



## Newton Senior Center Updates as of May 6, 2022

### Friday May 13th - Construction in Senior Center Parking Lot

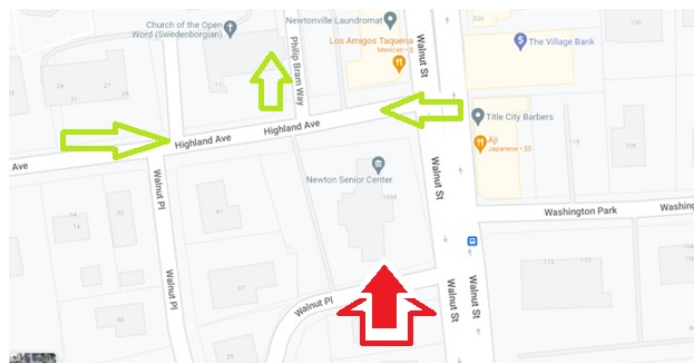
Due to construction, the entrance to the Senior Center parking lot located off Walnut Place will be closed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 13th.

If you have a Newton Senior Parking Sticker, you have the option to park on Highland Avenue or in the Austin Street Municipal Parking Lot located off of Philip Bram Way. Please make sure to read the signage in the municipal lot. Your Senior Parking Stickers are for the 3 hour spots only.

If you have a handicapped-placard and/or need to park in our parking lot, please use care and enter from Highland Avenue (note this is also our exit) on May 13 and **ONLY** May 13.

If you live in Newton and use the NewMo ride-share program, you will be dropped off on Highland Avenue, as close to our building as possible.

If you don't have a NewMo account yet and would like to use the service to come to the Senior Center on Friday the 13th, please call our office at (617) 796-1675 by Tuesday afternoon, May 11th to schedule an appointment with our specialists to set up your account. You may also call NewMo's call center at (617) 655-8019 to set up an account.



### **NewMo Updates – Mask Mandate and More**

Recently, a court ruling voided the federal requirement that everyone wear masks on public transportation. In line with that lifting, NewMo – like the MBTA and other transportation companies – no longer requires riders and drivers to wear a mask or face covering.



You can, of course, choose to continue wearing a mask (or two) and to open a window. The acrylic partition between the front seat and back seat of every NewMo vehicle will remain in place.

However, riders will now be allowed to sit in the front passenger seat, as long as there are already two riders in the back seat. In other words, if there are two riders in the vehicle when it picks you up, you will sit in the front seat. To the highest degree possible, we strive to respond to customer feedback, and we will modify aspects of NewMo as variables around COVID change.

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## Our Coming Special Programs for the Week

The following programs are planned by the Newton Senior Center. Our programs are open to any adults 55+, from any community, unless otherwise noted.

In-person programs take place at the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street in Newtonville, unless otherwise noted.

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Thursday, May 19th, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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Parkinson's, Caregiver, Declutter, and Bereavement

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## **Micro-Adventures in Massachusetts**

with author Alison O'Leary

**Friday, May 6th,  
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

Newton Senior Center – Function Room

Massachusetts is full of history, spectacular scenery, wildlife, and wonderful opportunities for adventure. The best part is most of these places are hidden in plain sight: in our state parks and accessible nature preserves. Get inspiration for all of your summer day trips and adventures in one program!

This free program includes images and maps showing the sites described.

Author Alison O'Leary is a Massachusetts native, longtime journalist, and author of several nonfiction history and outdoors books. Alison is an avid outdoor explorer. See [www.alisonoleary.com](http://www.alisonoleary.com).

This presentation is supported in part by a grant from the Newton Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

**Just show up!**



## **Home Improvement Contractor Pitfalls, and How to Avoid Them**

led by Bill O'Hearn and Terri Guttorsmen  
from the Attorney General's Office

**Wednesday, May 11th,  
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

Newton Senior Center – Function Room

The presentation will follow a home improvement contracting project from start to finish and will address risks and challenges that have been faced by homeowners whose real complaints were mediated by the Attorney General's Office.

