

# SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER MAY/JUNE 2025



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It's time to break out your boat shoes, captain's hats, and breezy nautical stripes for the **South County Senior Center's Annual Picnic**, happening **Wednesday**, **June 18th**, **11 AM** at **Herlihy Park in Whately**.

This year, we're going full-on *yacht party*! Come dressed in your best **yacht-themed attire** (no bathing suits, please) and get ready to relax to the smooth sounds of **streaming Yacht Rock music**—think soft rock classics from the '70s and '80s that are perfect for lounging in the sun.

Enjoy a **delicious lunch** featuring summertime favorites, plus plenty of refreshing beverages to keep you cool. We'll have shaded seating, lawn games, and of course, plenty of time to **connect with friends**, **share stories**, **and soak up the fun**.

This event is one of our most beloved traditions—so don't miss the boat! Whether you're a longtime member or new to our community, all are welcome for this laid-back, laughter-filled celebration.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at our 22 Amherst Rd., Sunderland location, Monday through Wednesday, or by appointment on Thursday and Friday. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door—so plan ahead to secure your spot!

**RSVP by June 10** to help us prepare—and don't miss the boat on one of our favorite days of the year. We can't wait to sail into summer with you!

We invited local candidates thru each Town Clerk, regardless of their position, to stop by our 22 Amherst Rd., Sunderland location on Friday, May 2nd for a Meet & Greet with you. We're unsure how many candidates will be attending, but we'd love to see you to hear what you'd like from those elected. Join us starting at 10 am!

I want to take a moment to sincerely thank everyone who helped keep things running smoothly during my recent medical leave. A special thank you to Tom, Chris, and all the volunteers who stepped up and went above and beyond to support the team. Your dedication, flexibility, and teamwork made it possible for me to focus on recovery without worry. I'm truly grateful to be part of such a dependable and compassionate group of staff and volunteers—thank you all!

Jennifer

Sunderland: Open Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 10 AM - 4 PM unless otherwise noted on the calendar.

Changes are due to programs - 22 Amherst Rd., Sunderland

# **Our Journey for a New Senior Center in South County**

By Jennifer M Ferrara, MBA, Director

We are thrilled to share that our community forums held in February and March were a resounding success! These gatherings provided a valuable opportunity for residents to come together and share their thoughts on the future of our shared space. We were honored to welcome a total of **120 participants**, including **65 residents from Deerfield**, **23 from Sunderland**, **and 32 from Whately**.

During the forums, attendees were invited to review and vote on preliminary design concepts created by edmSTUDIO for a potential new Center. The **Deerfield Design received 43 votes**, while the **Whately Design received 69 votes**. Additionally, **6 participants** voted for **neither location**, and **2 voted** for **either location**. These results reflect a strong and diverse range of perspectives, and we are grateful for the thoughtful input from all who participated.

As we move forward, we are committed to continuing this community-driven process. Additional forums will be hosted throughout the year as we work to build grassroots support for a new Center that reflects the needs and values of all three towns.

We are pleased to announce that we have renewed our lease at our current location at 22 Amherst Rd., Sunderland for another year, ensuring continuity as we plan for the future. If you were unable to attend the forums and would like to review the materials, handouts are available at our main office—please feel free to stop by.

As a **tri-town entity** serving **Deerfield**, **Sunderland**, **and Whately**, it is essential that all three communities come together to determine the future of our shared space. If you are interested in getting involved and helping us build support for a new Center, we welcome your participation—please contact our Staff to learn more.

Be sure to join us at our next **SCSC Board of Oversight Meeting** on **Thursday, May 8th, 6 pm**, 22 Amherst Rd., Sunderland - or on Zoom - to provide your comments on what you'd like to see moving forward. Together, we can shape a vibrant and inclusive future for all. Prefer to send a letter or email? Send it to us at PO Box 225, Sunderland, MA and we will ensure the SCSC BoO will get it. We will also send copies to each Town Administrator.





# **Staying Connected at South County**

Dear Friends,

At the South County Senior Center, *you* are the heart of our mission and the soul of our community. Every day, your presence—whether in a fitness class, around the lunch table, in a workshop, or during a quiet chat at Center—adds vibrancy, wisdom, and warmth to our space. We're not just a building or a schedule of activities; we're a hub of connection, care, and community—because of you.

Our goal is simple but meaningful: to help every older adult in South County live fully, age with dignity, and stay connected to others. We're here to support your well-being—physically, emotionally, and socially—by offering programs that keep you moving, learning, and thriving. From **Tai Chi and Chair Yoga**, to **art classes, tech tutorials, and monthly luncheons**, our programming is built with your interests and needs in mind. And we're always evolving—your feedback and suggestions help shape what we offer next.

