

Essex Senior News

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COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Ah, October! The month when foliage in the northeast blazes like fire. I never outgrow the awesomeness of it!

For the Center, October is a month of great anticipation as we prepare for our annual Silent Auction and the Five Corners Craft Fest, two of our most popular and lucrative fundraisers. The Silent Auction will kick off on Monday, October 29 and will culminate with final bidding at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 10 during the Craft Fest. If you've never experienced these events, be sure to stop in. They are both open to the public, bringing even more life and energy to the Center as folks get into the Holiday spirit and marvel at the gifts and creative wares of our vendors.

We'll also be having our annual Luncheon Auction on October 31. Everyone coming to the potluck should bring a "nearly new" item for the auction table. No clothing, shoes, or bedding, please. Brenda (aka "Vanna") will once again be our auctioneer extraordinaire!

As always, thank you for your continued support of and participation in your Senior Center.

Warmly,
Lou Ann

**THE CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8 IN OBSERVANCE OF
COLUMBUS DAY.**

*"I'm so glad I live in a world where there
are Octobers."*

— L. M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables

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TO EASC's NEWEST MEMBERS!

Irene Bowman Shirley King Marie Miller
Joan Roberts Nan Spence Helene Thomas
Marta Vosburgh Eric Wales
Thank you for joining us!

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Celebrating Birthdays in October



Joan Haslett Wendell Eastman Sara Leggett
 Marion Parks Billie Hall Betty Kelly Gerry Danforth
 Jim Boyce Frank Buswell Gloria Gilmond Marguerite Orr
 Stan Carroll Loretta Masi Jacinthe Boyd Virginia Villeneuve
 Caryl Hamel Laurel Ashley Newt Garland George Toomey
 Jean Allard LeAnn Rettew Betty Darrah Renate McGrath
 Nancy Smith Christine Murphy Rosalie Allard
 Marie Cowan Sandra Jones Carl Houghton



Thank You to our Bingo Callers:

October 2 Martha Di Maggio
 October 9 Jeannine Cote
 October 16 Maddie Lister
 October 23 Randy Forguites
 October 30 Brenda Rathe

Join a really fun group of folks for penny Bingo every Tuesday beginning at 12:30 sharp! Laughter guaranteed!

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON NEWS

Doors open at 11:00 for our October 3 outing to CTE (culinary at Essex HS). Please remember there is limited parking, so please carpool if possible.

Our first luncheon of the season at Essex Middle School will be Wednesday, October 10. \$3 tickets are available through Thursday, October 6 only. Don't miss out!

Beginning October 24, Wednesday Soup & Sandwich luncheons at the Center will be served at 11:30 to allow for more time in the afternoon for programs and games.

Potluck on October 31: Our annual Luncheon Auction. Please bring a nearly new item for the auction table (no clothing, shoes or bedding please.) Remember to bring your quarters and one dollar bills for bidding! Plan on staying a little later today.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS

Date/Host	Location	Meal	Program
October 3 Outing at CTE Culinary	Essex HS CTE 11-12:30	Roast Pork	None
October 10 Essex Middle School	EMS 12:00-1:15	Cafeteria Special	TBA
October 17 Saint Pius	Senior Center 11:30-1:30	Soup & Sandwich \$2/\$4	Comedy Act
October 24 Holy Family & Grace Methodist	Senior Center 11:30-1:30	Soup & Sandwich \$2/\$4	LCR Game
October 31 ALL	Senior Center 11:30-2	Potluck Bring dish to share	October Birthdays & Auction

ABOUT WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS...

Essex Area Senior Center (EASC) sponsors Senior Luncheons every Wednesday from late August through May. Most of our luncheons are now held here at the Senior Center. Those meals are typically soup (from the CTE) and sandwiches with dessert and beverages. Sandwiches and desserts are donated by participating area churches who also send volunteers to serve. The soup, beverages, paper products, etc. are purchased by EASC. EASC volunteers and staff set up, clean up, organize and receive admission for each luncheon. Soup and Sandwich meals at the Center are \$2 for EASC members and \$4 for non-members.

Typically, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, we are invited to Essex Middle School for lunch. The students and staff take very good care of us there! Tickets are \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

The last Wednesday of the month is Potluck. Admission for Potluck is a dish to share for our members. Non-members must pay \$2 AND bring a dish to share. The month's birthdays are also celebrated at Potluck. **No desserts, please!**

On occasion, we have special outings to the Grand Buffet, CTE, or JP's. Those tickets are \$5-\$7 for our members and \$10 for non-members.

For more information, please contact Lou Ann at 876-5087.

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

Please see the October calendar insert for regular, ongoing programs and activities and drop-in times. We love to have many different activities, games, puzzles, gatherings, etc. happening at the same time whenever possible!

Mondays & Fridays 10-12: Mah Jongg.

**Mondays, 12:30-3:30: Table Bridge,
12:30-4: Hand & Foot in the Conference
Room.**

Tuesdays, 12:30-3:30: Penny Bingo.

**Thursdays, 10-10:30: PLEASE NOTE
CHANGE! Seated Yoga is now at the Senior
Center on Thursdays from 10-10:30. Sorry for
any inconvenience.**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:30-1:30
Seated Tai Chi at Aspire Studio on Maple St.**

**First & Third Thursdays, 12:30-4: Mexican
Train Dominoes in the Main Room.**

**Second & Fourth Thursdays, 12:30-4: New
Canasta in the Main Room.**

**Wednesday, October 3, 11-12:30: Senior
Luncheon** outing at CTE Culinary at Essex High
School. Ticket required.
1-4: Duplicate Bridge in Conference Room.