**Just show up!**





## Socially Responsible Investing: You and Your Financial Future Series

Wednesday, May 11th,  
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
On Zoom

Socially responsible investing uses environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria to examine a company's sustainability practices. Join Shelby Fabianac, Advisor Relationship Manager from Parnassus Investment, for a talk that will cover the basics of socially responsible

investing, how ESG research is integrated into investment decisions, and how the field continues to evolve.

This program is part of the ongoing *You and Your Financial Future* series and is co-sponsored by the Newton Free Library.

Register for this program at: <https://newtonfreelibrary.libcal.com/event/8190601>

Registration will end two hours before the start time. The login information will be sent just after registration closes. Please be sure to check your spam folder in case it lands there.



## Ice Cream Social and Magic with Jack Ryan

Thursday, May 12th,  
12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

12:30 to 12:55 p.m. Cabot's ice cream  
1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Magic show  
Newton Senior Center – Dining Room

Jack Ryan has been a Professional Magician for many years and is Past-President of the Society of American Magicians, Boston. Although he has been successfully entertaining audiences of all ages, senior audiences are his specialty!

Jack's shows incorporate classic, tasteful, and sophisticated magic, a little ESP (magic of the mind), plus humor and audience participation.

His magic is interspersed with stories of the great magicians of old, many of whom the audience has seen.

This program is generously sponsored by eternalHealth.

**Just show up!**



## Who is "Us"?

Led by Marcia Karp

6 Tuesdays: May 17<sup>th</sup>, May 24<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup>,  
June 7<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>, and June 28<sup>th</sup>,



**10:30 a.m. to noon**  
Newton Senior Center – Art Room

We will meet, not to answer the course title, taken from Masha Gessen's recent book about Trump and autocracy, but to consider ways in which asking about *us* matters. Readings will include the Iliad (excerpts), Sophocles' Antigone, Greek myth, love and political poetry, bits from Gessen, as well as others in which an *us* is assumed, defined, and questioned. All readings will be provided.

Register by contacting Ilana at [iseidmann@newtonma.gov](mailto:iseidmann@newtonma.gov) or 617-796-1670.

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### **Steering Clear at 60+: Strategies for Driving Safely as we Age**

**Tuesday, May 17th,  
6:30 p.m. on Zoom**



Join us for tips and strategies for driving later in life. How can we continue to drive and accommodate our lifestyle as we age?

Questions one should consider: When is the right time to give up driving? Is it too soon to give up?

Debbie Kerrigan, MS, OTR/L, is a senior occupational therapist at Newton-Wellesley Hospital Rehabilitation Services. She received her Master of Science in Occupational therapy from Boston University's Sargent College in 2002 and has been at NWH for 20 years. She is certified in LSVT Big, is a CarFit Event coordinator, and a We Need to Talk facilitator. Amanda Holt, MS, OTR/L is a senior occupational therapist at Newton-Wellesley Hospital Rehabilitation Services.

This program is co-sponsored with Temple Emanuel Active Living Programs for Older Adults, and Newton-Wellesley Hospital.

Please rsvp to [Tracys120@yahoo.com](mailto:Tracys120@yahoo.com) for the flyer and Zoom link. If you have any questions about Active Living Programs for Older Adults, please contact Tracy Schneider at 617-959-4928 or email [Tracys120@yahoo.com](mailto:Tracys120@yahoo.com)



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### **Healthy Living Discussion Group: a Monthly Series**

**Led by Jeannie Martin**

**Wednesday, May 18th,  
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Continuing the third Wednesday of every month,  
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Newton Senior Center – Library Lounge

Interested in current health topics, and how they apply to you? Join us for a lively discussion about how you can keep living life in a healthy (and well-informed) way. Our monthly discussions include what we all want to know about staying healthy, and ways to do this.

- **May 18:** Wise Use of Medication
- **June 15:** Getting the Most Out of Your Doctor's Visit
- **July 20:** Safe and Easy Exercise





## **MetroWest Legal Clinic**

**Thursday, May 19th,  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Telephone appointment** led by an Attorney from MetroWest Legal Services.

