

FEBRUARY 2026

Essex Area Senior Center Newsletter

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GOOD FRIENDSHIPS
CAN MAKE EVERY DAY
FEEL LIKE VALENTINE'S
DAY!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

INCLEMENT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENT

IF THE EWSD SCHOOLS CLOSE, ALL SENIOR PROGRAMMING WILL BE CANCELLED AS WELL.

SENIOR CENTER MEMBERSHIPS

Due to being open only for the first three months of 2024 at Lincoln Hall, before vacating for renovations, there will be no membership fees for the Senior Center until further notice.

MAH JONGG WILL MOVE TO THE MAIN READING ROOM IN THE LIBRARY DURING TAX SEASON!

The Holy Family Parish Center is EASC's programming space during the Lincoln Hall Renovations-

Address: 28 Lincoln St. Essex Junction, VT 05452

CONTACT INFORMATION

FACEBOOK PAGE:
[@essexjunctionrecreationandparks](https://www.facebook.com/essexjunctionrecreationandparks)

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www.ejrp.org/olderadults

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(802) 878-1375 x 1553

TEMPORARY LOCATIONS DETAILS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CENTER

- Tuesdays: Bingo (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
- Wednesdays: Cribbage (1:30-3:30 PM)
- Thursdays: Duplicate Bridge (12:30 PM - 4:00 PM)

Please note that the room in which programs will take place within the Holy Family Parish Center will be inconsistent. There will be various forms of communication to ensure all are aware of the specific locations for each program

BROWNELL LIBRARY - KOLVOORD ROOM

- FRIDAYS: MAH JONGG (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

-Help us increase communication in the Senior Center by signing up for the list-

Sign up by visiting ejrp.org/olderadults
and filling out the Essex Area Senior Center Newsletter Subscription Google form!

Senior Center Newsletter Subscription Google form!
(Form Link: [HTTPs://forms.gle/qgwRwgkJRugg51B46](https://forms.gle/qgwRwgkJRugg51B46))



**CITY COUNCILORS WILL BE JOINING US FOR OUR FEBRUARY 23RD LUNCHEON AT HOLY FAMILY. NO PRESENTATION, JUST CONVERSATION!
SEE PAGE X FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE MEAL!**

RECENT PROGRAMMING RECAP

THANK YOU TO 'SHE WAS RIGHT' FOR THE PERFORMANCE THIS MONTH!

JONI (JULIE'S PUPPY) ALSO MADE HER WORK DEBUT!



SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

MONDAYS:

No consistent weekly programs



TUESDAYS:

10AM-1:00PM – BINGO

- FREE! Fun prizes!
- Bring your own lunch, lunch break at 11:30AM
- At the Holy Parish Family Center

WEDNESDAYS:

1:30-3:30PM – Cribbage

- FREE! Beginners are welcome!
- Bring your own board if you have one!
- At Holy Family Parish Center



THURSDAYS:

12:30-4PM - DUPLICATE BRIDGE

-FREE!

-MUST HAVE A PARTNER!

-At the Holy Parish Family Center

FRIDAYS:

10AM-12PM – MAH JONGG

-FREE!

-At the Brownell Library
(Kolvoord Room)

Have programming you'd like to see?

Chat with me in person or send me an email!

jshorter@ejrp.org

Whether it's regular weekly programming or a one-off event, I'd love to hear your ideas and help bring them to life!

From Julie!

STAY ACTIVE THIS WINTER!

INDOOR WALKING CLUB

AT THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY EXPOSITION
(105 PEARL ST. ESSEX JUNCTION)



ENTER THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND TAKE A RIGHT AT GATE C-2. PARK THERE IN THAT PARKING LOT. A SIGN WILL BE ON THE SMALL GRAY DOOR.

MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS 11AM-NOON
NO WALKING ON 12/5, 12/8, 12/22, 12/26, OR 12/29

YOU MUST FILL OUT THIS WAIVER BEFORE JOINING, IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE PLEASE CALL JULIE AT 802-878-1375

[HTTPS://NORDICSOCCER.ORG/INDOOR-CENTER/NISC-HOUSE-RULES/THE-NORDIC-INDOOR-SOCCER-CENTER-REGISTRATION-WAIVER-FORM-CLICK-HERE](https://nordicsoccer.org/indoor-center/nisc-house-rules/the-nordic-indoor-soccer-center-registration-waiver-form-click-here)

IN THE PROGRAM DROP-DOWN, SELECT
'WALKERS, MONDAY AND FRIDAY'

(YES I KNOW IT'S FOR SOCCER. NO I'M NOT TRICKING YOU INTO PLAYING SOCCER! THEY ARE JUST THE GROUP THAT WILL BE HOSTING THE SPACE FOR US!)



HIKING CLUB

WE ARE STARTING TO WIND DOWN FOR THE YEAR, BUT WE ALSO HAVE SNOWSHOES AT MAPLE STREET PARK AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE WINTER!

REACH OUT TO JULIE TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION!



JSHORTER@EJRP.ORG
802-878-1375 EXT 1553

A MEAL WITH ADL BOYS BASKETBALL FOLLOWED BY BINGO

Monday, February 9th

Check in: 11:30am

Meal will be served at noon

Holy Family Parish Hall

*rescheduled
from Jan 26th*



The ADL boys basketball team will be serving the meal!

