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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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### January & February 2025

Hello Friends,

Resolutions provide us with goals and purpose for the new year. Starting fresh can be incredibly empowering! Here are some tips:

- Reflect on Your Values: A meaningful resolution will be easier to achieve.
- Set Specific Goals: Instead of vague resolutions like "get fit," aim for something specific like "exercise three times a week for 30 minutes."
- Break It Down: Large goals can be overwhelming so break them into smaller, manageable steps.
- **Be Realistic**: Set goals that are challenging yet attainable.
- **Celebrate Progress**: Acknowledge and reward yourself to reinforce positive behavior.
- **Be Kind to Yourself**: Setbacks are part of the process. Don't give up, just adjust your plan as needed.

By setting resolutions that resonate with your purpose, you can make 2025 a year of growth and achievement. Research shows that people with a sense of purpose are less likely to develop Alzheimer's. Further, an American Medical Association study showed that seniors who have a sense of purpose stay physically stronger longer. Hand grips and walking speeds are age indicators interestingly enough.

So let's make an anti-aging resolution. Join a strength class and grip some weights or learn pickleball and grab a paddle. Let's embrace Dr. Sachin's advice about staying active and healthy, and then do his exercise class. Let's try something new like making soup with Caryn or candles with Carrie. Lots of new events and old favorites at the Center, so find something that interests you in the next pages.

We 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 Center is.

See you soon! Julia Braden Weston Senior Center

#### **Holiday Closings**

Monday, January 20 for MLK Day and Monday, February 17 for President's Day

#### **Agata Tria**

#### (January-February Art Show)

Agata is an accomplished and award-winning artist, exhibiting her soft pastels in the United States as well as Europe. Her style is mostly minimalistic nature portraits emphasizing color and composition. She loves to create in all kinds of mediums from acrylic/oils and pastels to glass, resins and wood. She has been interested in art since childhood and loved to make toys: stuffed animals, dolls, toy cars, blocks, and mechanical figurines. Ultimately, she earned her Master's Degree from the European Academy of Arts in Warsaw, Poland. Agata arrived in the US in 2000 from Warsaw looking for the American Dream. She didn't



know the English language but because of her creative talent, she was able to land a job as an artist, eventually becoming a Senior Graphic Designer, all the while taking English classes at night. Photography is another love of Agata's and she's won awards at photography exhibitions. One of her big dreams is to learn the art of glassblowing sometime in the future. Agata has a very active life as a wife/mother/artist residing in Weston with her family and assorted pets (she's also an animal lover!).

#### **Art Classes**

#### **Carmen Jewelry Class**

Tuesdays, Jan 7-28, 10am-Noon \$5 drop-in

Jan 7—Repairs

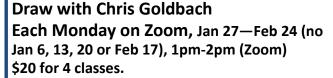
Jan 14—Charm Bracelet

Jan 21—Necklace

Jan 28—Reconfigure unused jewelry

Each Class begins with a demonstration. Carmen will show you all her jewelry tips and tricks to make or remake or repurpose your jewelry so you love wearing it again.

Bring pieces from home. Limited materials will be available to fix or restore.



Draw what you see! Chris walks you through everything you need to know.

Supplies needed: pencil, eraser, drawing paper and sharpener.



# **Beaded Necklace** With Vera

Monday, Jan 27, 10am-Noon \$10 per necklace

Join Vera as she demonstrates her latest beaded necklace masterpiece. You'll take home a one-of-a-kind piece of jewelry. All materials provided.



# **Art Class with Agata**

Tuesdays, Feb 11, 18, 25, 10am-Noon, Free

**Everyone loves Agata** not only as an artist but as an instructor as well! Whatever project she chooses, you'll cherish the art you create with her.

List of supplies needed will be sent to participants before start of each class.

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#### One Million Pillowcase Challenge Monday, Jan 6, 11am-Noon, Free

years and still going strong.

Be part of a project 10+ AMERICAN PATCHWORK & QUILTING

Learn to cut and make a PILLOWCASE handmade pillowcase

that will be donated to a local charity. If you can donate cotton fabric, please contact the Center.

Need: Portable Sewing Machine \*

1 yard of main fabric (cotton)

1/2 yard accent band fabric (cotton)

1/4 yard trim fabric (optional)

Matching thread

### Crafts with Mary Sourivanh (and lunch!)



Friday, Jan 17, 12pm, Free Snowy Mason Jar craft.

Make a scene that will keep your spirits up during the winter months.

Friday, Feb 21, 12pm, Free Homemade Soap Who knew it would be so

easy! Mary always does the best crafts.

