



# THE FRANKLIN Connection

FRANKLIN SENIOR CENTER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2023

## FRANKLIN SENIOR CENTER

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### OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri | 8:00am-4:00pm

### BEN'S BOUNTY GIFT SHOP

Mon-Fri | 10:00am-2:00pm

### COMMON GROUND'S CAFÉ

Monday - Friday

Breakfast | 8:30am-10:00am

Lunch | 11:30am-1:00pm



## NEW YEAR. NEW NEWSLETTER.

Happy New Year to our Franklin Senior Center Family and Friends.

With the New Year, brings more opportunities and more adventures to enjoy. We also have changed up how our newsletter looks, using a new company, adding more pages of information, and it's in Color!

We would love to hear your feedback of what you want to see in our Franklin Connection!

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

If you can believe it or not, Christina and I have been here for a year—time flies when you're having fun! We would like to thank each and every one of you for making us feel welcome and at home at the Senior Center—we definitely have one of the best Centers around! We look forward to another year of great ideas, fun programming, and social events. We appreciate all your continued support and wish all of you a happy and healthy New Year!

Warmest Regards,

Danielle Hopkins, Director and  
Christina LaRose, Deputy Director



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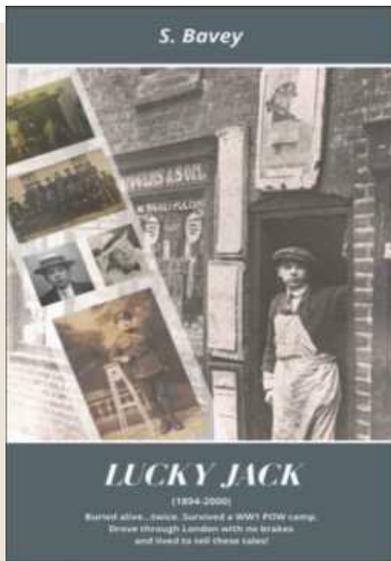


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# 03 January Happenings

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## “LUCKY JACK” BOOK DISCUSSION AND SIGNING WITH THE AUTHOR

Join us for a riveting discussion with the author of “Lucky Jack” Sue Bavey, where she will talk about her grandfather's interesting story and history.

**Monday, January 23rd at  
11:00am**



## EAT AROUND THE WORLD

Once a month, come join us to explore a different country and try out its cuisine!

This Month: **JAMAICA**

**Friday, January 27th at  
11:00am. Call to Register!**

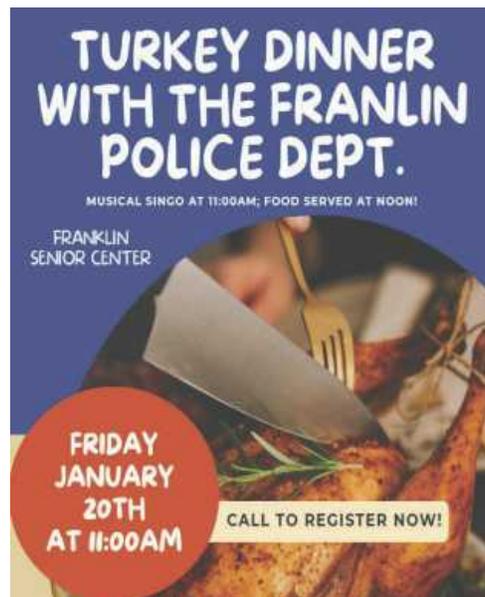
## THE SENIOR PLAYERS

C'mon out to Play! **The Senior Players**, our extraordinary acting group, starts back up on **Tuesdays at 10:00am starting January 17th**. On stage or Backstage– it's all fun! Call to Sign up today!



## RAINBOW CAFÉ

Are you a member or ally of the LGBTQ+ community?! Come join us and like-minded people for coffee, conversation, and friendship!  
**Tuesday, January 31st at 2:30pm**



## MONTHLY PARTY: TURKEY DINNER WITH THE POLICE!

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH  
AT 11:00AM**

Come enjoy a delicious turkey dinner prepared and served to you by our local Franklin Police Department.

