

Willington Senior Center
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Willington, CT 06279
(860) 429-8321

Button Shop Bugle

Monthly Newsletter
April 2024



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

Willington Seniors, Inc. Executive Board Members

President: Burt Zenowitz
1st Vice President: Dot Wittenzellner
2nd Vice President: Shirley Beyor
Treasurer: *Vacant*
Assistant Treasurer: Norma Rondeau
Special Asst. to Treasurer: Claudia D'Agata
Secretary: Julie Engelke
Assistant Secretary: *Vacant*

Willington Seniors, Inc. Committees

Advisory and Suggestions: *Vacant*
Banquet: Burt Zenowitz, Joseph J. Piatek, Jr.
Building: *Vacant*
Fundraising: Julie Engelke
Kitchen: Claudia D'Agata
Membership: Shirley Beyor
Programs: Nan King
Publications: Nan King
Publicity/Website: Nan King
Technology/Computers: Edward D'Agata
Transportation: Joseph J. Piatek, Jr.
Trips: Nan King
Veterans: Joseph Rondeau

Joseph J. Piatek, Jr.'s Resignation as Treasurer of Willington Seniors, Inc.

We would like to thank Joe Piatek for his many years of volunteer service as Treasurer of Willington Seniors, Inc. He has worked diligently since 2007 maintaining the Center's financial records, in consultation with Donna Latinsics, the Willington Financial Business Manager, to ensure that proper procedures are followed. Joe has decided to retire from the position of Treasurer but will continue as a member of Willington Seniors, Inc. We wish him the best and hope he finds more time to play golf!

Election of Officers, Willington Seniors, Inc. FY 2024-25

The current Willington Seniors, Inc. Slate of Officers, nominated by the Executive Board at its last meeting and running for election for the 2024-25 fiscal year, is as follows

<u>President:</u> Burt Zenowitz	<u>Assistant Treasurer:</u> Norma Rondeau
<u>1st Vice President:</u> Dot Wittenzellner	<u>Special Assistant to the Treasurer:</u> Claudia D'Agata
<u>2nd Vice President:</u> Shirley Beyor	<u>Secretary:</u> Julie Engelke
<u>Treasurer:</u> Vacant	<u>Assistant Secretary:</u> Vacant

If you or someone you know would be interested in running for any of these Executive Board positions, please attend our next Executive Board meeting on April 10th at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Nan King, the Senior Center Coordinator (860-429-8321), to arrange a meeting with our Board members. Thank you.

President's Message, April 2024

Hello, everyone, and welcome to Spring! Or should I say, April Fool's? I thought the groundhog said six weeks; was he wrong?

Don't forget our next breakfast is on April 20th, from 8:30 to 10:30 AM. We had a large crowd last time — let's hope this one is as big a success!

Enjoy the spring flowers, even if we're not enjoying the weather.

Have a great April,

Burt Zenowitz

Willington Seniors Fund Raising Committee

By Julie Engelke

You may have seen the recruitment flyers for tag sale vendors for our upcoming tag sale on May 18th. That is the first step after the planning stages for our fund raising event. Next comes the volunteer sign up to get the show on the road. Dot Dot will be coordinating the volunteers, so please see her for the sign up sheets. This will be a big event, so the more volunteers, the better. The sale will be 9 am to 3 pm with set up the day before after 2 pm and set up the day of starting at 7:30 am. The next fund raising meeting is on April 3rd at 1:30 pm. Please consider coming to the meeting with your ideas and enthusiasm.

Town of Willington Important Phone Numbers

In an emergency, call 911 for assistance.

