

# NOISES FROM THE CENTER

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Believe it or not, it is December already. It seems like we were just complaining about how hot it was. The holiday season is a special time of the year. As I get older, I find myself thinking back to the Christmas holidays when I was a young kid. What was the one special Christmas gift that comes to your mind first when you think of your childhood? For me it was a little brown puppy named Mitzie. I still can feel the surprise and happiness I felt when my father helped me pull the cover off the box and I saw the puppy. This dog was my faithful companion for many years and is part of so many good memories. December has so many childhood memories. I remember going to the old firehouse in Moodus to see Santa. There was always a crowd and I would see many of my friends there from school. Another of my favorite memories is the big Santa that used to be put on display in the upper door of the lower mill at Brownells. I often wonder what happened to that Santa. I was also always very impressed with the big Christmas tree on the Town Green. That tree was so much bigger than the one we have there now and looked so nice with the lights on it. It is kind of funny what you remember. I saw something on facebook this weekend that really made me stop and think about the holidays. It said that when you get older, you realize that what you really want for Christmas you can't buy. How true is that! As we get older, I think that we enjoy Christmas more by watching the enjoyment in others. It may be watching a little boy or girl open their presents or the look on their face when they sit on Santa's lap. I also like to see the kids at the tree lighting on the Moodus Green. This is also a great time of year to do something nice for someone in need. It can be something as simple as going to visit someone that you know that may not be able to get out on their own. Perhaps a visit to an old friend at Chesthelm.

There are many ways to spread some good community spirit. To name a few, you can donate to the local food bank. Think about how it would make someone's holiday dinner special. The "stuff the cruiser" event on December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Moodus Plaza is another. I think we all want all the kids of our Town to have presents from Santa. You can also adopt a family for Christmas. Just call Youth & Family services for the details. Don't forget, the tree lighting on the Moodus Green is December 2<sup>nd</sup>. So I say to you, take some time this month to remember some of your favorite holiday memories. If you are able to find some way to make some nice future memories for someone else. You will find that it will not only make someone's holiday a little better, but it will also make your holiday more special.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## December Birthdays

- 2 Russell Bilodeau  
Judy Grohbrugge
- 3 Kathleen Hertweck  
Marie Miller
- 6 Gloria Sikorski  
Lois Tsolis
- 7 Dot Woel
- 8 Barbara Boluck
- 10 Elizabeth Walter
- 12 Dave Miller
- 13 Mary Augustiny  
Sarah Beckett
- 14 David Van Cedarfield  
Carl Dill
- 15 Marie McCain  
Robert Northam
- 17 Dave Balcom  
Carol Clulow  
Michael Cornell
- 18 Walter Dixon
- 21 Pat Burke
- 22 Donald Francis
- 23 Catherine Hunt
- 25 Dale Arseneault
- 29 Carol Bozena  
Mary Ellen Klinck  
Aileen LaChance
- 31 Anne Torning



## Cancellations & Closures

December is upon us, a busy time of year for many. So..... for the month of December, the Executive Committee meeting and the Senior Club meeting will be canceled.

**Please make a note of our holiday hours:** Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: close at 1:00pm. Closed, Friday December 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day. Closed, Friday, January 1: News Years Day. Happy New Year Everyone!



## Christmas Carol Sing

*"Here We Come A-Caroling....."* A group from the Senior Center will go-a-caroling on **Sunday, December 13**. We don't have a sled, but we do have a bus. It will depart the Center at 2:00 pm. We will travel to the homes of our residents who are "shut-ins" and also visit Chestelm as well as Oak Grove. Refreshments will be served afterwards at the Senior Center. Let us know if you would like to join in the merriment. No singing ability required!



## Shopping Schedule

Fee: \$3.00. If desired, the bus will stop at the East Haddam Food Bank.

**Tuesday, December 8:**  
Glastonbury: ShopRite

**Tuesday, December 22:**  
Cromwell: Walmart, Expect,  
Aldi, Athenien Diner

wish list Donations to the Senior Center are

always greatly appreciated. If you are looking for ideas on what to donate to the Senior Center, here is our **"Wish List"** for the upcoming month: We would appreciate Poinsettias and any kind of Holiday decorations to help make the Center Festive. New or Gently loved. **Thank you!**



We are here to **HELP**... If you wish to fill out the application at the Senior Center, please call us (873-5034) to set up an appointment and to discuss what documentation will be needed to apply.

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**Center Hours**  
**8 am - 3 pm weekdays**

## Birthday Alert!

Due to the busy time of year, **there will be NO MOVIE** for the month of December.



Drawing

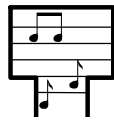
October winner is *Linda Shea*....  
A \$10 gift card to Gristmill Market was awarded. It's always good to shop local!

