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Monday-Friday - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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Weston Senior Activities Center

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November & December 2024

Hello Friends,

Welcome to the holiday season—a time filled with family, friends and countless joyful moments. However, it can also be a season of stress and loneliness. To keep you balanced, here are some expert Holiday Tips:

Follow Diet Restrictions—don't regret those unhealthy choices.

Moderate Alcohol Consumption—too much is just plain dangerous.

Stay Active—especially important during cold months.

Seek Help if Needed—everyone has low times. It's okay to ask for help.

And remember to have a good belly laugh every day. Science shows that it benefits both your emotional and physical health. Whether it's a silly meme, corny dad joke or a Marmaduke cartoon, make sure to find something that makes you laugh. And if you're feeling low, stop by—we'll be here to lift your spirits.



It's better to grow old with a sense of humor than to grow old with no sense at all

Thank you for being a part of the Center this year, whether you joined an art class, played a game of pickleball or shared a meal with us. We've experienced many changes and are excitedly preparing for an amazing 2025. Keep giving us your great ideas for events and trips.

Look forward to seeing you! And as we have said before - please bring a friend and show them what a hidden gem the Weston Senior Activity Center truly is.

On a serious note, if you're feeling down or struggling to cope, please check page 6 for helpful resources.

See you soon! Julia Braden Weston Senior Center

Holiday Closings

Monday, November 11 for Veterans' Day Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29 for Thanksgiving Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24 & 25 for Christmas

A Note from the Friends of the Weston Senior Activities Center: All donations directly benefit the Weston Senior Center and the many programs offered by the Center. Thank you for your support! Art Exhibit Page 2



Veronica Hauvesz & Karen Kallins (November-December Art Show)

Veronica and Karen met at the Weston Library Photography Club when the club began in 2018. They became fast friends, enhanced by their mutual love of photography and drive to learn and expand their photography skills. In 2024 they had the opportunity to embark on a 2-person exhibit at the Weston Public Library. Veronica had done some work with oil and

water photography and Karen suggested they learn more about it together and make that the subject of their exhibit. And so, their partnership began!

They worked together to create this inspired, imaginative body of work called 'Immiscible". After the opening reception of the first exhibit, they were invited to show the body of work at the Westport Book Shop. And now are on the Center's walls. Come and enjoy!

Special Events

Don't forget to RSVP

Thanksgiving Lunch Wednesday, November 20, 11:30am at Norfield Church

Celebration lunch at Norfield with turkey, stuffing & mashed potatoes from Calise's. Followed by a decadent array of pies.

Holiday Lunch
Wednesday, December 18,
11:30am at Norfield Church

Celebration lunch at Norfield with Calise's lasagna, both veggie and meat, plus salad and sinful desserts.

All lunches are \$5 per person. Please email or call Center to reserve a spot.

Suzanne Sheriden Thanksgiving Entertainment Wednesday, Nov 20, 11:30am

Suzanne is a masterful philosopher, singer-songwriter, guitarist and artist. Join us as she covers her musical idols.





Peter Randazzo Holiday Concert Wednesday, Dec 18, 11:30am

Peter is a piano professional for over 25 years. He performs a variety of music from 40's standards to light rock & pop. Join us for some of your favorite holiday tunes.

To RSVP, email Julia: jbraden@westonct.gov



Dr. Sachin Gianchandani Lecture & Exercise

Arthritis Wednesday, Nov 6, 10:30-11:30am, Free

Arthritis Tips and Exercise – what to do to keep your joints healthy and moving for the rest of your life.



Holiday Survival Tips Wednesday, Dec 11, 10:30-11:30am, Free

How to stay healthy, active and safe during the most stressful time of year.

Dr Sachin Gianchandani is a Doctor of Physical Therapy, specialist for Parkinson's and other movement disorders, and a certified Exercise Expert for Aging Adults at RGG Health in Stamford.

Program sponsored by a generous donation from the Thomas Family.

Estate Plannning and Elder Law With Attorney Denis e Mortati

Wednesday Nov 6, 12:45pm (after lunch), Free
Advanced Healthcare Directive

Learn the importance of having a directive which includes appointment of agent and conservator as well as your end-of-life care instructions.



Wednesday Dec 11, 12:45pm

(after lunch), Free

Revocable Living Trusts

Learn how a Living Trust is useful, how it can distribute your assets and how it's different from Last Will & Testament.



