## SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025

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As I sit down to complete this edition of our newsletter, I want to take a moment to acknowledge we are living through some truly challenging times.

Yet even in the midst of uncertainty, I continue to be inspired by the

strength, kindness, and resilience of our community.

While there are many things beyond our control, what gives me hope is knowing that our Center remains a constant source of connection and support. We continue to offer programs which bring people together, provide meaningful engagement, and ensure no one has to face these challenges alone. Together, we are finding ways to adapt, to care for one another, and to move forward with compassion and optimism. If you're having a hard time, please reach out to us. We're here to help.

Be sure to read through this entire newsletter for details on all of our upcoming events and special programs! We're excited to celebrate the season together with our **annual Friendsgiving**—offered **at no cost** thanks to the generosity of **Leo's Table** and the **Franklin County Sheriff's Office**.

We're also continuing our tradition of **delivering free Holiday Meals** with heartfelt thanks to the **Sunderland Men's Club** for their partnership and support.

You'll find all the details and ways to get involved inside this **final edition of 2025**—let's close out the year in the spirit of gratitude and community!

Jennifer

Sunderland: Open Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 10 AM - 4 PM, Friday 10 AM - 2 PM unless otherwise noted on the calendar. Changes are due to programs - 22 Amherst Rd., Sunderland

#### Outreach Corner: Things you Need to Know



By Chris Goudreau

With autumn now in full swing and winter on the way, it might be time to start thinking about your fuel options to keep you warm during cold winter nights. Luckily, there's support programs that help Massachusetts residents pay for fuel, assist with home heating system repairs or replacements.

The application period for Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) - fuel assistance benefit - is now open. HEAP helps lower income households pay for a portion of their heating bills or 30 percent of their rent if heat is included between Nov. 1 and April 30.

At the South County Senior Center, we can assist with HEAP applications. Here's what you'll need for your fuel assistance application.

- A state or federally issued photo ID
- Social security cards, proof of US citizenship, or proof of qualified alien status
- Verification of all sources of income for 30 days prior to the appointment: Wages (including seasonal, per diem or on-call employment), unemployment, interest or dividends, pension or annuity, odd job income, veterans' benefits, capital gains (lottery, gambling or miscellaneous income)
- Mortgage and copy of a lease (if you rent)
- Property tax bills and homeowners' insurance (if you own a home)
- Documents showing financial awards such as grants, loans, or scholarships
- Dates of birth for everyone in the home
- Heating vendor, account number and name of the account holder
- Current electric bill showing the name of the account holder, service address, and account number

Another important aspect of applying for HEAP is that there are income guidelines. Here's the guidelines for the 2025-2026 heating season: (these are gross annual income guidelines for households). Applications are submitted for Franklin County residents ages 18 and older to local non-profit Community Action Pioneer Valley.

- 1 person \$51,777
- 2 people \$67,709
- 3 people \$83,641
- 4 people \$99,573

There's also another state program called The Heating System Assistance Retrofit Task Weatherization Assistance Program (HEARTWAP) that provides heating system repair and replacements services to eligible homeowners with lower income. Unlike the fuel assistance program, HEARTWAP operates year-round and offers emergency assistance when a heating system fails and needs repairs.

And for homeowners, the Weatherization Assistance Program provides low-income households with home energy efficiency services such as air sealing to reduce infiltration, as well as insulation for attics, sidewalls, floor, and pipes/ducts. An application for the Fuel Assistance Program also serves as an application for the Weatherization program.

\*\*\*Important Update: As of November 1st\*\*\*- Local HEAP agencies are now accepting applications for the 2025–2026 winter season, and the South County Senior Center can help you apply or renew. Due to limited federal funding, HEAP is currently only covering **heating emergencies** beginning November 1st. The **Winter Moratorium** (10/27/25–4/1/26) also protects eligible residents from utility shut-offs during the cold months. Contact me, Chris Goudreau, at 413.768.1066 or <a href="mailto:scoc@town.deerfield.ma.us">scoc@town.deerfield.ma.us</a> for assistance and stay warm this winter!

## TARA MURPHY DRUMMING CIRCLE

Tara leads creative drum classes for seniors 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!

Tuesday, November 4 at 10:30am (RSVP by October 31)

South County Senior Center 22 Amherst Road, Sunderland QUESTIONS OR REGISTER? TACT TOM PATRIA AT 665-9508

# Springfield Museum



JOIN US AS THE SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER TRAVELS TO THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS ON SELECT WEDNESDAYS IN 2025!