But we know that staying connected can come with challenges. If you or someone you know is facing **transportation difficulties, financial barriers, mobility issues**, or simply feeling isolated, please reach out. We work closely with regional partners to offer **ride coordination, meal services, home visits**, and **financial assistance for program fees** when needed. Our staff—Chris, Tom, and the entire team—are here not just to run events, but to help you navigate whatever life brings.

We also want to remind you: if you haven't visited in a while, *come back*. And if you're brand new—*welcome!* We have friendly members ready to help you feel at home, and we're happy to sit down with you to help navigate the calendar and find the programs that match your interests.

Are you looking for a way to give back? We're always looking for volunteers to help with activities, events & keeping our space organized. Whether it's an hour a week or just occasionally, your time makes a big difference in someone else's day—and often, in your own.

Lastly, don't forget: the South County Senior Center is a **tri-town community**, proudly serving residents of **Deerfield, Sunderland, and Whately**. Your involvement helps strengthen not just the Center, but the fabric of our entire region. We believe that *aging well* is something we do together—with mutual respect, support, and joy.

From all of us at the Center, thank you for showing up, sharing your stories, and making this community stronger. We're honored to be a part of your journey.

Your SCSC Staff,

Jen, Chris, & Tom



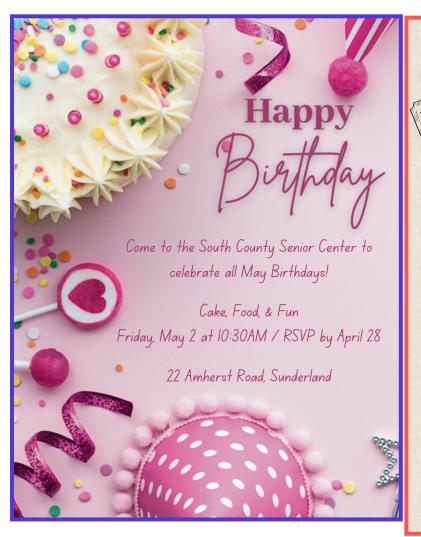


# Foot Clinic

We've partnered with Footcare by Nurses to offer a monthly foot clinic. The nurses offer a 30-minute appointment for \$30. While they do not take insurance



directly, their service may be reimbursable. The nurses complete lower limb assessments, assess shoes and socks and gait, trim toenails, reduce toenail thickness, reduce calluses, remove corns, address fungal toenails and skin issues, help with edema control, perform a circulation-enhancing massage, reset balance and fit some shoes for diabetics and hard to fit feet. They also provide a lot of education. Their services will be offered on the **first Thursday of each month** at **22 Amherst Rd.**, **Sunderland**. Checks are payable to the Town of Deerfield. *If you do not provide a 48 hours cancellation, you will be charged for your appointment if we cannot fill your slot*. **Call 413.768.1066 or 413.665.9508 to make an appointment. We are booked through December. Please note we have waitlist spaces available, call for a space!** 





# MOVIE & CONVERSATION WITH THEODORE HIGBY

TUESDAY, MAY 6 AT 10:30AM / RSVP BY MAY 2

SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER 22 AMHERST ROAD, SUNDERLAND

THEODORE IS A STUDENT AT NORTH STAR: SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING FOR TEENS IN SUNDERLAND.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, CONTACT TOM PATRIA AT 413.665.9508 OR SCPA@TOWN.DEERFIELD.MA.US

# **Celebrating Our Incredible Volunteers**

At our Center, we're truly fortunate to have a diverse, generous, and dedicated community of volunteers who are the heart of everything we do. Whether you're contributing financially, donating supplies, sharing your time, or offering support in countless other ways—your efforts make a meaningful difference, and we are deeply grateful.



This April, we had the joy of honoring our amazing volunteers at our **Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon** at **The Whately Inn**. It was a wonderful afternoon filled with laughter, great food, and heartfelt gratitude. Everyone who attended helped make the celebration extra special!

While we wish we could thank each supporter individually, the list would go on forever. So to **all** of our volunteers, donors, and champions—please know that your contributions never go unnoticed. Your generosity helps make our Center a vibrant, welcoming, and supportive space for the entire community.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

# **Cribbage Tournament Showdown!**

Get ready for some high-stakes fun at our upcoming **Cribbage Tournament** at the Sunderland location, **22 Amherst Rd.** We're setting the stage for a full-immersion experience, starting promptly at **10 AM**—and we'll keep the cards flying until the final hand is played!