So Many Woodpeckers! with Chris Petherick from Wild Birds Unlimited Thursday, Nov 21, 1-2pm, Free

Join Wild Birds Unlimited's Chris Petherick to learn all about the different species of woodpeckers that call Connecticut home. He'll discuss what species we can expect to see in our area as well as what makes these birds so interesting! He'll also answer any questions you might have about them and their behaviors.

Sponsored by Wild Birds Unlimited, Fairfield CT

iPhone Know-how with Lindsey Burk Friday, Nov 15, 10:30-11:30am, Free Max 12 people

Lindsey is back! If you missed her classes in the past, here's your chance! Whether you have a brand spanking new version or an older one, Lindsey will help you master the fundamentals.





WIS Chorus Sings Holiday Tunes Wednesday, Dec 11, 11:15 (before Lunch)

Join along as the Intermediate School Chorus sings everyone's favorite tunes.



Draw with Chris Goldbach Each Monday on Zoom Mondays, Nov 4—Dec 16 (no Nov 11, Dec 23 & 30), 1pm-2pm \$30 for 6 classes, all classes via ZOOM

Draw what you see! Chris walks you through everything you need to know. Be part of a supportive group with Chris leading you to improve whatever you're working on.

Beaded Serving Spoon with Vera Friday, Nov 8, 11am, Free



Make unique beaded serving spoons. Just in time for the holidays as a perfect hostess gift.

All materials provided.

Card Making Class with Agata

Tuesday, Nov 5, 12, 19 10am-Noon Max 10 people, Free

Nov 5—Stamps Galore Nov 12—Pop-up Cards

Nov 19—Pull-out Cards







Learn how to make unique one-of-a-kind cards for the holidays or any time! Greeting cards, notecards, place cards—for lots of occasions year-round. Add dimension and movement to your handmade cards. And anything Agata makes will be spectacular so sign up now since 10 people max. All material provided.

Bingo with Linda Friday, Nov 8, 12:30pm

Linda, our favorite caller, will be ready to make your Bingo dreams come true. Treats & prizes!

Bingo with Dean

Friday, Nov 15, 12:30pm, with snacks

Get lucky and win with Dean from $\mathbb{E}\,\mathbb{P}\,\mathbb{O}\,\mathbb{C}\,\mathbb{H}$ Epoch Senior Living. Plus yummy SENIOR LIVING desserts!

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Crafts & Lunch With Mary Nov 22, Noon-1:30pm, Free

Making faux pumpkin centerpieces. All materials provided. Plus lunch!

Sponsored by Wilton Meadows.



Snowman Wood Ornament With Anne Dec 9, Noon-1pm, Free

All materials provided to make a Frosty for your tree.



Wreath Making and Lunch with Linda

Friday, Dec 6, 11am-1pm \$10, must pre-register, 10 people max

The popular annual wreath making event. Bring your own wreath or swag.

And afterwards, we'll clean up and have pizza.

Holiday Craft with Caryn Tuesday, Dec 10 11am-Noon, \$5 15 people max

Caryn shows us how

to make an elaborate holiday craft that will look perfect on a mantel or tabletop.

Tips & Tricks with Chris Goldbach Tuesday, Nov 19, 11am, on Zoom, Free

The FINAL Tips & Tricks with Chris. She will show you techniques that an artist needs in their repertoire. Learn from a veteran who knows all the tricks. And learn for free.

Starting in January, Chris will do a deep-dive into composition, starting with Line Drawing.

Art Chat with Chris Goldbach



Tuesday, Dec 17, 11am, Zoom, Free

Van Gogh is on his death bed. His brother has been called. Will Theo make it in time?!

Sponsored by Friends of WSAC

Holiday Appetizers with Caryn

Monday, Nov 18, 11am-Noon, \$5

Must pre-register, 20 max

Come and learn new and creative appetizers for your friends and family. Best

part is you taste it all and go home with some winning recipes.

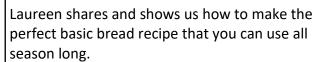
Trivia + Lunch with Allison



Friday, Nov 1, Noon, Free

Test your knowledge with Allison from Brookdale Senior Living.

Bread Making Class with Laureen Monday, Nov 18, 10am, Free 10 people max, must pre-register



Stollen Bread

Monday, Dec 9, 10am, Free, 10 people max, must pre-register

Laureen shows us how to make this traditional German Christmas bread made with nuts, spices and candied fruit. A bit of work in the morning with a reward of a fresh loaf later.

