

October 2022

The Franklin Senior Center

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BEN'S BOUNTY GIFT SHOP 10AM-1PM

Open Mon-Fri



COMMON GROUND'S CAFÉ! WE ARE OPEN! MON-FRI Breakfast 8:30- 10a Lunch 11:30-1:00p



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Connection

Franklin Senior Center's Monthly Newsletter



DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We can't be-leaf-it, fall is already here! Time really does seem to fly when you're having fun. We hope you enjoyed your summer

and had a chance to have some fun with us here at the Senior Center! Now that the rush of summer has died down, fall feels like a time to come back to ourselves, to find time for us and our hobbies. Feeling inspired by a quote I came across "There is something so special in the early leaves drifting from the trees-as if we are all to be allowed a chance to peel, to refresh, to start again."- Ruth Ahmed Consider starting something new for yourself this season. Try that exercise class you have been thinking about, try out a new hobby like painting, or knitting. Come join a lecture, or presentation. If you haven't yet, please try our Café, where you can try new foods and meet new friends. While at our Café, please welcome our new Line Cook/Assistant, Marilyn Howe, she comes to us with years of experience in the restaurant industry and we know she will make a great addition to our team!

"The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves. We have had our summer evenings; now for October eves!"- *Humbert Wolfe*

SPIRIT WEEK FUN!

Stay well, Christina LaRose Painting Class!



Pizza and Elvis Movie Night was a huge success!

September 11th Ceremony





OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

LOOK AT OUR OCTOBER PRESENTATIONS ON THE LAST PAGE AND CALL TO REGISTER



From the café, to our supportive day program, we would love your help! Call and talk to Sue if interested 508-520-4945

NEW EXERCISE DANCE CLASS

Learn various genres of Dance For a great workout! Starting on Thursday, October 13th And continuing Thursdays at 2:00pm





MOVIE & PASTA NIGHT October 6th @ 4:30pm Come out for a relaxing night to watch the new Marilyn Monroe Movie and have some pasta with friends! \$3.00 / person Call to Register by 10/5 Interested in Photography? Come to our **Photography Class**

> with Steve McGrath! Wednesdays in October @ 10am \$5/class Call to Register!





Are you a member or ally of the LGBTQ+ community?! Come join us and like-minded people for coffee, conversation, and friendship!

Tuesday, Oct. 25th @ 2:30PM

Call to Register



HEARING CLINIC

CALL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Hearing assessment, ear and hearing aid cleaning, etc.

Wednesday,

October 5th and 19th

10a-12p; 20 min appts

Weightoss Competition Don't be a Butterball

Join us in October for a 6 week weightloss competition

chance to win \$ and a butterball turkey!



TECHNOLOGY CLINIC

Wed, Oct 19th @ 2:30PM Come with your technology (cell phone, laptop, iPad) to work with Ryan, our lovely technology guru! Ryan is also available by appt too!

Call to Register!

JOIN OUR BUTTERBALL COMPETITION!

Looking to find the motivation to lose some weight before the holidays? Don't want to look like the butterball turkey served at Thanksgiving Dinner? We have the program for you! Join us for a 6 week motivational and healthy weight loss competition!

- ◆ \$5.00/person
- The person who loses highest percentage of weight loss wins!
 - Winner = wins the \$ AND a Butterball Turkey!
- Look for Weekly programs posted to help you on your weight loss journey: Starting with Food Journaling and Accountability on Wednesday, October 5th at 1:00pm
 - WEIGH INS at Senior Center Weekly (Wed or Thursday!)

CAREGIVER'S CORNER AND SUPPORT GROUPS

THE SUNSHINE CLUB This program offers seniors with memory loss, chronic medical issues, or social isolation a safe & engaging environment. Our day program provides individual attention, socialization, fun activities, lively discussion, & gentle exercises that make for a stimulating day! For more information, call Ariel Doggett at 508-520-4945.



MEMORY CAFE Please join us Wednesday, Oct. 19th at 1pm at our "Where's The Toast" memory Cafe. Mike Tarara will be entertaining us with songs we know and love. Memory Café's are safe and inviting spaces for those who are experiencing memory loss and their families. Join us for an hour of music, so-



cialization and engagement. Please RSVP to Ariel: adoggett@franklinma.gov or 508-**Cultural** 520-4945 This Memory Café' is supported in part by a generous grant from the Franklin Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agen- Fra

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP Supports caregivers caring for their loved ones with Alzheimer's or dementia. On-site respite care is available if needed. Call The Senior Center for more information. The group meets every second and fourth Wednesday at 4:00pm.

AUTOIMMUNE/MOBILITY DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP Join this monthly group to help you find ways to improve your health ad wellbeing whilst living with a long term health condition. Meets the First Thursday of the month at 1:00pm.

PATHWAY TO HEALING BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP Join this monthly group to help people with their journey of healing after a loved one passes. October 12th at 1:30pm.

HEARING AND VISION SUPPORT GROUPS

Tuesday, October 4th at 1:00pm: Audio Reading of the Senior Center October Newsletter. (PHONE)

Thursday, October 6th at 1:00pm: Low vision Group Technology Session with Jerry Feliz from MABVI Thursday, October 13th at 1:00pm: Low Vision Monthly Support Group: Learn about "Alexa"

Tuesday, October 11th at 1:00pm: Audio Potluck with Maggie: Visiting Paris Museums (PHONE)

Thursday, October 20th at 1:00pm: Vision Loss Adjustment Counseling (peer support group)

Tuesday, October 18th and 25th at 1:00pm: Audio Book Club: Frankenstein by Mary Shelly (PHONE)

All Tuesday Low Vision are via telephone: 508-206-8603, and all Thursday programs are at the Senior Center.



