Senior Centers: Masters of Aging

September is recognized nationally as Senior Center month. This year’s theme, "Senior Centers: Masters of Aging!" highlights the many ways that senior centers lead their aging communities and inspire individuals to master this phase of life and thrive!

Whether it is taking an exercise class, attending a social event, participating in memoir group or a painting class, or by having a meal or volunteering at The Thompson, you are enriching your experience of aging and empowering yourself to have a full, active and enjoyable life as a "Master of Aging!"

Join us on September 22nd at our noon meal as we celebrate National Senior Center Month with Chicken BBQ, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Corn Bread, and Ice Cream with guest BBQ Chef, Nate Willard and family. We’ll have raffles, music, horseshoes, and cornhole at 1:00 pm. RSVP 457-3277.

A Playground for Empire: Historical Perspectives on Cuba and the U.S.A.
A Vermont Humanities Council Event
Hosted by The Thompson Center
Thursday, October 19, 7:00 pm
Dinner to precede lecture at 6:00 pm at The Thompson Center. Dinner is $20 per person
Reservations required

The Spanish-American war of 1898 ended Spain’s four hundred year rule of Cuba. Cuba became a U.S. protectorate and decades of instability followed, culminating in Batista’s military dictatorship. The 1959 Cuban Revolution is one of the greatest underdog stories in history, in which a tiny band of young rebels prevailed against all odds. This nationalist revolution quickly fell under the sway of the USSR and Cuba’s previously close ties with the U.S. were abruptly severed.

This illustrated presentation by novelist and lecturer Tim Weed, a long-time observer of the island, will highlight recent changes in light of Cuba’s long struggle for sovereignty.

Tim Weed is an award-winning novelist and lecturer who teaches at GrubStreet in Boston and Western Connecticut State University.

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This talk is free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities.
BEHIND THE SCENES

Thank You for a Successful Generation to Generation Week

It turned out to be a wonderfully successful week! Throughout the week we had 41 students in total participate (20-26 students each day), Ages 6-12. More than 40 adults participated throughout the week as well. Six grandparents and one great-grandmother brought their grandchildren and attended with them. It was a fun week and exceeded our expectations in every way. Special thanks to camp teachers Barb Leonard & Jenn Gubbins, and Finnie Trumpp & Caitlyn Eastman from ArtisTree/Purple Crayon, and Jerry Fredrickson our affable and dependable set-up guy!

Thank you to our terrific volunteers who ran our booth at the Taste of Woodstock!

ADVISORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Thank you to all volunteers during Generation to Generation week. Parents and Seniors have been given feedback forms.
- Thank you to board members, staff and volunteers who worked the booth at Taste of Woodstock.
- We are celebrating National Senior Center month with: a special BBQ on September 22nd.
- Announced new programs and trips that will be detailed in September newsletter.

Please join our next meeting on Monday, September 11 at 1:00 pm. All patrons and volunteers are invited to attend. Your feedback is needed and appreciated!

Congratulations to Barbara Sanderson who was our July Marble Game winner!

TOWN DAYS CONTINUE

Residents of surrounding towns are invited for lunch at The Thompson for the reduced rate of $3.00

Reading ~ Monday, September 11th
Woodstock ~ Monday, October 2nd

Please note: The Thompson van can provide transportation for you and your friends. Please call to schedule.
NEWS & EVENTS

Emergency Preparedness Talk
Presented by Kevin Geiger, AICP CFM
Senior Planner Two-Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission
Wednesday, September 6, 1:00 pm

Please join us for this important discussion about basic steps one can take to be alert for upcoming emergency conditions, that are typically weather related. Kevin will further discuss important pertinent information for one’s health and safety during common emergencies as well as an overview of town/state/federal systems that come into play during these emergencies and what they mean for you.

Family Caregivers: Learn the Steps to Effective and Positive Caregiving
Part 2 in the Three Part Series Presented by Susan Moor
Tuesday, September 12, 1 – 2:30 pm

Dealing with “NO!”

