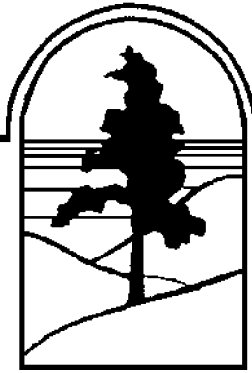


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Westport  
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On Aging

75 Reed Road  
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# EVERGREEN

May 2015

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The primary function of the Westport Council on Aging is to identify and meet the needs of Westport's elder population and to inform elders and the community of available services.

**Director: Beverly Bisch**

**COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEMEBERS**

Marcia Liggin - *Board Chair*    Karin Bergeron - *Vice Chair*  
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Dear Family and Friends of The Westport Council on Aging:

My name is Beverly Bisch and it is my pleasure to introduce myself to you as the new Director of the Council on Aging in Westport. I am humbled to have the privilege to lead this organization. There is no doubt that this is an exciting time for the COA as we begin a new chapter in our history.

In my role as Director , it will be my pleasure to work with our dedicated staff to increase the number of people we serve, grow the number of volunteers who help the COA provide support, to raise funds and awareness necessary to help elders 60 years of age and over to access our services.

My background includes: Bachelor's of Art in Psychology and a minor in Chemistry from Rhode Island College. I have used my degree to manage Residential and Adult Day Programs, Family Support, Intensive Family Support Programs for The MA Dept. Of Development Services and the MA Dept of Mental Health. I have also worked for the Veterans Administration and the MA Commission for the Blind.

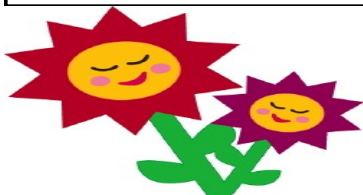
I welcome your ideas as well as your support. Please feel free to contact me with your comments, suggestions or concerns.

***Baking Supplies needed***

*cake mix, frosting and brownie mix to be used at our monthly soup and sandwich luncheons. Donation box in the reception area*

***Volunteering is good for your health***

*Come join our team of volunteers  
Receptionist and Kitchen help needed  
Please call Susan at 508-636-1026  
For more information*



HAPPY  
MOTHERS  
DAY

The Center will be Closed  
on Monday May 25  
Memorial Day

# **PROGRAMS FOR MIND BODY AND FITNESS**

Call for space availability and fees-508-636-1026.

**Attention all Aerobics and Stretch and Tone participants:  
As of April 24, 2015 the cost for classes will be \$4.00/class  
Cards will now be \$40.00/10 classes and \$80.00/20  
Checks only! payable to the Town of Westport**

## **T'AI CHI**

Classes are on Fridays  
12:30 for Advanced  
1:30 Intermediate  
\$8.00 per session or \$40.00 for 6weeks  
Make checks payable to the Town of Westport

*Multi-Level Chair Yoga  
Monday & Wednesday's  
12:45-1:45  
12 classes for \$36.00  
Make checks payable to  
the Town of Westport*



## **OSTEOPOROSIS**

**Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:45 AM - 11:00 AM**

An exercise for people with or at risk for Osteopenia/Osteoporosis or those who simply wish to remain strong . Participants will learn about osteoporosis and everyday activities that will improve their day to day lives. A physician form available at theCOA that states this would be beneficial is required. There are openings in the Monday, Wednesday & Friday sessions. For more information contact the WCOA. Instructor : Florence Wypych

## **WALKING-HIKING GROUP**

Every **Tuesday starting 8:45AM** the group leaves from the Westport COA. Are you interested in walking / hiking with others who love the outdoors? Have you wanted to walk some of the wonderful trails in our area but have some reservations about heading out alone? Come to the WCOA on Tuesday morning and join the group.



## **SCAM ALERT**

Phone calls from companies offering "Free Inspections for Home Improvements" These phone calls should be disregarded. Our Westport Building Inspector has Suggested that you contact his office for a local referral if you are in need of these types of services. The Office of Consumer Affairs can be phoned also for verification of business licensing.

