

Welcome to our new Director, *Juli Moreno!*



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Mask Policy Update:

Due to the ongoing unpredictability of COVID-19 virus cases and the vulnerable population that we serve, **The Senior Center will still require everyone who enters our building to wear an appropriate face covering over their mouth and nose at all times. Masks will not be required during outdoor activities.**

Juli Moreno comes to The Senior Center director position with a great deal of experience and passion for serving elders and their families in the community. Juli graduated from Texas Women's University with a degree in Expressive Therapy. She has worked as a therapist in hospitals, community settings, residential programs, and day treatment centers. After obtaining a master's in Organizational Management, Juli was a Director for an Adult Day Health Center, and was most recently Director of Adult and Support Services for the United Arc.



Having received a certificate in Fall Prevention, she facilitates balance workshops and instructs professionals on implementing home modifications, so elders can remain safely in their homes. Juli was part of a UMass LIFE grant to address elder isolation and suicide, which resulted in community events to promote knowledge of resources and support. Juli is looking forward to serving and working with The Senior Center family and hopes to contribute to the vision in supporting the community to reach all goals and dreams.

A Musical Performance by Lenny Zarcone

Tuesday, May 17 at 1:00 at Buckland Rec. Pavilion

Local musician Lenny Zarcone will be performing the hit songs of Frank Sinatra, Jazz Standards, the Beatles and more for seniors to enjoy outdoors under the Buckland Rec. Pavilion, located at 66 Ashfield Road in Buckland. This event is free of cost, made possible by a grant from the Shelburne Cultural Council and Senior Center Gift account. **Pre-registration is required.**

Special Event: Hip Hop Chair Dance Monday, June 13 at 11:00

Join Rondae Drafts, Executive Director of MusicDance.edu, as she brings her Hip Hop Chair Dance class to the Senior Center once again. During this class, participants will exercise and dance to upbeat Hip Hop music, all from their chair! Props will be used to crank up the fun. This program is free of cost, made possible by a grant from the Buckland Cultural Council. **Pre-registration is required.**

Community Legal Workshop

Wednesday, May 25, 1:00

Christine Khamis and Wendy Kane from Community Legal Aid's Elder Unit will give a vir-

tual presentation on the services that Community Legal Aid and its Elder Unit offer, as well as on upcoming changes to SNAP benefits and how folks can make sure that they are getting all the possible deductions to maximize their SNAP benefits. Community Legal Aid is the free civil legal aid provider for residents of the five counties of central and western MA. The mission of Community Legal Aid is to improve the lives of low-income and elderly people through legal assistance that protects fundamental rights, secures access to basic needs, and challenges policies and practices that harm its clients. Program is free to all. **Pre-register by May 23**

CISA Farm Share Program

The Senior Center will once again be working with Sue Atherton of The Atherton Farm to offer 17 farm shares to seniors through the CISA Farm Share program this summer! Those age 60+ who meet income eligibility requirements have the opportunity to receive fresh local produce for at least 10 weeks throughout the summer months. Cost is a one-time fee of \$10 during enrollment. If you receive SNAP benefits the fee can be paid using your EBT card. **Shares are limited and will be distributed through a lottery on June 1st.**

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Senior Center and member Councils on Aging is to enrich the lives of residents in the community as they age by designing support networks, identifying and meeting their needs and interests, and providing services and programs in welcoming, respectful, and safe environments.

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Senior Center Foundation News

By: Margaret Payne,

President of The Senior Center Foundation

Once again, I want to express my gratitude for the generosity that we always experience from our donors. In our most recent appeal, we received \$16,700 in gifts given through the Foundation for the support of the Senior Center. This year 135 people made it a priority to give a donation for this important work. These folks - you included - make up the community of support that keeps us moving toward our vision of enlarged space that will help to meet the needs that are so essential for our seniors. You will be glad to hear that in 2021 there were 34 new donors who joined us!

Do you ever wonder where all that money goes? The gifts that are unrestricted make it possible for the Foundation to give \$10,000 each year to the Senior Center budget. Beyond that, the Foundation provides funding from time to

time for meals and special needs. In the last two years you enabled us to give the Center \$20,000 to cover the many additional expenses to keep things going during COVID. Some of the items were PPE equipment, air purifiers and an upgrade of the computer system to help reach and equip more elders. Recently we approved an additional \$2,500 to be used for the purchase of good quality masks and home COVID tests specifically for the seniors of our three towns.