Activities of Daily Living - Individuals may need help with the “Activities of Daily Living”, which are the basic activities that we must perform every day in order to take care of ourselves. Typically, ADLs refer to the following tasks: • Bathing • Toilet Use • Control or Continence • Dressing and Grooming • Moving about Independently

Discussion will be centered around how to anticipate the ADLs and cope with them before frustration and accidents occur. Learn how to establish a structured, predictable environment to help relieve anxiety commonly known to trigger behavior issues in the memory impaired.

This program is free and pre-registration is encouraged so that there will be enough handouts for attendees to bring home.

Falls Prevention Awareness Program and Balance Screenings
Presented by MT. Ascutney Hospital Physical Therapists
Thursday, September 21, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Are you worried about falling? One in three adults age 65 and older fall each year. The Vermont American Physical Therapy Association wants to help reduce your risk for falling! September 22, 2017, the first day of fall, marks the 10th annual National Falls Prevention Awareness Day, sponsored by the National Council on Aging (NCOA). During September Vermont Physical Therapists will present "Stay Steady Vermont", free balance screening events for adults over 65 throughout the state. Each event will offer an informational session followed by individual balance screenings by licensed Physical Therapists using the CDC-approved STEADI criteria.

Participants can participate in a brief balance screen and receive recommendations based on the results. Pre-registration is needed to ensure that time is allotted for screening. For more information and to register, please call The Thompson.

Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Contact Linda Hazard, PT at Ottauquechee Health Center at 802-457-5409 if you have any questions pertaining to the balance screening.
Canyon Country Trip Document Meeting
Tuesday, September 19, 1:00pm
Learn details about our October, 2018 trip, Southern Charm - 1:30 pm
On September 19th, a Collette travel representative will be at The Thompson to distribute Canyon Country travel documents, and to review trip details and answer any remaining questions pertaining to this trip. If you are traveling on this trip, please join us for this meeting.

Northern Stage Presents: A Doll’s House
by Henrik Ibsen
A new version by Robert Kropf
Directed by Eric Bunge
Wednesday, September 20, 7:30 pm, $37
Transportation provided to and from The Thompson Center
Henrik Ibsen, the father of modern drama, argued that everyone, man or woman, had a right to be who they wanted to be. In A Doll’s House, protagonist Nora epitomizes struggles against the constraints of social conformity as she confronts her identity and the state of her marriage. Though Ibsen was writing in the 19th century, his masterpiece remains just as relevant as when it was written.

K-1 Express Scenic Gondola Ride and Lunch at The Peak
Wednesday, October 4th
Depart Thompson on our van at 10:15 am
Cost: $25 includes transportation, round trip lift ticket and a $10 meal voucher toward lunch at the Peak Lodge. *Ages 6 and under and 80-plus ride free!
We are returning to the mountain again this year - a relaxing mile and a quarter ride in an enclosed 8-person gondola cabin to the top of 4,241-foot Killington Peak. Take a short walk to the Peak Lodge for top-of-the-world views and lunch off the menu.

The Vermont Handcrafters’ Holiday Fine Craft and Art Show
Friday, November 17, 2017
Sheraton Conference Center, Burlington, VT
~Trip Details to Follow in October Newsletter~

Vermont Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops
At the Historic Paramount Theater, Rutland, Vermont
Sunday, December 10, 3:00 pm Matinee
Dinner will follow at the award winning Red Clover Inn
Details to follow in October Newsletter
**Monthly Art Project with ArtisTree at The Thompson**
**Wednesday, September 13, 1:30 pm**

On September 14, 1814 Francis Scott Key wrote the "Star Spangled Banner". September’s craft project with ArtisTree will honor our flag. Each participant will stitch stripes and sew buttons to create a simple sewn star spangled banner in celebration of our American symbol. Pre-registration is requested.