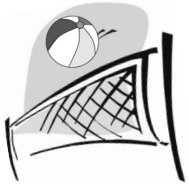
Department	Phone
Animal Control _____	(860) 428-4422
Board of Selectmen _____	(860) 487-3100
Building Department _____	(860) 487-3123
Burning Official _____	(959) 929-4181
Elections Department _____	(860) 487-3120
Financial Office _____	(860) 487-3139
Fire Marshal _____	(959) 929-4181
Human Services _____	(860) 487-3118
Land Use Department _____	(860) 487-3123
Parks and Recreation _____	(860) 487-3108
Public Works _____	(860) 684-9313
Senior Services _____	(860) 429-8321
Tax Collector _____	(860) 487-3111
Town Clerk _____	(860) 487-3121
Treasurer _____	(860) 487-3133
Willington Assessor _____	(860) 487-3122
Email: Kfishman@willingtonct.gov	
Email: Nsnyder@willingtonct.gov	
Willington Senior Center _____	(860) 429-8321
Email: nking@willingtonct.gov	



WANTED: Chair Yoga Instructor Exercise Class Instructor

The Willington Seniors are looking for instructors to lead our seniors in fun and energizing group classes one day a week.

Please call Nan at 860-429-8321 or email nking@willingtonct.gov for details.



APRIL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

SPECIAL EVENTS

Spring Breakfast, Saturday, April 20th, 8:30-10:30 AM
Blood Pressure Screening, Tuesday, April 9th, 11AM-12 PM

REGULAR PROGRAMMING

Mondays: 1 PM Line Dancing, 2 PM Cornhole
Tuesdays: 10 AM Tai Chi; 11 AM Ukulele Club; 12:30 PM Craft Workshop
Wednesdays: 10-11 AM Bread Distribution at the Town Office Building;
12:30 PM Bingo 1st & 4th Wednesdays.
Thursdays: 1 PM Setback; 1-3 PM Craft Social/Scrapbooking; 7 PM Men's Pool
Fridays: 10 AM Tai Chi; 11:15 AM Chair Volleyball

TRIPS

Tuesday,	April 9,	9:30 AM	Walmart
Wednesday,	April 17th,	11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch: Applebee's
Tuesday,	April 23,	9:30 AM	Casino Trip
Tuesday,	April 30th,	9:30 AM	Big Y

ADD THE FOLLOWING DATES TO YOUR 2024 calendar!



June 12, 2024: Annual Banquet (installation of officers) – sign up will be in the Bugle

July 17, 2024: Annual Ice Cream Social – no sign up necessary

August 21, 2024: Barbecue – sign up will be in the Bugle

October 12, 2024: Third Breakfast of the year - open to the public – pay at the door

December 11, 2024: Holiday Banquet – sign up will be in the Bugle

April Birthdays

Birthstone: Diamond

Flower: Daisy or Sweet Pea

April 3	James Hurley	April 14	Roxanne Navratil
April 3	Merrill Simpson	April 17	Laurette Lapointe
April 4	Corrine Passardi	April 17	Ernest Morris
April 5	Pamela Wheeler	April 18	Cathy Ference
April 6	Maurice Dionne	April 25	Ellie Lowell
April 8	Eleanor Kuhar	April 28	Edward D'Agata
April 10	Philip Monty	April 28	James Humphrey
April 11	Richard McMahon	April 28	Jean LaFramboise
April 12	Wendy Bocon		



April Anniversaries

April 1	Robert Shabot & Christine Psathas	April 23	Richard & Ruth Locke
April 20	Robert & Marion Ogden	April 26	Rick & Shirley Beyor
April 20	Fred & Noreen Passardi	April 26	Bill & Roxanne Navratil

SENIOR CENTER SPRING BREAKFAST!

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

8:30 AM-10:30 AM

Open to the public. \$7 per person to be paid at the door.

One lucky person will find a free voucher for the next breakfast in their sleeve of plasticware! 50-50 Drawing!

HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE!

MENU:

- BACON OR HAM OMELETS
- HASH BROWN POTATO PATTIES
- WITH CHEDDAR CHEESE,
- SAUSAGE LINKS
- PEPPERS, AND ONIONS
- REGULAR COFFEE, DECAF
- SCRAMBLED EGGS
- COFFEE, HOT TEA, ORANGE
- BLUEBERRY OR PLAIN PANCAKES
- JUICE, BOTTLED WATER.
- TEXAS TOAST OR RAISIN BREAD
- FRENCH TOAST



THE SENIOR CENTER PRESENTS THE 3RD ANNUAL



Spring Afternoon Tea

FRIDAY, MAY 10TH, 3-5 PM

WILLINGTON SENIOR CENTER

❧ *A Little Bit of England Here at Home* ❧

Party Attire Encouraged but Not Obligatory.