Mark your calendars for two exciting tournament dates: May 16 and June 20. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just learning the ropes, there's a place at the table for everyone. Expect a day filled with strategy, laughter, and friendly competition as we gather to celebrate this classic game and the community it brings together.

Don't forget your cards and your competitive spirit!



Congratulations to our recent champions:

•March Winner: Ann Cairl

•April Co-Winners: Wally Sadowsky & Nanci Schwartz (a tie!)

Join us and see if you've got what it takes to be our next Cribbage champion!







TARA MURPHY LEADS CREATIVE DRUM CLASSES FOR SENIORS.
IT'S A GREAT TIME TO RELEASE ENERGY, LIFT SPIRITS,
CONNECT WITH OTHERS, HAVE FUN, AND GET HEALTHY
EXERCISE!

LEARN THE BASICS OF STICK DRUMMING AND TRADITIONAL RHYTHMS FROM MALI AND GUINEA, WEST AFRICA.

PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN SIMPLE RHYTHMS ON DUNUN DRUMS AND PLAY TOGETHER AS AN ENSEMBLE.

DRUMS PROVIDED & NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

FRIDAY, MAY 9 AT 1PM

SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER 22 AMHERST ROAD, SUNDERLAND

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER,
CONTACT TOM PATRIA AT 413-665-9508
OR SCPA@TOWN.DEERFIELD.MA.US



# Knitting Circle

This knitting session is for those with all abilities! Come in and learn from your peers, start a project, and socialize

South County Senior Center 22 Amherst Road, Sunderland

Friday, May 9 & May 23 from 2pm to 3:30pm

Contact Tom Patria at 413-665-9508 or scpa@town.deerfield.ma.us



Cooley Dickinson
VNA's Falls
Prevention
Program "Strength
in Numbers"

- Series of 6, 1-hour free education sessions led by physical and occupational therapists
- Space capped at 25 participants
- Must commit to attending all six of the one-hour sessions
- Practical items such as strengthening devices, medication organizers, and visual aids will be distributed to series participants
- Sessions and items are free of charge





# Fall Prevention Series Topics

- 1. Determining your own risk of falling
- 2. Strength tests and exercises done from home
- 3. Balance activities and the benefits of walking
- 4. Managing your medications and keeping an up-to-date list
- 5. Visual concerns and agerelated changes
- 6. Home safety assessment and Recommendations

DATES & TIMES

Monday

May 12 and 19 June 2, 9, 16 and 30

1:30pm to 2:30pm

Please contact Tom Patria at 413-665-9508 or scpa@town.deerfield.ma.us for more information, questions, or to sign up

# BRUNCH BRIGADE

Partners Restaurant & Catering Feeding Hills, MA

Join Us on Tuesday, May 13 Bus leaves SCSC @ 9:45am; returns @ 1pm

Van Space limited to 7 only; space at restaurant for 20 only

Members pay for their own meals; can provide own transportation

Please contact Tom Patria at 413-665-9508 or scpa@town.deerfield.ma.us for information, questions, or registration



# MUSEUM TRIP TO HADLEY

FORTY ACRES/PORTER- PHELPS-HUNTINGTON HOUSE



TUESDAY, MAY 20

BUS LEAVES SCSC @12:45PM; RETURNS @ 3:30PM

VAN SPACE LIMITED TO 7 ONLY!

MEMBERS CAN PROVIDE OWN TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE MUSEUM

BUS FEE: \$2 / MUSEUM FEE: \$5

PLEASE CONTACT TOM PATRIA AT 413-665-9508 OR SCPA@TOWN.DEERFIELD.MA.US FOR MORE INFORMATION, QUESTIONS, OR TO SIGN UP

# JOY OF SONG

Join Sara Snyder in singing popular songs. Experience music's remarkable capacity to awaken the brain, boost biochemistry, and inspire joy.

Thursday, May 22 at 11am RSVP by May 20

South County Senior Center, 22 Amherst Road, Sunderland

To register, contact Tom Patria at 413-665-9508 or scpa@town.deerfield.ma.us

Want to participate from home? Message me for details!

Funded by the EOEA





# THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ MUCH MORE THAN A CHILDREN'S STORY

Everyone is familiar with The Wizard of Oz, but there is much more to the original book. In this talk we will discuss the story more fully and explore theories that it was a political allegory of a time not too different from our own.

