YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
WOODSTOCK AREA COUNCIL ON AGING ANNUAL MEETING  

Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 10:30 am  

“Living Well at Every Age”  
Take Another Look at the Landscape of Aging  

This year at our annual meeting we’ll be taking a look at the realities and diversity of our aging in place population.

A few highlights:

- The year in review of The Thompson Center -- Living Well at Every Age.
- The photo exhibit, Take Another Look, will be on display, giving a face and voice to the realities and diversity of aging in place. See photos of local participants who will become part of a larger photo exhibit display to move throughout the state.
- United Valley Interfaith Project Executive Director, Leah Torrey, will describe the Aging with Dignity campaign and Take Another Look project and give us insight into what they’ve learned in 400 plus interviews and focus groups with seniors throughout the Upper Valley. They’ve heard many moving stories of neighbors helping neighbors, and successes of aging in place, but also too many stories of seniors in trouble. Leah will also explain how this project work promotes aging with dignity and living well at every age!

Location: The Thompson Center  
99 Senior Lane, Woodstock, VT 05091

Please RSVP by October 16th, 457-3277  
info@thompsonseniorcenter.org

TSC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The Thompson Center operates a door-to-door transportation program for seniors and disabled community members from the towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Pomfret, and Woodstock.

- Medical Rides - $10 suggested donation per out-of-town trip. A minimum of 48 hours notice is requested for scheduling. Schedule with Paula at 457-3277.
- Local transportation to and from your home to The Thompson and other Woodstock stops - suggested donation of $1 per ride ($2 round trip if you get a ride both ways). Please call the Center by 8:30AM to request rides for that day. 457-3277
- Monthly shopping trips to West Lebanon depart from TSC on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9am on the Stagecoach van (returning at approx. 12:15pm). Stops at various locations. Sign up with the Thompson at least 24 hours in advance. The Thompson funds these trips with Stagecoach so any donation is greatly appreciated. Call 457-3277

MISSION

It is the mission of the Thompson Center to be a multi-generational gathering place for our community. Our programs and activities will promote the physical, intellectual and social well-being of the adult community to enhance dignity, self-worth and independence. The Thompson Center will act as resource and advocate for our senior population, providing timely support on issues that affect aging in our rural community.

Sign up for the e-newsletter by emailing: jbloch@thompsonseniorcenter.org

Search for “The Thompson Senior Center” and click “like” for regular updates, pictures, event reminders & invitations, and for tips and interesting articles about health, finances, and Aging in Place.

Seasonal Flu Clinic

Wednesday, October 14  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Thompson Senior Center

This walk-in flu clinic is sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire and is open to all adults 18 and older. The flu vaccination is free for individuals with Medicare Part B insurance - please bring your card. The fee for all others is $25. For more information, call The Center at 457-3277.
**BEHIND THE SCENES**

**ADVISORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**
- Comment card ideas discussed
- Name tags will be provided but are optional. People shouldn’t hesitate to ask names.
- Trip planning committee ideas
- Senior Companion opportunity explained
- Holiday bazaar crafts needed

Please join our next meeting on Monday, October 5 at 1:00 pm. All patrons and volunteers are invited to attend.

**THANK YOU to Dan Groberg from the Montpelier Senior Center!** Dan won the marble game when he visited in August and donated his winnings back to the Thompson. The marble game pot was $289.80 in total.

