

# Connection

### FRANKLIN SENIOR CENTER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## FRANKLIN SENIOR CENTER

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

Mon-Fri | 8:30am-4:00pm

### BEN'S BOUNTY GIFT SHOP

Mon-Fri | 10:00am-1:00pm

### COMMON GROUND'S CAFÉ

Monday - Friday Breakfast | 8:30am-10:00am Lunch | 11:30am-1:00pm





Eat Around the World ITALY



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### **DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

I can't believe I have been here for two months already! Starting a new job is always a little nerve-wracking, and to top it off I was walking into a partially open center still recovering from a pipe burst. I was preparing for disgruntlement, but instead was met with the most overwhelming welcome. Everyone I have met has been nothing but kind and joyful. There weren't complaints about the center being closed, but offers to help and anticipation of its reopening. I feel so lucky to be a part of this team and this community every day. If we haven't met, please come say hello because I can't wait to meet you.

Speaking of new beginnings, Spring is here! It's easier to wake up and move when the sun is up, birds are chirping, and my seasonal allergies notice the flowers. May is full of new programs and I encourage you to try one - learn some self defense, how to better use your iPhone, or join our don't be a beach ball challenge. Thank you for making my new beginning so wonderful!

Sarah Amaral, Deputy Director

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## May Happenings THE FRANKLIN SENIOR CENTER



**BOCCE IS STARTING UP! WEDNESDAYS AT 9:30am** IS STARTING UP!



Register by May 12th for the Memorial Day **Breakfast on May 26th!** 



### **EAT AROUND** THE WORLD

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

This Month: **MEXICO** 

Friday, May 12th at 11:00am. Call to Register!



10 Daniel McCahill Street

Limited Spots-Sign up Now!



### RAINBOW CAFÉ

Are you a member or ally of the LGBTQ+ community?! Please join us for conversation and friendship with like minded people.

Tuesday, May 30th at 2:30pm

### **PSYCHIC MEDIUM**

May 5th At 6:30PM \$25/ Ticket For the **Entire** Community-**Buy your** tickets now!

### THE FRIENDS OF FRANKLIN ELDERS PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH

### CATHY RIPLEY GREENE



### Psychic Medium

### FRIDAY, MAY 5TH

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM. **READINGS BEGIN AT 6:30PM** 

\$25 PER TICKET

CALL THE FRANKLIN SENIOR CENTER AT 508-520-4945 OR STOP BY TO BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

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### **PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT:** "A MAN CALLED OTTO"

Come out for a night of fun to watch "A Man Called Otto" Starring Tom Hanks

> Thursday, May 11th at 4:30pm

> > \$3.00/person

Must call to Register by May 9th

Disclaimer: The main character goes through some suicidal ideations





## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

PARTNERING WITH THE FRANKLIN FOOD PANTRY AND THE YMCA

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH
AT 11:00AM

May 16th @ 12:30PM

Come Enjoy an Ice Cream
and Kick off the Warm
Weather Season!
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### **PRESENTATIONS- CALL TO REGISTER!**

### **DEAN COLLEGE LECTURE SERIES: LITERATURE OF BASEBALL**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD AT 1:00PM

Join students from Prof. Skillings' "Literature of Baseball" course for a panel and discussion of their exploration of baseball in American Literature.

#### **BEST OF TIMES PRESENTS: DAY & OVERNIGHT TRIPS**

**MONDAY, MAY 8TH AT 11:00AM** 

Come talk with Kevin at Best of Times about our day and overnight trips!

#### ONE STEP TO SAFETY MON. MAY 8TH, 15TH, & 22ND AT 11:00AM

This Prevention Concept program is a combination of basic strikes, tactics, & techniques. Focusing on verbal & physical self defense movements, blocks, and body positions & awareness. Led by traveling martial artist master Elijah Swain.

### **BASICS OF IPHONE AND IPAD MONDAY, MAY 8TH AT 1:00PM**

This class introduces apple users to the basics of navigation and features of the device from the hardware of the IPhone, to navigating to important areas of the phone, and iPhone applications for calling and messaging

### **DEAN COLLEGE LECTURE SERIES: CREATIVE WRITING**

**TUESDAY, MAY 9TH AT 1:00PM** 

Come take a creative writing course with Dr. Liz Faber from Dean College

#### LET'S TALK VARIOUS FORMS OF DEMENTIA

**TUESDAY. MAY 9TH AT 1:00PM** 

Come talk with Alicia Seaver, the VP of Memory Care Operation at Epoch Senior Living to discuss the various forms of Dementia

### FRANKLIN Q & A WITH STEVE SHERLOCK

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH AT 11:00AM** 

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

### LOCAL HISTORIAN, JOE LANDRY PRESENTS

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH AT 1:00PM** 

Come learn about Franklin's Shoe Stores

### HOUSING MARKET UPDATE THURSDAY, MAY 11TH AT 11:00AM

Join Realtor Ted Cormier Leger and Mike Dunsky, from Fairmount Mortgage to talk titles, housing market updates, and current mortgage rates.