Throughout the year, and during appeals, donors sometimes designate gifts for the Foundation's Capital fund. This is money set aside in a fund that is being built up to assure that we will have the resources to find solutions to the limits of our present Senior Center facility. Almost \$2500 was donated to that fund in the fall appeal. As the warm weather finally makes a stand against winter, and the battle against COVID includes more medical ways to protect all of us from serious illness, we look forward to more opportunities for seniors to enjoy the programs, trips, services and relief from isolation that The Senior Center provides.

Thanks for all your help!

The Senior Center's Transportation Program On Call Bus Drivers Wanted

The Senior Center is looking for on call bus drivers for our FRTA vans. Drivers work from the Senior Center to transport Seniors over 60 from West County Towns to medical appointments, Senior Center events and shopping trips to Greenfield. Drivers will have to complete training through FRTA. For more information contact our Director of Transportation, Bob Szafran, at 625-2502

We provide curb-to-curb Van Transportation by contract with the FRTA, for residents age 60+ of Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Hawley, Heath, Rowe, and Shelburne. Priority is for (non-emergency) medical rides and food shopping.

Please call the Center at 625-2502 to make an appointment at least 48 hours in advance or for more information. A short application with a copy of a photo ID is needed to be pre-approved for ridership. Fares range from \$.75-\$2.25 each way with a \$5 fare for WalMart (3rd Friday of the month). Big Y shopping (Tuesday or Thursday depending on town) is **FREE**.

FRTA arranges rides to out of county medical appointments. Call the FRTA at 774-2262 x163 for information and reservations and for information regarding their fixed route between Charlemont and Greenfield with stops in Buckland and Shelburne.

LifePath has a volunteer escorted transportation program, Rides for Health, for active LifePath clients only. This program can provide rides for out of area medical appointments. Contact LifePath at 413-773-5555 for more information.

A very special thank you

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programs

Senior Learning Network Virtual Programs ☎

SLN programs will no longer be streaming to people's homes. Instead, programs will be shown inside of The Senior Center. Spots are limited, pre-registration required. Call us at 625-2502 for more information on the programs below and to pre-register.

Tuesday, May 10, 2:00p.m.

"Exploring Southeast Arizona National Parks"

Tuesday, May 24, 2:00p.m.

"Virtual Tour with National Air & Space Museum"

Tuesday, June 21, 2:00p.m.

"Casa Grande Ruins National Monument"

Movies ☎

Movies are free. There will be a limit of 20 attendees for each movie showing. Please pre-register by the Thursday before each showing.



"Eddie"

May 31, 1:00 pm

A British drama about an 80-year-old widow, whose daughter wants to move her to a retirement home. Eddie had always wanted to climb in the Scottish Highlands. Now, 30 years later, she decides to make the trip alone. Takes place in Northern Scottish Highlands with stunning scenery. Stars Sheila Hancock. 102 min.

"West Side Story"

June 28, 1:00 pm

2021 remake of the original 1961 musical film starring Asel Elgotas as Tony and Rachel Zegler as Maria. Produced by Steven Spielberg this musical features the stars as young lovers on opposite sides of a gang war. Rita Moreno, who was Anita in the '61 film, now plays the drugstore owner. 2 ½ hours

Yoga

Every Wednesday at 8:30

Class led by Larry Baird. Bring your own exercise mat. Free to Ashfield, Buckland, Shelburne seniors; others \$10/month

Exercise Classes on Falls Cable

If you have access to Falls Cable Channel 17, check out their daily listing on your TV or their website fallsable.com. Recordings of our exercise programs alternate weekdays at 9 a.m. with the RSVP Bones and Balance class airing Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Drumming Group ☎

Mondays at 1:00, (12:30 first Monday of the month)

Taught by Irene Baird. A group of drummers gather weekly to learn new drumming techniques and socialize. Space is limited. Call the Center at 625-2502 if you are interested in joining the group.

Tai Chi for Energy

Tuesdays at 10:00 at Trinity Church

Taught by Lois Bascom. This program promotes the opportunity to relax, refresh and revitalize. It will help you acquire better health, internal energy, and

the ability to manage stress. Great for beginners as well as those who have been practicing for a while. Wear comfortable clothing, shoes and bring your water bottle. Lois charges \$20/month for the program. If interested in joining or for more information, call her at 625-2970 or email her: lola621@comcast.net.

Free! Healthy Bones and Balance

Wednesdays at 10:00

Jane Wagener and Honey Boyden are the instructors as they have been in the past. This program is designed to increase participants' strength, mobility, flexibility, and balance.