Musical Singo (with prizes!) begins at 11:00am, food served at noon!

Must Call to Register!

## PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT: “TICKET TO PARADISE”

Come out for a night of fun to watch the new Rom/Com “Ticket to Paradise” starring Julia Roberts and George Clooney. Pizza and Movie

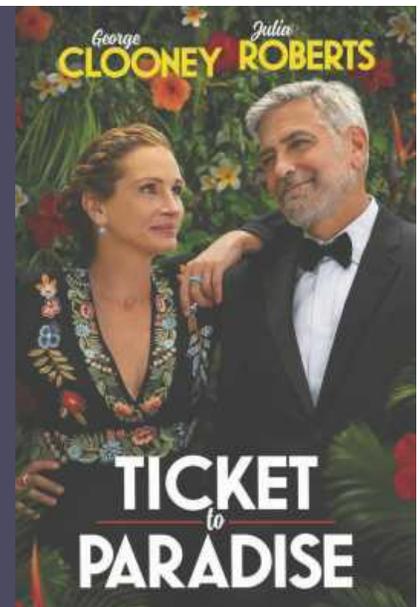
**Thursday, January 12th**

**at 4:30pm**

\$3.00/person

Must call to Register by Jan 11th

508-520-4945



# 04 January Presentations

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## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

*PARTNERING WITH THE FRANKLIN FOOD PANTRY AND THE YMCA*

Come to receive a bag of staple items, choice of protein, and dairy items!

**WEDNESDAY, JAN 11th**

**11:00AM**

## Danielle's Art Class



All levels welcome!

Call to Register

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26th**

**At 1:00pm**

\$4.00/person



## BALANCE CLINIC

Join Nurse Trish for a 3 week Balance & Exercise Clinic

**Wednesday, Jan 18th & 25th  
at 1:00pm**

## AARP TAX PREPARATION AND FILING

### SIGN UP FOR FREE NOW!

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers will help you prepare and file your return. The service is free and offered at our Senior Center!

AARP volunteers are IRS certified and can help you file a complete and accurate return- both federal and state.

The service is free of charge. While it is focused on taxpayers who are over 50 and have low to moderate income, it is open to anyone of any age.

Appointments begin on Friday, February 10 and continue each Friday through March.

Call the Senior Center now at 508-520-4945 for more info and to make an appointment.

## PRESENTATIONS- CALL TO REGISTER!

### JOE LANDRY PRESENTS: HISTORY OF LOCAL STORES AND BUSINESSES WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4TH AT 1:00PM

Come learn from local historian Joe Landry about the history of local stores and businesses in town (including drug stores, funeral homes, grocery stores, and other types of stores)

### LET'S DISCUSS RIGHTSIZING WITH SUBURBAN LIFESTYLE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH AT 12:00PM

What's the Right Size for You? Come talk with Nancy Briggs from Suburban Lifestyle about what your options are and the benefits of rightsizing!

### CHALLENGES WITH THE HOUSING MARKET- Q&A THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH AT 11:00AM

Join Realtor Ted Cormier- Leger and Senior Loan Officer Bob Melone to talk about a variety of topics ranging from the housing market, rates, getting a mortgage preapproval even on fixed income, pension, social security, etc.!

### FRANKLIN Q & A WITH STEVE SHERLOCK WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH AT 11:00AM

Please join Steve Sherlock, Franklin Matters & wfpr.fm Community Info Director, for an informal and informative Q & A session. Steve provides updates on what's happening from the past month and then opens the floor for discussion and questions.

### BASIC FIRST AID CLASS WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE TUESDAY, JANUARY 24TH AT 2:00PM

Join Public Health Nurse Alisha Deptula for a Basic understanding of First Aid. This class is for knowledge and does not come with a certificate.

### LET'S TALK NEUROPATHY WITH NURSE TRISH THURSDAY, JANUARY 26TH AT 1:00PM

Come talk about neuropathy, its' symptoms, and what you can do!