Schedule a free private 20-minute telephone (or Zoom) legal consultation. MetroWest Legal Services provides free legal aid to seniors on housing, public benefits and social security matters; durable power of attorney, health care proxy and simple probate matters; Medicaid, nursing home issues, limited domestic relations; and consumer and bankruptcy matters.

This program is by appointment only. You must be a Newton resident and 60+ to make an appointment. **The deadline to sign up for this month's clinic is Friday, May 13th, at 3 p.m.**

For an appointment, please email [iseidmann@newtonma.gov](mailto:iseidmann@newtonma.gov) (call at 617-796-1670) with the following confidential information:

- Your first and last name
- Your daytime telephone number
- Confirm that you are at least 60 years old
- A brief description of your legal issue



## **Zoom:** **A Series on Mindfulness**

This month's theme:  
*Equanimity in Turbulent Times*

**Thursday, May 19th,  
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

Whether in the face of our own personal challenges or as we experience the feelings that naturally arise in bearing witness to suffering in a turbulent world, it can often be challenging to maintain a sense of equanimity. Mindfulness and particular meditation practices can help us stay balanced in changing and difficult times. In May, *A Series on Mindfulness with Neil Motenko* will review how the practice of mindfulness can help us navigate our way through change and turbulence with more balance and perhaps a measure of internal peace, and manage the "compassion fatigue" that some of us may experience as we take in world events. The session will be interactive, review basic mindfulness principles, include guided practices, and cover how we can integrate practice into our daily lives. Although this is part of a series, each session stands on its own, and newcomers are welcome at any time.

This program is generously sponsored by Hebrew SeniorLife.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pf-iqrTMsGtMrJKajeX2olhHnJIU80gVM>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



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**Outdoors:**  
**Folk Sing-Along**

**Thursday, May 19th, 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.**

**Newton Senior Center – Courtyard**  
**If it's raining or very cold, we'll move the program to Zoom**  
**(link will be emailed to sing-along distribution list).**

Join us for a casual and friendly song swap featuring folk classics and some old favorites. Feel free to sing, play along, or just listen and tap your foot.

All music fans are welcome. No registration needed. **Just show up!**

To be added to the sing-along distribution list to receive reminders, and notices about weather-related changes, please email [iseidmann@newtonma.gov](mailto:iseidmann@newtonma.gov)

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**Health Maintenance Clinic**

**Friday, May 20th,**  
**10:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

**Newton Senior Center – Library Lounge**

The City of Newton's Public Health Nurse, Lisa Cielez, will meet with seniors on the 3rd Friday of every month, from 10 to 11 a.m. She can take your blood pressure, answer general medication questions, and consult about health issues.

Just show up and sign in. You will be seen in the order you sign in.

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**ZOOM: Newton Center for Active Living (NewCal)**  
**Community Meeting, May 19th, 6:30 p.m.**

The NewCal project team will be presenting the latest plans. You can register for the meeting in advance by clicking [here](#). The link is also posted on the project website: <https://newcal.projects.nv5.com/>

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**Zoom:**  
**Council on Aging Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 24th,**  
**7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

The Newton Council on Aging (COA) invites you to attend our next Zoom Webinar meeting.

Please note that due to the new Zoom Webinar format, advanced registration is required to receive the Zoom link to the meeting.

[Click here](#) or on the link below to register.  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_W4KsANEOToa3d03qSsHUIw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_W4KsANEOToa3d03qSsHUIw)

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## Our "Ongoing Programs" for the Week

(Classes marked "Outdoor" may be moved to our Function Room in the case of inclement weather).

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### Join Springwell & Your Friends for lunch at the Newton Senior Center!

**Starting May 2nd, Springwell will offer an updated dine-in program to local adults aged 60+.**

For **dine-in only**, you will be able to choose a hot or cold lunch option when you call to make your reservation. Springwell will also continue the grab-and-go pick-up, but will only offer one meal option .