Cookie Exchange Monday, Dec 16, Noon-1pm

Have a favorite cookie? Make a few dozen and join other cookie connoisseurs to trade around and swap recipes.

Trivia + Lunch with Mary

Wilton Meadows

Friday, Dec 20, Noon, Free

Questions and trivia to keep your mind sharp. Plus a free lunch!

Centerpieces with Betty

Wood Scene Wednesday, Nov 13,

12:45-1:30pm, \$10

Must pre-register

Betty has all the materials ready for a centerpiece that will be the center of conversation as well.



Floral Holiday Centerpiece Thursday, Nov 19, Noon-1:30pm \$10, Must pre-register

One of our most popular events. Join Betty as she walks us through creating a floral arrangement so fresh, it will last well into the new year.

November 2024

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Walking with Linda

Thursday mornings at 10am, Free

We all know walking is good for you physically and mentally. But walking with a friend adds the social benefit as well. Dress appropriately and meet at Center for a beautiful fall walk. Talking optional. The walk along school road takes approximately 30-45 mins, so grab your sneakers!



Open Knitting Group Every Monday, 10am-Noon

The knitting group is collecting homemade hats and scarves for holiday donations.

Come chat with this easy-going knitting group. Bring your knitting, sewing, quilting, needlepoint, beading or other projects you are working on. We would love to see it!

Open Art Every Thursday, 10am-Noon

Meet a great group of friendly and knowledgeable artists who support and encourage each other! Bring art projects you are working on—and psst, a light lunch for chatting afterwards.



Mental Health Resources

Dial 988

The 988 Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones.

The Weston Urgent Assessment Program Call 1-866-542-4455 or go to www.silverhillhospital.org/new-canaan-urgent-assessment-program/

This program is a collaboration between the Town of Weston and Silver Hill Hospital. Its goal is to connect those in urgent need of mental health treatment with a timely, psychiatric assessment and tailored referral for ongoing care. The Assessment is available by advance appointment only and is no cost to Weston and New Caanan residents.

Caregivers Support Group

Tuesday, Nov 19 (no Dec meeting), 1:30pm, Free With Allison Lisbon, LCSW, MSW

Director of Weston Human Services & Senior Center

Monthly meetings are held every third Tuesday at the Weston Senior Center. For questions or to be added to the Caregiver Support Group email list, contact Allison Lisbon at alisbon@westonct.gov

Bereavement Support Group

Tuesday, Nov 5 & Dec 3, 1:30pm, Free With Rashida Miller, MSW

Monthly meetings are held first Tuesday of every month. Whether you have recently lost a loved one or still coping with a past loss, we can help each other heal. For questions or to be added to the Support Group email list, contact Rashida at rmiller@westonct.gov.

Activities Page 7

Blood Pressure Check With Weston EMS

Wednesdays, Nov 20 and Dec 18, 11am

Sit and chat before lunch. EMT's will check your Blood

Pressure, talk about any concerns you have, and you can thank them for the 24/7 medical service they provide to Weston for FREE.



Coffee with a Cop

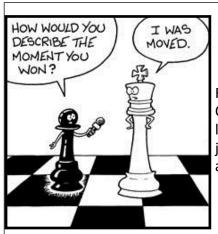
Friday, Nov 22, 11:30am

Sit and chat with a Weston officer in a casual setting.



Meet one of the officers who serve and protect Weston on a daily basis.

Note: Availability depends on their schedules so watch the weekly email blast where we'll confirm the date.



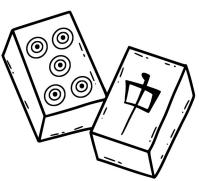
Chess **Every Monday,** 12 pm

From Beginners to Competitive, every level is welcome to join a very friendly and growing group!

Want to join the newest Mahjong Group?

Every Friday, 10am-Noon, Free

The newbies just finished their intro class and are ready to start a group. Interested? Call for more details.



Lunches

Wednesday Lunch Please RSVP by noon on Monday.

All lunches served at 11:30am at the Senior Center Café unless noted otherwise. \$5 per person.