### HANDS ONLY CPR CLASS W/ PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE & FFD

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH AT 2:00PM

Join Public Health Nurse Alisha Deptula and the Franklin Fire Dept. for a Hands Only CPR Class. Space is limited so reserve your spot now!

### TRACKING PRIORITIES WITH IPHONES/ IPADS

**MONDAY, MAY 22ND AT 1:00PM** 

This course introduces users to methods for keeping track of different priorities, tasks, and events using Notes, Reminders, Calendar, and SIRI

### TRI COUNTY STUDENTS PRESENT: MENTAL HEALTH

**TUESDAY, MAY 23RD AT 11:00AM** 

## 5 Caregiver Corner and Support Groups

THE SUNSHINE CLUB This supportive adult day program offers seniors with memory loss, chronic medical issues, or social isolation a safe & engaging environment. For more information call Ariel Doggett at 508-520-4945

MEMORY CAFÉ Please join us Wednesday, May 17th at term health condition. Meets the First Thurs-Ipm at our "Where's The Toast" memory Cafe. We will have live entertainment! Memory Café's are safe and inviting spaces for PATHWAY TO HEALING experiencing memory loss and their families. Join us for an hour of music, socialization and engagement. Please RSVP to Ariel: adoggett@franklinma.gov or 508-520-4945. This Memory Café' is supported 🔇 by a generous grant from the Franklin Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council , a state agency. Cultural Council

### 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 day of the month at 1:00pm.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP Join

this monthly group to help people with their journey of healing after a loved one passes.

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## May 2023 Calendar

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FRIDAY	OS CAFÉ CLOSED FOR LUNCH 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 Pokeno 1:00pm Pokeno 1:00pm Pokeno 1:00pm Commond Art Painting 2:00pm Silvertones Choral Group 6:30pm A Night Out with Psychic Medium, Cathy Ripley Greene*\$\$	12 10:00am Woodcarving 10:00am Hand & Foot 11:00am ZUMBA \$ 11:00am Eat Around the	9:30am FOFE Meeting 10:00am Woodcarving 10:00am Hand & Foot 10:00am Wood Carving Expo in honor of Basil LeBlanc
THURSDAY	9.00am Cribbage 9:30am Low Impact w/ Shirley Mae \$ 9:30am Busy Bees 10:00am Discussion Group 11:00am Cardio, Strength, and Balance \$ 12:00pm Poker 1:00pm Low Vision Technology Group 1:00pm Autoimmune/ Mobility Disorder Support 1:00pm BINGO 1:00pm Tai Chi \$ 5:30pm Acoustic Jam Session	9:00am Cribbage 9:30am Low Impact w/ Shirley Mae \$ 9:30am Busy Bees 10:00am Discussion Group 11:00am Cardio, Strength, and Balance \$ 11:00am Housing Market Update 12:00pm Poker 12:00pm Danielle's Art Class*\$ 1:00pm Danielle's Art Class*\$ 1:00pm BINGO 1:00pm Tai Chi \$ 4:30pm Pizza & Movie Night: A Man Called Otto **\$	8:30am Coffee Hour with State & Local Officials 9:00am Cribbage 9:30am Low Impact w/ Shirley Mae \$
WEDNESDAY	9:00am Walking Group 9:30am Bocce 10:00am Veterans 10:00am Chair Yoga \$ 10:00am Knitting 10:00am Scrabble 10:00am Asian Mah Jong 11:00am Senior Scribblers 12:30pm Bridge 1:00pm Pokeno 1:00pm Dean College: Literature of Baseball	9:00am Walking Group 9:30am Bocce 10:00am Chair Yoga \$ 10:00am Knitting 10:00am Knitting 10:00am Asian Mah Jong 11:00am Asian Mah Jong 11:00am Pound Fitness \$ 11:00am Franklin Q & A 12:30pm Bridge 11:30pm Bridge 11:30pm Joe Landry Presents: Shoe Stores In Franklin 11:30pm Pathways to Healing Support Group 11:00pm Senior Scribblers 11:00pm Pokeno 11:00pm Caregiver Support	9:00am Annual Cribbage Tournament *\$ 9:00am Walking Group 9:30am Bocce 10:00am Chair Yoga \$
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**Support Group** 

Cribbage Instruct.

