



OXFORD'S COUNCIL CHATTER



**JANUARY
2022**

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The COA board meets
every 2nd Thursday of
the month

HOURS

Monday through Friday
8:30 AM—3:30 PM

COUNCIL ON AGING/SENIOR CENTER

323 Main Street, Oxford, MA 01540
Tel: 508-987-6000 email: seniorcenter@oxfordma.us



***** Please note that the Senior Center will be
CLOSED on Monday, January 17th *****

Happy New Year 2022!

Have you seen all those signs in stores, restaurants, or drive-thru's that ask you to please be patient since they are short staffed? Where have all the workers gone? 2021 left many of us exhausted, stressed, lonely, cranky, fearful, frightened, and so many other sad or negative emotions. It was seemingly impossible at times to "look on the bright side."

But with the start of a new year, we can all "look on the bright side" and work on our attitude. To pledge to be more patient and understanding. To not be in such a rush and realize that the workers and wait staff are doing the best that they can, to "chill out" and "take it as it comes." To appreciate at least one small thing every day. To call up a friend and check in. To find a corny joke and share it. Try a new recipe and share it. Learn a new skill or hobby. Read a silly book or watch a comedy special. Come and visit us. Watch our monthly movie.

We are here for you !

Laura, Deb, Cindy

The background of the entire image is a close-up, slightly blurred view of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in shades of red, white, and blue.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!

Tuesday, January 4th

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION

POLLS ARE OPEN

8:00AM - 8:00PM

Need a ride to the polls?

Call 508-987-6000

and we will be happy to assist!!



"YOUNG AT HEART CAFÉ"

JANUARY LUNCH MENU

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2nd, lunches will be served Tuesdays and Fridays from 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM

(Takeout meals MUST be picked up by 12:30PM)

RESERVATIONS A MUST !!

Please call 48 hours in advance to order a meal (please call the Friday before for Tuesday meals and the Wednesday before for Friday meals)

\$ 4.00 dine in / \$ 5.00 take-out

Tues, Jan 4: American Chop Suey, Italian Vegetable Blend, Italian Bread and Cookie

Fri, Jan 7: Meat Calzone, Tossed Salad and Cannoli Pie

Tues, Jan 11: Salisbury Steak w/ Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Corn, Bread/Butter and Birthday Cupcake

Fri, Jan 14: Crumb Topped Fish, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Garden Blend Vegetables, Roll/Butter and Fruit Trifle

Tues, Jan 18: Stuffed Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Bread/Butter and Lemon Square

Fri, Jan 21: Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich and Tapioca Pudding

Tues, Jan 25: Italian Sausage Sub w/ Peppers & Onions, Pasta Salad and Banana Split Fluff

Fri, Jan 28: Pilgrim Sandwich, Potato Chips, Coleslaw and Fruit Crisp

Tues, Jan 31: Beef Stew w/ Biscuit and Orange Creamsicle Pie

- Please inform your server staff if you have a food allergy.
- Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness.

Kaye from SHINE will be holding ZOOM appointments on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Her next appointment day is January 19th. Appointment times are: 9AM / 10AM / 11AM / 1PM and 2PM. Call the Senior Center to schedule an appointment

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## SCRABBLE



Come play scrabble on Monday mornings starting January 3rd from 10AM to 12PM

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“Cup of Joe with Joe”



Join us on Friday, January 14th @ 9:30AM at the Senior Center to have “A cup of joe with Joe”

Joe McKenna, State Representative will be here for coffee and conversation.

Our Senior Book Club meets the first Friday of each month.

Our next meeting is **FEBRUARY 4, 2022 @ 12:30PM.**

Our book pick is **"The Reading List"** by Sara Nisha Adams

Mukesh worries about his granddaughter, Priya, who hides in her room reading while he spends his evenings watching nature documentaries. His other granddaughter, Aleisha works at the local library for the summer. She discovers a crumpled-up piece of paper in the back of *To Kill a Mockingbird*; it is a list of novels that she's never heard of, and she impulsively decides to read every book on the list, one after the other. When Mukesh arrives at the library seeking to forge a connection with his bookworm granddaughter, Aleisha passes along the reading list. The shared books create a connection between two lonely souls, as fiction helps them escape their grief and everyday troubles and find joy again.

Please come join us.

Call the Oxford Public Library at 508-987-6003 and reserve a book!

FREE MOVIE on January 14th @ 12:45PM

"QUEEN BEES"

While her house undergoes repairs, a fiercely independent widow Helen (Ellen Burstyn) reluctantly moves into a nearby retirement community—just temporarily. Once at Pine Grove Senior Community, she encounters feisty widows, cutthroat bridge tournaments and a group of bullying "mean girls"



Oxford Fire Department / EMS will be at the Senior Center on **Friday, January 21st @ 12:30PM** for a educational presentation.



The Senior Center will be closed if the schools are closed in Oxford. If you are unsure if we are open or not, please call before going out. We want our

seniors to stay home safe if the weather is bad!!!!