Men's Night Meetings

Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month, from 5-7:30. They meet in the picnic area behind The Senior Center and carpool from there. After the visits, the group usually goes somewhere for supper. If interested in attending contact the group's leader, Don Bascom, at 625-2970. **May 11, June 8**

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention ☎

Thursdays at 9:00

Taught by Lois Bascom. The gentle, slow movements in this class help build back muscles, increase balance, strengthen the immune system, and more. Can be done seated or standing. Lois charges \$20/month for the program. If interested in joining or for more information. Call 625-2512. **Pre-registration necessary.** Limit: 10.

Knitting Group

Thursdays at 10:30

Whatever your project, come join the group if you enjoy knitting (or other hand work) and great conversation!

BINGO ☎

Thursdays at 12:30

Get added to the Bingo list.

French Conversations

Saturdays, April 2 to end of September at 2 pm (Save the dates)

Join locals Richard and Francoise Bennett on their lawn at 101 Main Street, Shelburne Falls to converse in French! Participants are asked to bring a folding chair. **Pre-register by email to: francoisebennett54@gmail.com** or leave a note in the mailbox with your name and phone number.

health services

COVID-19 Booster Clinics

Wednesday, May 11, 11:30-1:30

at the Senior Center

The Senior Center will be hosting this no-cost COVID-19 vaccine clinic. It is open to anyone over the age of 5 who needs a vaccine or booster and for people over the age of 55 who are eligible for their second booster shot. You can sign up ahead by calling the Senior Center and walk-ins are welcome. Vaccines are free but please bring your insurance card.

No-cost vaccines are provided by the MA Dept of Public Health and organized by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments on behalf of the Ashfield, Buckland and Shelburne Boards of Health.

On Wednesday May 11, 3-6pm – no-cost COVID-19 vaccine clinic at Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School

On Tuesday, May 3 from 12-4 at the Town Hall in Ashfield. Chief of Police Beth Bezio has a link for people to pre-register on.

Foot Care Clinics ☎

May 9, 23; June 13, 27 from 8:30-3:30

Registered Nurses from Foot Care by Nurses are providing foot care clinics at the Center. Appointments take up to 30 minutes and include nail clipping, callous removal, and a foot massage.

Cost for A/B/S residents is \$35, and \$45 for residents from outside towns. This program is partially subsidized by the Senior Center Foundation. (Reminder: No-call no-shows will be billed fee of \$10, as we are still billed for your time slot). **For home visits**, *which are the financial responsibility of the client,* call **413-367-8369**



Wednesday - "For the Birds" Drawing Class; Paula Parsons and Leanne Dowd

"Ask the Nurse"

May 24, 10:30 – 12; June 28, 10:30 - 12

A FRCOG nurse is available at The Senior Center every 4th Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. They can answer your health questions, take your blood pressure, check blood glucose levels, collect used needles and provide safe collection boxes for needle disposal. This service is provided through Buckland and Shelburne's Cooperative Public Health Service membership with FRCOG. For more information, contact Nurse Lisa White at (413) 665-1400, ext. 114.

outreach services

A Message from Leanne:

It is with very mixed emotions that I announce I will be leaving my position at The Senior Center at the end of May. It has truly been a privilege to be the Outreach Coordinator for Ashfield, Buckland and Shelburne seniors. You have let me into your lives for joyful moments, moments of crisis and all the moments in between and for that I will always be grateful. Your stories, your resilience, your sense of humor and your life experiences will forever remain in my heart. You are indeed what makes The Senior Center such a special place.

*My best wishes always,
Leanne*



Reminder: The Senior Center provides Outreach Services for residents of Ashfield, Buckland and Shelburne (A/B/S) only. Residents from other towns who need help with Fuel Assistance, Health Insurance, benefits applications, homecare, housing searches, connecting to local resources, or registering for Meals on Wheels can contact LifePath at (413) 773-5555.

SHINE Medicare Insurance ☎ Counseling

You can receive FREE and confidential information about your Health Insurance options from a SHINE counselor at The Senior Center. If you are new to Medicare, you should plan to enroll 3 months in advance of your 65th birthday. Call us at 625-2502 to schedule a SHINE appointment.

Home Repair Program ☎

A handyperson volunteer is available to do minor home repairs for seniors, such as replacing broken windows, small plumbing and electrical jobs and other repairs. This is a free service, available to residents of Ashfield, Buckland and Shelburne, but the senior is expected to purchase all needed parts and materials. Voluntary donations are accepted. If you have a project or if you are interested in volunteering to do home repairs, please call us.

