

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

Button Shop Bugle

Monthly Newsletter
December 2023



Happy Holidays

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

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MITTEN TREE 2023

**Let's help our neighbors this holiday season!
Donate handmade or store-bought mittens and gloves
for local children and adults.**



A Mitten Tree is set up at the Willington Senior Center to showcase our collection.

Collection dates run from Nov. 1 to Dec. 10.

The Senior Center is open from 9 am to 2 pm Monday through Friday.

**All donations will be forwarded to the Willington Department of Human Services
for distribution to our Willington neighbors in need.**

Thank you in advance, and we wish you a happy holiday season!

The Willington Seniors

President's Message, December 2023

Hello Everyone!

It seems that Fall has finally turned to Winter! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. As the weather turns colder and the roads turn icier, I'd like to remind you all to be careful walking and driving. It gets slippery out there!

Our Holiday Banquet is fast approaching, on December 13th! Be sure to register by December 6th to get your spot — the registration form is included again in this month's Bugle.

And finally, I wish you all very Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year!

Burt Zenowitz
President, Willington Seniors, Inc.

Town of Willington Important Phone Numbers

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
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BEST EVER CHOCOLATE RUM CAKE

1 or 2 quarts of Rum
1 cup butter
1/2 cup cocoa
1 TBSP sugar
2 large eggs
Brown sugar
1 cup dried fruit and nuts

Before you start, sample the rum to check for quality. If it's good, go ahead. Select a large mixing bowl, measuring cup, etc. Check the rum again, it must be just right.

To be sure rum is of the highest quality, pour 1 level cup into a glass and drink it as fast as you can. Repeat this step. With electric mixer, beat 1 cup of butter in a fluffy bowl. Add 1 seaspoon of thugar, and beat again. Meanwhile, make sure the rum is of the finest quality, sample another cup. Open the second quart if necessary.

Add two arg legs, 1 cups fried druit, and beat til high. If druit gets stuck in beaters, just pry it loose with a drewscraver. Sample the rum again to check for tonsclsticity. Next, sift 3 cups of peeper or salt (it doesn't matter)..sampertherumagain. Sift 1/2 pint of lemon juith, fold in chopped butter and strained nuts. Add 1 babblespoon of brown thugar, or whatever color you find. Wix mell. Grest over the turned cake pan to 350 gradees
Now, pour the whole mess in the boven and cake.
Check the rum again, and bo to ged.

Nan's News, December 2023

Hello everyone! It's December, the month in which it gets dark right after lunch — at least until the 21st, the Winter Solstice, which this year is at 10:27 PM exactly. After that, I look forward to the days getting a bit longer until spring. In the meantime, I get to enjoy the holidays, which include my kids' birthday on the 22nd, the first full day of Winter.

Things to be Noted for December:

Line Dancing and **Cornhole** will be suspended for the month of December, as people are busy with holiday schedules. We will resume in January at 1 & 2:15 PM on Mondays.

Tai Chi will continue as usual on **Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 am**. Come join Leslie and Bob Le-tendre for some gentle stretches followed by Tai Chi forms. All are welcome!

The **Craft Workshop** is on **Tuesdays at 12:30 PM**. All are welcome and all materials are provided! This month, we'll be creating wooden spool ornaments (Dec. 5), pine cone kissing balls (Dec. 12), and vintage gift boxes (Dec. 19), and revisiting our Scrapbooking (Dec. 26).

Dot Wittenzellner has started **Setback** again! This time, it's on **Thursdays at 1 PM**. Come and play! I'm looking forward also to the New Year, which might just bring back some old favorites.

Bingo will start again in **January**, since I've been in touch with a possible caller! Times will be in the January calendar.

Interested in reviving a program? Let me know! If there is interest but the timing is off, we can switch a program around to a different day or time so that more people may join. Depending on the program, we could have two going at once!

Do you have expertise in a game, craft, or other activity? We need volunteers to run more programming! Only a few people are needed to run a program, so grab a group of friends and give me a call. We will find time in the schedule for you!

With best wishes for a joyous holiday season,



Nan King

Senior Center Coordinator

860-429-8321



FREE TABLE

Please stop by and see what's on our FREE TABLE! We have a table set up at the Senior Center offering a number of items, including costume jewelry, books, and other treasures. We switch things up frequently, so please stop by between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM weekdays and take a look. Yes, these items are free, but we always welcome donations.

Thank you and hope to see you soon!

December Birthdays

Birthstone: Blue Topaz, Turquoise

Flower: Holly, Poinsettia, Narcissus, or Orchid

December 1 Lewis Nixon
December 2 Mary Culverwell
December 6 Joyce Navratil Sharp
December 8 Deb Kokoszka
December 12 Bernice King
December 15 Richard Locke
December 17 Linda Moseley

December 18 Barbara Atwood
December 19 Donald Berg
December 21 Helen Norman
December 26 Shari Masinda
December 26 Colleen Peck
December 29 Martin Whelan
December 30 Ken Nunn

December Anniversaries

December 18 Ted & Wendy Bocon
December 23 James & Cecile Hurley



Please join us for
CAKE and ICE CREAM
to celebrate



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

at the Senior Center

Wednesday, December 6th at 1:00 PM

A Letter from a Mother to Her Daughter

Dear Stella,

I'm writing this letter slow because I know you can't read fast. We don't live where we did when you left home. Your dad read in the newspaper that most accidents happen within 20 miles of your home, so we moved. I won't be able to send you the address because the last family that lived here took the house number when they moved so they wouldn't have to change their address.

