

Willington Senior Center
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Monthly Newsletter
May 2022

Happy Mother's Day

**Our Mission: to bring seniors together to provide and promote
needful social, educational, cultural and health programs.**

Senior Center Executive Board Members

President: Burt Zenowitz
1st Vice President: Dottie Wittenzellner
2nd Vice President: Linda Morse
Treasurer: Joseph Piatek
Assistant Treasurer: Betty Robertson
Secretary: *Vacant*
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Senior Center Committees

Advisory and Suggestions: *Vacant*
Banquet: Burt Zenowitz, Joseph Piatek
Building: *Vacant*
Kitchen: Claudia D'Agata
Membership: Shirley Beyor
Programs: *Vacant*
Publications: Christine Swenson, Donna Hoff, Dorothy Wittenzellner, Lorraine Sedlock, Linda Morse, Nancy Nowak, Roxanne Navratil, Shirley Beyor
Publicity/Website: Jennie Arpin
Technology/Computers: Edward D'Agata
Transportation: Joseph Piatek
Trips: Christine Swenson
Veterans: Joseph Rondeau

Join one of our committees and see just how much fun you can have while making new friends and helping others! We are still looking for volunteers and would love to have you join us. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Senior Center at 860-429-8321, or come to our monthly General Meeting at the Senior Center on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12:30 PM.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

In an Emergency.....9-1-1
Dept. of Emergency Services & Public Protection.....1-860-685-8190
CT Poison Center.....1-800-222-1222
United Way Information Line.....2-1-1
Red Cross.....1-877-287-3327

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary!

May Birthdays

Birthstone – *Emerald*
Flower – *Lily of the Valley*

May 1 Patricia Slattery
May 2 Thomas Fox
May 4 Dorothy Drobney
May 5 Denise Alix
May 6 Raymond McCaughey
May 9 Annette Humphrey
May 10 Richard Claus
May 10 Linda Morse
May 12 Charles Busse
May 16 Doreen Maloney
May 16 Vincent Sinosky
May 17 Norma Rondeau
May 21 Raymond Gantick
May 23 Charles Cosgrove
May 23 Judith Ouelette

May Anniversaries

May 4 George & Marge Pippin
May 6 Charles & Beverly Cosgrove
May 11 Maurice & Yvette Dionne
May 27 Robert & Mary Wicinski

All members are welcome to join us
for cake and ice cream on **Wednesday,**
May 4th at 12:30 PM to celebrate the May
birthdays and anniversaries!



This month's Bugle contains a revised Willington Senior Center Membership annual renewal form for 7/1/22 - 6/30/23, as well as a self-addressed envelope for your convenience in returning the form with your payment. Annual renewals are \$10.00 per person and due July 1st. There is an additional fee of \$8.00 per household if you would like the monthly Bugle mailed to your home. You may mail your form and fee to the Center or drop it in either the secure Senior Center mail slot located outside and to the right of the front door, or in the mailbox inside the Center located to the left of the main office. Please use the envelope provided to ensure that mail will be directed to me. If you have any questions about the application, please call the Senior Center at 860-429-8321. Thank you.

Shirley Beyor, Membership Chair

We are currently seeking nominations for all Willington Senior Center elected officers for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1st. All nominations received will be presented to the Executive Board at its May 11th meeting at 12:30 pm. If you would like to submit a nomination, you may drop it in the mail slot outside the main door of the Senior Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We are planning our Annual Banquet at the Senior Center for June 15th at noon.

Best wishes to Dick Claus and Judson Hunter.

Thank you Ed D'Agata for all the work you've done, and are continuing to do, on the Senior Center computer system, and congratulations on your appointment as the new Technology/Computer chair!

Happy May!

I wish you all a Happy Mother's Day and a Happy Memorial Day. It's hard to believe that it's almost summertime, but you know what they say about how time flies when you are having fun!

Speaking of having fun, I hope to see you all at the breakfast coming up this month. It's so great to be able to finally get together once again. We plan on having the Banquet in June this year, so keep an eye out for more information on that!

Burt Zenowitz, President
Willington Seniors, Inc.

Hi Everyone!

I am so happy to see more and more people coming out to the Center. We have a lot of great programs and trips happening! May tends to be a busy time for me and my department, as well as at my home. One of the things I do is plant my potatoes in May. I like to do potatoes because they are different, fun, and you can plant them earlier than most other crops.

I have grown potatoes for four years and it's surprisingly easy. I use a "grow bag" which is a fabric bag about 10 gallon size, and I fill it half way with soil, and then I place in the soil cut up cubes of potato with at least one eye each cube, and cover with soil. Then, over the next month or so, every time I see greenery emerge, I cover it back up with soil until the container is full. Once it's full, you can just let the greenery grow throughout the summer. Usually October 1st I harvest, which is also easy – I just dump out the bag, and the potatoes are right there in the soil!

I usually save a few from each year's crop to use as "seed" potatoes for the following year, and I simply store them in a cool spot all winter. Also, little known fact, the flowers on a potato plant are beautiful!

Try it this year and let me know how it goes!

Jennie A. Arpin, M.P.A
Director of Human Services
Town of Willington



Nan's News

Hi everyone! I'm excited that the warm weather is finally here, and I can get outside to garden. My daffodils are up, and my magnolia tree is budding. I'm hoping to be outside more and more every day. Maybe I'll even get the garden rototilled soon!