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#### Art Chat with Chris Goldbach Tuesday, Jan 21, 11am, on Zoom, Free

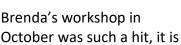


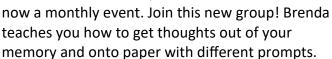
Van Gogh is nearing the end. But he's still actively sketching and describing the world around him in his letters to his brother. Learn

more about this fascinating artist.

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#### Writing Group \*NEW\* With Brenda Sorrel Friday, Jan 10 and Feb 7, 10:30am-Noon, Free





Examples of prompts are:

What's your earliest memory? When did you first fall in love? Who was your best friend growing up? One thing you remember about your mother?

Write YOUR story and preserve memories. Each session will close out with journaling tips.



### **Pressed Flower and Leaf Printing Class**

With Michelle, Bartlett Arboretum Tuesday, Feb 4, 10:30-11:30am \$10 per person

Who better to teach a class than the flower (and plant) expert Michelle. All materials supplied.

### **Open Art for everyone Every Thursday, 10am-Noon**

Bring art projects you are working on to this open art group. A great group of knowledgeable artists who support and encourage each other! Bring a bag lunch and stay to socialize.



<sup>\*</sup> Center has one machine to share if you cannot bring one. Ironing board and iron on site.

#### Dr. Sachin Gianchandani Lectures



**Successful Aging:** LSVT, Parkinson's and Other Conditions

Wednesday, Jan 22, 10:30-11:30am, Free

**Healthy Happy Heart Lecture** Wednesday, Feb 12, 10:30-11:30am, Free

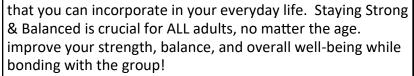
Dr Sachin Gianchandani is a Doctor of Physical Therapy, specialist for Parkinson's and other movement disorders, and a certified Exercise Expert for Aging Adults at RGG Health in Stamford.

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# Dr. Sachin "Strong & Balanced" **Group Exercise Classes** 44 TT I'S

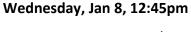
Wednesday, Jan 29 and Feb 26, 10:30-11:30am, Free

Join Dr. Sachin's group exercise class as he shows you tried-and-true moves



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# **Tiny Homes**





Learn about the beauty and practicality of tiny homes that can provide

you with additional space or income.

Lunch and Lecture sponsored by Contemporary Tiny Homes

### **Photography Lecture** With Michael Tomashefsky

Wednesday, Jan 15, 12:45pm

Award-winning landscape photographer Michael will give us a CT tour, 40 years in the making.



#### The Nurse Knows Lecture:

UTI's: Yikes! Wednesday, Jan 29,

12:45pm, Free

Unseen, misdiagnosed and untreated, UTI's are hard to detect since symptoms mimic other diseases. Very common, especially in older women. Learn to recognize the unlikely symptoms and the correct treatments.

### Dementia: What's Normal & What's Not

Wednesday, Feb 26, 12:45pm, Free

Forgetful? Memory problems? When to be concerned.



Tips and advice from Christine Burns, an RN at Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County.

### **Tech Savvy Senior Classes**

with Lindsey Burk Friday, Jan 17, 10:30am-11:30am 12 people max

Bring your iPhone or iPad and learn how to use the pre-installed apps Before you know it, you will be a Tech Savvy Senior!

#### Friday, Feb 21, 10:30-11:30am 12 people max

Lindsey continues our apps journey while she shows us how to update,

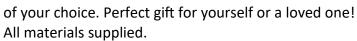
download and delete apps to make life easier.

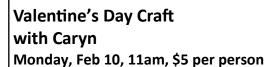


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#### Candle Making With Natalie Friday, February 28, 10am-Noon Cost \$5 per candle

Learn how to pour candles, personalize them with scent and in colors





Caryn always brings the best crafts, so join us for a surprise craft that you (or your Valentine) will love. All supplies provided.



# **Mahjong Group Play**

Every Friday (except Jan 24) 10am-Noon, Free

Join other beginners and trust us, you'll be laughing with this group soon.



# Mahjong Refresher Class \*SPECIAL ONE DAY ONLY\* Friday, Jan 34, 10cm Noon, Fron

Friday, Jan 24, 10am-Noon, Free 8 people max

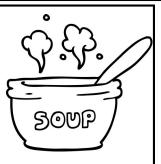
You know how to play—maybe? Sybl will remind you the ins and outs so you can start playing again.

# Winter Food: Making Soup With Caryn

Monday, Jan 13, 11am, \$5 per person

Nothing better during the cold months than soul-warming soup. Caryn will teach us some of her favorites that are bound to be yours

soon as well. And we love her tips and tricks. You'll be making soup all winter long.



