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May 2025

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STARTS AT 2 PM
ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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Mother's Day Tea

LET ALL LADIES FEEL SPECIAL

Friday, May 9

Bring your favorite tea cup & saucer if you have them, and enjoy a pot of tea and a fine selection of sweet & savory treats!

Optional: Wear your best attire and special hat!

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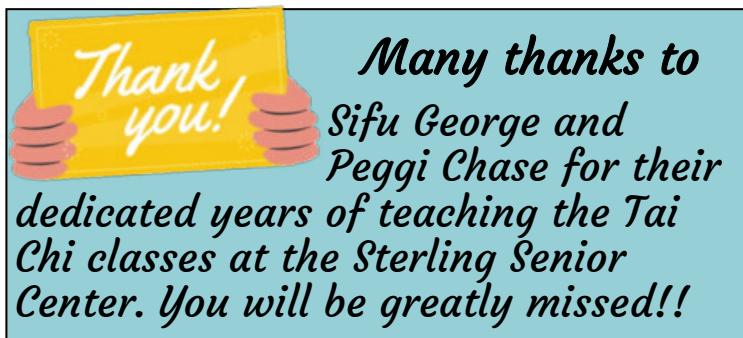
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Weekend & evenings
available by appointment.

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Sister location to Leominster Monument Co.



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.lpicommunities.com Sterling Council on Aging, Sterling 06-5262



Our kitchen staff & volunteers work hard to serve you!

Lunch is served at 11:30 am daily, and is first-come first-serve. We appreciate you being on time.

Sterling Fire Dept. has a SAFE Grant FREE for Sterling residents 65 and older!



The lock box holds a spare key to your home. Sterling Fire will install it & demonstrate how to use it. Should there be an emergency, police & fire can enter without damage. Box location & code are confidential with dispatch. Reserve yours by calling 978-422-3032

Student Art Reception and Exhibition

Tuesday, May 6th, 6:00-7:30 pm

Public Welcome!

Light refreshments will be served

Featuring artists from Houghton & Chocksett Schools, kindergarten through 8th grade.

Artwork will be on display at Sterling Senior Center throughout the months of May & June.

Please stop by during our open hours to view the student's artwork!



MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION 2025 Elder Law Program Thursday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Attorney George E. Pember may present on topics such as trusts, how to protect your home & assets, reverse mortgages, power of attorney, health care proxies, and more. Please call 978-422-3032 or register at reception desk

MAKE & TAKE: Mother's Day Hats



Thursday, May 1 at 2 pm

Limit 24 participants
*You bring the hat,
We have the decorations!*

Register at reception desk – \$5 due at sign-up

SOUND MEDITATION • MIKE & NINA VECCHI

Friday, May 30 at 6:00 pm
Register at reception desk \$5

Each session will introduce participants to the dynamics of sound & music as a form of relaxation, using the physiology of the impact of sound on organ systems, brain, and emotions. Attendees are encouraged to experiment with practices including, vocal exercises, percussion & listening skills. An assortment of indigenous folk instruments will be demonstrated including, harmonium, shruti box, rattles, sistras, drums, chimes, bells, and stringed instruments. Each session includes a brief sample of aforementioned material followed by a short guided meditation accompanied with crystal singing bowls, gongs, chimes, harp, and harmonium music. The music will continue to a deeper listening experience. Each class is 50-60 minutes. #2 in series of 4. Sponsored by The Sterling Cultural Council



Interested in playing Canasta, Cribbage, or Dominos? You're not the only one! Call or stop by the reception desk and add your name to the list. If we get enough interest, we'll start them up again!

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May

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 1	2:00 pm	Make & Take: Mother's Day Hats \$5 Registration Required
May 6	6:00-7:30 pm	Houghton & Chocksett Schools Student Art Reception Open to public
May 7	7:00 am	Bird Walk at Muddy Pond Registration required
May 9	11:30 am	Van Trip to Hot Dog Annie's Registration required
May 9	2:00-4:00 pm	Mother's Day Tea Registration Required
May 15	9:30 am	MASSBAR 2025 Elder Law Presentation Registration required
May 19	11:45 am	Birthday Cake for All May Birthdays!
May 23	10:30 am	Van Trip to Heritage Museum \$10 pp. Registration required
May 26	CLOSED	Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
May 29	5:30 pm	Summer Kick Off BBQ Registration/Tickets \$5 in Advance
May 30	7:30-9:00 am	Pancake Breakfast/Fat Daddy's/Coffee with a Cop \$4 donation
May 30	6:00 pm	Sound Alchemy Meditation \$5 (#2 in series of 4)