# 05 Caregiver Corner and Support Groups

THE FRANKLIN SENIOR CENTER

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

**MEMORY CAFÉ** Please join us **Wednesday, January 18th** at 1pm at our "Where's The Toast" memory Cafe. Tap Dancing Ted 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, socialization and engagement. Please RSVP to Ariel: [adoggett@franklinma.gov](mailto:adoggett@franklinma.gov) or 508-520-4945. This Memory Café is sponsored by The Enclave.

## 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 and 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. **January 11 at 1:30pm.**





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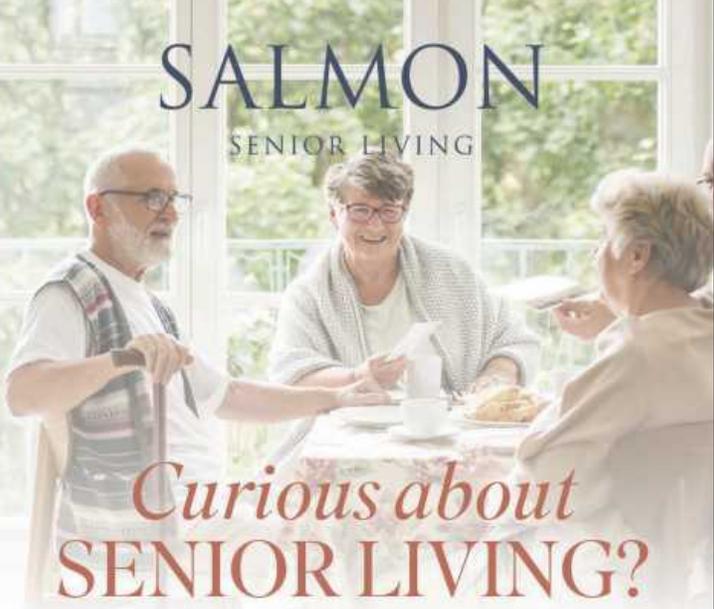
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>02 SENIOR CENTER CLOSED</b> 	<b>03</b> 9:00am Cribbage 9:30am Low Impact w/ Shirley Mae \$ 10:00am Hand & Foot <b>10:00am Hearing Clinic</b> 11:00am Cardio, Strength, and Balance \$ <b>1:00pm Audio Reading of the Newsletter</b> 1:00pm BINGO 1:00pm Chess 1:00pm Cribbage Instruct. 1:00pm Quilting	<b>04</b> 9:00am Walking Group <b>10:00am Veterans Coffee Social</b> 10:00am Chair Yoga \$ 10:00am Knitting 10:00am Scrabble 10:00am Asian Mah Jong 11:00am Pound Fitness \$ <b>1:00pm Joe Landry Presents: Local Stores</b> 1:00pm Senior Scribblers 1:00pm Bridge	<b>05</b> 9:00am Cribbage 9:30am Low Impact w/ Shirley Mae \$ 10:00am Discussion Group 11:00am Cardio, Strength, and Balance \$ 12:00pm Poker <b>1:00pm Low Vision Technology Group</b> 1:00pm Open Art Studio <b>1:00pm Autoimmune/Mobility Disorder Support Group</b> 1:00pm BINGO 1:00pm Tai Chi \$	<b>06</b> 10:00am Woodcarving 10:00am Hand & Foot 11:00am ZUMBA \$ 12:00pm T.O.P.S. (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) 1:00pm Pokeno 1:00pm Diamond Art Painting 2:00pm Silvertones Choral Group
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# January 2023 Calendar Continued **07**

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## LOW VISION PROGRAMS

Tuesday, January 3rd at 1:00pm: Audio Reading of the Senior Center January Newsletter. (PHONE)

Thursday, January 5th at 1:00pm: Assistive Technology with Jerry Feliz

Thursday, January 12th at 1:00pm: Low Vision Support Group via ZOOM: Guest Speaker Patrick Olson from the Accessible Pharmacy of the Blind

Thursday, January 19th at 1:00pm: Vision Loss Adjustment Counseling

Tuesday, January 17 & 24th at 1:00pm: Audio Book Club : The Kitchen Front by Jennifer Ryan (PHONE)

**All Tuesday Low Vision are via telephone: 508-206-8603, and all Thursday programs are at FSC.**

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

### THE COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD

Did you know that we have a Council on Aging board to help advise the Senior Center? It is made up of 9 elected members that meet monthly to work with the Director, Deputy Director, and Senior Center Staff to review, consult, and offer ideas for new programs and services for our community. The meetings are open to the public and I encourage you all to stop in to learn about our board!