Dine-in and pick-up lunches are available Monday-Friday (except holidays) from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street, Newtonville.

**To make a meal reservation, please leave a message at 617-796-1668 two business days in advance.** Your message should include your name, what day you would like to attend, and, if you will be dining in-person, whether you want the hot or cold menu option. If you are choosing grab-and-go, please note that as well, but there will not be a choice of meal. [Click here](#) to view the monthly menu.

The meal is free to all. However, an optional donation of \$2 to Springwell, a local non-profit, is suggested.

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### Mah Jongg Open Play

**Mondays and Thursdays,  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

Newton Senior Center – Dining Room

Come for a friendly game of Mah Jongg, inside the building! All players are welcome. We'll meet in the Dining Room; please arrive after lunch is cleared, at 1:00 p.m.

Are you interested in other games, especially Bridge and Chess? Please contact Nancy at [ngagnon@newtonma.gov](mailto:ngagnon@newtonma.gov) or 617-796-1675. She maintains a list of people who would like to play at the Senior Center. When a quorum is reached, everyone on the list will receive each other's contact information so you can arrange afternoon game play at the Senior Center.

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### Billiards Play

**Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays,  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Newton Senior Center – Game Room

Come for a friendly game of pool! All players are welcome.





## Sketching/Drawing Studio

**Mondays, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.**  
Newton Senior Center – Dining Room

*Art is long; life is short.* Now is a good time to practice drawing skills – in a creative, friendly, and rewarding way.

Drawing Studio is free, meets weekly, and is open to all seniors – beginner to advanced. Instruction is available. Participants can work on drawings, sketches, studies and/or previous projects started away from the studio. The studio's goal is to enhance your drawing ability.

Please bring your own drawing kit: Pencils, paper and a sturdy support backing. Some limited supplies will be available, but it's always best to use your own personal favorites. Traditional easels and lap-friendly seated accommodations will be key. All are welcome!



## Swing Band

**Tuesdays, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.**  
Newton Senior Center – Function Room

**"Save the date" for their annual patriotic concert on  
May 24th!**

**The Swing Band will not meet on June 21st or June  
28th.**

The Newton Senior Center Swing Band, which performs around the city, welcomes audience members to their weekly rehearsal. All are welcome to sit in and listen, or to sing and dance!

The band is actively seeking new players, especially on brass and woodwinds. As the band's director, Jim Barr, says, "If you'd like to get that old instrument out of its case and put it to use, come join us. We are a low-stress activity and have a lot of fun making music together."



## Newton Senior Center Chamber Ensemble

**Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.**  
Newton Senior Center – Function Room

Bring your instrument and a music stand, join in, or pull up a chair and just listen!



## French Conversation Group

**Thursdays, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.**  
Newton Senior Center – Library Lounge

Gather to speak in French about a variety of subjects. Bring a French newspaper, if you'd like, or another form of French media. All levels are welcome. Just show up!



## It's Puzzle Time – Anytime!

Newton Senior Center – 1st Floor – Dining Room & Cafe

Join us at the Newton Senior Center to put together a puzzle with friends. Bring a pal with you or meet a new friend here. You can also bring your favorite puzzle – or use one of ours. We hope to see you

soon!



## Spring Fitness and Wellness

All of our in-person and virtual fitness and wellness classes are "drop-in," meaning **no pre-payment; no pre-registration!** We want to make it easy for you to participate!

*In-person Fitness classes take place in our Function Room, unless otherwise noted.*

To join a virtual class, download the free Zoom app on your smartphone, iPad, laptop, or computer at <https://zoom.us/download>. Click on your class link (below) a few minutes before its start time.

### Zumba Gold with Jo **Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.** **beginning May 18th**

Newton Senior Center – Function Room

Jopeng Tseng ("Jo"), a Zumba Gold-certified instructor, was born and raised in Taiwan. She absolutely loves dancing and truly believes that dancing makes everyone happy and healthy. She has been teaching Zumba, Zumba Gold, Zumba kids and Aqua Zumba for almost 6 years. She says, "Come and try my class!! I guarantee you will have a blast!"