This place is really nice. It even has a washing machine. I'm not sure it works so well though, last week I put a load in and pulled the chain and haven't seen it since. The weather isn't bad here. It only rained twice last week, the first time for three days and the second time for four days.

The coat you wanted me to send you, your Uncle Stanley said would be too heavy to send in the mail with the buttons on, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets.

John locked his keys in the car yesterday. We were really worried because it took him two hours to get me and your father out.

Your sister had a baby this morning, but I haven't found out yet what it is, so I don't know if you're an aunt or an uncle.

Three of your friends went off a bridge in a pickup truck. Ralph was driving, he rolled down the window and swam to safety. Your other two friends were in the back. They drowned because they couldn't get the tailgate down.

There isn't much more at this time. Nothing much has happened.

Love Mom

P.S. I was going to send you some money but the envelope was already sealed.



Willington Seniors Fund Raising Committee

written by Julie Engelke

There is a new committee in town, the Willington Seniors Fund Raisers. It is open to new volunteers and ideas. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 2 pm. The immediate goal is to boost our available monies so more opportunities can open up for our members and we can pay our bills without worries. The first fund raising opportunity will be the Silent Auction sale of Holiday Gift Baskets that the senior elves have been creating! These will be available at the Holiday Banquet. We will couple that with a 50/50 drawing after the dinner. The baskets will have all content items listed and an estimated retail value. A minimum bid suggestion will be posted as well. So, please bring your appetite and willingness to support your organization by shopping at the holiday basket table, also known as the pool table, and stuff a couple of dollars in your pocket for the 50/50 drawing. Baskets can be purchased with cash or check.

Thank you in advance for your support and best wishes to all this Holiday Season,
Julie



WILLINGTON SENIORS, INC.

HOLIDAY BANQUET

GREAT FOOD, GOOD FRIENDS AND HOLIDAY CHEER!!!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023 - 12 NOON

\$12 members, \$17 nonmembers

MENU PROVIDED BY COUNTRY BUTCHER

Sliced roast beef in gravy; Chicken marsala
Oven roasted potatoes; Mixed vegetables; Coleslaw
Dessert: Holiday Cake
Drinks: Coffee, Tea, Holiday Punch, Bottled Water

Please sign up below and return no later than December 6, 2023 with your enclosed check payable to Willington Seniors, Inc. (c/o Holiday Banquet, 20 Senior Way, Willington, CT 06279) or drop in the Senior Center front door drop box or the drop box inside next to the Senior Center main office.

MEMBER(S) NAME(S): _____

NON- MEMBER GUEST: _____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$ _____



Holiday Word Search Challenge

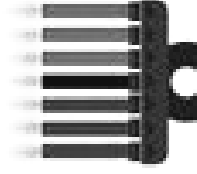
Solve each clue to reveal the holiday-related words to find in the puzzle going across, down, and diagonal.

1. December 25th holiday: _____
2. Jolly man in red suit: _____
3. Hung by the chimney: _____
4. December holiday celebrating African-American heritage: _____
5. Family customs passed down to next generation: _____
6. Kwanzaa candle holder: _____
7. Hung on a door at Christmas: _____
8. Jewish Festival of Lights: _____
9. Special Jewish candelabra: _____
10. Red and white striped Christmas sweet: _____
11. A wax light that is used as a ceremonial symbol of many holidays: _____
12. Number of days of Hanukkah: _____
13. Santa's vehicle: _____
14. Kwanzaa feast: _____
15. Gifts given on the last day of Kwanzaa: _____
16. Christmas songs: _____
17. Potato pancakes: _____
18. They pull Santa's sleigh: _____



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T L C X U C A N D L E L L S T I J
H F D Z N N O Z H R J E C E Q R G R
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Bonus: Find 5 more holiday words hidden in the word search grid



December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27 1 PM Line Dancing 2:15 PM Cornhole	28 10 AM Tai Chi 12:30 Craft Workshop	29 9:30 Bread & Pastry	30 1-3 PM Craft Social 7 PM Men's Pool	1 10 AM Tai Chi 11:15 Chair Volleyball 1 PM Wii Bowling	2
3	4	5 9:30 SAVERS Trip 10 AM Tai Chi 12:30 Craft Workshop: Spool Ornaments	6 9:30 Bread & Pastry 11 AM FoodShare 1 PM Birthdays and Anniversaries 2 PM Fundraising	7 1-3 PM Craft Social 7 PM Men's Pool	8 10 AM Tai Chi 11:15 Chair Volleyball 1 PM Wii Bowling	9
10	11	12 9:30 AM Walmart 10 AM Tai Chi 11 AM Lunch w/a Good Book 12:30 Craft Workshop: Kissing Balls	13 9:30 Bread & Pastry 12 PM Holiday Banquet	14 1-3 PM Craft Social 7 PM Men's Pool	15 10 AM Tai Chi 11:15 Chair Volleyball 1 PM Wii Bowling	16
17	18	19 10 AM Tai Chi 12:30 Lunch Bunch 12:30 Craft Workshop: Gift Boxes	20 9:30 Bread & Pastry 11 AM FoodShare 1 PM General Meeting	21 1-3 PM Craft Social 7 PM Men's Pool	22 10 AM Tai Chi 11:15 Chair Volleyball 1 PM Wii Bowling	23
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