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**AARP Smart Driver Safety Course**
**Friday, September 15, 9:15 am - 2:00 pm with Lunch Break**

Instructor Bill Cherico returns to teach this four hour refresher course designed specifically for older drivers. Your driver’s license is required and your AARP card for members.

Course Fee: $15.00 for AARP members and $20.00 for nonmembers.
Please call 457-3277 to sign-up. Checks should be made payable to AARP Smart Driver.

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**Painting at ArtisTree**
**A Collaboration Between The Thompson Center and ArtisTree**
**Instructor: Murray Ngoina**
**Friday mornings, 10:00 - 11:30 am**
**Session 1: Sept 15 - Oct 13, Cost $50**
**Session 2: Oct 27 - Dec 1, Cost $40**
**No Class on 11/10 or 11/24**
**$10 Drop in Fee for either session**

Come paint and learn about painting in ArtisTree’s beautiful indoor and outdoor settings. Receive instructions in how to work with water-based mediums, or work on projects of your own choice amid supportive and congenial company. Explore the mediums of watercolor, acrylic, gouache, ink, and colored pencil. Materials are provided. All levels of experience are welcome! Bus transportation is provided by The Thompson to ArtisTree, with students returning to The Thompson in time for lunch.

To register please call The Thompson 457-3277.

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**“An Apple a Day...”**
**Presented by Pat Harrison, RD, Senior Solutions**
**With Hands on Cooking Demonstration**
**Wednesday, September 27, 1:30 pm**

You know the saying “An apple a day....” but do they really help us stay healthy. The answer may be a definite YES! Fiber, fluid, antioxidants, phyto nutrients, bulk, low in calories and even “nature’s toothbrush”! APPLES – fresh, crisp, crunchy, sweet or tart, a delicious, nutritious treat that says “welcome to Fall...”
Help us make a quick and easy Apple Crostata. Get some ideas on how to incorporate health supporting apples into your diet. Pre-registration requested.
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10 Journaling Class

10:15 Memoir Group

1 Bridges

1 Horseshoes

1 Advisory Meeting

1-3 Advanced Directives

5:30 Medicare Bootcamp

8:30 Newsletter Folding

10:15 Memoir Group

1 Bridge

1 Horseshoes

1 Canyon Country Trip Meeting

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<td>Cauliflower, Chevre and Onion Quiche, Herb Roasted Potatoes, Broccoli Salad, Sorbet and Fruit</td>
<td>Italian Basil Pasta Salad, Waldorf Salad, Chicken Salad Plate with Lettuce and roll, Chef's Choice Dessert</td>
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<td>Chicken Milano w/ Basil and Sunried Tomatoes served over Fettuccine, Cucumber Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad</td>
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<td>BIRTHDAY DAY* Honey Glazed Ham, Pineapple Chutney, Mascarpone Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Amandine Roll, Cake and Ice Cream</td>
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Please sign-up in advance for special meals and Birthday Day. This month includes Reading Day on September 11th, National Senior Center BBQ on the 22nd and Birthday Day on the 28th. Volunteers, if you are working and eating on that day you will also need to sign-up at the front desk. Our fire code limits us to 80 guests.

Also, please remember to cancel if you can’t make it so that others can attend! Thank You
EXERCISE CLASSES

Please call the Thompson Center to register for classes in advance, 457-3277

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.

Bone Builders classes, with instructor Althea Derstine, are ongoing on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. Classes are free.

Tai Chi’s Slow, Gentle Exercise
Great for Mind and Body
Wednesdays
Beginner Class 9:30 - 10:30 am
Advanced Class 10:45 - 11:45am
Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Oct. 4, 11, 18
Cost is $21

The July 2017 issue of Consumer Reports features an article titled, “To Prevent Falls, Try Tai Chi.” Many at our senior center have found that what the article suggests is true—tai chi really does help your balance. This gentle, slow exercise gives many other benefits—helping with arthritis, back pain, high blood pressure, blood sugar control, sleep problems, and concentration. Posture improves and so does one’s ability to let go of stress. As the Consumer Reports article emphasizes, tai chi can be more effective for fall prevention than physical therapy, stretching exercises, yoga, and balance training! We can apply our tai chi moves to actions in daily life (walking, housework, yardwork, etc.), and that even as we are exercising we’re also practicing deep breathing, body alignment, and slowly strengthening our leg and core muscles.