Friday, May 23 @10:30AM

**RSVP Date: May 21** 

Whately Town Hall, 194 Chestnut Plain Road
Presented by the Five College Learning In Retirement

For more information, contact Tom Patria at 413.665.9508; scpa@town.deerfield.ma.us

SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER FIELD TRIP TO .....

# CLAY MATES

\$2 BUS FEE: SPACE LIMITED TO 7



RSVP BY MAY

TUESDAY, MAY 27 10:30AM TO 2PM

BUS LEAVES 22 AMHERST ROAD AT 10AM; RETURN BY 2:30PM MEMBERS PAY FOR OWN PROJECT

CONTACT TOM PATRIA AT 413-665-9508 OR SCPA@TOWN.DEERFIELD.MA.US



# TRIP TO BOTANICAL GARDEN OF SMITH COLLEGE

The Botanic Garden of Smith College spans 127 acres and includes the 12K square foot Lyman Conservatory, Church Gallery, arboretum and many outdoor gardens.

Bus leaves SCSC @10:30am; returns @ 3pm

Van Space limited to 7 only! Members can provide own transportation to and from the Garden

Lunch at Bread Euphoria; members pay for their meals

### \$2 Bus Fee



Thursday, May 29 / RSVP by May 27



11am - 3pm

Flower Arrangements with Jenni LEARN TO DESIGN BEAUTIFUL FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS WITH JENNI ALLARD! MASTER BASIC FLOWER ARRANGING STEPS TO CREATE STUNNING FLORAL DISPLAYS FOR YOUR HOME AND GIFTING! **SPACE LIMITED TO 10** SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER 22 AMHERST ROAD, SUNDERLAND WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 AT 11AM FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, CONTACT TOM PATRIA AT 413.665.9508 OR SCPA@TOWN.DEERFIELD.MA.US

# COOKING **WITH JEN**

**JOIN A CULINARY ADVENTURE WITH DIRECTOR JEN, WHO WILL CREATE** 

> **COUSCOUS CHICKPEA** SALAD

**FUNDED BY LIFEPATH'S CSHF GRANT** 

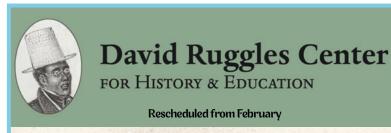


# FRIDAY, MAY 30 FROM 11 AM-2 PM

SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER 22 AMHERST ROAD, SUNDERLAND

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, CONTACT TOM PATRIA AT 413.665.9508 OR SCPA@TOWN.DEERFIELD.MA.US

more information, questions, or to sign up



# Sojourner Truth Memorial Bus Tour & David Ruggles Center Visit, Florence, MA

Learn about the local history of abolition and Sojourner Truth's beginnings as an important national figure. Also learn about Abolitionists Frederic Douglass and David Ruggles.

Tuesday, June 3 \*\*RSVP by May 30\*
Bus Leaves SCSC at 9:30am
Tour starts at 10:30am

Space Limited to 7

Lunch: TBD

\$2 BUS FEE





# Meet with Senators Jo Comerford & Paul Mark and Representative Natalie Blais







Senator Comerford

**Senator Paul Mark** 

Rep. Natalie Blais

Friday, June 6 at 11AM / \*RSVP Date: June 4

Whately Town Hall, 194 Chestnut Plain Road

All residents are welcome to stop by for coffee and snacks and share their thoughts, opinions, and/or concerns

Contact Tom Patria at 413-665-9508 or scpa@town.deerfield.ma.us for registration

# **FIELD TRIP**



\$2 BUS FEE

# TUESDAY, JUNE 10

BUS LEAVES SCSC @10AM; RETURNS @1:30PM

VANSPACELIMITED TO 7 ONLY! LUNCH LOCATION TBD

MEMBERS CAN PROVIDE OWN TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE MUSEUM

ADMISSION IS FREE OF CHARGE

CONTACT TOM PATRIA AT 413-665-9508 OR SCPA@TOWN.DEERFIELD.MA.US FOR MORE INFORMATION, QUESTIONS, OR TO SIGN UP

# OWLS WITH MARY COWHEY



JOIN US AS MARY COWHEY FROM THE HAMPSHIRE BIRD CLUB EDUCATION COMMITTEE, WILL BE AT THE SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER, 22 AMHERST ROAD, SUNDERLAND

FRIDAY, JUNE 13 AT 11AM / RSVP BY JUNE 11

MARY WILL TALK ABOUT THE TYPES OF OWLS FOUND IN

TO REGISTER OR HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT TOM
PATRIA AT 413.665.9508 OR
SCPAmTOWN.DEERFIELD.MA.US