ONGOING

May 1	9:30 am	History Club Keeping the Faith by Brenda Wineapple
May 1	12:30 pm	Acrylic Painting \$5 (Weekly on Thursdays)
May 1	1:00 pm	Mahjong (Weekly on Thursdays)
May 1	12:15 & 1:00 pm	Very Beginner & Beginner Ukulele Lessons (Weekly on Thurs.)
May 1	2:00 pm	Ukulele Club (Weekly on Thursdays)
May 1	2:00 pm	Fiber Fun! (Weekly on Thursdays, Make & Take May 1st)
May 2	8:00 am-noon	Veterans Services Office (Weekly on Fridays, except May 2)
May 2	9:00 am-noon	Ladies' Pool (Weekly on Fridays)
May 5	1:00 pm	BINGO (Weekly on Mondays)
May 5, 7	4:00-7:00 pm	Pickleball Outside (Weekly on Mondays & Wednesdays)
May 6	9:00-11:00 am	Tech Help with Pete (Weekly on Tuesdays) Signup at Reception
May 6	1:00 pm	Game Day (Weekly on Tuesdays)
May 7, 9	1:00 pm	Wii Bowling (Weekly on Wednesday & Friday, not 2nd Wed.)
May 7	12:30 pm	Rummikub (Weekly on Wednesdays)
May 7	1:00 pm	Van Shopping Trip (Weekly Wednesdays, Sign-up required)
May 8	9:00 am	Dull Men's Club Sterling Municipal Ligh Dept. LAMB (Internet Svc)
May 12	2:00 & 3:00 pm	Men's Strumming followed by Open Strumming
May 13	11:30-12:30	State Office & Select Board Hours, & Growing Places (2nd Tuesday)
May 13	12:00-2:00 pm	COA Board Meeting in Classroom—Open to Public
May 16, 17	9:00-11:00 am	Wachusett Food Pantry
May 20	12:30 pm	Book Club <i>The Women</i> by Kristin Hannah

WELLNESS

May 1, 7	9:30 am	Chair Yoga \$5 (Weekly on Wednesdays plus 1st Thursday only)
May 2	10:00 am	Going Steady (Weekly on Fridays) UMass Grant & All One CU Sponsor
May 5	10:00 am	Guys & Gals Fitness with Marty (Weekly Mondays) UMass Grant
May 5	5:30 pm	Mindfulness Meditation \$5 Weekly on Mondays, except 5/26
May 6	8:15 am	Pilates \$5 (Weekly on Tuesdays)
May 6	9:00 am	Hiking Club Weekly on Tues. Registration required. Off-site.
May 6	9:30 am	Line Dancing (Weekly on Tuesdays)
May 7	2:00 pm	Be Steady (Weekly on Wednesdays) MCOA & UMass Grant
May 7, 21	By Appointment	Foot Clinic \$55 to FC Nurse
May 14, 28	3:30-5:00 pm	Parkinson's Support (2nd & 4th Wednesday)
May 14	9:00-11:00am	Keep Well Clinic with Nurse Lenny
May 14	2:00-3:00 pm	Caregiver Support Group (2nd Wednesday of the month)

Are you struggling to pay your bills or keep food on the table? Outreach has resources that may help! Please call the Senior Center or Email Linda (LChignola@sterling-ma.gov) or Bonnie (BDecker@sterling-ma.gov) to schedule a confidential appointment.

KEEP WELL WITH NURSE LENNY

MAY 14, 2025 ★ 9-11 AM

BP checks, Blood sugar tests

Discuss diet, exercise, supplements, new meds
Walk-ins welcome or call for an appointment



Pete's Tech Help Tuesdays

Need help figuring out your cell phone, laptop, e-reader, or other device? Make an appointment with Pete to help you out! Call us at 978-422-3032

Wachusett Food Pantry, 50 Worcester Rd

Seniors: Fri May 16, 9-11 am

All: Sat May 17, 9-11 am

Please call Linda or Bonnie



Fridays 8:00 am - Noon
Here at the Senior Center!
* Except May 2 *

Veterans' Services

If you need help outside these hours, please call 978-534-7538



Do you know someone who can use some free things?

Call or see Outreach
978-422-3032 for:

- Hearing Aid Batteries (Size 312)
- Medication pill boxes
- Rubber cane & walker tips
- Blood pressure machines

Friendly Visitors

Visit and drink coffee, share stories, go for walks, do errands together or assist with small tasks. Please call Linda or Bonnie in Outreach.