Our senior center instructors have many years of experience and love seeing the progress class participants make. “Each person makes adjustments for their own body,” Anne Bower explains. “Tai chi is not about learning the moves perfectly but about learning them in a way that makes sense for your own structure.” Tai chi students have fun as they learn and that adds to the relaxation effect.

We encourage you to give tai chi a try. Your first class is always free. Hand-outs are provided and you can also purchase a DVD with which to practice at home. Those already taking tai chi are ready to welcome you to their learning community.

Cost: $3.00/class with all of the proceeds going to support programs at The Thompson.

For more information contact Anne at anniebower@yahoo.com or 457-2877

Open Pickle Ball
Woodstock Athletic Club
Wednesdays and Fridays
9:00 - 10:30 am

Cost:$10 per 1.5 hr court time session. Walk-ins welcome and equipment is provided. Ride service available from The Thompson with advance notice.
**WELLNESS PROGRAMS**

**Low Vision Support Group**
Every 3rd Thursday of the Month
10:15 - 11:45 am

*September Topic:*
Emergency Planning for Disasters
Like Fire and Flood

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired is offering this support group where participants can share experiences, challenges, and successes of living with a visual impairment at this ongoing monthly meeting. Learn about adaptive aids and strategies that support independence. Led by a Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapist from VABVI.

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**Foot Care Clinics**
Monthly, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm on the 2nd Friday & 3rd Wednesday
And 12:30 to 2:50 pm on the 4th Tuesday

In addition to Mary Wood’s clinic on the second Friday and third Wednesday of each month, we are happy to offer more foot clinic availability with our wellness clinic nurse, Mary Ann Conrad. Mary Ann will be offering an additional foot clinic on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 12:30 to 2:50 pm following her wellness clinic hours.

Both clinics will now be $20 and patrons are asked to bring their own towel. As always, please inform us in advance if you cannot make your appointment.

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**Seasonal Flu Clinic**
Thursday, October 12
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Adults 18 years and older are eligible. Please bring your Medicare Part B insurance card for direct billing. Fee for all others is $25.

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**ADVERTISE DIRECTIVE CLINIC**
2nd Monday of the Month

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 2nd Monday from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. These volunteers will take the time to explain both the document and the simple process used to make your wishes known. You can call 457-3277 to schedule an appointment.

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**Wellness Clinic & Blood Pressure Screenings**
4th Tuesday, 10 - 12 noon

Wellness clinics (blood pressure & consultation) with VNA Wellness Clinic nurse, Mary Ann Conrad, held on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 10-noon.

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**Join the Thompson Team!**
September 24th
10:00 am at
Lyman Park, White River Junction

Visit our website to learn details and to sign up to join our team for the Upper Valley Walk to End Alzheimer’s.
BOOK GROUP
September 13th at 1:00 pm

This is a dear coming of age tale set in small town America in 1961. The author paints lovely word pictures in the telling.

The story carries a message and an energy that rings true with things to ponder while providing moments of introspection that remain long after closing the cover on the final chapter. This is one of those books to savor again and again.

It's a good choice for joining the book club conversation if you've been holding back. We hope to see you on Wednesday, September 13th at 1:00.

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Christmas Icicle Crafting Project
Friday, October 6
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Candy Elssa will teach the art of making an icicle crafted from 4 mm fire-polished crystal beads and seed beads using a variation of the Spiral stitch. The Icicle is approximately 12 cm long by 1.5 cm at it’s widest point. The Christmas Icicle looks lovely on a tree or in a window and will make a great gift or family heirloom.