Registration Required -Call the Senior Center
at 860-429-8321 to register.

A \$5.00 donation is requested to offset costs.



Nan's News, April 2024



Hello everyone!

April is when I feel as if we really get into the swing of Spring. I'll be attending to my beehives, gardens, and yard from now until winter comes! I'm hoping to get a lot of work done this season — we'll see how that pans out. I nearly always bite off waaaaay more than I can chew!

We have great events and programs scheduled for April! In addition to our regular programs like Tai Chi and Chair Volleyball, take note of the following:

Blood Pressure Screenings begin on Tuesday, April 9th from 11AM-12PM. Come to the Center & learn how to take your own blood pressure with our machines.

Ukelele Club: We enjoyed the Ukelele class so much that we've started a club! If you're interested, give me a call, or stop by on **Tuesdays from 11 AM to 12 PM** for the fun.

Our next **Senior Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, April 20th, from 8:30-10:30 AM.** It's always a fun time, meeting new neighbors and seeing old friends as well as enjoying the fantastic food!

No reservations are necessary, and the cost is only \$7.00. Also, we'll be doing our new favorite, the 50/50 drawing, at the end of the breakfast! You do not need to be present to win.

And don't forget, our **3rd Annual Spring Afternoon Tea happens on Friday, May 10th, 3-5 PM!** I'm asking for a donation of \$5.00 per person. Call or drop by the Senior Center to register.

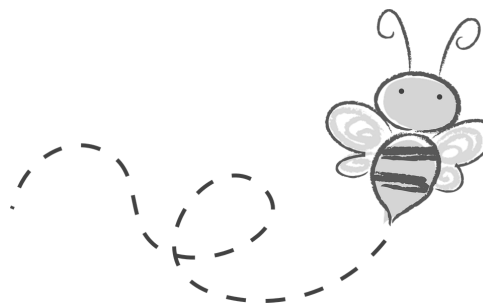
Gonna make this one short and sweet, and wish you all a happy April and a warm and sunny Spring!

Nan King

Senior Center Coordinator

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nking@willingtonct.org



VENDORS WANTED!

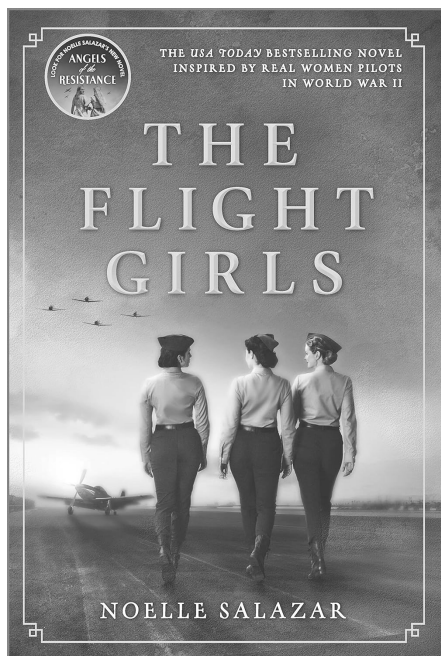
FOR THE WILLINGTON SENIORS, INC.

TAG SALE

MAY 18TH, 2024, 9 AM-3 PM, WILLINGTON SENIOR CENTER

INDOOR & OUTDOOR — \$25.00 per space — 25 Indoor Tables Available

CALL THE WILLINGTON SENIOR CENTER AT 860-429-8321 FOR MORE INFORMATION!



Lunch with a Good Book

Tues., April 16th, 2024, 11 AM—Bring your Lunch!

*Shining a light on a little-known piece of history, **The Flight Girls** is a sweeping portrayal of women's fearlessness, love, and the power of friendship to make us soar.*

1941. Audrey Coltrane has always wanted to fly. It's why she implored her father to teach her at the little airfield back home in Texas. It's why she signed up to train military pilots in Hawaii when the war in Europe began. And it's why she insists she is not interested in any dream-derailing romantic involvements, even with the disarming Lieutenant James Hart, who fast becomes a friend as treasured as the women she flies with. Then, one fateful day, she gets caught in the air over Pearl Harbor just as the bombs begin to fall, and suddenly, nowhere feels safe.