## Donations For November:

- Elaine Woods: Yarn
- Richard & Carol Harrington:  
Paper Goods
- Joe Sina: Dust Pan & Brush
- Alice Sabo:  
coffee creamer, Paper Goods
- Chris Vanscoy:  
Lysol wipes, air fresheners
- Suzanne Bostelman: 2  
gall. of Cider, Clock for the  
Conference Room, Paper cups
- Pat O'Brien: Kleenex,  
Coffee & Copy Paper
- Corrie/John Paardenkooper:  
Paper Goods
- Sherry Langan:  
Copy Paper & Napkins
- Salem Valley Ice Cream:  
Vanilla Ice Cream & Hot Fudge
- Angela Leavitt: Air freshener
- Dave & Sue Rogers:  
Paper Goods



- Roger Stube: Paper Shredder
- Carol Thody: Candy
- Dick & Carol Parker:  
Paper Napkins, 8oz. Coffee Cups
- Nathan Hale Pharmacy:  
Case of Copy Paper
- Ron Brennan: Copy Paper
- Sam & Gail Guy: Money  
Donation & a Case/Copy Paper
- Joan Sikorski:  
8oz. Coffee Cups & Napkin
- Eliot Borent: Soda & Juice
- Yvette Pellitier: Wheel Chair
- Gary Piehl: Apples
- Sandy Kerzner: Horse Shoe  
Set
- Judy Westcott: Air Fresheners
- Ben Cleveland: Paper  
Supplies & Disinfecting Wipes



## The BellTones Will Be Here...

The Senior Center will host an afternoon of musical entertainment with the *BellTones*. They have been performing for nine years, playing and singing popular show tunes, classical hits, and everything in-between.

The performance is open to the public and is free of charge. Light refreshments will be served. If you'd like to join us for lunch at 12 noon, call by noon the day before.

**Wednesday, December 23.**  
**Performance 1:00 pm.**

## Holiday Happenings

We have three special luncheons in December to celebrate the season. Please sign up in advance.

• **Monday, Dec. 7:** Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon, noon time, free. We will provide the main course (meat of some kind) and dessert. You provide the fixings: appetizer, hot dish, or salad. We are not fussy! Entertainment will be provided by the Middle School Choir. 50 & over welcome.

• **Wednesday, Dec. 16:**  
See the enclosed menu: Chicken Kiev. Our food services provider is celebrating the holidays with a special luncheon. \$2.00 for seniors 60 and older.

• **Thursday, Dec. 31:**  
Time to ring in the New Year! Our party will be at noon time. 50 & over are invited. Chef Brad will serve up his special pasta and salad. We ask that everyone bring an appetizer or a dessert. Pierce Campbell will entertain us with his powerful vocals and a superb expressive guitar.

Let's ring the New Year with food, fun and friends. Cost is \$5.00



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As you drive up to the Senior Center from Moodus center have you noticed the new flagpole on Herritage Park? What a beautiful site it is.

Once again, the community spirit of our small town has risen. Bruce Dutch, of **Dutch Oil & Propane** donated and installed this nice flagpole for all to enjoy. Please let Bruce know how much it is appreciated.



## Open Enrollment

The Open Enrollment Period for current Medicare recipients is October 15 – December 7. During this time period, and only during this time period, those who are currently enrolled in Medicare may make changes to their plans.

The Senior Center will have counselors available to help you decide which plan best suits your needs. The last session will be on **Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 9 am – 2 pm. You must sign up in advance for your private consultation.



## Massage

## Cora is Coming Back!

Cora, Massage Therapist extraordinaire, has the touch of an angel..... after your massage, you feel as light as air!

Call to schedule an appointment for **Monday, Dec. 28: 9 am – 2 pm.** 30 minutes for \$25. Wear loose, comfortable clothing. You will feel good and a massage is good for you!





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**Special Hours**  
**Thurs. Dec 24**  
**CLOSED**  
**Friday, Dec. 25**

**ALSO CLOSED ON**  
New Year's Day, Friday  
**January 1, 2016**



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Please sign-up and pay by December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **November Fair - FANTASTIC!!!!**

The annual "Holiday Bake, Craft, & White Elephant Sale" (November 21<sup>st</sup>) was a **GREAT SUCCESS!**

Good news: the *Holiday Tea Cup Auction* continues! Come on down, purchase tickets, and have a jolly good time choosing your "potential" prizes: afghans; accessories; baskets of snacks, bird houses & feeders; decorations; dog items; gift certificates & cash; etc. Wonderful gift ideas!

**Prizes will be drawn December 7<sup>th</sup> during the Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon.**