Consumer Hotline  
**888-283-3757**

## **BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC**

2nd Tuesday of every month from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM with a Nurse from Gentiva Home Health.  
NO FEE

## **PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP**

**Thursday May 14, 2015 @1pm  
at the Dartmouth Senior Center 628 Dartmouth St., South Dartmouth,  
MA. Topic: "Let's have an Open Conversation."**

**Yoga to follow with Kat—\$3 p/p**

## **LEGAL CORNER**

**2014 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. by appointment only.**

A local attorney will be meeting individuals for 30 minute appointments. The Attorney is experienced in a broad variety of legal areas with expertise in Basic Estate Planning, including Living Trusts and Wills.



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Supporting the Senior Center  
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Westport, MA 02790***



**Greetings from the FWCOA**

Spring has finally arrived and it is so great not to see snow. In June every household will be receiving a yellow membership brochure with a white envelope enclosed. We hope that our present members will renew and non members will join. The funds derived from this drive are used totally for the Senior Center.

We appreciate Lees Market Community Partners Program as the Friends receive a check for a percentage of the total of Lees register tapes submitted to us after having been placed in the collection box in the foyer.

A goal of the friends this year is to provide support for the Social Day program and continue to maintain an Emergency Fund for the Director of the Senior Center to have for needy elders.

**The SHINE Program**

SERVING THE HEALTH INFORMATION NEEDS OF ELDERS

If you are in need of assistance with answers to your insurance questions, supplements, etc.,

**Please call the center for an appointment May 11th 1-3pm**

**508-636-1026**

Country Travelers

June 10, "Some Like It Hot and Some Like It Over Ice" at Whites of Westport w/choice of Boneless Breast of Chicken Or Baked Scrod Pay't due no later than Wed. 5/6/15 \$49.00

June 25-26, Stowe Vt. Green Mt. Inn w/Dinner &B/Fast inc. Ben & Jerrys' tour w/Sightseeing/Shopping \$260/\$360  
Contact: Veronica Beaulieu 508-636-4889 for more information.

**KNITTING & CROCHETING**

**Tuesday 1:00 PM**

If you're new to knitting/crocheting, this class is a great way to pick up new tricks and to always have someone ready to help you through difficult parts of patterns. This class is for knitters & crocheters of all skill levels. Committing to a group is a great way of making time for the craft and hopefully you will stick with it. The class is led by Gertrude Vigeant.

**QUILTING**

**Thursdays at 1:00**

Preserve the art of quilting by gathering together to share quilting ideas and techniques. We create group quilts and assist one another with personal quilts & share ideas. The group is led by Valerie Schofield.



**Awaken the Artist Within Join us for Art Classes at the COA**

**Wednesday 9:00—12:00**

Hosted by Robert Abele. Robert is a graduate of the School of Visual Arts. His paintings have appeared in numerous publications including the Washington Post and the New York times. This class is designed as a workshop where all mediums are welcome. Watercolor, oil and colored pencil are just a few of the mediums used by students. Each student is given personal instruction and guidance based on the subject they are working on. **Classes are \$40.00 per month or \$15.00 for a single class.** Come in and release the Artist within You.

**Meet and Greet Representative Paul Schmid**

**Monday, May 4th at 9:00 AM**

Representative Paul Schmid will be at the Senior Center, 75 Reed Road, Westport, MA on for a monthly Constituents informational session. This is your opportunity to meet with Rep. Schmid and bring him your concerns or to tell him what you appreciate about the working of the Commonwealth.



**Make your reservation  
SOUP AND SANDWICH  
May 20, 2015  
at  
11:30  
Alphabet Soup  
And  
Egg Salad Sandwich**

**SENIOR HAPPENINGS CALENDAR**

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## OUTREACH INFORMATION

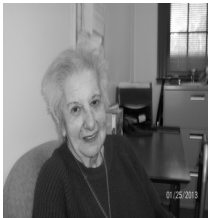
### **Are you or anyone you know in need of assistance?**

Our Outreach staff meet with the elderly and disabled Westport residents either in their home or in the office to assess the individual's needs, explain community programs and benefits, and assist with applications for programs such as Fuel Assistance, Food Stamps and other benefits. The Outreach Workers also assist elders in crisis; they are mandated reporters for suspected elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation.