### Zumba Gold Toning with Yachun **Fridays at 1:00 p.m.** **beginning May 20th**

Newton Senior Center – Function Room

Zumba Gold Toning combines the cardio part of a Zumba® Gold class with body toning exercises using light weights (1 pound to 2.5 pounds each max). You can also join the class without using any weights or by using two 16.9 oz bottles of water. You will enhance muscle strength and endurance while dancing along different rhythms. The class is taught by Yachun (YC) who is an AFAA certified Group fitness instructor and specialized in active agers exercises.

### Muscle, Movement, & Balance with Nicole **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.**

Newton Senior Center – Function Room

Join a balance, movement, and strength-building class using exercise loops and weights (provided by the Senior Center). The class focuses on strengthening areas that are prone to injury. Modifications are offered, exercises can be done seated, and all abilities are welcome!

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### Seated Strength & Balance with Pearl **Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.**

Join a Seated Strength & Balance class using weights (provided by the Senior Center). This class begins with a thorough warm-up and is followed by strength training and balance exercises.

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pwd=K29UenJFUzNFLzlsSWZzOENVbUpYUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83928646511?pwd=K29UenJFUzNFLzlsSWZzOENVbUpYUT09)

Meeting ID: 839 2864 6511  
Passcode: 8119

**Seated Strength & Balance with Pearl (Zoom)**  
**Mondays at 12:00 p.m.**

This seated class begins with a thorough warm-up and is followed by strength training and balance exercises. The class concludes with gentle stretching.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85881599856?  
pwd=bFB3QUdsWEIYZm43TIB6YWVhaHh4dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85881599856?pwd=bFB3QUdsWEIYZm43TIB6YWVhaHh4dz09)

Meeting ID: 858 8159 9856  
Passcode: 8119

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**Tai Chi with Aaron**

**Intermediate/Advanced Tai Chi: Mondays at 11:00 a.m. – Newton Senior Center – Function Room**

**Intermediate/Advanced: Fridays at 9:30 a.m. – Newton Senior Center – Function Room**

**Beginner: Fridays at 11:00 a.m. – Hyde Community Center, Gymnasium, 90 Lincoln Street, Newton Highlands.**

Tai chi is an ancient Chinese tradition that is practiced today as a form of low-impact exercise. It involves a series of movements performed in a slow, focused manner and accompanied by deep breathing.

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**Zumba Gold with Ketty (Zoom)**  
**Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, at 11:00 a.m.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/825779957?pwd=V3dtRkVQWUF0c2tuVVhic0ZHWnFCdz09>

Meeting ID: 825 779 957  
Passcode: 336304

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**Yoga with Diane (Zoom)**  
**Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.**

Chair yoga embraces the traditions of yoga with options for seated and standing postures. All the poses we do can be modified to be done while sitting in a chair. Our yoga practice will include movement and focused breathing to open the mind, body, and spirit.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83381525259?  
pwd=OTZhOEcvdUVpNEVEYnFxWGdCL1h1dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83381525259?pwd=OTZhOEcvdUVpNEVEYnFxWGdCL1h1dz09)

Meeting ID: 833 8152 5259  
Passcode: 214114



**Yoga is cancelled on Thursday, May 12th.**

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**Meditation with Betsy (Zoom)**  
**Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.**

Practice paying compassionate attention to all that moves through us: thoughts, emotions, sensations, and conditions. The group is a supportive space to begin or continue a meditative practice.