Nov 6 — Village Market Ravioli *Pumpkin Day*

Nov 13—Lily's Swedish Meatballs with noodles

Nov 20—Thanksgiving Lunch at Norfield Church with Calise's turkey, stuffing and mashed potatoes

Nov 27—No lunch

Dec 4—No lunch because Tag Sale in Cafe

Dec 11—Village Market Chicken Tetrazzini, scalloped potatoes

Dec 18—Holiday Lunch at Norfield Church with Calise's lasagna

Dec 25—Closed, No lunch

Dig'n It Plant Group

First Thursday of each month, Nov 7 (no December meeting)

12:30-1:30pm, Free

Bring a 4-6" pot and we have spider plants, pathos, Mother-ofthousands to split up and share. We'll also share tips and tricks to keep plants healthy through the cold months.



POTS!!

Donate your old POTS! We are looking for all sizes of pots—the larger, the better.



Trips Page 8

Brookfield Craft Center

Thursday, November 14

Bus leaves at 10am from the Senior Center and returns by 4pm-ish, Bring money for shopping & lunch 8 people max on bus, carpools being made for others

One of our most popular trips. Includes stops at Bridgewater Chocolates, Lunch at Brisas Latin Fusion, Brookfield Craft Center, Simpson & Vales Tea Shoppe, and Scoops Ice Cream with a secret little scent shop in back.







Miss Dallas + Lunch (in Milford)

Thursday, December 12

Bus leaves at 10am from Center

15 max, 8 people max on bus, carpools being made for others Bring money for shopping & lunch

If you haven't been to Miss Dallas, you'll be dazzled. You'll find something for everyone on your gift list. Shopping and then lunch at Gusto Trattoria In Milford.

Ornament Exchange & Lunch Friday, December 13, 12pm 8 people max on bus

Or meet there for 12:30 pm reservation at Black Cat Grill in Georgetown Join us for our annual ornament exchange. Bring a wrapped new ornament to exchange and money for lunch. To see the menu: www.blackcatct.com



Holiday Gift Sale

Thank you to everyone who has donated. We accept new or gently used jewelry, kitchen goods, home décor and miscellaneous household items. No clothing.

Sale Dates:

Tuesday, Dec 3: 9am-3pm + 5:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, Dec 4: 9am-3pm Thursday, Dec 5: 9am-2pm

All proceeds directly support the Center.

Sale Volunteers Needed

Please call 203-222-2608 for a 2-hour slot

Thank you for your support!

Tuesday, Dec 3: 9am-11am 11am-1pm 1pm-3pm

Wednesday, Dec 4: 9am-11am 11am-1pm

1pm-3pm

Thursday, Dec 5: 9am-11am 11am-1pm

Balance & Strength with Laurie: Mondays at 11am (In-House), \$5 Drop-in

With great music playing, you'll work with balls, bands and light weights to get a full-body workout that increases muscle mass and bone density. Perfect for all fitness levels because Laurie guides you through seated or standing options.

Please note that Zoom classes must be prepaid. No credit for missed classes.

Qigong with Bill: Mondays at 11am (Zoom), \$40 for 8 classes

This class will focus on easy to learn exercises that build internal strength, flexibil-

ity and resiliency. These mind body practices help us cultivate more energy in our bodies while calming and clearing our minds.

Pickleball Drop-In Play: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 11am-1:00pm, and Fridays, Noon-2pm, Free Drop in for Open Play. Or if you have a group, you can reserve the court for another time throughout the week. Free to play. Note that Tuesdays are Beginner-Friendly.

Qigong/Meditation with Deby: Tuesdays, 12:15-1:15pm (In-House), \$5 Drop-in (No class Dec 31)

Each session covers ancient martial art moves, balance activities, mindfulness, community building, strength, and a minute or two of cardio. All who attend will leave smiling, renewed and awakened with energy, guaranteed.

Holidays

Monday, Nov 11

Thursday, Nov 28

Friday, Nov 29

Tuesday, Dec 24

Wednesday, Dec 25

Strength & Stretch with Sonya:

Tuesdays at 11:15am (In-House), \$5 Drop-in (No class Dec 31)

Thursdays at 11:15am (In-House), \$5 Drop-in (No Class Nov 21 or Dec 26)

Each class includes varied exercises and movement patterns to help with daily activities, and improve posture and balance, all while having fun! A 45-minute full body strength class seated and standing dynamic warmup; 30 minutes of strength and balance using weights and resistance bands, and about 5 minutes of stretching.

Yoga for Soul & Body with Maxine: Wednesdays at 10am (In-House), \$5 Drop-in

Inspiring movement, music, laughter, bone building, flexibility and deepening intention.