The Outreach Workers are happy to include family members in meetings if the elder or disabled individual agrees. The Outreach Workers and all Council on Aging staff are bound by strict confidentiality laws and are not allowed to release any information without permission.

The Outreach Workers receive referrals from many different sources including family members, police and fire, health professionals, community agencies, hospitals, nursing homes, and the elders and disabled themselves. If you would like to make a referral to the Council on Aging Outreach Workers, please contact Andrea, Phyllis or Julie at 508-636-1026.

The COA has a "loan closet" with durable medical equipment (wheelchairs, canes, etc.) for Westport elderly and disabled individuals.



### Westport's Supportive Day Program

The supportive day program provides a safe, structured environment for seniors who are isolated, experience memory or personal loss, recovering from personal illness or injury, or have certain physical restrictions because of age related disabilities.

This community care program allows elders to remain in their homes, providing much needed respite for caregivers. These services are provided in a non-medical facility.

#### **Our program includes**

Trained Professional Staff	Therapeutic games
Daily structured and supervised activities	Day Trips
Morning/afternoon snacks	Health Clinics
Nutritious lunch	Sing-a-longs
Educational Programs	Gentle Exercise
Current Events	Creative Activities
Transportation is available	Financial Aid is Available

**Located in the Westport Senior Center, 75 Reed Road, Westport, MA  
Westport, MA 02790**

**SENIOR CENTER CLOSING POLICY:** If the Westport Community Schools announce closings due to weather emergencies, the Senior Center will close for classes, transportation, and other activities. The COA office may operate for routine administrative operations only.

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is available for Westport elders and handicapped persons of all ages by appointment only. The cost is \$3 one way \$5 round trip.

**Monday - Friday 10:00am-2:00pm**

*Medical Appointments*

*Local Grocery Stores*

*Local Shopping Centers*

*Pharmacies*

When you make your appointment, call us immediately to schedule a ride. Please have the exact business or doctor's name, street address, telephone number and approximate duration of your appointment (pick up time) when you call.

**Please try to schedule two weeks in advance due to limited availability.**

### Fuel Assistance Betterment Fund

Funding is needed for the Fuel Assistance Betterment Fund at the town Treasure's Office. This fund will not be replenished by the town. Due to rising fuel costs, this fund has been almost totally depleted. Anyone wishing to donate to this fund may turn in a check to our clerk in the main office. Please make the check out to the **Town of Westport**, noting on the check that the money is to be used for the **Fuel Assistance Betterment Fund**. Thank you to the citizens of Westport for all of your donations to this extremely needed fund.



### IMPORTANT AEROBICS AND TONING CLASS INFORMATION

The Monday, Wednesday, and Friday aerobics classes are currently full. However, if interested, you may place your name on the waiting list to be contacted for any future openings. Please see the volunteer at the sign-in desk to be put on the waiting list. Westport residents will be given first priority. The Tuesday and Thursday Stretch and Toning classes also have limited openings. If you are interested, you may sign up now. **Please have your medical clearance forms completed before attending the class.** These classes are extremely popular, and we know that there are many people who wish to participate. However, time and space are limited. The volunteer at the desk and class participants have no ability to make an 'exception' to this rule. Also, please be on time for these classes. **No one will be allowed in any of these classes if more than five minutes late due to safety concerns.** Thank you for your patience.

### Uncovering a Scam



**The Senate is investigating deceptive sweepstakes practices. These companies target elderly and make them think they will receive a bunch of money. In reality they never see any of it. The most popular of these scams is Social Security.**

### Elder Abuse is a Serious Issue

If you have cause to believe that you or someone you know who is sixty or older is being abused, neglected, or exploited, call Bristol Elder Services at 508-675-2101 to file a confidential report. After normal business hours, reports may be filed with the statewide Elder Abuse Hotline at 1-800-922-2275.

### Evergreen is now available by E-mail.

If you would like to receive the Evergreen by E-mail send a request to [coaclerk@westport-ma.gov](mailto:coaclerk@westport-ma.gov) including your full name & telephone number.



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