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Essex Area Senior Center Newsletter

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PAGE 20 November Calendar "GRATITUDE IS THE INWARD FEELING OF KINDNESS RECEIVED. THANKFULNESS IS THE NATURAL IMPULSE TO EXPRESS THAT FEELING. THANKSGIVING IS THE FOLLOWING OF THAT IMPULSE."

- HENRY VAN DYKE





IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are partnering with Age
Well to offer meals by donation
on Mondays a few times a
month! See page 16 for details!
Julie will be away November 8th through
the 15th. Regular programming will still be
occurring. Please call the EJRP main
office with any questions during this time
802-878-1375

The last day of Walking Club will be October 30th. Thanks for a great Fall and look out for us in the Spring!

The Holy Family Parish Center is EASC's new programming space during the Lincoln Hall Renovations-Address: 28 Lincoln St. Essex Junction, VT 05452

CONTACT INFORMATION

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TEMPORARY LOCATIONS DETAILS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CENTER

-Tuesdays: Bingo (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)

-Wednesdays: Cribbage (1:00-3:00 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)

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.





SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY **PROGRAMMING**



MONDAYS:

No programming

TUESDAYS:

10AM-1:00PM - BINGO

- -FREE! Fun prizes!
- -Bring your own lunch, lunch break at 11:30AM



WEDNESDAYS:

1-3PM - Cribbage

- -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?

From Julie!

Chat with me in person or send me an email!

jshorter@ejrp.orgWhether it's regular weekly programming or a oneoff event, I'd love to hear your ideas and help bring them to life!

LEARN TO PLAY



MAH JONGG

ALWAYS WANTED TO LEARN?
NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!

ONE OF OUR SENIORS IS OFFERING A FREE 6 WEEK CLASS TO LEARN TO PLAY MAH JONGG

FRIDAYS 1-2:30PM
NOVEMBER 1ST-DECEMBER 13TH
NO CLASS NOVEMBER 29TH

IN THE KOLVOORD ROOM AT THE BROWNELL LIBRARY



SPACE IS LIMITED!
SIGN UP WITH JULIE SHORTER,
PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR OLDER ADULTS

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





OTHER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES



BONE BUILDERS



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.

WEDNESDAYS
AND FRIDAYS
9-10AM
UNITED GRACE
METHODIST
CHURCH
130 MAPLE ST

NO
REGISTRATION
REQUIREDREMEMBER TO
WEAR
COMFORTABLE
CLOTHING AND
BRING WATER!

ESSEX COMMUNITY DINNER

DINNERS ARE
PROVIDED IN ORDER
TO GROW AND
PROMOTE
COMMUNITY!

FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 8TH
5:30PM
AT THE HOLY
FAMILY PARISH
CENTER

GALORE
First Tuesday of every month





Come to the library to play board and card games with people of all ages.





BY DONATION

BY POPULAR DEMAND: TRIPS ARE BACK!



ANYTHING GOES THE MUSICAL AT MT. ABE UNION HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23!

THE DETAILS:

TIAM: DEPART IN SSTA VEHICLES FROM MAPLE STREET PARK PARKING LOT (75 MAPLE ST, ESSEX JUNCTION)

12PM: LUNCH RESERVATIONS AT SNAP'S
RESTAURANT IN BRISTOL, VT
1:20PM: DEPART SNAP'S FOR MT ABE UNION HIGH
SCHOOL

1:30PM: ARRIVE AT MT. ABE FOR MUSICAL 2PM: ANYTHING GOES BEGINS

4:30PM: DEPART MT. ABE FOR MAPLE STREET PARK

5:30PM: ESTIMATED TIME OF RETURN



SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY! \$50 PER PERSON

TICKET INCLUDES
TRANSPORTATION, LUNCH, AND
TICKET TO THE SHOW!
REGISTER ON EJRP.ORG OR
CALL EJRP'S OFFICE TO REGISTER
802-878-1375

ART CLASSES

STARTING THIS MONTH, WE WILL BE OFFERING ART CLASSES WITH

TINA LOGAN AT HER STUDIO! SIGN UP ON EJRP.ORG.

SEE JULIE FOR ASSISTANCE REGISTERING OR

CALL 802-878-1375!

HARVEST STILL-LIFE DRAWING





156 RAILROAD STREET.
ESSEX JUNCTION. VT 05452
HARVEST STILLLIFE PAINTING

USE PASTELS TO CREATE
BEAUTIFUL STILL-LIFE
DRAWING FROM AUTUMN'S
BOUNTY. NO EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY- ONLY INTEREST
AND ENTHUSIASM

CREATE A HARVEST INSPIRED PAINTING USING ACRYLIC OR GOUACHE PAINTS. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY-ONLY INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM

MONDAY NOVEMBER 4TH 10-11:30AM \$25 PER CLASS

MONDAY NOVEMBER 18TH
10AM-NOON

NEEDLE FELTED ORNAMENT MAKING

LEARN THE BASICS OF NEEDLE FELTING AND MAKE A NEEDLE FELTED ORNAMENT OR TWO. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY, JUST INTEREST AND CURIOSITY.