# Medicare Fraud With SWCT Agency on Aging Wednesday, Jan 22, 12:45pm (after lunch)

Learn how to detect, report and protect yourself from Medicare fraud.



# UN Architecture & Art With Loraine Sievers Wednesday, Feb 12, 12:45pm (after lunch)

Loraine captivated us with her lecture back in September. Join us as she continues sharing her



extensive knowledge of art and history of the UN.

### Music and Your Brain Lecture & Recital With Andrew Chi, MD Wednesday, Feb 19, 12:45pm

The healing power of music can enhance cognitive function, reduce stress and improve neurological disorders.



Artistica Dynamica musicians include students from Juillard and Manhattan School of Music.

# Trivia with Mary (plus Lunch)

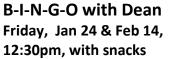
Friday, Jan 3 & Feb 7, Noon, Free

Questions and trivia to keep your mind sharp. And Mary always has the best questions that will make you think AND laugh.



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Get lucky and win! And psssst, Dean brings the best desserts!



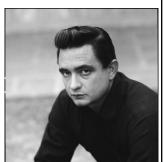


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### Trivia with Allison (plus Lunch) Friday, Jan 10, Noon, Free

Who is that handsome guy?

Reminisce, socialize, and sharpen your mind with Allison. Test your knowledge of famous people (like John-



ny Cash, above), music trivia and more. Plus Allison has a raffle prize! Don't miss it!

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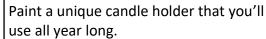
#### Bingo with Linda Friday, Feb 28, 12:30pm, Free

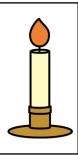
Linda, our favorite caller, will be ready to make your Bingo dreams come true. Treats & prizes!

# Valentine's Day Candle Holder Painting Class

With Vera

Friday, Feb 14, 11am-Noon, Free





# Knitting for a Good Cause Every Monday, 10am-Noon

Friendliest group you'll meet that donates dozens of knitted hats and scarves and will continue to

knit through the cold winter months! All levels of knitters are welcome to our Knitting Group. Bring your own work in progress or check out our skein stash here. We have lots of needles, yarn and books to choose from if you need inspiration!

### **Caregivers Support Group**

Tuesday, Jan 21 & Feb 18, 1:30pm, Free With Allison Lisbon, LCSW, MSW

Director of Human Services & Senior Center

Monthly meetings are held every third Tuesday, at the 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, Jan 7 & Feb 4, 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, guided by Rashida. For questions or to be added to the Support Group email list, contact Rashida at rmiller@westonct.gov.

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Dig'n It Plant Group Thursday, Jan 2 and Feb 6, 12:30-1:30pm, Free First Thursday of every month.

You've seen our horticultural corner in the front office. Come join us to sit and share tips and tricks to keep plants healthy. Linda and Nell are the resident plant whisperers, so they'll take the lead. New projects each month, so contact us for more details and what to bring.

Always looking for **Pot Donations** if you have any!



# Coffee with a Cop

Friday, Jan 31, 12pm

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



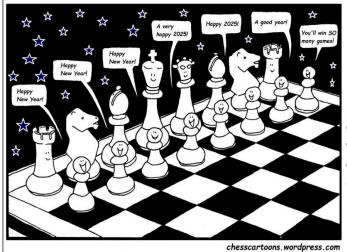
Meet one of the officers who serve and protect Weston on a daily basis.

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

#### Walking with Linda Thursday mornings at 10am, Free



Meet at Center and walk. Talking optional. The walk around Weston's school "campus" takes approximately 45 mins, so join us and get those steps in!



### Chess Every Monday, 12pm

Free and open to every level. From Beginner to Competitive, you are welcome to join this cheery chess crew for camaraderie (and treats)!

#### Lunches

# Wednesday Lunch Please RSVP by noon on Monday.

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

Jan 8 — Lunch Box Healthy Pizza & Salad

Jan 15—Saffron Indian food

Jan 22—Calise's Presidential Sliders

Jan 29—Soup(er) Bowls & Salad from Caraluzzi

Feb 5—Broadway Show, so no lunch

Feb 12—Red food (think tomato soup!) from Lily's

Feb 19—Chinese Chicken & Broccoli with Lo-Mein

Feb 26—Truly Greek Falafels & Salad

# Blood Pressure Check

Before Lunch with Weston EMS Wednesdays, Jan 22 and Feb 19,

11am

EMT's will check your Blood Pressure before lunch.



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# Thank you for all the donations to the Friends of the Weston Senior Activities Center that make these trips possible.



#### **Bruce Museum**

Thursday, January 23

Bus leaves Center at 10am and returns by 3pm.