This program is funded in part by a Title III grant from the Federal Administration for Community Living and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

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No-Cost Home Modifications Available ☎

Community Action of the Pioneer Valley has received a grant to offer the Older Adult Home Modification Program. This program allows low-income homeowners age 62+ living in Franklin and Hampshire counties to modify their homes at no cost. These home modifications can improve the general safety of your home, increase accessibility, and help you maintain your independence. Some examples of modifications include the installation of grab bars, railings, temporary ramps, transfer benches, raised toilet seats, and more! Income eligibility guidelines shown below. **Contact Leanne.**

Gross Income Guidelines

# of People	Max Annual Income Allowed
1	\$54,601
2	\$71,401
3	\$88,201
4	\$105,001

Alzheimer's Support Services

Caregiver Support Group ☎

May 2, June 6 from 2-3:30

A group for family members caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia meets the **first Monday of the month**, unless there is a Monday holiday. The group will meet either in-person or on Zoom, depending on the current state of COVID-19. Outreach Coordinator Leanne Dowd and Social Worker Dianna Young facilitate the group. Call for initial visit.

The West County Memory Café ☎

Fridays, May 27, June 24 from 12:00-1:30

The Café will be held outdoors at the Buckland Recreation Area, 66 Ashfield Street, Buckland for **May and June only**. The Café is a monthly gathering of individuals with memory loss and their care partner. Come and enjoy some lunch, an activity, socialization and meet others experiencing similar challenges. There is no charge to attend.

Both of these support programs are funded in part by a grant from the Federal Administration for Community Living and the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

Veterans' Support Services

There is a Veterans' Services representative available at the Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District in Greenfield. For questions or information, you can call them directly at (413) 772-1571.



Technology Resources

Technology Funds & Support Available for Seniors ☎

The Senior Center has a technology fund, made possible by a donation from Trinity Church, to help assist seniors with technology-related expenses. The Center also offers assistance with computers and smartphones.



Free Chromebook Computer Loans ☎

The Center has Chromebook laptops to loan out for A/B/S residents to use inside of their homes. The loan period starts at 1 week per person. Chromebooks are more user-friendly than typical laptops and are perfect for those who are unfamiliar with computers or just want to browse the web. **This program is free of cost.** Call to reserve a Chromebook. *Made possible by LifePath's Emergency Fund program and local donors.*

Free Outdoor Wi-Fi Hotspot Locations in West County

For those of you without internet access here is a list of free Wi-Fi hotspots that are available to you with your device and from the safety of your car: • 344 Main St, Ashfield • 32 Upper St, Buckland • 10 School St, Charlemont • 12 Main Rd, Colrain • 8 Pudding Hollow Rd, Hawley and 247 West Hawley Rd, Hawley • 18 Jacobs Rd, Heath • 1 East Main St., Town Hall, Heath • 3C School St, Monroe • 1207 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne

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"To Go" Tuesday Lunches ☎

There will be 2 drive-thru lunches offered in **twice in May and June**. (See our **Activity Calendar** for dates, times and menus). **Pre-registration is required** Drive up in front of The Senior Center between 12-1:30 and your meal will be handed to you. You don't even have to leave your car! Cost: \$3

"To Go" Wednesday Weekly Lifepath Lunches ☎

Monthly menus are available at the **Center**. **Pre-registration is required at least 48 hours prior**. Drive up in front of The Senior Center and your meal will be handed to you. You do not even have to leave your car! Suggested donation: \$3.

You May Qualify for SNAP Benefits! ☎

If your 1-person household has a gross monthly income of \$2,265 or less
If your 2-person household has a gross monthly income of \$3,052 or less

The Brown Bag program is a bag of groceries for low-income adults who are age 55+ (or younger with a documented disability) and is distributed on the **3rd Wednesday of the month at the Center from 2-3:30**. To apply, call the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts at 1-800-247-9632 or you can contact The Senior Center for help with the application. Upcoming Brown Bag days: **May 18, June 15**

The **West County Food Pantry** located at Cowell Gym in Shelburne is open **every Wednesday from 11-4**. Participants are welcome to come twice a month for a grocery pick up and every week for a produce-only pick up. Both indoor and curbside pickups available. Delivery available for Shelburne and Buckland residents. Custom orders can be placed by calling 413-773-5029 ext. 2.