EJRP has partnered with Age Well, and there is a suggested **donation of \$7 at the door for Age Well**

Menu: PORK & VEGETABLE STEW, FOUR BEAN MEDLEY, BISCUIT, PINEAPPLE

Contact Info

Advanced registration required by Feb 4th!
Email: jshorter@ejrp.org
Phone: 802-878-1375



STICK AROUND AFTER TO PLAY BINGO! THE BASKETBALL TEAM WILL BE CALLING AND THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR EVERY ROUND!

GIRL SCOUTS VISIT

SUNDAY,

FEBRUARY 8TH

2-3:30PM

JOIN THE GIRL SCOUTS

TO MAKE SOME

VALENTINES AND SHARE

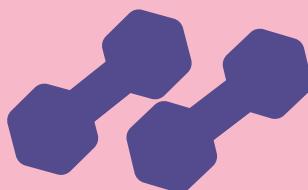
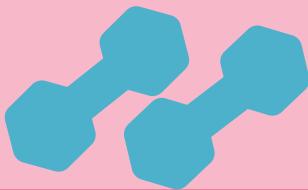
SOME TREATS!

WHITCOMB WOODS
COMMUNITY ROOM

128 WEST STREET,
ESSEX JUNCTION

NEW BONE BUILDERS CLASS!

FREE!



Bone Builders is an exercise program designed to prevent (and even reverse) the negative effects of osteoporosis. The program is based on research conducted and published by Tufts University which shows that strength training just twice a week dramatically reduces the risk of fractures due to the disease. Study participants gained bone density, became stronger and improved their balance. These health gains significantly reduced the incidence of falling. Bone Builders classes fill a vital need for regular physical exercise as well as increased social interaction, both well-known components of healthy aging.

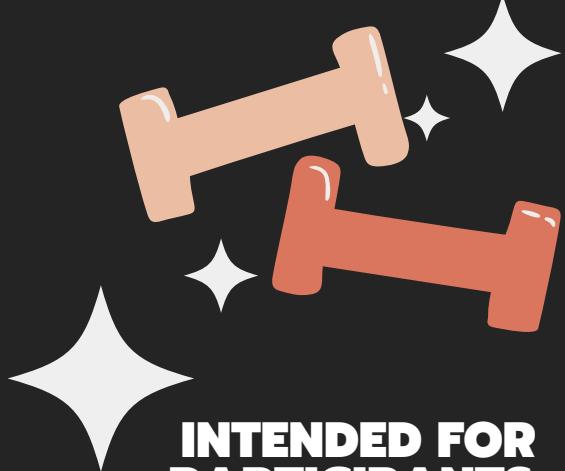


**MONDAYS AND
THURSDAYS
9-10AM
UNITED GRACE
METHODIST
CHURCH
130 MAPLE ST**

**NO REGISTRATION
REQUIRED -
REMEMBER TO
WEAR
COMFORTABLE
CLOTHING AND
BRING WATER!**

“LIFTING” SPIRITS

THE CLASS OFFERS A DYNAMIC FUSION OF DANCE AEROBICS, SPORTS DRILLS, WEIGHT LIFTING, BALANCE, FLEXIBILITY AND END'S WITH MINDFULNESS EXERCISES. ALL TAUGHT IN A LOW-IMPACT STYLE AND SET TO MOTIVATING MUSIC.



INTENDED FOR PARTICIPANTS WITH A BASELINE LEVEL OF PHYSICAL FITNESS, YET IS OPEN TO BEGINNERS.

BYOW (BRING YOUR OWN SET OF 1, 2 OR 3LB HAND WEIGHTS) IF YOU DON'T HAVE HAND WEIGHTS, YOU CAN STILL ENJOY CLASS AND HAVE MORE OF A CARDIOVASCULAR WORKOUT.

INSTRUCTOR: MARLENA SILVA IS AN AFAA CERTIFIED GROUP FITNESS INSTRUCTOR WITH 36 YEARS TEACHING EXPERIENCE. SHE ENJOYS MAKING CLASSES FUN AND WATCHING PEOPLE MEET THEIR FITNESS GOALS!

**\$10/CLASS
OR SIGN UP FOR THE WHOLE MONTH FOR \$9/CLASS**



**Maple Street Park Aspire Studio
Mondays, no class 2/23
9-10am**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED!
CALL EJRP AT 802-878-1375
OR VISIT EJRP.ORG**

GET MOVING TO THE BEAT!



ZUMBA GOLD WITH CIARA GREGORY



ZUMBA GOLD IS A MODIFIED VERSION OF ZUMBA THAT IS GEARED TOWARDS ACTIVE OLDER ADULTS SEEKING LOWER-IMPACT WORKOUTS. THE DESIGN OF THE CLASS INTRODUCES EASY-TO-FOLLOW ZUMBA CHOREOGRAPHY THAT FOCUSES ON BALANCE, RANGE OF MOTION, AND COORDINATION. CHAIRS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS. COME READY TO SWEAT AND PREPARE TO LEAVE EMPOWERED AND FEELING STRONG.

PLEASE WEAR LOOSE-FITTING, COMFORTABLE CLOTHING, AND BRING A WATER BOTTLE AND INDOOR SHOES TO CHANGE INTO WITH GOOD SUPPORT.