# KNITTING FOR ALL



This knitting session is for those with all abilities! Come in and learn from your peers, start a project, and socialize.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13 & 27 AT 2PM

South County Senior Center 22 Amherst Road, Sunderland

To register, contact Tom Patria at 413-665-9508 or scpa@town.deerfield.ma.us





# **Planning for Medicare**

Join the South County Senior Center as Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts discusses Medicare Planning. This session designed to help individuals understand their options and responsibilities when enrolling in Medicare. Topics include:

MEDICARE BASICS

COSTS AND COVERAGE

ENROLLMENT PERIODS

CHOOSE THE RIGHT PLAN

COORDINATING WITH OTHER BENEFITS

COMMON PITFALLS TO AVOID

Tuesday, June 24 at 10AM RSVP by June 20

South County Senior Center 22 Amherst Road, Sunderland

For more information or to register, contact Tom Patria at 413.665.9508 or scpa@town.deerfield.ma.us



Come to the South County Senior Center to celebrate all June Birthdays!

Cake, Food, & Fun Wednesday, June 25 at 10:30AM / RSVP by June 23

22 Amherst Road, Sunderland

To register, contact Tom Patria at 413-665-9508 or scpa@town.deerfield.ma.us





# **Our Movement Classes Are a Hit!**

Did you know our movement classes are some of the most popular programs at the South County Senior Center? They're such a success that several now have waiting lists—Enhanced Fitness, we're looking at you! To help ensure everyone has a fair chance to participate, we kindly ask that you let Tom know if you'll be out of class for more than a week. You can reach him at 413-665-9508 or email <a href="mailto:scpa@town.deerfield.ma.us">scpa@town.deerfield.ma.us</a>. If we don't hear from you, your spot may be offered to someone on the waitlist. But don't worry—if you give us a heads-up, we'll happily hold your spot for when you're ready to return!

Our grant funding for most movement classes has now been fully utilized. However, thanks to the **Mass in Motion** grant, we're excited to continue offering **Tai Chi**, **Seated Dance**, and **Drumming with Tara** at no cost through the end of this fiscal year (June 30, 2025).

We also have wonderful news: thanks to a **generous anonymous donor**, we're able to offer **Enhanced Fitness classes free of charge** starting **Friday**, **May 2nd thru the end of August! Class size is limited to 25 participants. First come**, **first serve to participate. No exceptions as space is an issue**. **Priority given to those who attend all three classes per week**.

For our other excellent offerings—Chair Yoga and Balance in Motion—a modest fee of \$5 per class will apply. These fees are based on average attendance and help us sustain these valuable programs.

If cost is a concern, financial assistance may be available based on income guidelines. Please reach out to **Chris Goudreau at 413-768-1066** to learn more about available options. If our annual town budget passes at all three Town Meetings, we will have \$3,000 to put torwards the costs of movement classes for FY26.

Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and support—we're committed to keeping our community moving, healthy, and connected!

# **Find Your Flow: A Movement Class for Everyone**

Looking to stretch, strengthen, or just have a little fun? We've got you covered with our diverse lineup of movement classes. Here's what's happening:

# Chair Yoga & Balance in Motion

In collaboration with **Cadence Yoga Center**, we're offering:

- Chair Yoga: Mondays at 1 PM
- Balance in Motion: Wednesdays at 11 AM

Both classes are held at **289 Amherst Road (RTE 116) Sunderland**. Want to join the hybrid option? Register with Tom at least **two business days in advance** (no same-day registrations, please!).

### **Enhanced Fitness**

Our popular Enhanced Fitness classes, instructed through the Franklin YMCA, meet:

• Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 AM at Whately Town Hall (194 Chestnut Plain Rd., Whately).

We have openings for in-person participation and online via our **hybrid option!** Contact Tom Patria at 413.665.9508 or email <a href="mailto:sepa@town.deerfield.ma.us">sepa@town.deerfield.ma.us</a>. Class size is limited to 25 participants. First come, first serve to participate. No exceptions, as space is an issue. *Priority given to those who attend all three classes per week*.

Heads up: No classes on 5/7, 6/4, 6/9, 6/11, 6/18.

### Tai Chi

Led by the talented Mari Rovang, our Tai Chi class meets:

• Thursdays at 1 PM at Whately Town Hall (194 Chestnut Plain Rd., Whately).

This calming, restorative practice is open to all—come join us!

### **Seated Dance**

What's better than dancing? Dancing with a side of laughter! Our **Seated Dance** class with **Kathy Steinem** happens:

• Mondays at 12:15 PM at 22 Amherst Rd., Sunderland.