FREE PRESENTATION @ THE SENIOR CENTER

JANUARY 25, 2022 @ 1PM

Creating A Caring Community: A Presentation on Eliminating Bullying and Creating a Safe Environment

Presented by: The Office of Worcester County District Attorney
Joseph D. Early, Jr.

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### REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF—PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS WHO MAY QUALIFY ????

1. Senior citizens age 70 or over (must meet certain criteria w/ regard to income/assets)
2. Widows/Widowers (must provide documentation of assets)
3. Disabled Veterans (with at least 10% disability as certified by the Veterans Agent)
4. Blind Persons (Blind Certificate required from Massachusetts Commission for the Blind)

Please contact the Assessors Office @ 508-987-6036 option 3 for more information if you feel you may qualify for any of the above Tax Relief Programs.

January quiz: What are the two zodiac signs for January ???

December's question was: "The Boston Tea Party happened on December 16th in what year? "The correct answer was "1773" provided by Pam Jacobson. Please call the office to enter your answer. All correct answers will be entered into a drawing. We will draw our next winner on January 14th .

Winner gets four (4) FREE lunch tickets.

***TOWN OF OXFORD ~~~ WINTER PARKING BAN***

*The Town of Oxford's Winter Parking Ban will be in effect from Dec 1, 2021 thru Apr 1, 2022. On-street parking is prohibited between the hours of 11PM and 6AM. The Parking Ban will also take effect when there is an accumulation of three (3) or more inches of snow, day or night. Fifteen (15) minute parking is allowed for postal and package delivery.*

***OXFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN***

**NEED A RIDE ?????**

The Oxford Senior Center van is available to our seniors and the disabled. You can travel within Oxford for grocery shopping, the post office, hairdresser, pharmacy, etc. The fare is \$1.75 one way. Call 508-987-6000 to schedule your ride 48 hours in advance

The WRTA van is utilized for your out-of-town doctor appointments. You need to register with them by calling 508-752-9283.

**\*\*\*\* OXFORD FOOD SHELF \*\*\*\***

Located @ the Community Center - 4 Maple Rd — (508)987-1062

The Food Shelf is open to indoor shopping on Thursdays from 4:30PM to 6:30PM. For your safety all volunteers and all clients, including children over the age of two, will be REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS when entering the Community Center and the Food Shelf.

Clients will be allowed to shop twice a month.

Any Oxford family can come for food!

## **\*\* TEXTING FOR SENIORS \*\***

BFF—Best friend fell

BTW—Bring the wheelchair

TTYL—Talk to you louder

BYOT—Bring your own teeth

LMDO—Laughing my dentures out

FWIW—Forgot where I was

IMHAO—Is my hearing aid on?

OMMR—On my massage recliner

ROFLACGU—Rolling on the floor laughing and can't get up

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS !!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SENIORS!**

Mary Brown, John Bowes, Francis Abrahamson Jr, Ronald Tetreault Sr, Theresa Cote, Lois Chinigo, Mitchell Stevens, Paul Abdella, Barbara Clem, Victor DiCandia, Leonard Hansen, Kenneth Swenson, Marcia Rosebrooks, Diane Ackley, Richard Daniels, Judith

Bell, Jeanne Crosbie, William Potter, Susan Laramée, Joseph Dupre, Arnaud Lapierre, David Morin, Carol White, Carol Weinhardt, Loretta Testa, Claudette Avola, Joyce Giroux, Roland Savageau, Darshan Mahler, Thomas Purcell, Russell Biando, Carol Walsh, Frances Morrier, Shelia Joyner, Virginia Sklarz, Patricia Jones, Albert Loraine, Dianne Wilson, Katherine Dealmeida, Alphonse Zannotti, Steven Kennen, Edward Bartlett, Dennis Murphy, Mary Tetreault, Susan Burak, Marie Guertin, Donna Cove, Christine Zorn, Barbara LaMountain, Mary Lou Abruzzise, Clyde Richert, Anthony Sgariglia, Sheila Faneuff, Samuel Falcone, Suzette Robbins, Kathleen Fleming, Brenda Wales-Lorraine, Harvey Shine, Mary Card, Leslie Plude, Pierce Stowe Jr, Linda Hale, Siiri Jonasch, Agnes Clifford, Frances Shugrue, Lee Brooks, Lorna Chaput, John Deitrick, Jane Peckaitis, Joseph Stepien, Patrick McGeary, Elizabeth Ashton, Nellie Everitt, Diane Pezzella, Walter Sheehan, George Nonis, Kenneth Bleau, Eric Dunnigan, Roselyn Beaudette, Howard Evers, Vincent Gregonis, Terry Fike, Jane Wilder, Barbara Merritt, S Veronica Bachand, Catherine Boyle, Joan Weeks, Laura Kneeland, Donna Fisher, Elizabeth Daigneault, Eva LaPlante, Dana McLaughlin, Robert Metcalf, Carole Manos, Mildred Leveillee, Elizabeth Bennett, Frances Bennett, Norma Olney, Jeanne Willey, Paul Friend, Madeiline Boyce, Sheila VanPatten, Marie Stone, Charlene Gillette, Thomas Blaisdell, John Matteau Jr, Frances Brunelle, Caroline Pizzotti, Pauline Grendell, Pauline Beland, Debra McDonald, Janice McCarthy, Donna Glaeckas, David DiPietro, Ruth Brassard, Robert Picard Sr, Maryann Richard, Charles Garabedian, Nancy Dunn, Alice Foote, Denise Turner and Kathleen Monahan