Call Thompson to pre-register. 457-3277

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Medicare Boot Camp for New Enrollees
Tuesday, September 12, 5:30 pm
Presented by Senior Solutions

Are you almost 65 year of age and thinking about signing up for Medicare? Are you retiring and losing your health insurance benefits? Come and learn when and how to enroll in Medicare. State Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) counselor, Patricia Coogan, will be presenting this class for those individuals who will be signing up for Medicare. Patricia will discuss the different levels of Medicare coverage options such as supplement plans, and Advantage plans as well as the current prescription drug plans. Please call The Thompson Center to register in advance.
IN APPRECIATION
Ellaways-coat racks
Tina Martin- medical equipment
Sandy Pariseau- medical equipment
Linda Manning- medical equipment
Joanne Bates- medical equipment
Pat Gould- medical equipment
Woodstock Insurance-scratch pads
Darleen Griggs-birthday cake
John Audsley-radishes
Mavis Shaw-lettuce
Pat Gould-rhubarb
Lynn Peterson-lettuce
Eleanor & Sam Grice-string beans
Carol Powell-zucchini
Billings Farm-jams and pickles

ONGOING DONATIONS:
Daily Valley News subscription -
Woodstock Pharmacy
The Vermont Standard Paper
Birthday Cakes - Diane Atwood,
Jane Soule, Carol Towne
Monthly book club selection -
Yankee Bookshop
Muffins - Boris at Mountain Creamery

On Sept 28th we will celebrate your special day with a delicious meal! Please call to make a reservation for a complimentary lunch!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Beverly Audsley
1st Anne Herz
1st Althea Derstine
1st Elizabeth Goldsborough
2nd Helen Howe
2nd Marian Whitaker
2nd Donald Lovejoy
2nd Donna Peck
3rd James Gebhardt
3rd Narda DiGioia
4th Elizabeth Schellhorn
4th David Roseman
4th Lynn Murrell
5th Joy Corduff
5th Laura Robinson
5th Harold Eaton
5th Michael Burnett
6th Bobbie Fleming
7th Ruth Eckberg
7th Barbara Scully
7th Kathleen Camp
7th Virginia Jackson
9th Tambre Vutech
9th Patty MacDonald
10th Sandra LaCoss
11th John Moore
12th John Ditcheos
13th Jody Pindt
14th Bo Gibbs
14th Dory Bayer
14th Patricia Bernardi
14th Mary Fullerton
15th Jane Lasure
15th Mary Hawkins
16th Martha Leonard
16th Betty Powell
17th Roberta Morse
18th Felicitas Leonard
18th Lesley Scales
19th Mary Church
19th Vivian Webster
19th Madeline Riederer
19th Pamela Gerstmayr
20th Patsy Highberg
22nd Daniel Bruce
22nd Vangeline Monroe
22nd Karen Hawkes
22nd Roswell Harlow II
22nd Sandra Thompson
23rd Pia Nichols
23rd Audrey Putnam
24th Juris Kaugerts
24th Jurgen Ewert
24th Nancy Randall
24th Clover Durée
24th Meghan Damian
25th Wayne Thompson
25th Charles Malerich
25th Kathleen Kjenuif
25th Joanne Smi:h
26th Tom Smi:h
26th Eliot Rubino
27th Isaac Jacobs
27th Len Brown
27th Elliott Bearer
28th Ida Cogswell
28th Linnie Laws
29th Prudence Schmier
29th Anita Clark
30th John Doten Jr
30th George Sadowsky
30th Nancy Peterson
30th Ellen Burke
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

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Vermont

Connected-at-Home

Dead River Company

Ottawaquechee Plumbing

Senior Solutions

Armstead Senior Care

Ottawaquechee Hospice Community Services

Mission

The Thompson helps seniors to age well in our rural community. We provide timely support and services, and are a resource and advocate on issues related to aging. Our programs and activities foster the physical, intellectual, and social well being of our adult community to enhance dignity, self-worth, and independence.

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