1:00pm :00pm

**Purple Hearts** 

5:00pm Pool Night 6:00pm Cribbage

Quilting

**Audio Book Club** 

1:00pm

4:00pm Caregiver

:00pm Pokeno

12:30pm Bridge

**Mental Health** 

BINGO

1:00pm 1:00pm

Chess

1:00pm American Mah Jong

l:15pm Movie Matinee:

1:00pm Chair Volleyball

1:00pm Trivia!

11:00am Let's Talk

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11:00am Cardio\$

1:00pm Tracking Priorities with IPhones and IPads

11:00am Line Dancing \$

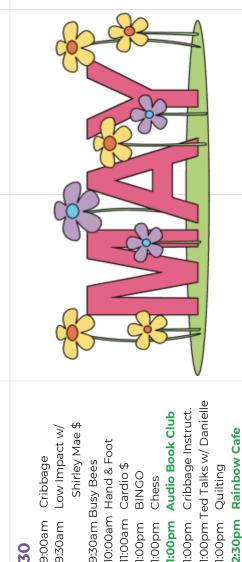
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Chess

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9:30am Busy Bees

Cribbage

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**29 SENIOR CENTER** 

CLOSED

### LOW VISION PROGRAMS

### Thursday, May 4th at 1:00pm:

Assistive Technology with Jerry Feliz

Tuesday, May 9th at 1:00pm: Audio Reading of the Senior Center May Newsletter. (PHONE)

### Thursday, May 11th at 1:00pm:

Low Vision Support Group Discussion on needs, concerns, topics of interest for future.

### Tuesday May 23rd & 30th at 1:00pm:

Audio Book Club : Anxious People by Fredrick Backman

All Tuesday Low Vision are via telephone: 508-206-8603 and Thursday Low Vision are in person at the Senior Center



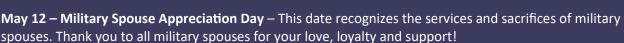
"Scams targeting older adults are on the rise. In 2021, there were 92,371 older victims of fraud resulting in \$1.7 billion in losses (a 74% increase in losses compared to 2020). The most common financial scams targeting older people include government impersonation scams (IRS, Social Security, Medicare), sweepstakes scams (you're a winner), and robocall scams (Can you Hear me?). Financial crimes against older adults can be devastating, often leaving victims with no way to recoup their losses.

Scams are specifically designed to catch us off guard, and they can happen to anyone. Keep handy the phone numbers of resources that can help including the local police, your bank, and your local Senior Center. Report the scam, there's no need to be ashamed! Sharing your experience can help prevent it from happening to another older adult!"

https://ncoa.org/article/top-5-financial-scams-targeting-older-adults

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





May 18 – 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.

May 20 - Armed Services Day is 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 military. We salute you for your service and sacrifice!

May 26 – Memorial Day Breakfast – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Center. Reservations required. Call Mary at: (508) 520-4945 to sign up.

May 29 – 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 Cemeteries via West Central and Beaver Streets 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.

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.



### FRIENDS OF FRANKLIN ELDERS

The Friends of Franklin Elders, Inc. (FOFE) is a private, nonprofit 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, May 19th @ 9:30 am.

The public is welcome to attend.



JoAnn Wright, President Nan Rafter, Vice President Julie Garilli, Treasurer Margie Lane, Secretary Eileen Burnard, Pat Donnelly, Carol Ellsworth, Paula Lombardi, Jan Prentice, Pam Spicer, Jean Tolland, and Helen Powers

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May 17th: Importance of Moving Your Body

May 24th: Summer Holidays & Food Choices

May 31st: Let's Talk Fad Diets

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### **May Jokes**

It's allergy season again?! You've got to be pollen my leg.



What's a flower's favorite type of pickle? A daffo-dill

When is it impossible to plant flowers? When you haven't botany

What did Luke Skywalker say while playing golf?... May the course be with you!

What do you call Mexican food that slowly moves? Inch-iladas.

What does a bee get from visiting too many flowers? High bud-pressure

What did the alien say to the flower bed? Take me to your weeder!

Who conducts the spring orchestra? The May-stro



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Kitchen Manager	Anne Scungio
Line Cook	Marilyn Howe
Line Cook	Lauretta Taddeo
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Veterans' Services Assistant	Debra Martin
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### FRIENDS OF FRANKLIN ELDERS, INC.

c/o Franklin Council on Aging 10 Daniel McCahill Street Franklin. MA 02038

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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/wellness activities and services for our aging population.

#### **WE'RE TRYING TO GO GREEN!**

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