**Please do not forget  
us!!!**

**Licensing begins  
January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**In appreciation of our FANTASTIC seniors  
in the Town, anyone over the age of 70  
licensing a pet the fee is FREE!!!!**

# Happy New Year!



AULD LANG SYNE

BABY

BALL

BALLOONS

CALENDAR

CELEBRATION

CHAMPAGNE

CLOCK

CONFETTI

COUNTDOWN

DANCING

DECEMBER

EVE

FATHER TIME

FIRECRACKER

FIRST

FLUTE

GAMES

GOWN

HAPPY

HAT

HOURLASS

INVITATION

JANUARY

KISS

MIDNIGHT

MUSIC

NOISE MAKER

PARTY

RESOLUTION

SPARKLER

STREAMER

TIMES SQUARE

TOAST


TRADITION

TUXEDO

VOW

YEAR

# JANUARY 2022 ~ OXFORD SENIOR CENTER

| Monday                                                                                | Tuesday                                                                                                                             | Wednesday                                                                      | Thursday                                                                                            | Friday                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>3</b><br>CRIBBAGE 10AM TO 12PM<br>SCRABBLE 10AM TO 12PM<br>MONDAY NIGHT PITCH 5PM  | <b>4</b><br>NEEDLE WORKERS 10AM<br>ADULT COLORING 10AM<br>LUNCH 12:00PM                                                             | <b>5</b><br>PITCH LEAGUE 1PM TO 3PM                                            | <b>6</b><br>DOMINOES 10AM TO 12PM<br>QUILTING CLASS<br>12:30PM TO 2:30PM                            | <b>7</b><br>CRIBBAGE 10AM TO 12PM<br>ADULT COLORING 10:30AM<br>LUNCH 12:00PM<br>BOOK CLUB 12:30PM                                               |
| <b>10</b><br>CRIBBAGE 10AM TO 12PM<br>SCRABBLE 10AM TO 12PM<br>MONDAY NIGHT PITCH 5PM | <b>11</b><br>NEEDLE WORKERS 10AM<br>ADULT COLORING 10AM<br>LUNCH 12:00PM                                                            | <b>12</b><br>PITCH LEAGUE 1PM TO 3PM                                           | <b>13</b><br>COUNCIL MEETING 9:30AM<br>DOMINOES 10AM TO 12PM<br>QUILTING CLASS<br>12:30PM TO 2:30PM | <b>14</b><br>CUP OF JOE W/ JOE 9:30AM<br>CRIBBAGE 10AM TO 12PM<br>ADULT COLORING 10:30AM<br>LUNCH 12:00PM<br>FREE MOVIE 12:45PM<br>"QUEEN BEES" |
| <b>17</b><br>SENIOR CENTER<br>CLOSED<br>MONDAY NIGHT PITCH 5PM                        | <b>18</b><br>NEEDLE WORKERS 10AM<br>ADULT COLORING 10AM<br>LUNCH 12:00PM                                                            | <b>19</b><br>SHINE -- ZOOM<br>APPOINTMENTS 9AM--3PM<br>PITCH LEAGUE 1PM TO 3PM | <b>20</b><br>DOMINOES 10AM TO 12PM<br>QUILTING CLASS<br>12:30PM TO 2:30PM                           | <b>21</b><br>CRIBBAGE 10AM TO 12PM<br>ADULT COLORING 10:30AM<br>LUNCH 12:00PM<br>FREE<br>FIRE DEPARTMENT<br>PRESENTATION                        |
| <b>24</b><br>CRIBBAGE 10AM TO 12PM<br>SCRABBLE 10AM TO 12PM<br>MONDAY NIGHT PITCH 5PM | <b>25</b><br>NEEDLE WORKERS 10AM<br>ADULT COLORING 10AM<br>LUNCH 12:00PM<br>DA PRESENTATION 1PM<br>"CREATING A CARING<br>COMMUNITY" | <b>26</b><br>PITCH LEAGUE 1PM TO 3PM                                           | <b>27</b><br>DOMINOES 10AM TO 12PM<br>QUILTING CLASS<br>12:30PM TO 2:30PM                           | <b>28</b><br>CRIBBAGE 10AM TO 12PM<br>ADULT COLORING 10:30AM<br>LUNCH 12:00PM<br>BEANO 12:45PM                                                  |
| <b>31</b><br>CRIBBAGE 10AM TO 12PM<br>SCRABBLE 10AM TO 12PM<br>MONDAY NIGHT PITCH 5PM |                                                  |                                                                                |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                 |