OUTREACH LENDING LIBRARY

Are you looking for information about dementia or Alzheimer's? Do you struggle with caregiving or dealing with the death of a loved one? Outreach has a lending library of helpful books.

Topics include grief, loss, caregiving, and Alzheimer's. If you're in need of support, have any questions, or are interested in these books, please contact Linda or Bonnie for a confidential appointment. We're here to help.

Caring for the Caregiver Peer-led support group



Wednesday
May 14 at 2:00 pm



Your loved one will enjoy supervised activities (join Be Steady, enjoy a quiet area to color or puzzle work, listen to music, or chat) while you attend this peer-directed support meeting led by Angelique Harvey & Patricia Thibeault. This group is sponsored by Oriol Foundation and Notre Dame Health Care.



Understanding Medicare Coverage is essential because it can have a significant impact on your access to healthcare services and the expenses related to those services.

Consider a SHINE appointment to ensure that you are making the most of your insurance benefits.

IN THIS TOGETHER parkinson's

May 14, 28, 3:30 - 5:00pm

In person support with Zoom option

Please contact Joe at 508-335-0672 or northworcparkies@yahoo.com

Join us and share your skills!

Can you help? We are looking for a.m. kitchen help, substitute meals-on-wheels drivers & receivers, bakers, and more!

MAY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WENDESDAY SHOPPING TRIPS 7 Whitney Field, Leom 14 Walmart, Leom 21 Ocean State, Leom 28 Harnaford's, Clinton	Fees for Yoga, Pilates \$5 In Person \$2 Zoom Line Dancing \$2 Acrylic Painting \$5 Meditation \$5 Make & Take \$5 Pickleball \$5		9:30 Chair Yoga 9:30 History Club 11:30 Chicken Salad 12:15 Begin 1 Ukulele 12:30 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Begin 2 Ukulele 1:00 Mahjong 2:00 Ukulele Club 2:00 Make & Take Mother's Day Hats	8:00 VSO Hours 9:00 Ladies' Pool 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Wii Bowling
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8:00 Muffin Monday 10:00 Fitness 11:30 Greek Tortellini Salad 1:00 Bingo 4:00 Pickleball 5:30 Meditation	8:15 Pilates 9:00 Hiking Club offsite 9:00 Tech Help w/Pete 9:30 Line Dancing 11:30 Stuffed Pork 1:00 Game Day 6:00 Artist Reception	7:00 Bird Walk 9:30 Foot Clinic 9:30 Chair Yoga 11:30 Chicken & Salad 12:30 Rummikub 1:00 Van Shopping Trip 1:00 Wii Bowling 2:00 Be Steady 4:00 Pickleball	9:00 Dull Men's Club 11:30 Ravioli Soup 12:15 Begin 1 Ukulele 12:30 Acrylic Painting 1:00 Begin 2 Ukulele 1:00 Mahjong 2:00 Ukulele Club 2:00 Fiber Fun	8:00 VSO Hours 9:00 Ladies' Pool 10:00 Going Steady 11:30 Smorgasbord 1:00 Wii Bowling 2:00 Mother's Day Tea
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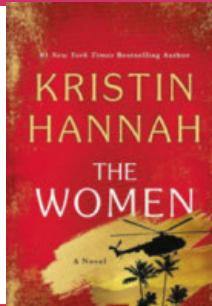
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Tuesday, May 20 - 12:30 pm
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Thursdays at 2:00 pm

New Day & Time

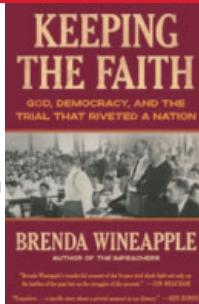
Welcoming new & experienced crafters. Bring your knit, macramé, crochet, paper or craft project. Want to try a new craft? We have limited supplies and tools to try!

HISTORY CLUB

Thursday, May 1 - 9:30 am

Keeping The Faith by Brenda Wineapple

A magnificent history of the 1925 Scopes trial and how the teaching of evolution in public schools exposed profound divisions in America about morals, freedom, censorship, religion, and the meaning of democracy that still resonates today.