**Wednesday, October 3, 2:00: Craft Fest
Committee meeting.**

Monday, October 8: Closed for Columbus Day.

**Wednesday, October 10, 12-1:15: Senior
Luncheon** at Essex Middle School. Ticket required.
1-4: Duplicate Bridge in Conference Room.

**Friday, October 12, Noon: Monthly Soup and
Sandwich at the Center:** You bring your own
sandwich and the Center provides the soup from CTE.
\$1 Members, \$2 Non-Members. **Reservations are
required.** Call 876-5087 or stop in to the Center to
sign up. (Mah Jongg is in the Conference Room this
morning.)

**Tuesday, October 16, 9:00: Program
Committee Meeting.**

**Wednesday, October 17, 11:30-1:30: Soup &
Sandwich at the Center.** Special program after
lunch: Comedy Act.

2-4: Drop in Cards/Games in Conference Room.



**Book Club: Thursday, October 18 at
10:30.** The book for September is "The
Curious Incident of the Dog in the
Night-Time" by Mark Haddon.

**Friday, October 19: Patty Benoit (Village
office) last day. Stop in and wish her well!**

**Wednesday, October 24, 11:30-1:30: Soup &
Sandwich at the Center followed by LCR game.
1:30-4: Drop in** Cards & Games in the Conference
Room.

**Thursday, October 25, 10:30: Meal Site
Advisory Board Meeting** in the Conference
Room.

**Monday, October 29, 10-4: Silent Auction
begins!** Weekdays through November 8. Final
bidding on Saturday, November 10 until 2 PM.

**Wednesday, October 31: Happy
Halloween!**
**11:30-2: Potluck at the Center and
the Annual Luncheon Auction!** Be
sure to remember your nearly new item
for the Auction Table and your quarters and small
bills for bidding. Our own Brenda Rathe will once
again be our Auctioneer. You don't want to miss this!
Reservations requested.



SAVE THE DATE!

**Wednesday, November 7: Thanksgiving
Luncheon** at Essex Alliance Church sponsored by
EJRP and EPR. Call 878-1375 or 878-1342.

Friday, November 9: Center closed for Craft Fest
set-up.

Saturday, November 10: Craft Fest! 9-3

Monday, November 12: Center closed in
observance of Veteran's Day.

**Thursday, November 15: Last day of
Seated Tai Chi, Session 1.**

**Thursday & Friday, November 22&23: Closed
for Thanksgiving.**

**Sunday, December 9: Trip to Middlebury
Town Hall Theater. Details in November!**

SPECIAL THANKS

This month I'd like to say thank you and farewell to **Patty Benoit**, Administrative Assistant for the Village of Essex Junction. Patty's last day will be October 19, as she moves on to an adventurous and relaxing retirement. Since my first days here, Patty has been the go-to person for any questions I've had regarding Lincoln Hall, which the Center calls home. She has patiently supported me as I learned to navigate the nuances of invoicing, ordering, and operating the postage machine, among dozens of other things. Patty has always offered to lend a hand whenever and wherever she was able, even grabbing groceries after hours for a Center event when I was without my regular volunteers. She has been a staunch supporter of our Center and our seniors, and has always loved and protected the Village that has been her home. Thank you doesn't seem adequate to express my appreciation for all that you've done. It has been a privilege to be your co-worker, and a blessing to call you friend. On behalf of our members and myself, I wish you every joy and good health in your retirement and always.

Thanks to all the volunteers who opened, closed, facilitated the luncheon and programs, and kept the Center up and running so I could enjoy a few days away. You're appreciated more than you know!



SENIOR VANS operate from 9:00AM-4:00PM Monday through Friday. Transportation on the vans to destinations in the town or village is free for residents of Essex Junction or the Town of Essex who are 60 years of age or older. The vans are equipped with wheelchair lifts. Reservations must be made the day before your appointment by calling 878-6940 between the hours of 9:00 AM and Noon, Monday through Friday. (For Monday appointments, calls must be made on the Friday before.)

SPECIAL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Please remember to call on Friday, October 5 for rides needed Tuesday, October 9.

Around Town

October 21, 2PM (please arrive 15 minutes early). **Cribbage** at Jericho Community Center, 329 Brown's Trace Rd, Jericho, VT. Games are open for anyone interested in playing cribbage and we will be playing for money (\$1 entry fee). Bring your own snacks, soda, water, or canned beer. Call Samantha Ovitt, 881-6394, or email samanthaovitt@yahoo.com for more info.

ANNOUNCEMENT



Tickets for the annual CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON sponsored by the Essex Knights of Columbus and Rotary will go on sale at the Senior Center on Tuesday, October 9. Luncheon will again be at the CV Expo. Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at Noon. \$5.00/person. Essex residents and members of EASC only. No refunds, no take-outs.

INTRODUCING...



MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

If you've never tried playing this game, you are in for a treat! Come to the Center on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 12:30 to learn this fun and engaging game. You'll be hooked in no time! (and the little trains are so cute!). Free for our members, \$1/session for non-members. Hope to see you here! Call Lou Ann at 876-5087 for more information.