This unique dance style allows participants to warm up, stretch, and groove—all from the comfort of a chair. Plus, every class kicks off with a pun, joke, or riddle, because laughter is just as important as movement! Whether you're working on mobility or just want to try something fun and different, this class is for everyone.

# **Hybrid Option Registration**

For any of the hybrid classes mentioned above, don't forget to register with Tom at **413.665.9508** at least **two business days in advance**. Same-day registrations aren't available, so plan ahead to join the fun!

Move with us—whatever your style, there's a class for you! See page 9 for changes to prices.

# **Standing Weekly Programs**

# **Mondays**

- 9 am Enhanced Fitness, 194 Chestnut Plain Rd., Whately
- 10 am Bingo, 22 Amherst Rd., Sunderland
- 12:15 pm By the Seat of Your Dance, 22 Amherst Rd., Sunderland
- 1 pm Chair Yoga, 289 Amherst Rd., Sunderland, Cadence Yoga

## Wednesdays

- 9 am Enhanced Fitness, 194 Chestnut Plain Rd., Whately
- 10 am Farm Stand, 22 Amherst Rd., Sunderland (Second Wednesday of the Month is at First Congregational Church, 91 S Main St., Sunderland)
- 11 am Balance in Motion, 289 Amherst Rd., Sunderland, Cadence Yoga

### **Thursdays**

• 1 pm - Tai Chi, 194 Chestnut Plain Rd., Whately. For more info call Mari at 978.544.7693.

### **Fridays**

• 9 am - **Enhanced Fitness**, 194 Chestnut Plain Rd., Whately

# **Standing Monthly Programs**

### **Daily**

• **Grab and Go meals** continue daily from 11-11:45 am, 22 Amherst Rd., Sunderland. The recommendation donation is now \$3.50/per meal. Place your order 2 days in advance by calling Cathy at 413.665.5063. Unable to pick up your order? Please call 413.665.5063.

### **First Thursdays**

- **Brown Bag**, Deerfield Town Hall, 8 Conway St., S. Deerfield. Are you interested in becoming a new recipient or learning more about the program? Call Chris Goudreau 413.768.1066 for more details.
- **Foot Clinic**, We are offering a foot clinic with Footcare by Nurses. For more information, see page 4.

### **Second Wednesdays**

• Franklin Area Survival Center Pop Up Food Distribution, 5/14 & 6/11, 10:30 am, 91 S Main St., Sunderland. Enter through parking lot by Wild Roots, exit onto RTE 47. The truck arrives between 11:30 am to 12:00 pm. Please carpool if you can!

# Make an Ad for the South County Senior Center with FCAT

Learn video production skills from the FCAT team while making a valuable video for the community! In this four week workshop members will learn easy and useful video production skills and work together to make a video about the senior center. No experience necessary, FCAT will work with any skill level! Classes run 5/14, 5/18, 5/28, & 6/4 at 1PM. To register email Bella Levavi bella.levavi@fcat.tv or call 413.665.2141 to register with Jen. This class is free, funded by a SIG grant thru MCOA.

The workshop will take place on the second floor of the Sunderland town hall building located at 12 School Street.



# TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Deerfield & Whately: Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA) "Demand Response" Van available for seniors 60+ on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9am-4pm Monday through Friday from 5:30pm to 7:30pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 9:30am to 5:30pm for pick up/drop off to your home address. Reserve ride for your destination by calling 413.774.2262 Monday through Friday 8am to 3pm. Weekly van trips to Big Y are available on Monday mornings. Cost start at \$1.50. LifePath clients ride for free anywhere. Rides to South County Senior Center are 1/2 fare. Fixed routes and ADA service is free thru June 30, 2025. Brochures available at Senior Center.

**Sunderland**: Provided by Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) and Hulmes Transportation. Call 413.739.7436 preferably 2 days in advance or more. Services for seniors are Mon-Fri. 8:30am-4:30pm. More days and times available with approval. Call Springfield for information at 413.732.6248 ext. 214. Fee \$2.50-\$3.50.

American's with Disability Act (ADA) The FRTA's ADA Paratransit Services are for disabled individuals who live within 3/4 mile of our fixed route and cannot navigate or access our fixed route service due to their disability. Transportation is provided from your point of origin to your destination point and is available only during regular operating hours. ADA service is available on a "next day basis" and is currently free thru June 30, 2025. Please contact our office at 413.774.2262 if you would like an application sent to you.

