

Senior News



February 2022

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TAX AID BY LIBERTY TAX SERVICE

February 14 – February 25, 2022

Liberty Tax Service of Greenfield will provide free income tax preparation for low income seniors at their 108 Federal Street location. This program is open to Greenfield seniors age 65+. Gross income limits: Max \$25,000 single/Max \$50,000 married. Simple returns only. No self-employed, owned rental property or stocks/bonds. No out of state returns. Picture ID required. Remember the free service is for Feb 14-25 only.

To schedule an appointment, call Liberty Tax of Greenfield (413) 772-0202.

Note: Appointments will be at the Liberty Tax office 108 Federal Street, NOT at Greenfield Senior Center. Greenfield Council on Aging extends our gratitude to Todd Cromack and Liberty Tax Service of Greenfield for offering this wonderful program to area seniors.



VITA TAX ASSISTANCE BY COMMUNITY ACTION

Community Action of Franklin County offers free tax assistance. Call (413) 376-1136 beginning January 2022 to make an appointment and to check income eligibility requirements. You may also register by visiting their Website: www.communityaction.us/vita

DINING CENTER LUNCH

Served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Sign up with Greenfield Senior Center Front Desk.

Please call (413) 772-1517 ext. 0, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Please register no later than 9:15 am the day BEFORE you wish to dine.

Monthly menu available at our Front Desk.

Open to age 60⁺ and your any-age spouse, and household members with disability.

Free of charge. Voluntary donations accepted to support the meal program. Suggested donation amount \$3.00.

Sponsored by LifePath and a Community Development Block Grant through Mass. DHCD and the City of Greenfield.



VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON

Tuesday February 8 at Noon

Join us for a friendly Dining Center Lunch gathering to celebrate Valentines Day. Each diner will get a special treat and a flower. You **MUST** pre-register for this special lunch by Thursday Feb. 3 so we can plan for you!



GREENFIELD

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at John Zon Community Center

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Activities Director..... Kathy Dunn
Finance/Office Manager..... MaryAnn Socquet
Food Services Coordinator..... William Hume

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BUSINESS HOURS

Monday — Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you are making a special trip to speak with a staff member, we recommend making an appointment to be sure they will be available to meet with you.

WEATHER RELATED DELAYS & CANCELLATIONS

In case of bad weather, please listen to WHAI, Bear Country, WIZZ radio, or watch TV for closing announcements.

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Pre-registration required.

Space limited to 6 per showing.

Celebrate Black History Month

- **Feb. 4, The Help**, Classic based on a best seller **Runs 2 hrs. 26 min.**
- **Feb. 7, 11, Lincoln**, Academy Award Winner **Runs 2hrs. 30 min.**
- **Feb. 14, 18, Harriet**, Based on life of Harriet Tubman **Runs 2 hrs. 5 min.**
- **Feb. 25, 28, Green Book**, Oscar winning story of friendship **Runs 2 hrs. 10 min.**

LifePath, a nonprofit organization serving older people, people with disabilities, and caregivers in Western and Central Mass, helps people stay independent in their homes and communities. For example, they offer in-home services, Meals on Wheels, health insurance help, and much more. To stay up to date on the latest information on aging and services in our area, please sign up for LifePath's weekly e-newsletter, The Good Life, by visiting their website at LifePathMA.org and scrolling to the bottom right, or calling 413-773-5555 or (978) 544-2259 and asking for the editor of The Good Life, Janis Merrell. A monthly print version is available upon request.

BROWN BAG

Thursday February 3, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Brown Bag applications on hand if you need to apply. If you are a senior receiving Fuel Assistance, SNAP, or other benefits you will qualify.

To apply, call Food Bank of Western Mass at (413) 247-9738 or 1-800-247-9632.

Please arrive NO EARLIER than 10:00 a.m. It's always OK to send a friend to get your bag!