Cost is \$20 per person. 14 people max on tour.

General tour of the Bruce Museum of art, a world class institution high-

lighting art, science and natural history in more than a dozen changing exhibitions annually. Followed by lunch at their café, operated by Aux Delices. Seats will go fast!



# Broadway Show: Moulin Rouge Wednesday, February 5

Excursion Bus leaves Center at 11:30am and returns around 7pm, Box lunch included.
50 people max. Cost is \$80 per person.
Must pre-register with payment.

Hottest show on Broadway, and we don't mean trendy. Enter a world of splendor and romance and eye-popping excess of glitz, grandeur and glory. Invite a friend and enjoy an afternoon out on Broadway. Orchestra seats!

Boxed lunch provided on trip into city.

# Flower Show of Connecticut (Hartford)

Thursday, February 20

Bus leaves Center at 10am and returns by 4pm. 20 people max on our BIG bus, Cost \$15. Bring money for lunch.

Flower show is just the pre-spring vibe you're yearning for at this time of year! Bring money to buy necessary (really? Necessary?) items for your gardening plans.

Lunch items for sale at CT Convention Center.



#### **Exercise Via Zoom or In-House**

Balance & Strength with Laurie: Mondays at 11am (In-House), \$5 Drop-in Good music to keep you going during this low-impact fitness class. Perfect for all fitness levels. Full body workout plus songs that make you want to move!

#### Qigong with Bill: Mondays at 11am (Zoom), \$30 for 6 classes

This class will focus on easy to learn exercises that build internal strength, flexibility and resiliency. These mind body practices help us cultivate more energy in our bodies while calming and clearing our minds.

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

**Pickleball Drop-In Play: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11am-1:00pm, Fridays, Noon-2pm, Free** Drop in for open play. Stop in and play, or 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

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.

#### Strength & Stretch with Sonya:

Tuesdays at 11:15am (In-House), \$5 Drop-in

Thursdays at 11:15am (In-House), \$5 Drop-in

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 vintention.

Strength & Fitness with Sandy: Thursdays at 10am (Zoom), \$45 for 9 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.

No Classes Monday, Jan 20 Monday, Feb 17

#### Gentle Yoga: Fridays at 10am (Zoom), \$45 for 8 classes (no Jan 3 class).

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 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! Alice has been teaching Pickleball for Westport Continuing Education since 2016.



\*Special One Day Only\*
Pickleball Clinic
with HK Rook
Intermediate Players only, \$10
Monday, Jan 13, Noon-1:30pm

Only 4 spots open. Must pay at registration.

Start the New Year off right and brush up on your pickleballs skills!

# January 2025

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Looking forward to March & April. Get Ready for Spring Adventures!

#### **Important and Noteworthy**

### MEDICARE INFORMATION Medicare and You - 2025

Medicare is a federal program that is then administered by each state. Connecticut has always been known for its ease of organization. This booklet designed for Connecticut, "Medicare and You - 2025", was sent to you at the end of September. Please keep it for reference through 2025. Another source for information is the computer savvy is Medicare.gov. This computer program has become more and more userfriendly. And you are welcome to call Meta Schroeter, CHOICES counselor, at the Weston Senior Center for an appointment to answer questions, to provide explanations or to discuss situations about Original Medicare or Advantage programs or any Medicare related issues. Please refer anyone from any Connecticut town who may have need to speak to a CHOICES counselor to make an appointment with me to discuss soon-to-be new to Medicare enrollment or any Medicare question.

Best general advice: Review you Medicare programs with a CHOICES counselor every Open Enrollment period every year- October 15 - December 7. In this past Open Enrollment for Connecticut there were some very big changes in formularies and Medicare D programs as well as Advantage programs offered for 2025. We saved several people \$15,000 in diabetic meds and many up to \$1,000 on overall meds. It is important to keep your Medicare choices current.

Medicare will NOT telephone to verify your current ID number. NEVER ever give personal information out over the telephone.

Want to discuss Medicare issues? Half hour appointments are available in person or over the phone. Never a charge for these services.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT OR ANY QUESTIONS, CALL THE WESTON SENIOR CENTER at (203) 222-2608.

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### **Special Medicare Notes:**

- In 2025, there will be a \$2000 cap on all monies spent towards drugs, including any deductible and drug costs within your Medicare D plan or your Advantage plan (that includes a drug plan).
- 2. Medicare records have been breached and it is possible that if your record was part of that breach that you'll receive notification and a new Medicare card.



#### **Weston Department of Human Services**

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Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. Please contact Human Services at 203-222-2556 to inquire about eligibility, schedule an appointment or pose questions.

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