**Med-Ride Program**: Available to medical apt. outside the county for ambulatory elders 60+ who reside in Franklin County (not Sunderland). Volunteer drivers provide transportation using their own vehicles. Available Mon-Fri. 8am-5pm. For more information and to schedule ride, please call 413.774.2262 or 1.888.301.2262 dial O for customer service.

**Valley Neighbors,** serving Whately, Deerfield and Sunderland. Now offering rides and friendly support services to resident members 60 years plus. For more information please call: 413.453.9057, or visit: <a href="mailto:valleyneighbors.org">valleyneighbors.org</a>

South County Senior Center Van: Available Monday, Wednesday, Friday to program & open hours (no transportation offered on Second Wednesdays). Transportation to medical appointments & shopping offered upon availability. <u>Call 413.768.1066 at least 2 days ahead to make your reservation.</u> <u>Program transportation takes priority.</u>

If you or someone you know in Hampshire or Franklin County has a consumer problem or question, please contact:

The Northwestern District Attorney's Consumer Protection Unit

413.774.3186 Franklin County 413.586.9225 Hampshire County www.Northwesternda.org

Working in cooperation with the Office of the Attorney General



# **HEALTH INFORMATION**

**NURSE Cindy** is currently on leave. Contact Nurse Ann for any questions or needs.

Nurse (Ann) is available at the Sunderland Town Hall on Tuesdays from 9 am-12pm & or by appointment. She will be at the SCSC on Mondays. Call 413.531.0661.

SHINE Serving Health Information Needs of Everyone counselor from LifePath is available for appointments in Greenfield Please call 413.773.5555. Ask for your town's SHINE Representative.

Free Collection of Drugs: Safely dispose unwanted medications at the Police Stations in S Deerfield and Sunderland. No questions asked.

Amherst Survival Center Free Health Clinic, 138
Sunderland Rd (just off 116) is open to everyone on Mon.
12:30 - 1:30 pm and on Thurs. from 5- 6 pm. Ph.:
413.549.3968. Many more programs too!

AEIOU Urgent Medical Care for minor illness and injury. Most insurances accepted and self-pay fee starts at \$135. Located at 170 University Dr. in Amherst, Phone 461.3530 and 489 Bernardston Rd. in Greenfield, Phone 413.773.1394.

**TRIAD of Franklin County** has many assistive programs for seniors including: 911 emergency cell phones, medical equipment loans, house ID numbers, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, food and pet food needs, File of Life information cards, well-being checks and more. Call 413.774.4726 or Sharyn Paciorek at 413.665.3017.

**Community Health Center:** offers medical and dental care to all ages, regardless of insurance status or income. Located in Turners Falls, Orange, and Greenfield. Call: 413.325.8500

**LifePath Inc.** offers assistance through the Benefits Counseling program for income eligible seniors age 60 and up. They can also work with you to find resources to help you or your parents live longer at home with assistance. Call 413.773.5555.

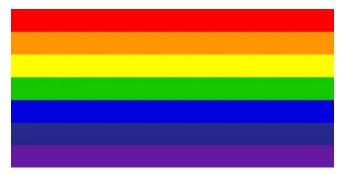
# **Grab and Go Meals**

For lunch reservations call before 10:00 am two days prior. For more information about menu you can call 413.773.5555 or email <a href="mailto:info@lifepathma.org">info@lifepathma.org</a>. Dining Centers welcomes those who are 60 years and above with their spouses of any age. A donation of \$3.50 per meal is suggested.

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Enhanced Fitness 9 AM  Bingo 10 AM  Seated Dance 12:15 PM  Chair Yoga 1 PM  Sunderland Open Hours 10 AM -4 PM	Movie & Discussion Top Hat 10:30 AM Sunderland Open Hours 1 PM - 4 PM	No Enhanced Fitness Staff at MCOA Conference - No Open Hours	Rainbow Elders <u>Tai Chi 1 PM</u>	Enhanced Fitness 9 AM  Drumming with Tara 1 PM  Knitting Circle 2 PM-3:30 PM
12	13	14	15	16
Enhanced Fitness 9 AM  Bingo 10 AM  Seated Dance 12:15 PM  Chair Yoga 1 PM  Sunderland Open Hours 10 AM -4 PM  Strength in Numbers 1:30 PM	Brunch Brigade Van Leaves 9:45 AM No Open Hours	Enhanced Fitness 9 AM  Food Distribution 10 AM  Balance in Motion 11 AM	Staff Administrative Day - Office Closed  Tai Chi 1 PM	Enhanced Fitness 9 AM Cribbage Tourney 10 AM
19	20	21	22	23
Enhanced Fitness 9 AM  Bingo 10 AM  Seated Dance 12:15 PM  Chair Yoga 1 PM  Strength in Numbers 1:30 PM  Sunderland Open Hours 10 AM -4 PM	Porter- Phelps- Huntington Museum 1 PM Sunderland Open Hours 10 AM - 12 PM	Enhanced Fitness 9 AM  Movie: You Hurt My Feelings 11 AM  Balance in Motion 11 AM	Tai Chi 1 PM  Joy of Song with Sara Snyder 11 AM  Mass in Motion Workgroup 1 PM	Enhanced Fitness 9 AM  Wizard of Oz 10:30 AM  Knitting Circle 2-3:30 PM
26	27	28	29	30
CLOSED  Honoring and Remembering  MEMORIAL DAY	Claymates Fieldtrip 10 AM No Open Hours	Enhanced Fitness 9 AM Flowers with Jenni Allard 11 AM	Smith College Botanical Garden 10 AM Tai Chi 1 PM	Enhanced Fitness 9 AM Cooking with Jen 10 AM