**HELP WANTED!**

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**IN APPRECIATION**

**Eillarday Properties — ribbon**

**Sue Esy — cat food in memory of Baby**

Woodstock Pharmacy — maple candies

**Carol Powell — flowers**

**Louis Frech — pulled pork, chicken, salads, ice cream, hot dogs, sunflowers**

**Bonnie Atwood, Fran Gillett, Helen Leonard, Catherine Harriman — polished silverware**

**Mountain Creamery — muffins**

**Helen Leonard — salt water taffy**

**SHARE THE HARVEST**

Rhonda Bruce — apples & squash

Sam & Eleanor Grice — watermelon

John Leavitt — squash

Sally Weglarz — beans

Christa Blanchard — apples

Bob Forman — beans

Catherine Harriman — applesauce

Margaret Fullerton — squash, zucchini, tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, Linda Brackett — tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, summer squash

Susan Moor — zucchini, tomatoes, basil

Ann Bower — beefsteak tomatoes

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**IN MEMORIAL OF**

**BERT EISELEIN**

Jerry & Arletta Fredrickson

Allen & Gail Dougherty

**FRANCES DRURY**

John and Sylvia Doten

Bernard Strong

**TRANSPORTATION SPONSORS:**

Upper Valley Rehabilitation

Dead River Company

Gateway Motors — car washes

Connected-At-Home

Ottauquechee Health Foundation

Ottauquechee Plumbing

Mark Knott, DDS

Cedar Hill Continuing Care Community

**ONGOING DONATIONS:**

Daily Valley News subscription — Woodstock Pharmacy

The Vermont Standard Weekly Papers

Birthday Cakes — Diane Atwood, Jane Soule, Carol Towne

Monthly book club selection — Yankee Bookshop

**ON OCTOBER 22nd we will celebrate your day!**

Those who attend with an October birthday will receive a complimentary meal!

Please make a reservation by calling 457-3277.

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**Save the Date!**
**Thompson Holiday Bazaar & Cookie Walks**
**Saturday, December 5, 2015**

Our plans for the Holiday Bazaar are underway. **DO YOU:** knit, crochet, sew, craft, bake, make jams & jellies, pickles or candy? While you are preserving, jam, jellies, pickles, etc., please make a few extra for our bazaar and bring them to the Center. Also we are not accepting coffee cans for this year’s event!

We are pleased to welcome Briana Maxham as our new Chairperson.

**Oktoberfest Celebration**
**Friday, October 16**
**Beginning at noon**

Please make your reservation for our festive traditional German meal

This year our Oktoberfest celebration will include Brent Buswell on his accordion. Brent has quite a medley of German, Bavarian, and Slavenian music to perform for us. Please join our celebration!

**Spiritual Health and Spiritual Fitness**
**Presented by The Learning Lab**
**Led by Spiritual Director, Jane Lee Wolfe**

Two, three-week sessions, beginning Tuesdays, September 22 and October 27, 10 a.m. – noon at The Thompson Center. The course fee is $35. Checks should be made payable to The Woodstock Learning Collaborative.

Please mail registration payment to: The Learning Lab at P.O. Box 283, Woodstock, VT 05091. For more information about this and other Learning Lab classes call (802) 310-2169 or visit www.thelearninglabwoodstock.com.

**The Peapickers Return...mark your calendars for Thursday, October 1 when Bob Dean returns with this popular toe-tappin’ trio.**

**Painting at Artistree**
**A collaboration between Artistree Community Arts Center and The Thompson Center**
**Instructor: Murray Ngoima**
**Friday mornings, 10:00 -11:30 am**
**November 6 - December 11**
**(no class November 27)**

Come paint and learn about painting in the beautiful surroundings, inside and out, at Artistree in South Pomfret. Work with water-based media with instruction and/or on projects of your own choosing, in supportive and congenial company. The media offered include watercolor, acrylic, gouache, ink, and colored pencil. Materials provided. Complete beginners to experienced painters, all welcome!

Transportation provided as needed on The Thompson van at 9:30 a.m. from Woodstock to Artistree, returning to The Thompson in time for lunch. $50 for five classes or $12 per class. (5 participants minimum, 12 participants maximum).

**Medicare D ~ Annual Open Enrollment Review and Discussion**
**Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 1 - 2:30 pm**

This event will help you make informed choices about keeping or changing your Medicare Part D plan, and/or Medicare Advantage plan. The Open Enrollment period is from October 15 – December 7. Plan EARLY as this is the time to review your coverage.