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** PLEASE CALL THE SENIOR CENTER TO RESERVE A SPOT FOR THIS PROGRAM #508-520-4945 **\$ EXERCISE CLASSES COST BETWEEN \$2-\$3 PER CLASS**

Friends of Franklin Elders, INC.

The Friends of Franklin Elders, Inc. (FOFE) is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide funds for programs, services, and equipment for the Franklin Senior Center that cannot be provided by state or local government. The Friends raise funds through membership fees, donations, and special events. Our next meeting is scheduled for

Friday, October 28th @ 9:30 am.

The public is welcome to attend.



JoAnn Wright, President Nan Rafter, Vice President Julie Garilli, Treasurer Margie Lane, Secretary Carol Ellsworth, Helen Power, Paula Lombardi, Pam Spicer.

In Memory of...

Maureen Murphy in memory of her husband

Pearce (Pat) Murphy, and also Terri Johnson,

Kevin Murphy, and Robert Adams

Rosemarie and Edward Boudreau in memory of James Bradley

William Koplin in memory of Marsha and Bob Simmler

Elizabeth Fisk in memory of Chester Fisk



Great Volunteer Opportunity

The Friends of Franklin Elders, Inc. (FOFE) now has immediate openings for people who are interested in helping out with the Franklin Senior Center.

FOFE is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide funds for programs, services and equipment for the Franklin Senior Center that cannot be provided by state and local government. The FOFE objectives are to help fund programs and services that inform the Elder community and their family of the valuable resource information on daily activities, health and services, and events that are offered and provided through the Franklin Senior Center.

We meet from September to May and take the summer off. Our meetings usually run 45 minutes to an hour and are held at 9:30AM on the 4^{th} Friday of each month.

If you feel that this is your calling or have any other questions, please contact me by email at <u>joannw826@gmail.com</u> or attend our meeting on October 28th at 9:30AM.

FOFE Chair, JoAnn Wright

Donations

Martha Gordon

Charles and Martha Brewer

Veterans' Services Office (508) 613-1315

October 5 – Monthly Coffee Social - 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center. All veterans are welcome!

October 13 – U.S. Navy's 247th Birthday

October 15 – Bus Trip to the American Heritage Museum in Hudson, MA. This amazing museum features one of the largest collections of WWII military vehicles in North America as well as tanks, aircraft and other military artifacts and chronologically arranged dioramas and exhibits from the Revolutionary War to today. Tickets are \$15/pp and include the bus (a school bus), admission and a box lunch and are only available at the Veterans' Services Office. Bus leaves Senior Center at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 1:45 p.m. Sign-up now as space is limited!

October 20 – Veterans' Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. All members of the Franklin community interested in veterans' activities are welcome to join us!

October 26 – National Day of the Deployed annually honors United States military personnel deployed around the globe. The designation recognizes all of the brave military personnel who have been deployed, are sacrificing, or have sacrificed their lives to defend our country. Tune It Out Guitar Classes – Weekly classes for veterans are held on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. No guitar experience needed. Call our office for details.

RSVP – **RIDES FOR VETERANS PROGRAM** is looking for volunteer drivers to drive veterans to medical appointments. Volunteer drivers use their own vehicles and are reimbursed at \$.40 per mile up to \$300 per month. This is a flexible volunteer program. Drivers have the option of providing one or two-way rides and can say no when called and choose to provide a ride when it works with their schedule. If interested, please call Chris or Robert at RSVP: (781) 329-5728 for details.

*Save the Date...The Veterans' Day Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the Elks Lodge #2136 on Pond Street. Reservations are required. Call the Veterans' Services Office to RSVP by October 29.

Veterans and Dependents – If you are a veteran or immediate family member of a veteran, please contact our office to find out if there may be any veterans' benefits or privileges available. Please visit our webpage at: <u>https://www.franklinma.gov/veterans-services</u>







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Franklin Senior Center *"Independence, Engagement & Connection!"*

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/wellness activities and services for our aging population.

We are trying to go **Green** more at the Franklin Senior Center.

If you would rather have your newsletter emailed to you please email Danielle : dhopkins@franklinma.gov

September Presentations- Call to Register!

RMV Presents: Real ID Presentation

Wednesday, October 5th @ 2:00PM
Compassion Fatigue and Burnout Syndrome: Alzheimer's Association Thursday, October 6th @ 2:00PM
Let's Talk Audiology Friday, October 7th @ 11:00AM
Reducing Isolation and Improving Mental Health Friday, October 7th @ 11:00AM
Boston Senior Medicine Presents: Mobile Health Care Tuesday, October 11th @ 1:00PM
Jim Buckley presents: Communist Scare in Franklin Thursday, October 13th @ 1:00PM
Shine Presentation on Medicare Open Enrollment Tuesday, October 18th @ 1:00PM
Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia: Alzheimer's Association Tuesday, October 25th @ 2:00PM

Jokes of the Month– We hope these "leaf" you smiling

Why are vampires like my dentures? They always come out at night!

What do you call a beautiful pumpkin? Gourd-geous!

What do Italians eat on Halloween? Fettuccini Afraid-o

What happened to the cannibal who came late to the Halloween dinner? They gave him the cold shoulder.

Why do cemeteries have the best stories? Because they have so many plots.

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall-hope you do too!

REMINDER: All entrants are now required to show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 **or** wear a mask while not consuming food or beverages.



COME AND TOUR THE SENIOR CENTER AND SEE WHAT GREAT THINGS WE ARE DOING!