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# Rainbow Elders May 8th & June 12th, 2025 Luncheon in Sunderland!

The Rainbow Elders of LifePath will gather for a meal and conversation at SCSC's accessible space at 22 Amherst Road (Rte. 116) in Sunderland on **Thursday**, **May 8th & June 12th.** 

Folks are welcome to arrive by noon, and we will share food together around 12:30 p.m. Feel free to inquire if you need directions.

We will offer as safe a setting as possible. HEPA air purifiers will be in use, and windows can be opened if needed. We'll provide test kits, masks, and hand sanitizer, but we won't inquire about vaccination status. We ask that you monitor your health in advance by testing (if you can) and staying home if you do not feel well. Mask wearing while we are together will be encouraged, except when eating or drinking—and please feel free to practice as much social distancing as you need. Thanks!

We will offer beverages and a meal that will be provided by LifePath's Nutrition Program. We will be happy to provide alternate menu items, if they are requested in advance and we can manage to obtain them. You are also welcome to bring your own lunch. Please register by the end of the day Sunday before the lunches at: Rainbow Elders Luncheon Club Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite

A suggested voluntary donation for those 60 years and over will be \$3.50. For those younger than 60, we request \$8. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

For more information contact 413.773.5555, X1242 or 978.544.2259 X1242. You may also contact <a href="mailto:scsc@town.deerfield.ma.us">scsc@town.deerfield.ma.us</a> or 413-665-2141. To sign up to receive weekly Rainbow Elders updates, visit <a href="https://lifepathma.org/rainbowelders">https://lifepathma.org/rainbowelders</a>.

The Rainbow Elders serve LGBTQIA+ elders (50+) and friends in the Franklin-North Quabbin region and beyond with in-person and virtual programming.

L = Lesbian, G =Gay, B = Bisexual, T = Transgender, Q = Questioning or Queer, I = Intersex, A = Agender, Asexual, Aromantic, and Allies

# LIFEPATH Congregate Lunch Meals - May 2025

PLEASE CALL YOUR MEAL SITE BEFORE 9:30 AM ONE SERVING DAY AHEAD TO ORDER OR CANCEL A MEAL.
Athol 978-249-9001, Bernardston 413-648-5319, Charlemont 413-834-7413, Greenfield 413-772-1517 Ext 0 , New Salem 978-575-0116, Petersham 978-821-5549,
Phillipston 978-652-5797, Royalston 978-249-8957, Shelburne 413-625-6266, South County 413-665-5063.

Roman Blend Veg Roman Blend Veg Wheat Dinner Roll Vanilla Pudding
Potato Crunch Pollock Brown Rice Pilaf Roman Blend Veg
Carbs (g): 89; Calories: 699 <b>C</b> a
Total Sodium (mg): 899
Multigrain Bread Oatmeal Raisin Cookie
Seasoned Orzo
Greek Chicken 5oz
Total Sodium (mg): 685 Carbs (g): 93; Calories: 667
Yogurt
Brussels Sprouts Oat Bread
Red Bliss Potatoes
Spinach & Red Pepper
Total Sodium (mg): 905 2arbs (g): 84; Calories: 58
Fresh Fruit
Garlic Knot Roll
w/Tomato Sauce 3oz
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Sodium and Carbohydrate Levels are listed next to each individual menu item.

If you have a concern regarding the sodium, contact the Nutritionist for guidance on managing your intake to meet your diet requirements at 413-773-5555, Ext. 2415

<sup>\*</sup>Indicates higher sodium items greater than 500mg. Due to availability, menu subject to change without notice.