\$10
/CLASS

THURSDAYS
NO CLASS FEB 26
9:30-10:30AM
ASPIRE STUDIO,
MAPLE STREET
PARK
(75 MAPLE
STREET)





MOVE YOUR BODY!



NIA DANCE

NIA® IS A DANCE, FITNESS, MINDFULNESS PRACTICE WITH THE “JOY OF MOVEMENT” AT ITS CORE. DRAWING FROM THE WISDOM AND MOVEMENT LANGUAGES OF MODERN DANCE, MARTIAL ARTS, AND HEALING ARTS, NIA DELIVERS A FUN, ENERGETIC HOUR OF MOVEMENT (INCLUDING A WARM-UP, COOL-DOWN, AND STRETCH PHASE). THE PRACTICE IS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE MINDFULNESS AND TO BE PERSONALIZED FOR ANY BODY OR ENERGY LEVEL, ALL WHILE OFFERING A HIGH CARDIO WORKOUT THAT’S EASY ON YOUR JOINTS. ALL CHOREOGRAPHY IS BASED ON 52 SIMPLE MOVES, WHICH PARTICIPANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ADAPT TO THEIR OWN BODY. NO DANCE EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. STEP INTO THE STUDIO, TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES, AND GET READY TO FEEL BETTER INSIDE AND OUT AS WE DANCE AND SWEAT TO A DIVERSE ARRAY OF MUSIC.

ASPIRE STUDIO,
MAPLE STREET PARK
(75 MAPLE STREET)

SUNDAYS 9-10AM

SPRING SESSION: FEB 15-MARCH 22

\$30 FOR 6 WEEK SESSION

EASY GOING FLOW YOGA

EASY FLOW YOGA COMBINES MANY COMPONENTS OF A WELL-ROUNDED YOGA PRACTICE WITH SIMPLE SEQUENCING AND LONGER HOLD TIMES OF SOME POSES. CONNECT TO YOUR BODY AND BREATH FOR AN HOUR AND RETURN TO THE WORLD A MORE CENTERED YOU. THIS CLASS IS AVAILABLE TO THOSE WITH SOME YOGA EXPERIENCE, REGARDLESS OF AGE AND GENDER. MATS NOT PROVIDED — BRING A TOWEL OR BLANKET TO PRACTICE ON INSTEAD.



75 MAPLE STREET, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
FRIDAYS 9-10AM

SPRING SESSION 1: MARCH 6-APRIL 17
\$60 FOR 6 WEEK SESSION



CHRISTINA MERHAR, REGISTERED YOGA TEACHER

COMMUNITY MEALS

MARCH ST PIUS SENIOR LUNCH

MARCH 4 @ NOON
ST. PIUS X
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
BY JANUARY 30TH

IF YOU SIGN UP, PLEASE
SHOW UP. IF YOU CAN'T
MAKE IT, CALL DONNA
OR E-MAIL GLORIA.

\$5 CHARGE AT
THE DOOR

20 JERICHO
RD.
ESSEX, VT
05452

REMINDER
THAT
FEBRUARY'S
LUNCHEON
IS 2/4!

EMAIL:
DEELEYGLORIA@GMAIL.COM
CALL:
DONNA @ (802) 879-7922

THANK YOU, DONNA,
GLORIA, AND
ST. PIUS VOLUNTEERS!

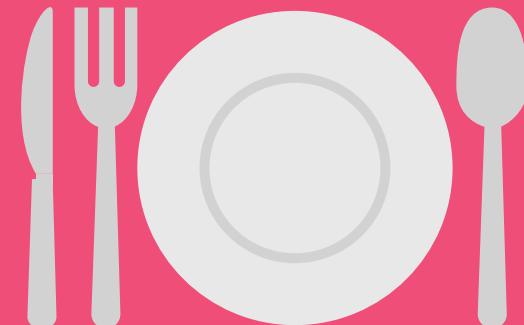
MENU :
SWISS BAKED CHICKEN
RICE
SALAD, ROLLS
DESSERTS



ESSEX COMMUNITY DINNER

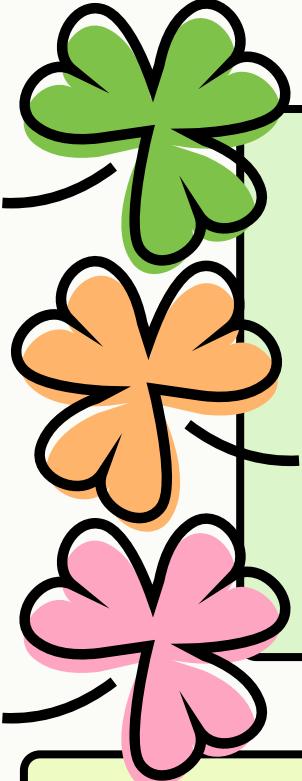
ESSEX COMMUNITY
DINNERS ARE
PROVIDED IN ORDER
TO GROW AND
PROMOTE
COMMUNITY!
BY DONATION

FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 13TH
5:30PM
AT THE HOLY
FAMILY PARISH
CENTER