**NOVEMBER 5 & DECEMBER 3** 

**BUSES LEAVE SCSC AT 9AM; RETURN BY 3:30PM** 

**LUNCH LOCATION(S) TBD; <u>\$2 BUS FEE</u>** 

TO REGISTER OR HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT TOM PATRIA AT 413.665.9508 OR SCPA@TOWN.DEERFIELD.MA.US



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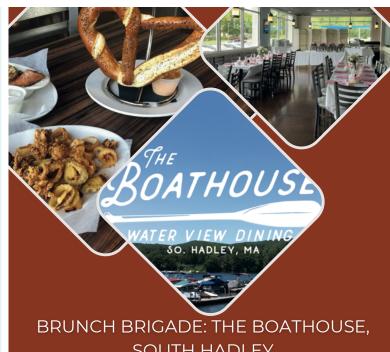
This presentation aims to help individuals and families plan for funerals and end-of-life arrangements

The Funeral Consumers Alliance is a national nonprofit organization focusing on consumer education and advocacy related to funeral planning

Friday, November 7 at 10:30am RSVP by November 5

South County Senior Center 22 Amherst Road, Sunderland

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



SOUTH HADLEY

Friday, November 14; Bus leaves SCSC @ 11am

\$2 transportation fee (van limited to 14); seating for 25 members

Members provide own transportation & pay for their own meals

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









TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 FROM 10AM TO 12PM

VAN LEAVES 22 AMHERST ROAD AT 9:15AM; RETURN BY 3:30PM

MEMBERS PAY FOR OWN PROJECT

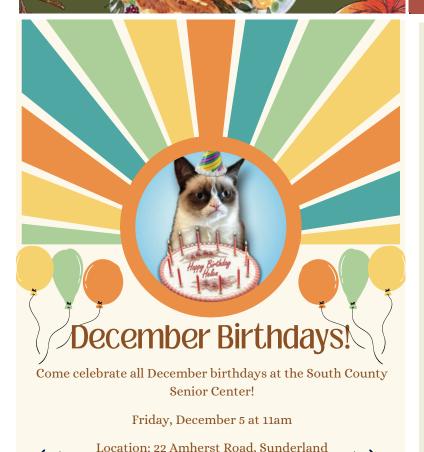
LUNCH AT THE GRAPEVINE GRILL (MEMBERS PAY FOR OWN MEAL)

\$2 BUS FEE; SPACE LIMITED TO 14

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



Wednesday, November 26 at 10am Come celebrate November birthdays along with the new holiday comedy "Jingle Bell Heist" PATRIA AT 413-665-9508 OR **South County** SCPA@TOWN.DEERFIELD.MA.US **Senior Center** 22 Amherst Road. Sunderland To register, contact Tom Patria at 413-665-9508 or



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Brunch Brigade Journeys To Holyoke

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 BUS LEAVES SCSC @ 10:30AM; RETURNS BY

\$2 TRANSPORTATION FEE (VAN LIMITED TO 14): SEATING LIMITED TO **20** 

MEMBERS PROVIDE OWN TRANSPORTATION & PAY FOR THEIR OWN MEALS

PHONE/TEXT TOM PATRIA AT 413-665-9508 OR SCPA@TOWN.DEERFIELD.MA.US FOR INFORMATION, QUESTIONS, OR REGISTRATION

**Tara Murphy Drumming Circle** 

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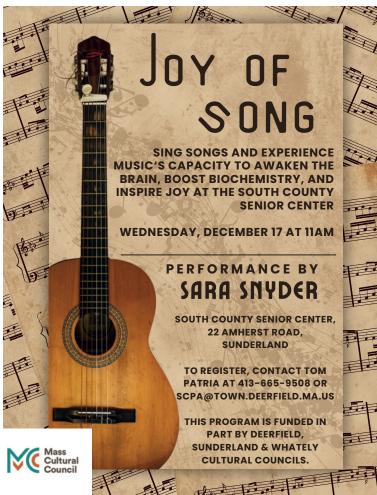
Tuesday, December 16 at 10:30am

(RSVP by Dec. 12)

Location: 22 Amherst Road, Sunderland

Register by calling or texting Tom Patria at 413.665.9508









NEED A RIDE FOR LAST MINUTE HOLIDAY PRESENTS? THE SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER WILL DRIVE TO THE SHOPS IN HADLEY!

> THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 10 AM \*RSVP BY DECEMBER 15\*

BUS LEAVES SCSC. 22 AMHERST ROAD. SUNDERLAND

SPACE LIMITED TO 14

TO REGISTER, CALLYTEXT TOM PATRIA AT 413.665.9508 OR CPA@TOWN.DEERFIELD.MA.US

Celebrate the Holidays with the South County Senior Center!