Join Zoom Meeting  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81218001857?  
pwd=VVpUU3NwNmVzajVvZURXUXpLRk11dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81218001857?pwd=VVpUU3NwNmVzajVvZURXUXpLRk11dz09)  
Meeting ID: 812 1800 1857  
Passcode: 100202

**CLICK HERE FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS**  
**(Echeck & Credit Card)**

**How Do I Pay for**  
**My Fitness/Wellness Classes?**

We ask for a \$5 contribution per class (more if you can, less if you can't). We kindly ask that you pay monthly, if possible. There are four ways to pay:

- 1) Click this link for [Credit Card or Electronic Check Online](#)**  
(Please note there is an additional 3% convenience fee for credit cards).
- 2). Bring a monthly check to the Newton Senior Center.** You can leave it with Reception, Norine Silton or Ilana Seidman. Make sure to note which classes you are taking.
- 3). Mail in a Check**  
Please make payable to "Newton Senior Center" and write the class name on your check. Donations may be mailed to: Newton Senior Center, Attn: Fitness Contributions, 345 Walnut Street, Newtonville, MA 02460
- 4). Credit Card by Phone (business hours only)**  
Please call Norine Silton at 617-796-1664 (note there is an additional 3% convenience fee).

New participants are always very warmly welcomed! Our classes are led by certified instructors.

***Support Group Links***

**In-Person: Bereavement Support Group:**  
**Healing our Grief**

Third Thursday of every month  
**Thursday, May 19th,**  
**10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

Newton Senior Center – Library Lounge

Are you suffering a loss? Join holistic health educator, spiritual care provider, and mindfulness teacher Betsy Simmons for a healing support group. You can come to the Senior Center or meet us on Zoom.

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**In-Person: Caregiver Support Group**

First Tuesday of the month

**Tuesday, June 7th,**

**2:30 to 4:00 p.m.**

Newton Senior Center – Library Lounge

Open to all family caregivers of seniors. Learn from, and share with, other participants who are caring for an older family member. Register with Case Manager Emily Kuhl at [ekuhl@newtonma.gov](mailto:ekuhl@newtonma.gov).

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**Zoom: Declutter Support Group**

Second Friday of every month

**Friday, May 13th,**

**2:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

Get support from others while learning strategies for de-cluttering. This program is co-sponsored by the Newton Department of Senior Services and Riverside Community Care. For more information, contact Karin Lehr, 617-969-4925, ext. 5958.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82991985788?pwd=TStBSVR3cWE5TDFFY2dITkJacys1UT09>

Meeting ID: 829 9198 5788

Passcode: 398359

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**Zoom: Caregiver Support Group**

Third Tuesday of the month

**Tuesday, May 17th,**

**2:30 to 4:00 p.m.**

Open to all family caregivers of seniors. Learn from, and share with, other participants who are caring for an older family member. Register with Case Manager Emily Kuhl at [ekuhl@newtonma.gov](mailto:ekuhl@newtonma.gov)

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**In-person and Zoom: Parkinson's Support Group**

Last Monday of every month

**Monday, May 23rd (moved one week earlier due to Memorial Day),**

**10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

Newton Senior Center – Art Room

The Parkinson's Support Group has re-started with the new leadership of volunteer facilitator Dan Reilly. You can come to the Senior Center or meet us on Zoom.

The objectives of the group are to: obtain information on PD and treatment; gain emotional support, advice, and tips from others; learn from the experience of others; provide guidance based on experience with disease; develop a sense of community and partnership; learn about and from other professionals in the area; fight loneliness and anxiety; understand that you are not alone.

**Register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkcumsrDIsHNDI-Tx17IASzIirFI6I3VP>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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## Other Senior Center Information

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### **Looking for a COVID-19 Booster or Vaccine?**

If you are looking to schedule a COVID-19 booster or vaccine, there are many ways to do so. Find out how by going to [www.getboostedboston.org](http://www.getboostedboston.org). The website offers options for VAX Finder (a list of vaccination sites in your area), Mobile Pop-Up Clinics, and home visits. You can also dial 211 on your telephone for information.



### **Would You Like to Refer A Contractor?**

Do you have a contractor (plumber, electrician, A/C technician, home improvement, handyman, etc.) that you've had a good experience with? If so, the Senior Center is looking to add to our list to refer to our patrons. Please email us their name, telephone number, and type of service they provide to [nsilton@newtonma.gov](mailto:nsilton@newtonma.gov). Details about your experience or why you appreciated their work would be helpful too.