Example of questions you might be asking yourself:
Will my Medicare Part D plan be the same in 2016 as it was in 2015? How will I know what changes my plan is making for 2016? If I decide to change plans, how and when should I do it?

**Senior Solutions - State Health Insurance Program** will have up to date information to guide you. You can bring your Medicare Drug plan card with you and you will learn what the information on it means to you and your Pharmacist.

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1. Medicare card – the red white and blue card with your SSA #
2. Current 2015 Medicare Part D card & Green Mountain Care/VPharm card if you have one
3. All health insurance cards
   - If currently working from your current employer or spouse’s employer if you are covered under your spouse’s Employer Group Health Plan (EGHP)
   - If retired your former employer’s retirement plan card
   - If currently on Medicare bring your Medigap supplemental plan or Medicare Advantage health insurance cards
4. A list of all medications/drugs - this information needs to be taken from pill bottles for accuracy
   - Name of the drug
   - Dosage (EX: 10 mg, 20 mcg, whether it’s a cream or ointment)
   - Useage: How many pills of this drug taken each day - EX: 3 pills each day is 90 pills usage each month.
5. Any letters received from Medicare, state of Vermont: VPharm, Green Mountain Care/Medicaid and Social Security: Social Security retirement benefits, Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Learn to Tie-Dye
Tuesday, October 6, 1:00 pm

Our August Tie-Dye class was such a success that we are offering another for those who missed it. It is also a great time to make t-shirts for the Holiday Bazaar. No previous experience necessary. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring an extra shirt, scarf, or anything white to tie-dye (washed and dried without using fabric softener or dryer sheets will work best). This is a great way to give your old whites a new look! Please RSVP by September 29th and indicate your T-shirt shirt size when you sign-up for this class (Men, Women, or Children’s S, M, L, XL, etc). Cost is $8 for T-shirt and tie-dye supplies.

Senior Companion Program
Presented by Senior Solutions
Thursday, October 8, 1:00 pm

You value your independence. Now you can help other adults in your community remain independent too. As a Senior Companion volunteer, you’ll join a support network that creates new possibilities and improves the quality of life for elders in your community. Senior Companions spend time with elders who are homebound and/or socially isolated. Activities might include visiting while sharing a cup of tea, playing a game of cards and/or socially isolated. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to spend time visiting seniors in your area. Volunteers will receive a small tax-free stipend, an orientation, training, and mileage reimbursement. But of course the greatest reward is helping relieve the loneliness of a local senior.

BOOK GROUP
Wednesday, October 14 at 1:00 pm

For years, Ruth Reihl was editor for the magazine Gourmet, as well as, a food critic in New York City and she previously published stories of her experiences here. Delicious is her first novel and as the title foretells, the tastes of a great variety of food play a large part in the story. A mystery concerns the letters from a 13 year old girl to James Beard before he became famous. There is history and an interesting cast of characters as well. We hope to see you at 1:00 on Wednesday, October 14th.

Fire Safety Talk
Thursday, October 15, 1:00 pm

In recognition of National Fire Safety week in October, Chief Sutherland will visit The Thompson to talk about fire safety and things we should all be aware of. This year’s NFPA theme is “HEAR THE BEEP WHERE YOU SLEEP: EVERY BEDROOM NEEDS A WORKING SMOKE ALARM”. Free smoke alarms will be given on a first come, first serve basis.

TAI CHI RETURNS WITH TWO CLASSES

Tai Chi’s Slow, Gentle Exercise Great for Mind and Body
Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 11
Beginners/Intermediate 9:30 am
Upper Intermediate/Advanced 10:45 am

We will again have both an introductory tai chi class and a class for those who’ve been enjoying Anne Bower’s classes here for a while. Both classes use movements based on Sun 73 tai chi—the youngest of the tai chi styles and the one most focused on health. We know from individuals’ experiences as well as some clinical studies that tai chi can provide joint pain relief, greater balance, meditation, and fall prevention. Many doctors now recommend it to their patients!