ST. PIUS X ST. PATRICK'S DAY SENIOR LUNCHEON

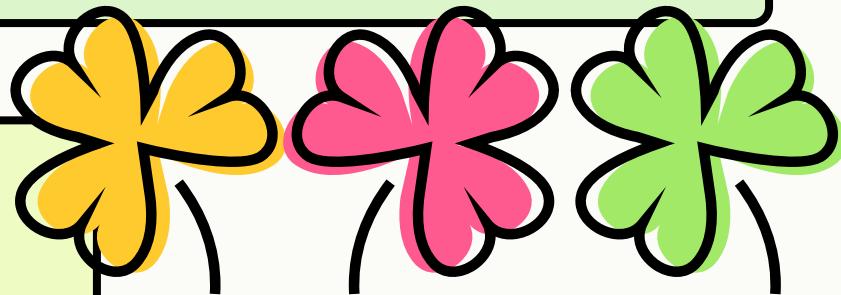
**TUESDAY, MARCH 17 AT NOON
20 JERICHO RD. ESSEX, VT 05452**



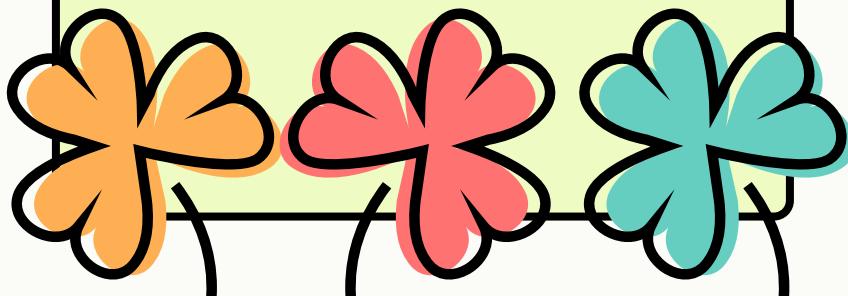
**Traditional Corned Beef Meal,
Dessert & Entertainment!**

**100 Tickets available and must be
purchased by March 13th**

Price: \$10.00



**Purchase at
February & March
senior luncheons at
St Pius**



ART CLASSES

LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES WITH
TINA LOGAN AT HER STUDIO!
SIGN UP AT
REGISTRATION.EJRP.ORG OR
CALL 802-878-1375!



156 RAILROAD STREET, SUITE 6
ESSEX JUNCTION, VT 05452

HANDMADE VALENTINE MAKING

MAKE ONE OF A KIND HANDMADE VALENTINES FOR YOUR LOVED ONES
USING COLLAGE AND ASSORTED MIXED MEDIA. THIS CLASS HAS AN
AFTERNOON AND AN EVENING SESSION FOR YOU TO CHOOSE
FROM. SESSION OPTION FOR THIS CLASS

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11
SESSION 1: 1-3PM
SESSION 2: 6-8PM
\$30 PER SESSION



PET PORTRAITS

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL PET THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HONOR BY
MAKING A PET PORTRAIT OF THEM? BRING A PHOTO TO CLASS AND
CREATE A PAINTED VERSION OF YOUR PET PORTRAIT USING YOUR
OWN ARTISTIC LICENSE. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY, JUST INTEREST
AND LOVE OF ANIMALS!

MONDAY FEBRUARY 16
6-8PM
\$35 PER PERSON



contact the Brownell Library for more information on any of these programs!

802-878-6955 Adult, 802-878-6956 Youthfrontdesk@brownelllibrary.org

**Vermont
Astronomical
Society**

FEATURED TALK &
CONSTELLATION
OF THE MONTH

FIRST MONDAY
OF THE MONTH

7:30-9PM

IN PERSON AND
ON ZOOM - ASK
FOR THE LINK!







GRIEF GROUP
Finding Support Together

Guided by certified death doula Karen Hergesheimer, our conversations offer understanding, education, and valuable resources to help you through this journey.

First Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7:30
hot tea provided

**AARP TAX AIDE
APPOINTMENTS**



Call Brownell Library to make
your AARP tax appt!
802-878-6955

LONE WOMEN
LIBRARIAN'S
CHOICE
**Book
Discussion**
February 14, 2-3pm



JOIN YOUTH LIBRARIAN RIVER WEST FOR A HORROR-WESTERN MASHUP PERFECT FOR VALENTINE'S HATERS: 1915 MONTANA, A DETERMINED HOMESTEADER, AND ONE VERY MYSTERIOUS STEAMER TRUNK SHE REFUSES TO OPEN. WHAT'S ADELAIDE HENRY HIDING? AND COULD HER SECRET BE EXACTLY WHAT SHE NEEDS TO SURVIVE THE BRUTAL FRONTIER? COPIES OF THE BOOK ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY TO PICK UP AHEAD OF TIME AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED DURING THE PROGRAM.

**Monday
Computer
Technology Help**



**1 on 1 sessions
for Tech Help**



Schedule a meeting at the Front Desk

MUST READ MONDAYS



February 23
6:30-7:30pm



B BROWNELL NEWS N

Current Events

TUESDAYS 10-11:30AM



ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY
LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND WORLD EVENTS
STAY INFORMED



DISCUSS CURRENT EVENTS WITH COMMUNITY ME

BRAIN GAMES!

FEBRUARY SUDOKU

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2	6	3		9	4	1	
1		2		7		8	
	8	1		6			3
7		4			8		6
6				4	1	7	
1		2		4		8	
	7	3	6		1	2	5
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FEBRUARY WORD SCRAMBLE

HERBS & SPICES

Word Scramble

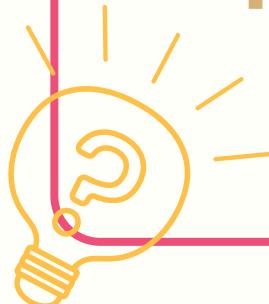
DIRECTIONS: All of the scrambled words below are herbs and spices. Can you put the letters in the right order to spell the different words correctly?