### **Senior Parking Stickers**

The Senior Center is open and we can process Senior Parking Stickers via mail-in, drop-off, or during our drop-in hours. you can call us at 617-796-1675 to check our drop-in hours each day. Additional information can be found on our website at [www.newtonseniors.org](http://www.newtonseniors.org), or you can contact us at [sccustomerservice@newtonma.gov](mailto:sccustomerservice@newtonma.gov) or (617) 796-1675.



### **Book Donations**

The Newton Senior Center is once again taking book donations of books – 5 years old or less – to add to our current library. If you have some to donate, you can either drop off at our reception desk or leave them in our vestibule located off the Senior Center's rear parking lot. Questions? Please call us at (617) 796-1675. Thank you!

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### **Need Help Finding a Rapid Antigen Test?**

If you are 60+, live in Newton, and are not able to find Rapid Antigen test kits or are having trouble with the Internet, please give us a call at the Senior Center, (617) 796-1678. You will need to leave a message with your name and telephone number, and we will follow up with you.

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### **Senior Center Weather Policy**

Whenever there is inclement weather that might affect our programming, please call the Senior Center Program Information Line, at (617) 796-1666, after 7:30 a.m. The pre-



recorded message will indicate if the Senior Center is closed due to weather.

You can also check our website at [newtonseniors.org](http://newtonseniors.org) after 7:30 a.m.

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## *Other Opportunities*

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### Announcement

There are SO many wonderful events happening in our community!

Beginning in 2022, the Newton Senior Center's weekly e-newsletters will no longer feature information about programs or events from outside organizations (unless they are co-sponsored by the Newton Senior Center).

If you're interested in an organization's events, please subscribe to their e-mail list directly.

NewTV also has a Community Calendar which posts upcoming events happening in the Newton community:

<https://newtv.org/about/community-calendar>

To have your event posted, please email Valerie at NewTV – [valerie@newtv.org](mailto:valerie@newtv.org) – with the following information:

- Event Name
  - Hosting Organization
  - Date, Time, Location, Brief description
  - Website URL for event information and/or registration
  - A graphic, preferably 1:1 aspect ratio
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### Reaching the Staff at the Newton Senior Center

**Call our main number (617) 796-1660.**

**Then press the appropriate number as noted below:**

**Press 1** for our Programs Information Line where you can listen to a recorded listing of our weekly activities

**Press 2** for Lunch Reservations, Served Monday through Friday at the Senior Center

**Press 3** for the Food & Essential Items Coordinator, Including Grocery Shopping & Prescription Pick-up Requests

**Press 4** for Vaccine or Booster information

**Press 5** for Durable Medical Requests and Durable Medical Donations (such as wheelchairs, shower chairs, rollators, etc.)

**Press 6** for Emily Kuhl, Case Manager & Social Services.

**Press 7** for Elizabeth Lund, NewMo Transportation & Community Engagement

**Press 8** for Julie Joy, Volunteer Coordinator

**Press 9** for an appointment for SHINE Medicare Options Counseling, for all other questions and to speak to the receptionist

### Direct Telephone Extensions for Staff

Jayne Colino	Director	(617) 796-1671
Eliza Dodge	Food and Essential Items Coordinator	(617) 796-1669
Julie Joy	Volunteer Coordinator	(617) 796-1674
Emily Kuhl	Case Manager	(617) 796-1672
Elizabeth Lund	Outreach and Engagement Coordinator	(617) 796-1665
Ilana Seidmann	Programs Coordinator	(617) 796-1670
Norine Silton	Executive Administrator	(617) 796-1664

***If you know other 55+ adults who might like to receive this e-newsletter, please ask them to send their email address to [iseidmann@newtonma.gov](mailto:iseidmann@newtonma.gov) or direct them here: [Click here to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter.](#)***

***We also encourage you to sign up for Mayor Fuller's e-mail updates. She emails information about COVID-19, and other important information. You may do so by [clicking here.](#)***