MONDAY DECEMBER 2ND 10-11:30AM, AND/OR

MONDAY DECEMBER 16TH 10-11:30AM

LOOKING AHEAD

HOLIDAY CARD MAKING

TUESDAY DECEMBER 3RD AFTER BING

1-3PM

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CENTER



COME AND CREATE SOME HANDMADE CARDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS! ALL MATERIALS WILL BE SUPPLIED FOR YOU!

SPACE IS LIMITED!
SIGN UP WITH JULIE
JSHORTER@EJRP.ORG
802-878-1375 EXT 1553



LETTERS TO SANTA

ESSEX JUNCTION RECREATION AND PARKS COLLECTS
LETTERS FOR SANTA AND HE NEEDS HELP RESPONDING
TO ALL THE KIDS!

DETAILS, TIME, AND SPACE ARE STILL IN THE WORKS
SO STAY TUNED!
CONTACT JULIE IF YOU'RE INTERSTED IN HELPING!

LOOKING AHEAD

DECEMBER'S SENIOR LUNCHEON!

BY DONATION

REMINDER THAT NOVEMBER'S LUNCHEON WILL BE ON 11/6, **RESERVATIONS ARE CLOSED!**



② NOON 20 JERICHO RD. ST. PIUS X ESSEX JUNCTION, VT 05452

SEASONED PORK LOIN, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, DESSERT

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY NOVEMBER 29TH

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

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





*LOOKING AHEAD

ESSEX HOLIDAY SENIOR LUNCHEON

HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF ESSEX

TURKEY DINNER WITH GRAVY, MASHED POTATOES, STUFFING, CRANBERRY SAUCE, SALAD, & PUMPKIN PIE

TICKETS ARE \$5 AND LIMITED!
AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS MONDAY-FRIDAY 8-4PM:

- ESSEX JUNCTION

 RECREATION AND PARKS

 OFFICE: 75 MAPLE STREET
- ESSEX JUNCTION CITY
 CLERK: 2 LINCOLN STREET
- ESSEX TOWN CLERK: 81 MAIN STREET

AND JULIE WILL HAVE THEM AT ALL WEEKLY SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMMING

ADL MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR WILL BE SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 11TH
12:15-1:30PM
AT THE BLUE RIBBON
PAVILION AT THE
CHAMPLAIN VALLEY
FAIRGROUNDS

BRAIN GAMES!

NOVEMBER SUDOKU

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NOVEMBER WORD SCRAMBLE

Thanksgiving Word Scramble							
1. rcon							
2. ukppmin							
3. krueyt							
4. omfaylwer							
5. niwsebho							
6. ciarrrbesne							
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NOVEMBER TRIVIA!

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What year did "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" debut on television?



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Across

- Bottle stopper
- 5. Poker token
- 9. Like some lingerie
- the edge
- 14. Nitpickers split them
- 16. Bounce back
- Group of representatives
- 19. Wound mark
- 20. "Alice Doesn't Live Here "
- 21. Crack
- 23. Fireplace fodder
- "See eye to eye", e.g.
- 25. Untimely end
- Chest protector
- Clear of charges
- Speck in the sea
- 34. Except
- Floor it
- 37. Brewed drink
- Pledge of fidelity
- 41. Outer border
- 44. Surfer's ride
- 46. Lustrous fabric
- 47. Brady mom
- 48. Chris whose father starred in "CHiPs"
- 49. Really bad
- Personalize, in a way
- 55. Ness, e.g.
- 56. Game played on grass

- 58. Kind of shirt
- Make reparations
- 60. On the peak of
- 61. Big first for baby
- 62. Washstand vessel
- 63. Jane's "Grace and
- Frankie" co-star

Down

- Musical finale
- 2. Kind of mitt
- 3. Depend (on)
- Russian citadel
- Los Angeles team
- Despises
- Sundial number

- 8. Wartime opportunist
- Teaching sessions
- Stockpile
- 11. Burn a bit
- 12. Days of
- Like some remarks
- 18. Gander's mate
- iPhone assistant
- 25. Financial worry
- 26. Affluent outlying area
- 27. "Easy Rider" ride
- 28. Animal in a roundup
- 29. Commotion
- Higher court
- Cousin of a gull

- Exhume
- 39. London cafe

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- **40.** Do damage to
- 42. Animal ailment
- 43. Without end
- 45. Bearlike marsupial
- 48. Tubular pasta
- 49. Heidi's home
- Send packing
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- Pro's foe
- Stringed instrument of old
- 54. Get a look at
- 57. Palindromic exclamation

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 Statesponsored

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





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 PARISH NOVEMBER LUNCHEONS

Meal provided to individuals 60+ years of age.