MEMORY CAFÉ

Monday February 14, 10:45-12:30

A welcoming, supportive gathering place for people living with memory loss, their partners, and caregivers. Each month is a different activity followed by lunch. Space is limited. Free. Pre-registration is required each month you wish to attend. To register, call our Front Desk at (413) 772-1517 ext 0. If you have questions about whether this program is a good fit for you and your loved one, please speak with Hope or Kathy. *Sponsored by partnership between Greenfield Council on Aging and the Arbors at Greenfield.*



WEAR RED DAY

Friday, February 4

The first Friday each February, American Heart Month, the nation comes together, igniting a wave of red from coast to coast. The goal: to eliminate heart disease and stroke.

Wear red to raise awareness about cardiovascular disease and help save lives. So put on your reddest red — whether it be a face mask, t-shirt, scarf, hat — everything counts!



Scan in at Greenfield Senior Center on Friday, Feb. 4 to be entered into a prize drawing! The winner will be notified by phone on Monday, Feb. 7.



ASK THE LAWYER

Monthly with Attorney Peggy Torello, Esq.

Greenfield seniors age 60+ may reserve a 30-minute time slot for a free elder law consultation with Attorney Peggy Torello, Esq. By appointment only.

Reminder: this consultation will get you started with elder law issues only, no divorce, bankruptcy, lawsuits or other complex issues.

Appointments are required. Please stop by our Front Desk or call (413) 772-1517 ext. 0 to make an appointment.



Ongoing Programs	Day/Time	Pre-Register	Cost
Book Chat	1 st Thurs. 1:30-2:30	NO	Free
Bridge (<i>Duplicate or Contract</i>)	Mondays 1-3:30	NO	Free
Brown Bag Food Distribution	1 st Thursday 10-11	Short application	Free
Canasta	Thursdays 1-3:30	NO	Free
Knitting Circle	Wednesdays 1:30-3:30	NO	Free
Creative Coloring	Fridays 1:30-3:30	NO	Free
Cribbage	Tuesdays, 1-3:30	NO	Free
Foot Care by Piper Sagan, RN	Some Thursdays by appt.	Yes. Greenfield only	\$35
Mah Jongg Beginner Class	Mondays, 1-3:30	NO	Free
Mah Jongg (experienced players only)	Fridays 1-3:30	NO	Free
Memory Cafe	2nd Monday, 10:45-12:30	YES	Free
Movie Matinee	Monday & Friday 1:00	YES	Free
Pitch	Wednesdays 1-3:30	NO	Free
Pool Players	Wednesdays 1-3:45	NO	Free
Rummikub	Tuesdays 1:30-3:00	NO	Free
Senior Tax Work Off Program	Ask Hope for details	YES	Free
Sew What	2nd & 4th Mondays 10:30a to 12p	NO	Free
SHINE (Health Insurance Help)	Call for appointment	YES	Free
Wifi in the Lobby — BYO device	9:00 am to 3:45	NO	Free
Writers Group	Mondays 1:30-3:30	YES	Free

**If you need an accommodation to attend any program,
please contact a Greenfield Senior Center staff member in advance.**

LUNCH BY BUCKLEY HEALTHCARE CENTER

Friday, February 18, 12:00 p.m.

Enjoy a nice hot meal with friends. Please join us for a delicious luncheon at Greenfield Senior Center, sponsored by a generous partnership with Buckley Healthcare Center. This program is for ages 60+ only. Pre-registration required. **Greenfield Residents priority.** Please call (413) 772-1517 ext. 0 or stop by our Front Desk to reserve your seat.



MENU: Shepherd's Pie, Green Leafy Vegetables, Garlic Thyme Rolls, Cupcakes

Menu subject to change based on availability.

Many thanks to Buckley Healthcare Center and especially Chef Mike Harrison for this partnership with Greenfield Council on Aging.