Thursdays

MAHJONG

1:00 pm



Mondays 1pm
 Cards \$1



GAME DAY TUESDAYS



DOMINOES
 CRIBBAGE
 PITCH

12:30
 12:30
 1:00



FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH

Baked Ham, Potatoes,
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Saturday, May 3
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UKULELE LESSONS, STRUMMING, AND CLUB

Men's Strumming: Mon 5/12 at 2:00

Open Strumming: Mon 5/12 at 3:00

Very Beginner Lessons: Thursdays at 12:15

Beginner Lessons: Thursdays at 1:00

Ukulele Club: Thursdays at 2:00



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FREE! Stop by the Senior Center to join! **FREE!****Sterling Strummers Upcoming Performances**

May 17 at 9-11 am at the Garden Sale

On the Sterling Center Common



Event Rain or Shine. Performance weather permitting!

MEET YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT HERE!
2nd Tuesday of month: May. 13, 11:30-12:30**SELECT BOARD HOURS**Meet with Kirsten Newman
Sterling Select Board Chair
KNewman@sterling-ma.gov**STATE OFFICE HOURS**
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Peter.Durant@masenate.gov**STATE OFFICE HOURS**
Meet a rep. from the office of State
Representative Meg Kilcoyne
Meghan.Kilcoyne@mahouse.gov**Foot Clinic**
Footcare By Nurses**Wed's May 7 & 21**
9:30—3:00

Our Foot Care clinic is very popular!

New signups are for Sterling residents only.

All others please call FBN 978-296-8449

Sterling Municipal Light Dept. LAMB (Internet)
Thursday, May 8 at 9:00 AMJosh will guide everyone through the process of opening LAMB Internet for the first time. This includes directions to set up the device, and explain available applications. LAMB stands for 'Local Area Municipal Broadband,' an internet service that is less expensive than your current provider, easy to use, and offers a wide range of apps for cable TV. It provides local customer service that is easy to visit, ensuring users receive personalized support and assistance. *Everyone welcome—Dull or Not!***Mobile Market****GROWING PLACES**

Tuesday, May 13 from 12:00—1:00

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**BIRD WALK FOR BEGINNERS AT MUDDY POND
WITH MARION LARSON & SCOTT HANDLER**

May 7th 7:00-9:30 am (Rain date: May 14th)
Meet at Muddy Pond (Look for Traffic Cones)

May is a great time to watch birds as they look for mates, build nests, or migrate through our area to breeding grounds. Learn to spot, hear, identify, and enjoy land & water-based birds. Bring binoculars and bird guides if you have them! Please attend the Intro to Birding (before the walk) and bring a folding chair to 'bird' from the meeting point. Make reservations & get information sheet at reception.

Registration Limited to 20 people



Van Trips

"We Fly * You Buy!"

May 9: HOT DOG ANNIE'S, Leicester
Van leaves here at 11:30 am

May 23: HERITAGE MUSEUM, Hudson
Van leaves here at 10:30 am
\$10/pp due at registration

Make your reservation at Reception desk!



STERLING SENIOR CENTER HIKING CLUB * Weekly on Tuesdays at 9:00 am

Full Schedule & Related Information at Reception.

Register by calling 978-422-3032 No walk-ins on hike day please

May 6:	Sholan Farm & Monoosnec Trail. Park next to Sholan Farm Store, Leominster
May 13:	Paradise Pond. Park off Route 31 at Rocky Pond Rd, Princeton.
May 20:	Sterling Rail Trail & Side Trails. Park near the Cider Mill, Sterling
May 27:	Allenwood Trail. Park off Heywood Rd, Sterling

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Contact: Gladys Merrow 508-835-4312 or andawaywegotravel.gem@gmail.com

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After that, refund only if your seat can be filled.

Please browse the trip binder in our lobby, and call with questions, request a flyer, or make a reservation!

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!
SAVE THE DATE!**



Sterling Senior Center
8th Annual Classic Car Show
5:30-7:30 pm
Thursday, August 14, 2025
(Rain Date: August 21)

BECOME A SPONSOR! Call Sheila at 978-422-3032
or email: sbeane@sterling-ma.gov



This is a popular Senior Center
with limited parking!

For your safety, please follow the one-way
direction of our parking lot.

When exiting your car, walk
around it to ensure it's within
the lines on all sides.



PLEASE SUPPORT US!!

We need your Vote of YES for a Full-time Outreach Coordinator!

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**Thursday, May
29th**

**Doors Open
5:30 pm**

SUMMER KICK-OFF CHICKEN BBQ

Enjoy a live
performance by The
Silver Moon Gypsies!

*Fresh
homemade sides!*



Meet up for a night
out with friends or
make new ones!

Door prizes!

Tickets \$5 in advance at the reception desk.

Open to Sterling residents upon receipt of newsletter, and non-residents May 8.

This event is hosted by the Sterling Senior Center Events Committee
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