Classes meet on Wednesdays, with next round of classes beginning Oct. 14, and continuing Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4 and 11 (note: Oct. 21 only we’ll meet at the Little Theater, the brick building beside the Woodstock Recreation Center). The cost is $25 for the five classes. Beginners and Intermediate 9:30-10:30
Upper Intermediate and Advanced 10:45-11:45

To inquire about the classes, contact Anne at annebower@yahoo.com or 457-2877 (website: www.annebower.com).

Bone Builders
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00-4:00 pm

The Bone Builders exercise program, developed at Tufts University, addresses bone health for people of all ages. Women especially may have thinning of bones as early as age 40, but men are welcome in this class and will benefit as well.

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Wednesday Walkers
Wednesdays, 9:00 am
Meet outside Union Arena

These hearty walkers, with Jerry Fredrickson, will continue to meet at the Union Arena on Wednesdays at 9:00 am. Your suggestions for new walking routes outside are welcome. Adults of all ages are invited. If leaving from the Thompson Center, we will provide you with a ride to and from the Arena, with advance notice.

Strength & Fitness
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 to 10:00 am

This popular class is led by certified fitness instructor and personal trainer, Liz Hatfield. Liz incorporates aerobic, stretching, strength and weight bearing exercises. The benefits of these exercises include bone building, balance, and overall coordination.

She holds credentials for Group Fitness instruction in Aquatics, Spinning, TRX, Nordic Walking and Weight Training.

Cost: $3.00/class or 12 classes for $30 on a punch card.

When it comes to finding tools for staying healthy, active, and involved, The Thompson is the place to start!

Bone Builders classes, with instructor Althea Derstine, are ongoing on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. Classes are free. Minimum of six participants required. Please sign up in advance.

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Ticket To Ride – A Beatles Tribute Band
The Log Cabin, Holyoke, Massachusetts
Tuesday, October 13, 2015
Itinerary: Depart TSC at 9:00 am and return to Woodstock approximately 5:30 pm
This trip has been downsized. We will be traveling in a 12 passenger and 7 passenger van from Woodstock at a reduced per person price. Please see our website for details.

Vermont Country Store Trip to Weston, Vermont
Monday, October 19, Depart TSC on our van at 8:45 am
Cost: $10 plus lunch on your own at the 1827 Bryant House
Take a journey into the general store of yesteryear at The Vermont Country Store, Vermont’s original store. As the purveyors of practical and hard-to-find products, they offer a host of quality merchandise from around the block and around the world.

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Holiday Trip 2015
VSO Holiday Pops
Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 pm
Due to all of the positive feedback we heard at last December’s trip to the Paramount theater to see the VSO Holiday Pops, we are trying to gauge interest in offering that same trip this year on Sunday, December 13 before purchasing non-refundable concert tickets. This is the holiday trip that we are proposing:

VSO Holiday Pops
Sunday, December 13, 2015, 3:00 pm performance
Rutland’s Historic Paramount Theater
Premier Coach transportation to and from the theater with a dinner stop at either Mountain Top Inn in Chittenden (like last year) or the Red Clover Inn (Awarded Vermont Chamber of Commerce 2015 Restaurateurs of the Year) in Mendon.

Wellness Clinic & Blood Pressure Screenings
Tuesday, October 27, 10 - 12 noon
Wellness clinics (blood pressure & consultation) with Michelle Chiesa, RN; Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 10:00 am - noon.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE CLINIC
Monday afternoons
Would your loved ones know your wishes about medical care if you were unable to speak for yourself? There is a legal document called an Advance Directive that you can complete to give guidelines about your wishes and appoint someone to represent you if you are not able. We have arranged for a trained and caring volunteer to be at the Thompson Center every Monday from 1pm - 3pm. These volunteers will take the time to explain both the document and the simple process used to make your wishes known. The most important part of this process is talking to those you love about what matters most to you. You can call 457-3277 to schedule an appointment.