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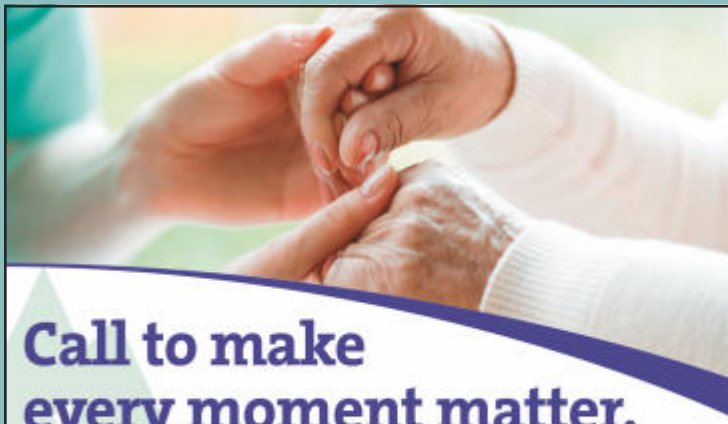
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>*Dance Aerobics 9:15 -10 a.m. Kathy Dunn Medium to Hard <i>Standing Only</i></p>	<p>Stretch & Tone 9:30 -10:15 a.m. Hope Macary All Levels <i>Mostly Seated</i></p>	<p>*Dance Aerobics 9:15 -10 a.m. Kathy Dunn Medium to Hard <i>Standing Only</i></p>	<p>Stretch & Tone 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Hope Macary All Levels <i>Mostly Seated</i> NOT 1ST Thursday</p>	<p>*Aerobics 9:15 -10 a.m. Emma Marscher Medium to Hard <i>Standing Only</i></p>
<p>Chair Dance 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Kathy Steinem All Levels <i>Mostly Seated</i></p>	<p>*Qi Gong 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Lynne Nicole Smith Medium to Hard <i>Standing Only</i> \$30 for 6 weeks starts Jan. 4. No drop-ins.</p>	<p>Functional Fitness 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Emma Marscher All levels <i>Mostly Seated</i></p>	<p>*Pilates Plus 10:30-11:15 a.m. Laura Rooney Medium to Hard Mat/Standing <i>You must be able to get up and down from floor</i></p>	<p>Chair Assisted Yoga 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Libby Volckening All Levels <i>Standing Optional</i></p>
<p>Classes (except Qi Gong & Senior Dance) are free and drop-in. First come/First served. Space <u>may</u> be limited for COVID safety. We can help you choose which class is right for you! Please ask Kathy or Hope <i>Sponsored by MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs.</i></p>		<p>*Senior Dance 2:00- 3:30 p.m. Kathy Steinem Medium to Hard <i>Standing Only</i> New: Must pre-register</p>		

Check with your healthcare provider before beginning a new physical activity.

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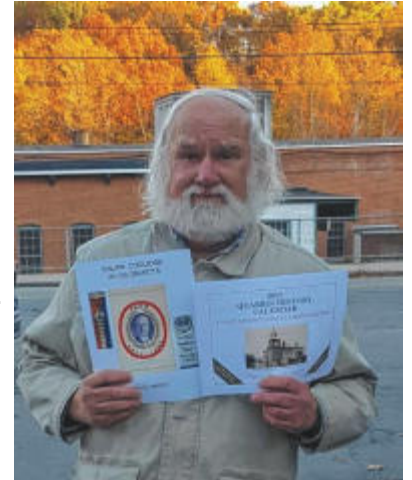
With local author J. R. Greene

Thursday, February 10, 1:30–2:15 p.m.

J.R. Greene will talk about his published books. His latest book chronicles the life of President Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of the United States, a Vermont native spending most of his time in Northampton, Ma. He will also speak briefly describing his 2022 Quabbin History Calendar. The calendar features scenes from the towns destroyed to construct the Quabbin Reservoir. There will be ample time for questions and answers. J.R. is a lifelong resident of the North Quabbin in Athol. He is the author of more than 20 books and publications. Registration is required. Please call (413) 772-1517 ext. 0 or stop by our Front Desk to reserve your seat for this free event.

Greenfield Senior Center membership not required for this local-interest program.

J.R. will have signed copies of his books and calendars for sale following the presentation.



Greenfield Community College returns this spring with in-person Senior Symposium. All Greenfield Senior Center afternoon programs will be cancelled on these dates: Feb. 22, March 22, April 5, and May 3. Greenfield Senior Center morning programs and Lunch will be held on those days. Please contact GCC directly for more info and to register.

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