COCIIERL	
RWCAAAY	
VAYORS	
YLPASRE	
RGINEG	
DELANEVR	
RSFNAOF	
CREVHLI	
SBLAI	
MEHYT	
FNELEN	
NARCITOL	
LPELIACS	
UGMETN	
RCURY	
NYECANE	
IAESN	
NORICDAER	
TOAGRRNA	
AAPPKRI	
MAERYRSO	
RGONEAO	
MNACIONN	
VLOEC	
ERCTURIM	

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FEBRUARY TRIVIA!

What is the capital of Canada?

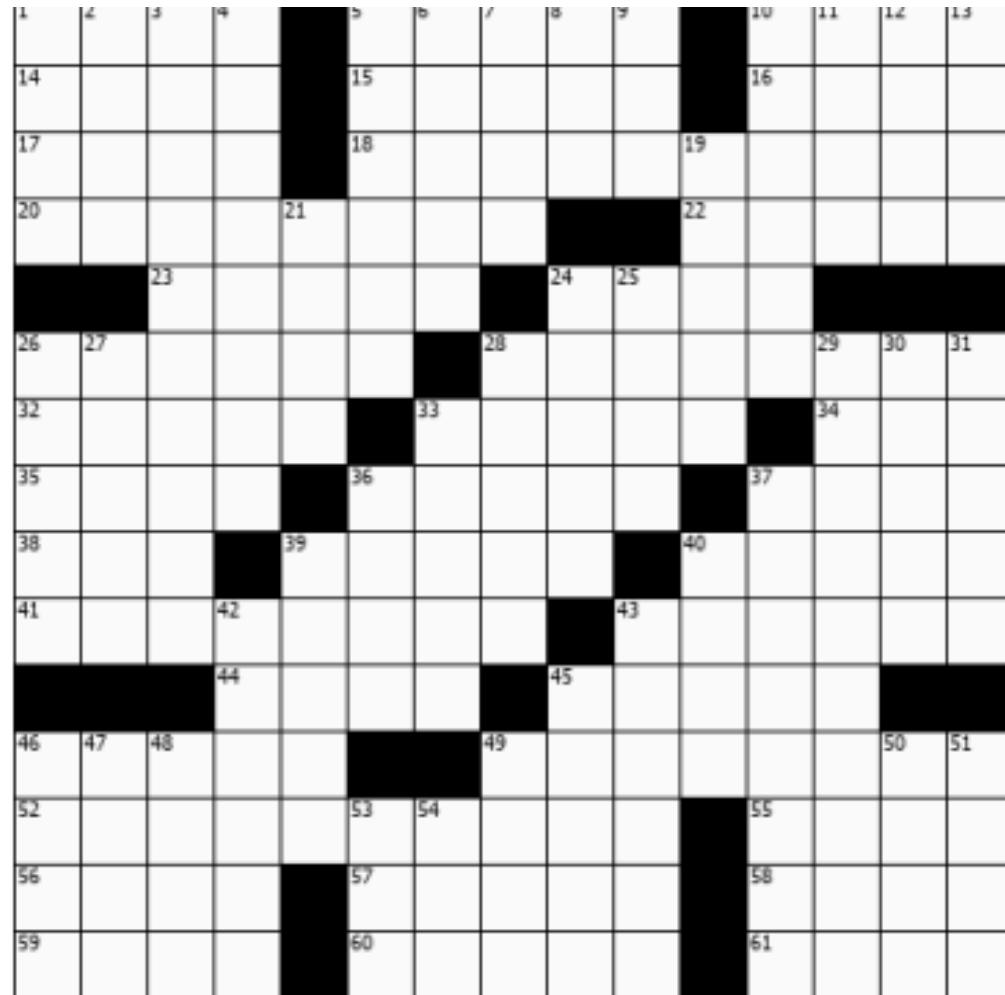


Answer key on page 23

CROSSWORD

Across

1. Shares
5. Homer king until '98
10. Bit of bickering
14. Yearn
15. Get up
16. Rossini song
17. Flutter
18. Used
20. Walkman plug-in
22. Dishwasher cycle
23. Ross of Motown
24. Gondola, e.g.
26. Tranquillizers' opposite
28. Lopez or Grey
32. Org. founded on Lincoln's birthday
33. Duck sound
34. Long-term investment
35. Preserve, as meat
36. Bizarre
37. Kind of poker
38. Abbr. on a key
39. Double agents
40. Jackson or James
41. Shuttle cargoes
43. Gridiron specialist
44. Building extensions
45. Doctor in the service
46. Put on a show
49. Rescinder
52. Farms
55. The Jewel of the East
56. Augury
57. Japanese immigrant
58. Exam for would-be atty.
59. Await action
60. Hearing shower
61. Salinger girl

**Down**

1. Bistro
2. Basketball power under John Wooden
3. Arbitrator
4. Part of stage scenery
5. Bricklayers
6. Hippodrome
7. Sake base
8. Bar opening
9. D.C. VIP
10. Gauguin's island
11. Place avoided by Rushdie
12. Fifties auto feature
13. Go dim
19. Swallowed
21. Instrument for a Marx Brother
24. Chicago eleven
25. A single time
26. Remove the lid
27. Prentiss or Poundstone
28. Isle of Wight settlers
29. Top of the line
30. Rub out
31. More crude
33. British moola
36. Scorpio stone
37. Open to dispute
39. Shoe bottoms
40. New Testament book
42. Map table
43. Stomach enzyme
45. Euripides tragedy
46. Hit the mall
47. Big reference volume
48. Congregation affirmation
49. File
50. Jack of Westerns
51. Ceremony
53. Spasm
54. Suffix with lion

Answer key on page 23

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORT

A Vermont State Park Visitor's Pass Discount
Program for Seniors & Veterans

What is the passport for?