### Holiday Party

Friday, December 19 @11am

RSVP by December 12

\$3 per person

Space Limited to 100

Polish American Citizens Club 46 S. Main Street, South Deerfield

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

#### **Card Games Central!**





#### **Cribbage Updates:**

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: November 21 and December 12. 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:

•September Winner: Ann Cairl and October Winner: Charlie Decker

**Pitch is Coming to South County!** 

We've had requests to offer pitch. We're hosting a game on **December 26th at 10:30 AM.** If you're interested in playing, please email Tom at <a href="mailto:scpa@town.deerfield.ma.us">scpa@town.deerfield.ma.us</a> or call 413.665.9508. More dates are coming in 2026!





#### **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 recommended 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 offering a foot clinic with Footcare by Nurses. We currently booked thru the end of the year. We are, however, taking names for the waitlist. Call 413.768.1066 for waitlist.

#### **Second Wednesdays**

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



#### **Volunteers: Your Time, Our Thanks!**

We are incredibly fortunate to have a vibrant community of volunteers whose generosity, dedication, and spirit are at the core of all we do. From lending a helping hand, donating supplies, supporting us financially, or simply showing up with kindness—every contribution matters. Your continued support enriches our programs and strengthens our mission, and we are sincerely thankful for all that you do. We are successful because of our volunteers.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who are donating their time to make our large events a success. This time of year there are many events going on, and your choice to help us is noticed! If you'd like to help deliver holiday meals, please contact Jen at 413.665.2141 or <a href="mailto:scsc@town.deerfield.ma.us">scsc@town.deerfield.ma.us</a>.

## **▲ MOVE, STRETCH & SMILE –**JOIN OUR MOVEMENT CLASSES!

Looking to stretch, strengthen, or just have a little fun? Check out our free, fun, and flexible lineup of classes for all levels! For questions, please contact T o m a t 4 1 3 . 6 6 5 . 9 5 0 8 o r scpa@town.deerfield.ma.us.

#### **Chair Yoga & Balance in Motion**

Where: 289 Amherst Rd (RTE 116), Sunderland

Chair Yoga: Mondays at 1 PM

**Balance in Motion:** Wednesdays at 11 AM **Cost:** FREE – thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the

Fred G. Wells Trust!

#### **Enhanced Fitness - with Franklin YMCA**

Where: Whately Town Hall, 194 Chestnut Plain

Rd., Whately

When: Mon, Wed, Fri at 9 AM

Class Size: Limited to 25 - first come, first

served.

**Important:** Priority given to those who attend all 3 days/week. Notify us of absences to ensure your

spot!

**No Class:** 11/28, 12/1

Cost: \$2 per person/per class.

#### Tai Chi - with Mari Rovang

**When:** Thursdays at 1 PM

Where: Whately Town Hall, 194 Chestnut Plain

Rd., Whately

A calming, restorative practice for all – join us! **Cost:** Free - thanks to our Mass in Motion grant

with FRCOG.

No Class: 11/27, 12/25

#### **Seated Dance – with Kathy Steinem**

When: Mondays at 12:15 PM

Where: 22 Amherst Rd, Sunderland

Chair-based movement + laughter = fun for

everyone!

Funded by: Mass in Motion grant with FRCOG

W Hybrid Class Registration Reminder
For any hybrid option, call Tom at 413-665-9508
at least 2 business days ahead. No same-day

## THE SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER PRESENTS BOOK TALK WITH

JUDGE MICHAEL PONSOR

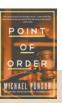
RESCHEDULED TO Tuesday, December 30 at 10am rland

22 Amherst Road, Sunderland

JOIN SENIOR US DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE US DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS AND AUTHOR AS HE SPEAKS ABOUT HIS 3 BOOKS







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



#### 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 5:30am 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. Demand Repsonse van service is free thru June 30, 2026! LifePath clients ride for free anywhere. Fixed routes and ADA service is now free! 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. **Demand Repsonse van service is free thru June 30, 2026!** 

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. 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.

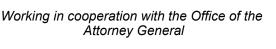
**Valley Neighbors,** serving Whately, Deerfield and Sunderland. Now offering rides and friendly support services to resident members 60 years plus. For more information please call: 413.453.9057, or visit: <a href="mailto:valleyneighbors.org">valleyneighbors.org</a>

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





#### **HEALTH INFORMATION**

**NURSE Cindy** is available at Deerfield Town Hall on Mondays. She will be at the SCSC on Wednesday and Friday. Call 413.665.1400 ext. 8.

Nurse Anne 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 Monday, 12 - 2 pm. No insurance or appointment necessary. 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. For **SC TRIAD & Sharyn Paciorek** call 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 family members 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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## Rainbow Elders November 13th & December 11th, 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, November 13th & December 11th.** 

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- November 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.

