction

1:00 Quilting

12:30 Gametopia

12:00 Bridge

Support Group

1:00 BINGO

1:00 Chess

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1:00 Fall Prevention

1:00 Diamond Art

2:00 Silvertones

24 CAFE CLOSED

9:00 Memorial Day

10:00 Discussion Group 9:30 Low Impact \$3 10:15 Bible Study 9:30 Busy Bees 9:00 Cribbage

10:00 Political Discussion

12:30 T.O.P.S.

11:00 Long-Term Care

9:30 Hand & Foot Cards

Breakfast

10:00 Woodcarving

1:00 Senior Players Show

1:00 Diamond Art

1:00 Pokeno

2:00 Silvertones

Insurance 11:00 CSB \$3 1:00 BINGO

1:00 Bereavement Support

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10:00 Scrabble

10:00 Knitting

10:00 Chair Yoga \$3

9:00 Walking Group

4:00 Alzheimer's Support

4:00 Cardio Fusion \$3

1:00 Pokeno

1:00 Craft Corner 1:00 Tai Chi \$3

2:30 Beginner Android, Pt 6 1:00 Cribbage

10:00 Political Discussion 9:30 Hand & Foot Cards 10:00 Woodcarving 9:30 ZUMBA \$3

1:00 Diamond Art 2:00 Silvertones 12:30 T.O.P.S. 1:00 Pokeno

12:00 Health Care Proxy

1:00 Open Art Studio 1:00 Tai Chi \$3 LOO BINGO

1:00 Cribbage

**BOLD** = call to sign-up

Veterans Corner

Franklin Senior Center

# **Veterans Services Office** (508) 613-1315



May 1 – Veterans' Coffee Social – 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center. All Veterans are welcome to join us for updates, coffee and conversation! Socials are held the first Wednesday every month.

May 10 – Military Spouse Appreciation Day – This date recognizes the services and sacrifices of military spouses. Thank you to all military spouses for your love, loyalty and support!

May 16 - Veterans' Council/Memorial Day Parade Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. All members of the community interested in Veterans' activities are invited. Parade volunteers are needed.

May 18 - Armed Services Day - An annual holiday observed to pay tribute to men and women currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Thank you to all members of the U.S. Military. We salute you for your service and sacrifices!

May 24 - Memorial Day Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Center. This event is FULLY BOOKED.

May 27 – Memorial Day - Honors the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Military. The Memorial Day Parade will begin at 10:30 a.m., starting at Dean College, proceeds to School Street, to Union Street and St. Mary's Cemetery via West Central St and Beaver St, and concludes on the Town Common, where a Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 12:00 p.m. If any Veteran would like to participate in the parade, please contact our office.

Veterans Memorial Walkway - The May installation of engraved bricks on the Walkway will be completed by Memorial Day. Thank you to all who've supported this project by honoring their special U.S. Service Members with a brick. The next installation will be in November to coincide with Veterans' Day. Brick order forms are available in the Town Hall and Senior Center lobbies and on the Veterans' Services page on the Town website.

Purple Heart - Please let our office know if you or a family member (residing in Franklin) is a Purple Heart recipient. National Purple Heart Day is celebrated on August 7 every year.

Tune It Out - The Tune It Out guitar lessons program for Veterans meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. There is no charge for lessons and no guitar experience is required. We have guitars! Lessons will break for the summer after the June 11th class and will resume in September. Call our office for details.

Warrior Within Yoga - The Warrior Within Yoga program for Veterans and First Responders meets on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 pm at the Senior Center. Call our office to sign up.

# **More May Happenings**

Franklin Senior Center

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Zainbow Cafe

Are you a member or ally of the LGBTQ+ community? Please join us for conversation and friendship with like minded people! All are welcome in this safe space.

May 28th, 2:30 at The Franklin Senior Center





Low Vision Telephone 508-206-8603



# Low Vision ••

May 2 at 1:00

Assistive Technology with Jerry

May 7 at 1:00

Audio Newsletter Reading (Phone)

May 14 at 11:00

**Low Vision Support Group** 

May 21 & 28 at 1:00

Audio Book Club:

Rough Sleepers by Tracy Kidder



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# Friends of Franklin Elders - F.O.F.E.

Franklin Senior Center

### **Memorial Donations**

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### **Donations to Senior Center**

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Friday, May 17 at 9:30 a.m. The public is welcome to attend.

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### Franklin Senior Center

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### **OUR MISSION**

The mission of the Franklin Council on Aging, with the support of the community, is to identify, advocate, and implement meaningful educational, cultural, social, health and wellness activities and services for our aging population.

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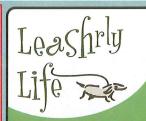
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