- Free admission to VT State Parks (overnight camping and other park fees are excluded)
- Free admission to Vermont State Historic Sites
- Free admission to events that are fully State-sponsored

Who is eligible?



- Must be a legal resident of the Vermont town or city in which you are applying
- Must be either 62 years of age or older, or a veteran of the uniformed services

How do I get a Green Mountain Passport card?

- Fill out an application at your local City or Town Clerk's Office
- Pay a one-time, \$2 fee to the municipal clerk
- Receive your Green Mountain Passport Card!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE GREEN MOUNTAIN
PASSPORT CARD, CONTACT
YOUR LOCAL CITY OR TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VERMONT STATE PARKS,
VISIT VTSTATEPARKS.COM**

AGE WELL CORNER



CAPABLE Program COMMUNITY AGING IN PLACE ADVANCING BETTER LIVING FOR ELDERS



Designed to help older adults function safely in their homes

SERVICES:

- 6 home visits from an Occupational Therapist
- 4 home visits from a registered nurse
- Minor home repair, modifications, & assistive devices

Teams comprised of an occupational therapist, a registered nurse, and a handyperson to help older adults identify their own self-care goals which can decrease hospitalization and healthcare costs

ELIGIBILITY:

- 60 years of age or older
- Live in Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, or Grand Isle counties
- Have some difficulty with any ADL (such as bathing, dressing, grooming, eating, walking across a small room)
- Cognitively intact
- Not receiving active cancer treatment or pending surgery
- Not terminally ill
- Income eligible - call for more information



Questions & Referrals: 1-800-642-5119



Age Well is a nonprofit organization that serves Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, and Grand Isle Counties and is the largest Meals on Wheels provider in Vermont. Our mission is to provide the support and guidance that inspires our community to embrace aging with confidence. To learn more and donate, visit: agewellvt.org

HOLY FAMILY FEBRUARY LUNCHEONS

Meal provided to individuals 60+ years of age*

WHEN & WHERE

MONDAYS FEBRUARY 9 AND 23, 2026

CHECK IN: 11:30 LUNCH: 12:00

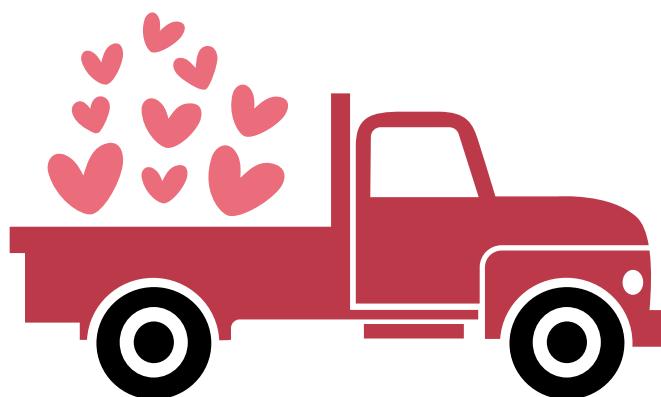
HOLY FAMILY PARISH
30 LINCOLN ST ESSEX JCT

FEBRUARY 9

PORK & VEGETABLE STEW, FOUR
BEAN MEDLEY,
BISCUIT, PINEAPPLE

FEBRUARY 23

CHEESE RAVIOLI WITH MEAT SAUCE,
MIXED VEGETABLES, WHEAT BREAD,
FRUITY YOGURT PARFAIT



\$7 suggested
donation
Please reserve
your seat
1 week ahead

CITY COUNCILORS WILL BE
JOINING US FOR LUNCH ON
FEB 23!

Contact

Julie Shorter, Program Director

802- 878-1375 ext. 1553

jshorter@ejrp.org

Please register 1 week in advance

No takeout available

\$7 suggested donation per meal

*Age Well registration required



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TOWN MEADOW LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 10

Available to individuals 60+ years of age*

MENU:

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS,
SPINACH, WHEAT ROLL,
MANDARIN ORANGES IN JELLO

WHEN:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

CHECK IN: 11:30

LUNCH SERVED: 12:00

NO DELIVERY AVAILABLE \$7

SUGGESTED DONATION

\$7

SUGGESTED
DONATION

Reservation required
by 2/4



Where:

Essex Town Meadow Senior Housing
22 Carmichael St., Essex

Contact:

MJ Merchant

Merchant@cathedralsquare.org

802-859-8866

*Age Well registration required.



RESTAURANT TICKET PROGRAM

Older adults can make an **\$8 donation** to receive a ticket to dine at one of the participating establishments.