	Carbs (g): 102; Calories: 789	Total Sodium (mg): 870	27	Combread Loaf 27 180	s 15	g mg Rosemary & Garlic Chicken 17 451	24 Carb Sod	Carbs (g): 98; Calories: 749	Peach Cup 13 5	<b>2</b> 0	California Blend Ved 5 34	23	€	5	Са	Total Sodium (mg): 777	18	33	Shredded Cheddar Cheese 1 96 Mixed Root Vegetables 11 65	<b>0</b> 4	σ	Carbs (g): 87; Calories: 774	Total Sodium (mg): 880	18	Gr Beans & Red Peppers 6 20  Buttermilk Bisquit 21 370	Φ.	29	Chicken & White Bean	3 Carb Sod	MONDAY
	Carbs (g): 80; Calories: 736	Total Sodium (mg): 924	16 12	Kale & Peppers 3 29	2 10	g mg Potato Pollock 13 330	25 Carb Sod	Carbs (g): 90; Calories: 745		18 !	Cornbread Loaf 27 180	37	G	σ	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			<b>A</b>	No Meals Served	Veterans: Day Holiday	11	Ca	Total Sodium (mg): 797	18	Wixed Vegetables 11 51 Combread Loaf 27 180	24	4	g mg Unstuffed Pepper Bowl	4 Carb Sod	TUESDAY
Suggested Voluntary Confidential Donation is \$3.50 per Meal	Carbs (g): 73; Calories: 767	Total Sodium (mg): 818		Chocolate Pudding 20 135	w/ Buttermilk Biscuit 21	g mg Beef Stew 14 139	26	Carbs (g): 91; Calories: 660		Apple	Wheat Roll 15	Mashed Sweet Potatoes 25	Pot Roast w/ Gravy* 7	19 Carb	Ce	Total Sodium (mg): 714	Pear Cup 19 0	20	Vegetable Medlev 11 54	<u>2</u> 4	σ	Carbs (g): 96; Calories: 630	Total Sodium (mg): 866	Pear 27	Wheat Bread	Polenta 24	Tomato Caper Sauce* 5	Shrimp w/ g mg	5 Carb	WEDNESDAY
			2	NO MIGGIS OF VEG	No Mosis Served	Thanksgiving Day Holidav	27	Carbs (g): 95; Calories: 732	Pie 23 104	20	Green Beans 8 20	is 15	√ <sub>*</sub> <u>°</u>	20 Carb	င္ပ	Total Sodium (mg): 974	Shortbread Cookie 20 150	oll 16	White Rice 24 25 Broccoli 6 38		13 Carb Sod	Carbs (g): 88; Calories: 786	Total Sodium (mg): 967	ō	Chocolate Chip Cookie 19 78	} თ	a 21	Chicken Alfredo* 10 609	6 Carb	THURSDAY
ALL MEALS INCLUDE: 8 OZ 1% MILK containing: 130 mg Sodium, 110 Calories, & 13 g Carbohydrates AND 1 pat of Margarine Containing 30 mg Sodium & 36 Calories Sodium, Calories, & Carbs included in daily totals	Carbs (g): 86; Calories: 693	Total Sodium (mg): 1138	14	Wheat Roll 15 150	Nozz 5	<b>g mg</b> Cheese Lasagna 29 390	28 Carb Sod	Carbs (g): 102; Calories: 878		Vanilla Pudding 18	Wheat Bread 24 65	w/ Beef Bolognese & Parm 2	Cheese Ravioli 31	21 Carb	Carbs (g): 108; Calories: 814	Total Sodium (mg): 514	Chocolate Pudding 20 135	Wheat Bread 24	Gr Beans & R Peppers 6 20	Honey Garlic Salmon 16 1	d 14 Carb Sod	Ca	Total Sodium (mg): 907	Peach Cup 13	Wheat Roll 15 150	Mashed Potatoes 15	Peppers & Onions* 6	g mg Halian Pork Sausage w/	7 Carb	FRIDAY

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.









## HELP THE SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER FEED LOCAL FAMILIES

TOGETHER, WE CAN PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE

#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

- Drop off non-perishable food items at the South County Senior Center
- Cash and Check
   Donations gladly
   accepted



#### **DROP OFF TIMES:**

Mondays thru Wednesdays 10am to 4pm

Fridays 10am to 2pm

#### **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

Every day, families in our community go to bed hungry. Your donation (s) helps us provide fresh meals and groceries to those who need it most.

## FOOD ITEMS TNCLUDE:

- Canned vegetables, beans & soup
- Rice, pasta & cereal
- Shelf-stable milk
- Peanut butter & canned protein



Call 413.665.9508 for more information