The other thing I'm super excited about is our upcoming **Afternoon Tea**! I love all things tea and tea-related. My kids and I will often have fun little tea parties at home when we're in the mood. I've been collecting teapots for many years, and recently my collection of teacups has been steadily growing also.

Jennie and I are planning a fabulous menu with delightful teas and fancy little treats that we hope you'll enjoy. We encourage you to wear your best tea party attire, whatever that means to you, but it's not required – be comfortable! You can check out the invitation and menu right here in the Bugle. Sign up at the Center or by calling the Center or emailing me at nking@willingtonct.org. Anyone over 55 is welcome! Come join us on **Friday, May 6th, at 3 PM, at the Senior Center**. We'd love to see you!

Happy tea drinking!

Nan

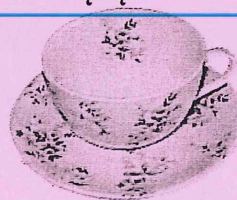
You are invited to a special

Afternoon Tea

Friday, May 6th
3 pm

The Willington Senior Center

Afternoon tea has been an English tradition since the mid-nineteenth century. Come join us and sample different teas along with savory and sweet treats!



*Registration Required. Please email
nking@willingtonct.gov
or call 860-429-8321 to register.*

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Tea Party Menu

Savories

Egg Salad & Cucumber Sandwiches
Smoked Salmon Roulade

Scones & Breads

Devonshire Scones -
Lemon Blueberry Scones
Clotted Cream
Strawberry Jam - Raspberry Jam
Lemon Curd

Sweets

Macarons - Petits-fours
Lavender Shortbread

Teas

Earl Grey - Jasmine Green - White
Oolong - Russian Caravan

Seniors On The Go!



Seniors On the Go!

Bus trips in May:

Walmart - Tuesday May 10th

Savers - Tuesday May 24th

The bus leaves at 9:30 AM sharp. The sign-up sheet is in the Senior Center.

Our bus has a 6-person seated capacity. You can invite a non-member to be your guest (age 18 or older) but please keep in mind members have priority. If you want to bring a guest, put your name and your guest's name on the same line on the sign-up sheet with your phone number. Check the sign-up sheet by 2:00 PM the day before the scheduled trip to make sure there is a seat for your guest.

The bus will go as scheduled as long as there is 1 person on the bus.

SENIOR CENTER BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 21st from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Come and bring your family and friends! \$5 per person.

The menu includes 2 types of omelets, sausage, potato patties, French toast, plain or blueberry pancakes, orange juice, and coffee. A sign-up sheet is at the Center.

EVENTS:


WILLINGTON DAY: Saturday, May 28th from 11 AM to 3 PM at the River Road Athletic Complex. Drop by for a hometown country fair! There will be food, entertainment, and fun!

FILL A PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK: Thursday, May 19th from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Every "Public Works Appreciation Week," we partner with our towns' Public Works department and fill one of their trucks with food for the Willington Food Pantry. The truck will be out front of the Senior Center on Thursday the 19th. Drop by and donate some non-expired canned or dry goods to help our residents in need. For more information contact Jennie at the Senior Center.

Thank you, Rick and Shirley Beyor, for taking such good care of the grounds at the Senior Center.

Wii Bowling on Fridays at 1:00, starting Friday, April 29th. The sign-up sheet is on the table.

Book Review: the Tuscan Child by Rye Bowen 

The story begins when a daughter discovers a letter in her deceased Father's belongings. She decides to travel to Tuscany in an attempt to discover what happened there in 1944. Her dad was a WW II British pilot, downed in a German occupied area and wounded. What she needed to uncover was the mystery behind the village girl who came to his aid, and who was the boy mentioned in the letter?



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 10:00 Tai Chi | 4 10 to 12 Ladies Pool 12:30 Birthday/Anniv 1:30 Bingo 7:00 Men's Pool | 5 1 to 3 Craft Social | 6 10:00 Tai Chi 3:00 Afternoon Tea | 7 7:00 Setback |
| 8 <i>Mother's Day</i> | 9 | 10 9:30 Walmart 10:00 Tai Chi | 11 10 to 12 Ladies Pool 11:00 Food Share 12:30 Exec. Bd. 7:00 Men's Pool | 12 1 to 3 Craft Social | 13 10:00 Tai Chi 1:00 Wii Bowling | 14 7:00 Setback |
| 15 | 16 | 17 10:00 Tai Chi | 18 10 to 12 Ladies Pool 12:30 Gen. Meeting 7:00 Men's Pool | 19 9 to 2 Fill a Public Works Truck 11:00 Lunch Bunch New England Pizza Vernon 1 to 3 Craft Social | 20 10:00 Tai Chi 1:00 Wii Bowling | 21 8:30 to BREAKFAST 10:30 7:00 Setback |
| 22 | 23 | 24 9:30 Savers 10:00 Tai Chi | 25 10 to 12 Ladies Pool 11:00 Food Share 12:30 Bingo 7:00 Men's Pool | 26 1 to 3 Craft Social | 27 10:00 Tai Chi 1:00 Wii Bowling | 28 11 to 3 Willington Day 7:00 Setback |
| 29 | 30 CLOSED <i>Memorial Day</i> | 31 10:00 Tai Chi | Happy Mother's Day | | | |
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