Tickets are non-refundable, non-transferable and must be used by the person noted on the ticket. Tickets are good through Sept 30th. Tickets are available at any Age Well office or you can call 802-662-5200 for more information. Upon arrival, present your Age Well ticket to your host/server. They will then give you the special Age Well menu which has been reviewed and is compliant with the Older American's Act guidelines. All other members of your party will select from the regular menu at regular price. Substitutions are not allowed. Any extra items or substitutions ordered will be charged at full price. **Please note that gratuity is not included with the tickets.**

PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS *as of January 1, 2026*

Addison County

3 Squares Cafe: 141 Main St, Vergennes

Available Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday | 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Halfway House: 450 VT Route 22A, Shoreham

Available Monday-Thursday | 5:00 am - 8:00 pm – Breakfast served all day.

Chittenden County

Innovation Cafe: 128 Lakeside Ave, Burlington

Available Monday - Friday | 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

The Dutch Mill Family Restaurant: 4309 Shelburne Rd, Shelburne

Available Monday - Friday | 7:30 am - 2:00 pm

Ray's Seafood Market: 7 Pinecrest Dr, Essex Junction

Available Sunday - Wednesday | 11:00 am - 3:30 pm (Labor Day-Memorial Day)

Zachary's Pizza: 197 US-7, Milton | 1250 Williston Rd, S. Burlington | 133 Heineberg Dr, Colchester

Available Monday - Friday | 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Franklin/Grand Isle County

Kraemer & Kin: 3517 Us-2, North Hero - DOES NOT ACCEPT TICKETS IN THE WINTER

Please call ahead or visit their website for current hours <https://www.kraemernandkin.com>

Greenwood Deli & Bakery: 101 Main St, Richford

Available Wednesdays Lunch 11:30 am-3:00 pm and Friday Breakfast 9:00 am-11:00 am

Wally's Place : 260 Route 2, South Hero

Available Wednesday, Thursday & Friday | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Dairy Center: 2445 Sampsonville Rd, Enosburg

Available Monday - Friday | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

TRANSPORTATION



SSTA BUS OPTION



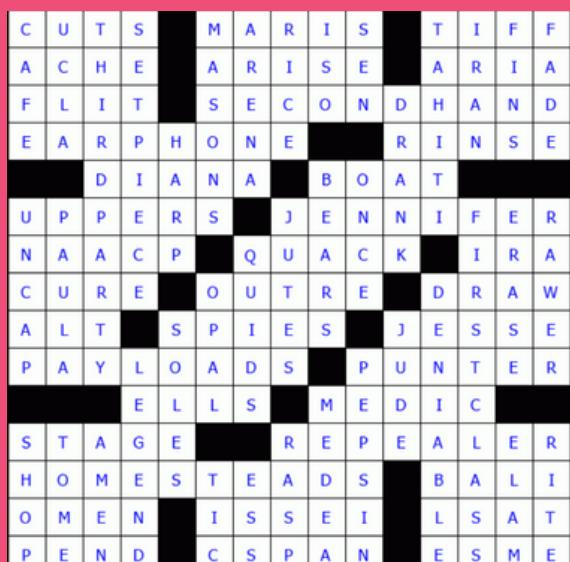
The Special Service Transportation Agency (SSTA) offers an ADA paratransit program for residents who live within 3/4 of a mile from a fixed route bus service, provided by Green Mountain Transit (GMT), and have a disability that prevents them from walking to or waiting for a bus.

Regarding the mile threshold, almost all of the City of Essex Junction qualifies with exceptions being a handful of households within neighborhoods at the western end of South Street, Cascade Street, and Dunbar Drive and a few households at the northern edge of Old Colchester Road. In order to utilize the service, an application must be completed and processed in advance (can take up to three weeks). Applicants will need a certified healthcare professional to verify their disability. Check with SSTA for current pricing.

The application and further information can be found here:
<https://ridegmt.com/paratransit-application/>

If you are not sure if you qualify for the paratransit program or know that you do not, you should call SSTA (802-878-1527) to inquire about what transportation options may be available to you.

Crossword Answer



Sudoku Answer

3	5	7	4	1	8	9	6	2
8	2	6	3	7	9	4	1	5
4	1	9	2	5	6	7	3	8
2	8	1	9	6	7	5	4	3
7	9	4	1	3	5	8	2	6
6	3	5	8	4	2	1	7	9
1	6	2	5	9	4	3	8	7
9	7	3	6	8	1	2	5	4
5	4	8	7	2	3	6	9	1

Word Scramble Answers

OGLOANB	BOLOGNA
RMBGUERHA	HAMBURGER
TMEYLTAPT	PATTY MELT
TALBMLAE	MEATBALL
EESCHETAESK	CHEESESTEAK
RUANZ	RUNZA
EARSFBKAT	BREAKFAST
NUBREE	REUBEN
UMBAISRNE	SUBMARINE
ERLDIS	SLIDER
NAUT	TUNA
BCUL	CLUB
EBCFNEREOD	CORNED BEEF
DCPNIRHFE	FRENCH DIP
DVERNE	DENVER
GALGEDSA	EGG SALAD
STEKA	STEAK
MNESOIOTCRT	MONTE CRISTO
YSJOOPLEP	SLOPPY JOE

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ENTERTAINMENT!