Foot Care Clinic with Mary Wood
Monthly, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
on the 2nd Friday & 3rd Wednesday
Mary Wood, retired RN, runs the foot clinic. Call 457-3277 to schedule a half hour appointment with Mary on the 2nd Friday, or 3rd Wednesday of each month (see the calendar for dates). Your feet will thank you!

A waiting list is kept for each day; PLEASE make sure to let us know if you can’t make your appointment. Cost: $15, please bring your own towel.

Wellness Program
Chair Massages at The Thompson
10:00 am to noon
Greg Somerville’s chair massages will be offered on Wednesdays, October 7, 14, and 28. The benefits of having a massage on a regular basis are numerous. See for yourself!
Please call in advance to schedule your 20 minute massage and make sure to cancel in advance if you can’t make it so that someone else can take your spot and we don’t keep our massage therapists waiting!
Cost: 20 minute massage/$20.00

Smiles for Seniors
Free Oral Health Pilot Program
October 19, 9:00 am—1:30 pm
Adults age 65 years and older are invited to schedule a free oral health screening and fluoride varnishing with a licensed Public Health Dental Hygienist. Call 457-3277. Sponsored by OHF and partners

Due to all of the positive feedback we heard at last December’s trip to the Paramount theater to see the VSO Holiday Pops, we are trying to gauge interest in offering that same trip this year on Sunday, December 13 before purchasing non-refundable concert tickets. This is the holiday trip that we are proposing:

VSO Holiday Pops
Sunday, December 13, 2015, 3:00 pm performance
Rutland’s Historic Paramount Theater
Premier Coach transportation to and from the theater with a dinner stop at either Mountain Top Inn in Chittenden (like last year) or the Red Clover Inn (Awarded Vermont Chamber of Commerce 2015 Restaurateurs of the Year) in Mendon.

All feedback can be directed to Pam Butler at 457-3277 x116 or pbutler@thompsonseniorcenter.org.
### PROGRAM CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2015

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<td>Chicken Milanese w/Basil and Sun dried Tomatoes served over Fettuccine, Tossed Salad, Apple Betty</td>
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<td>Chicken Divan w/Penne Pasta, Tuscan Vegetables, Chef’s Choice Dessert</td>
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<td>Beef Stroganoff over Noodles, Tossed Salad, Lime and Spices Peach Cobbler</td>
<td>Turkey Sandwich, W/lettuce and tomato, Kale and White Bean</td>
<td>Supreme Pizza w/peppers onions, mushrooms, pepperoni, olives, Greek Salad w/lettuce, cucumber, pepper, olives, feta cheese, Chocolate Chip Cookie and fruit</td>
<td>Tossed Salad, Pan Seared Tilapia, Foliage Succotash, Pumpkin Cake w/Cream Cheese frosting</td>
<td>Schnitzel with German mustard mushroom gravy, fried Potatoes with bacon and onions, Red Cabbage Sauer Kraut, w/Apple</td>
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<td>Puff Pastry Chicken Pot Pie, Tossed Salad, Sorbet w/Fresh Berries</td>
<td>Quiche w/Asparagus Leek &amp; Gruyere Cheese, Roasted Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Apple Pie Cupcakes</td>
<td>Annual Meeting Day Stuffed Meatloaf w/Spinach &amp; Cheese, Parsnip Mashed Potatoes, gravy, Peas &amp; baby carrots, Apple Cranberry Pandowdy Thanksgiving Dinner* Orange and Herb Roasted Turkey Breast, Parsnip Mashed Potato, Gravy, Balsamic Roasted Asparagus, Roll, Cake and Ice Cream</td>
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<td>Spaghetti &amp; meatballs, Garlic bread, Tuscan Vegetables, Fresh Fruit salad</td>
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<td>Vegetarian Lasagna, Steamed Antiqua Vegetables, Garlic Bread, Ginger Snap and Fruit</td>
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*2% Milk, Coffee, tea, and juices available*