Check in: 11:30 Lunch: 12:00

Holy Family Parish

30 Lincoln St Essex Jct

CONTACT & REGISTRATION

Julie Shorter Program Director 802-878-1375 ext 1553 jshorter@ejrp.org No takeout available \$5 suggested donation per meal.

NOVEMBER 18

Thanksgiving meal: Roast turkey w/gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, sliced carrots, dinner roll, pumpkin pie w/cream & milk

NOVEMBER 25

Beef steak w/sauce, baked beans, italian vegetables, wheat bread, mandarin oranges w/cream & milk

















AGE WELL CORNER



RESTAURANT TICKET PROGRAM

Program Overview: Age Well has partnered with restaurants in various VT counties to offer nutritious meals to people aged 60+. Individuals can register, donate for a ticket, and dine at one of the restaurants with family/friends on their own time.

Cost: The suggested donation is \$5 per ticket.

Ticket Usage: 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.

PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS:

- -The Dutch Mill Family Restaurant: 4309 Shelburne Rd in Shelburne
- (Available Monday-Friday 7:30am 2:00pm)
- -Halfway House: 450 VT-22A in Shoreham
- (Available Monday-Thursday 5:00am 8:00pm)
- -Ray's Seafood Market: 7 Pinecrest Dr in Essex Junction
- (Available Sunday-Wednesday 11:00am 3:30pm Labor Day-Memorial Day)
- -3 Squares Cafe: 141 Main St in Vergennes
- (Available Monday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday 8:00am 5:00pm)
- -Greenwood Deli & Bakery: 101 Main St in Richford
- (Now Taking Restaurant Tickets: Wednesdays Lunch (11:30am-3pm), Fridays Breakfast (9am-11am)
- -Wally's Place: 260 Rte 2 in South Hero
- (Available Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10am-2pm Labor Day-Memorial Day)
- -Kraemer & Kin: 230 Rt 129 in Alburgh
- (Closed January 1 March 31)
- (Available Thursdays/Fridays 3:00pm 8:00pm , Saturday 11:00am 8:00pm,
- Sunday 10:00am-3:00pm)
- -Rockers Pizzeria: 191 Main St in Vergennes
- (Available Monday-Friday 11:00am 4:00pm)
- -The Bridge Restaurant: 8013 Rte 17 in Addison
- (Available Wednesday-Sunday 11:00am-Close (Labor Day-April 30th)
- Wednesday and Thursday 11:00am-Close (May 1st-Labor Day)

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE AGE WELL OFFICE AT 875 ROOSEVELT HWY, STE. 210 IN COLCHESTER

CALL 802-662-5200 FOR MORE INFORMATION

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. The cost per ride for the user is \$2.50.

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

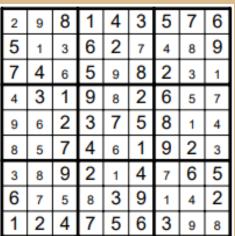
If you are not sure if you qualify for the paratransit program or know that you do not, you should call SSTA (802-878-1527) to inquire about what transportation options may be available to you.

If you would like assistance making this call and understanding your options, an EJRP staff member would be happy to help you (802-878-1375).

Crossword Answer



Sudoku Answer



TRIVIA ANSWER: 1973

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Word Scramble Answers



ENTERTAINMENT!

WHAT'S NEW ON NETFLIX

- Fall Into Winter (2023) Lori Loughlin headlines this Christmas rom-com.
- Whitney (2018) Documentary using archival footage and interviews looking into the life of the renowned artist Whitney Houston.



NOVEMBER'S BOOK PICKS FROM OUR SENIORS!

Title: The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency

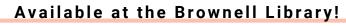
Author: Alexander McCall-Smith

The first of the series, the characters are delightful with intriguing puzzles and a warm feel for the local, Botswana.

We all remember that great day in 1969 when man first walked on the Moon. "One Giant Leap" by Charles Fishman tells the story of the little details that over many years made those first steps possible.

> Title: One Giant Leap Author: Charles Fishman

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COOKING CORNER

NO BAKE THANKSGIVING COOKIES!

INGREDIENTS

Round Chocolate Cookies (thin mints work great!).

- Chocolate Covered Sunflower Seeds
- 1 Tablespoon Chocolate Chips
- Candy Eyes

EASY AND FUN TO MAKE WITH

GRANDKIDS!



TOTAL TIME: 15 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Place cookies on a flat surface such as a cutting board. Step 2: Place chocolate chips into the corner of a resealable sandwich bag, but don't seal. Place them into the microwave and microwave for 30 seconds on high power. Knead chocolate chips. Return to the microwave for an additional 30 seconds, checking every 15 seconds and kneading until completely melted.

Step 3: Snip the corner of the bag and twist so you have a piping bag. Pipe a small amount of chocolate onto the cookies. You'll need 5 feathers at the outer edge, and 2 eyes in the center. Finally, add the beak and red snood. Let set for chocolate to harden before serving.



Have something you'd like to add to the next newsletter? See Julie or email her at jshorter@ejrp.org!

NO PROGRAMS