The **Hilltown Churches Food Pantry**, located downstairs at the Congregational Church on Main Street in Ashfield, is open **every other Tuesday from 3-5 p.m.** The pantry is open for people to select their own groceries. Masks and social distancing are required while inside. The only requirement for accessing the food pantry is proof of residency in one of the towns that are served and a simple statement of need. The Food Pantry serves the 11 hill towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Hawley, Heath, Monroe, Plainfield, Rowe and Shelburne. There are no income requirements.

The Clothes Closet at Cowell Gym is open on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 11-4**.



Joanne Soroka, Phyllis Garland and Bev Neeley enjoy hearing about Red Gate Farm in Buckland from Assistant Farm Director, Jake Krain on a recent visit to the farm on a beautiful spring day.

Ashfield Council on Aging

The Council on Aging will resume meeting again for lunch on the **1st Thursday of each month at the First Congregational Church Friendship Hall (May 5 at noon)**. Bring your own bagged lunch. Coffee, tea, water and dessert will be provided. Please call Charlotte Clement at 625-6270 if planning to attend. This will be a great time to see each other again and to plan for future gatherings. Next lunch will be **June 2**.

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Buckland Voters:
Saturday May 7th
10:00 AM Mohawk Trail Re-
gional School

Shelburne Voters:
Saturday June 11th
10:00 AM Buckland / Shelburne Elementary School

When the snow melts and warmer days start to come to fruition, it becomes time for spring cleaning. More importantly it is a great time for organization and planning! Being proactive and diligent can make for an easier and safer life.

The TRIAD department, through the Franklin County Sheriff's Office recently spoke and provided File of Life cards and holders to residents at Highland Village. The File of Life is an important document for a senior in any community. These files contain pertinent medical history, and contact information as well as medications in times of an emergency. These files are perfect for individuals living alone, or even with other people. Filling out these forms can greatly improve the care you receive during an emergency medical situation, as well as even improve the speed of getting to the hospital. If it is an issue of you being unable to answer medical questions and your history these files serve as your advocate and voice to give first responders an idea on what's going on. The Senior Center has File of Life forms available.

If you do not have a File of Life, take a piece of paper or even an index card and include information on it. Start with your name (first and last) and your date of birth. In terms of information note if you have high or low blood pressure, diabetes, allergies or medical issues/past surgeries or medical events. Also include any medication or allergies to medications. Lastly, always put contact information for a

friend or family member(s) in case of an emergency. The most universal location for a File of Life or even a MOLST form (formally a DNR – Do Not Resuscitate) is on your refrigerator. Taking these precautions is a small invaluable step that can go a long way in increasing your safety and well-being.

The spring is also a great time to **de-clutter**. If you realize you are having mo-

bility issues or are sick and tired of stubbing your toe, make note of your living space and make it safer. Inside and out of your home make sure you take care of any trip hazards. Even with every proactive measure, things can happen, and it is important to ensure that if you are outside or moving around, that you have a way of summoning help. This can be with a cell phone (make sure it is charged) or with a medical alert system. These can greatly assist you and are needed

if you are only ten feet or hundreds of feet away from the next house.

In closing, take the time to make sure your proactive precautions are up to date, and your living space is safe. Check with your neighbors and friends and see if they need any help, and together make proactive plans so you, your neighbors and your loved ones can have peace of mind this year.



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Expansion Committee News

By: Sylvia Smith, Chair of the Expansion Committee and Dan Pallotta of P-Three Inc.

This year's Annual Town Meeting warrants will include an article proposing legislative language for a "West County Senior Services District" which was unanimously recommended by the Expansion Committee, the Councils on Aging in Ashfield, Buckland and Shelburne, and the Senior Center Board of Directors. The recommended proposal incorporates additional feedback from an independent legal and bond counsel review and a joint Select Board meeting of Ashfield, Buckland and Shelburne.

What IS the proposed Senior Services District?

- A new municipal entity that brings the Consortium towns of Ashfield, Buckland and Shelburne into a closer legal partnership.

What does the Senior Service District Do?

- Establishes legal Partnership and Ownership of a Senior Center
- Allows for the operation of The Senior Center to continue as it has under the current Consortium Agreement
- Establishes process for Towns to address capital needs

What does the Senior Services District NOT do?

- Commit additional funding
- Give any one town greater authority over The Senior Center operations

What Changes from the current Consortium Agreement to a new District?

- The District would be run by a Board of Managers with representatives appointed from each town
- Votes of the Board require a majority to pass, including at least one affirmative vote from each town
- Operational AND improvement costs would require approval at all 3 Town Meetings
- Any debt authorization must be approved by all three Annual Town Meetings
- New grant eligibilities for significant state and non-profit grant funding increase