To make everything she's lost count for something, Audrey joins the Women Airforce Service Pilots program. The bonds she forms with her fellow pilots reignite a spark of hope in the face of war and—when James goes missing in action—give Audrey the strength to cross the front lines and fight not only for her country, but for the love she holds so dear.

FREE TABLE: APRIL

This month, the table is all things Spring! Butterflies sparkle along with the spring-themed jewelry and trinkets. Along with our Free Table this month, we also have the **Inspiration Station!** Check it out for creative ideas and, of course, inspiration.

For our Senior Breakfast on April 20th, there's a fun theme of **"Books, Bookmarks, Bunnies, and Balloons,"** set up in the foyer and around the Center. Pick up a book and a beautiful handmade bookmark, and a balloon and bunny for the kids!

Stop by between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM weekdays and take a look. Even if you have a lot of stuff at home, you may see something that would make a great gift.

Thank you and hope to see you soon!



Our delightful Free Table, set up and organized by Miss Dot!



LOVE THE UKULELE?

JOIN OUR NEW UKULELE CLUB!

MEETING TUESDAYS FROM 11 AM-12 PM

AT THE SENIOR CENTER.

BRING YOUR UKULELE!

DON'T HAVE A UKULELE? WE ARE HAPPY TO SHARE!





Willington Veterans Memorial Foundation Annual Meeting

April 16th, 2024 , 6:30 PM
Willington Senior Center

The Annual Meeting of the Willington Veterans Memorial Foundation will be held on April 16th, 2024, at 6:30 PM at the Willington Senior Center. A potluck supper will be served at 5:30 PM. All are welcome. Join us and find out what we are doing for our local veterans!

From the Willington Seniors Unofficial Recognition Committee

We thought it's time for some "thank yous" to the folks and organizations that enhance the experiences available at the Willington Senior Center. Very often the faces behind the scenes go unacknowledged, and yet they are the wind that allows this ship to sail somewhat smoothly, offering space for all. This month we are launching this column of appreciation.

First we'd like to thank all the Board Members who work tirelessly week after week putting in many hours to keep this place open: Burt, Dot Dot, Joe P., Norma, Claudia, Shirley, and Julie. Along with the Board are the Committee chairpersons consisting of Ed, Joe R., and Nan. Many of the programs are volunteer driven and we thank Leslie and Bob for leading Tai Chi, Lorraine for Line Dancing, and Chris for chair volleyball. We also want to give a special thanks to Jerri Tripp from Tolland for supplying volleyballs! No one would be able to access the trips without Pat M. and Nan to coordinate all our adventures.

Each month we will try to address those who have gone out of their way to improve the experiences at the Senior Center. If you have any suggestions or acknowledgments you would like to see in print please drop a line to Dot Dot's folder in the office. A little positivity can brighten the day.

Willington Seniors, Inc. Annual Membership Renewal 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

Hello Everyone!

We hope you have enjoyed all the special events, activities, bus trips, banquets, and breakfasts that the Willington Senior Center has offered this past year. As our membership grows, so do our social gatherings through the efforts of Nan King, our Senior Center Coordinator, Claudia D'Agata, the key person in charge of banquets and breakfasts, and Dot Wittenzellner, who so cleverly arranges our Free Tables. We keep growing and changing, so please stop by and see what's new!

Membership renewal forms will be mailed out by May 15th to your home, and the \$10.00 per person **annual membership fee is due July 1st**. This fee includes mailing our monthly *Button Shop Bugle* newsletter to your home. If you have comments or suggestions on how we might improve the *Bugle*, we would love to hear from you. You may drop a note in one of our mailboxes at the Center or call us at (860) 429-8321 and leave a message.

Please note: Members who are 90+ years old are granted Honorary status, which waives the annual membership fee. A current Honorary member does not need to fill out and return a membership renewal form, unless there are changes to a mailing address, phone number, or emergency contact person.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the Center!

Shirley Beyor, Membership Coordinator

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April 2024

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