Strength & Fitness with Sandy: Thursdays at 10am (Zoom), \$35 for 7 classes.

Utilizing balls, stretch bands and weights while sitting and standing, you will stretch and strengthen all muscle groups. Emphasis is on flexibility and balance.

Gentle Yoga with Amanda: Fridays at 10am (Zoom), \$30 for 6 classes (no Dec 20, 27)

Gentle Yoga is a therapeutic practice with emphasis on mindful movement, safe stretching and relaxation. This class is a mix of gentle warm-ups, chair yoga, classic and creative yoga postures (with modifications for different body types) and a guided relaxation/meditation at the end. Leave feeling more balanced, peaceful and ready to face the world!

Attention all Pickleballers!

Pickleball Clinics, Class Limit of 8 players, \$5 per class

Advanced Beginner Level Every Thursday AND Friday: 10-11am

Intermediate Level Every Friday: 11am-Noon

Join our Pickleball Instructor **Alice Addicks** to take your skills to the next level! She has been teaching Pickleball for Westport Continuing Education since 2016.



Important and Noteworthy

Medicare Open Enrollment Appointments Medicare Changes and Medicare Part D Review

Open Enrollment (October 15 - December 7) allows the Medicare client to change prescription medication suppliers under Medicare Part D, to switch to/from Original Medicare to/from Advantage Plans and other adjustments to Medicare which then take effect January 1, 2025. Weston Senior Center will be providing Open Enrollment half hour sessions, either by inperson appointments or by telephone. Please indicate your preference. All who use this free of charge service must submit their prescription information ahead of time and/or any questions you have about Medicare via snail mail or drop off at the Weston Senior Center. Once your information is received, someone from the Center will call you to schedule your 30 minute appointment (couples will need a 60 minute one). Wearing a mask is optional. All prescription information provided by you will be destroyed once you indicate that you have made your Medicare decisions.

All appointments, either in person or telephone, will be limited to 1/2 hour. No appointments can be made without the pre-submitted requested information (see details in box at the right). All appointments will be made on a "first come, first serve" basis. Days and times available are limited so turn in your requests as soon as possible for preferred scheduling. Scheduling can take at least a two week lead time from receipt of information. Once these appointment slots are filled, we will refer you to SWCAA or to the Medicare.gov website.

A special reminder -- you should participate in Open Enrollment, especially if you have not reviewed your insurance coverage in the last few years, and even if you did it last year -- insurance company drug formularies change so drugs can be dropped or added at any time, drug prices can also change, and plans may be dropped while others are added. The least expensive insurance programs for current prescriptions will be generated by the Medicare information for 2025.

If you have questions, call the Senior Center (203) 222-2608

Meta Schroeter
CHOICES COUNSELOR

Rashida Miller CHOICES COUNSELOR

Open Enrollment Medicare Information Needed Before An Appointment Can Be Made

- Name (First and Last)
- Town and zip code
- Telephone number
- Appointment choice: Telephone or In-person
- Current Medicare Coverage
 - Original (A,B & D, with State Name of D-Plan)
 - Advantage HMO/PPO/PPFS Plan (C) list name of plan
- Preferred drug store name or mail order
- List each (and all) prescription medications. (No over the counter meds) After each full and carefully spelled correct prescription name indicate <u>dosage</u> and <u>frequency</u>.
- List any Medicare questions or issues you want to discuss.

Place in an envelope and either drop off or mail to:

Weston Senior Center P.O. Box 1007 Weston, CT 06883

On the back of the envelope, please write "OPEN ENROLLMENT". You may mail the envelope or drop it off at the Weston Senior Center, 9:00am - 3:00pm, Monday - Friday. Someone will take your sealed envelope.

Weston Department of Human Services

Allison Lisbon, MSW, LCSW Dir of Human Services alisbon@westonct.gov 203-222-2663

Rashida Miller, Family & Youth Social Worker rmiller@westonct.gov 203-222-2556

Financial assistance is available for those who qualify for any classes and lunches here at the Senior Center. Please contact Human Services at 203-222-2556 or email Allison at alisbon@westonct.gov to inquire about eligibility. Schedule an appointment or pose questions by calling Weston Human Services at 203-222-2556.

After Hours: For an urgent matter: Call 211

For an emergency: Call 911

National Suicide & Crisis Hotline: Call 988 Anytime

Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 74174