WHAT'S NEW ON NETFLIX



- [Crazy, Stupid, Love. \(2011\)](#) – Romantic comedy following a middle-aged husband whose life changes dramatically when his wife asks for a divorce, leading him to seek help from a young womanizer to rediscover his manhood.
- [Letters to Juliet \(2010\)](#) – Romantic drama about an American girl on vacation in Italy who finds an unanswered “letter to Juliet” and goes on a quest to find the elderly author’s long-lost love.



FEBRUARY'S BOOK PICK

Title: The Housemaid **Author:** Freida McFadden

Millie is a young and beautiful woman who applies and is offered a job as a live-in housekeeper for a wealthy couple, Nina and Andrew Winchester. For Millie, who has a criminal record, it's a fantastic job -- until it's not. In this fun and quick-paced psychological thriller, Millie wonders what type of people she's really working for...

YIELDS 2 SERVINGS
PREP TIME: 15 MIN
TOTAL TIME: 20 MINS

INGREDIENTS

- 1/3 CUP ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR
- 3 TABLESPOONS DUTCH-PROCESSED COCOA, SIFTED
- 1/2 TEASPOON BAKING POWDER
- 1/4 CUP GRANULATED SUGAR
- 1/4 CUP PACKED LIGHT BROWN SUGAR
- 1/4 CUP WHOLE MILK
- 1 TABLESPOON VEGETABLE OIL, SUCH AS AVOCADO
- 1 1/2 TEASPOONS INSTANT ESPRESSO POWDER

COOKING CORNER

CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER MUG CAKES



- 1 TEASPOON VANILLA EXTRACT
- 1 LARGE EGG
- 2 1/2 TABLESPOONS CREAMY PEANUT BUTTER, DIVIDED
- VANILLA ICE CREAM
- CHOPPED SALTED COCKTAIL PEANUTS AND FLAKY SEA SALT, FOR GARNISH
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Recipe from:
<https://www.foodandwine.com/chocolate-peanut-butter-mug-cakes-8779368>

INSTRUCTIONS

- Whisk together flour, cocoa, and baking powder in a small bowl until well combined. Whisk together granulated sugar, brown sugar, milk, oil, espresso powder, vanilla, egg, and 1 1/2 tablespoons peanut butter in a medium bowl until well combined. Whisk flour mixture into sugar mixture until mostly smooth and well combined (some very small lumps are okay).
- Divide batter evenly between 2 (12-ounce) microwavable mugs. Evenly divide and dollop remaining 1 tablespoon peanut butter in center of batter in each mug.
- Microwave cakes, 1 at a time, on HIGH until tops are just set and a wooden pick inserted into center comes out with just some moist crumbs, 50 seconds to 1 minute and 10 seconds. (If cake is still underdone after 50 seconds, microwave on HIGH in 5- to 10-second intervals, as needed [see Note]; it's normal for cake to rise and then sink slightly once removed from the microwave). Wipe sides and rims of mugs clean using a damp paper towel, if desired. Let cake stand at room temperature 5 minutes.
- Top each cake with a scoop of ice cream. Garnish with peanuts and flaky sea salt.

FEBRUARY 2026 CALENDAR

SUN.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
1	2 9-10AM BONE BUILDERS 9-10AM “LIFTING” SPIRITS 11AM-12PM WALKING CLUB	3 10-11:30AM CURRENT EVENTS 10AM-1PM BINGO	4 12PM SENIOR LUNCH AT ST PIUS 1:30-3:30PM CRIBBAGE 6:30-7:30PM GRIEF GROUP	5 9-10AM BONE BUILDERS 9:30-10:30AM ZUMBA GOLD 12:30-4PM DUPLICATE BRIDGE	6 10AM-12PM MAH JONGG	7
8 2-3:30PM GIRL SCOUTS VISIT	9 9-10AM “LIFTING” SPIRITS 9-10AM BONE BUILDERS 11AM-12PM WALKING CLUB 11:30-1PM AGE WELL LUNCH AT HOLY FAMILY	10 10-11:30AM CURRENT EVENTS 10AM-1PM BINGO 11:30-1PM AGE WELL LUNCH AT TOWN MEADOW	11 1:30-3:30PM CRIBBAGE 1-3PM OR 6-8PM HANDMADE VALENTINE MAKING	12 9-10AM BONE BUILDERS 9:30-10:30AM ZUMBA GOLD 12:30-4PM DUPLICATE BRIDGE	13 10AM-12PM MAH JONGG 11AM-12PM WALKING CLUB	14
15	16 9-10AM “LIFTING” SPIRITS 9-10AM BONE BUILDERS 11AM-12PM WALKING CLUB 6-8PM PET PORTRAITS	17 10-11:30AM CURRENT EVENTS 10AM-1PM BINGO	18 1:30-3:30PM CRIBBAGE	19 9-10AM BONE BUILDERS 9:30-10:30AM ZUMBA GOLD 12:30-4PM DUPLICATE BRIDGE	20 10AM-12PM MAH JONGG 11AM-12PM WALKING CLUB	21
22	23 11:30-1PM AGE WELL LUNCH WITH CITY COUNCILORS 11AM-12PM WALKING CLUB	24 10-11:30AM CURRENT EVENTS 10AM-1PM BINGO	25 1:30-3:30PM CRIBBAGE	26 9-10AM BONE BUILDERS 12:30-4PM DUPLICATE BRIDGE	27 10AM-12PM MAH JONGG	28



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