The Next Meeting is **Tuesday, January 10th at 10:00am**



## Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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## JOKES OF THE MONTH

The cold weather is here– had to scrape ice off my windshield this morning. Used my supermarket loyalty card, only got 10% off!

What do you call a slow skier? A slope poke!

How does a group of penguins make a decision? They flipper coin!

Grandma's been staring through the window since it started snowing. If it gets any colder– I'll have to let her in!

What do snowmen call their kids? Chill– dren

What falls in the winter but never gets hurt? Snow.



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#### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

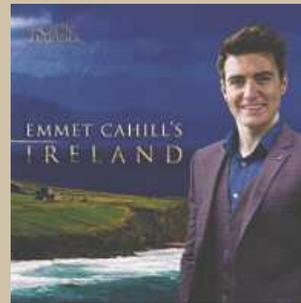
Call to sign up for our Robocall list to get updates on inclement weather.

# 09 Upcoming Trips & Veterans Services

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## UPCOMING TRIPS!

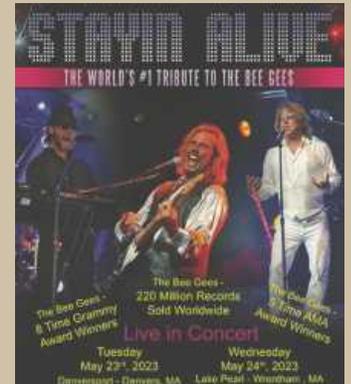
Come to the Senior Center for more information and flyers for the trips and events!



**Wednesday, March 8th**  
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day  
With  
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Young Tenor  
(Star of Celtic Thunder)  
Luncheon and Show  
Location: Danvers port- Danvers, MA  
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## Stayin' Alive: Bee Gees Tribute

At Lake Pearl, Wrentham  
**Wednesday May 24th**  
Luncheon and Show  
\$89/person



## The International VA Military Tattoo Annapolis, MD & Williamsburg, VA

5 days/ 4 Nights: April 20th- 24th, 2023

## VETERANS' SERVICES OFFICE (508) 613-1315

**January 4 - Veterans Monthly Coffee Social** – 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center. All Veterans are invited for coffee and conversation. Refreshments will be provided by our wonderful friends at Starbucks!

**January 19 - Veterans' Council Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. All Franklin residents interested in veterans' activities and events are welcome to join us!

**January 23** - 11:00 a.m. Massachusetts author Sue Bavey will discuss and sign copies of her book, *Lucky Jack (1894-2000) Memoirs of a WWI POW*, which chronicles the life and escapades of Jack Rogers, who was born in London in 1894 and passed at age 106.

**January 27 - Vietnam Peace Day** – On this day in 1973, the Paris Peace Accords arranged a ceasefire which officially ended America's involvement in the 20-year Vietnam War.

Many thanks to Richard Douglas, Dick Hynes, Bob Markunis and Rose Turco for helping us hang holiday wreaths on the Veterans Memorial Walkway. And thanks to all who donated patriotic decorations (and combat boots) for our Veterans' Christmas Tree at the Senior Center Winter Wonderland event. Special thanks to Kathy Lesica for her help and amazing creativity!

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. Call the Veterans' Services Office for details.



# 10 FOFE AND DONATIONS

## FRIENDS OF FRANKLIN ELDERS

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, January 27th @ 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.

Thank You. 

In December, we had a successful Winter Wonderland event at the Senior Center, where local businesses and groups donated and/ or decorated trees that were displayed throughout the Senior Center. It was a wonderful night of friendship, live music with P.E. James, a visit with Santa & Mrs. Clause, and more. Thank you to everyone that helped us make this event a hit! Looking forward to it next year!



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