

December 2023

Chaplin Senior Center

132 Chaplin Street
Chaplin, CT 06235
860-455-1327

Lisa Kegler, Director
Linda Grindle, Asst. Director
Bob Grindle & Dawn Gilbert, Kitchen
Shirley Rakos, Municipal Agent



Artist of the month - Stacey Gendreau

Stacey Gendreau was raised on a small dairy farm in Ashford, Connecticut, always exploring the natural environment of the 300 acre farm. She has served 23 years in a hospital setting and continues to be a volunteer EMT between Hampton and Chaplin for 27 years. All the while finding her bliss in the world of art. Her fine attention to detail is key whether dealing with a medical emergency or creating a work of art.

"For me my small art studio is at times a place to focus on my art and other times a spiritual sanctuary. When in my studio, working on an art project, the stresses and worries of daily life can gradually fade into the background. At other times, it is a place of solitude, where my soul feels most sharply, the pains and pleasures of life and the tears flow freely. In either case, the experience is cleansing and cathartic and binds me to the earth.

When I paint images of Native Americans and Nature, I feel a closer bond to Mother Earth, and a more harmonious way of living. Long walks alone in the woods ground me and allow me later on to feel one with the wood when working with it. I work with in the parameters of the wood grain to bring out the natural beauty that mother earth has blessed us with. Using reclaimed wood connects me to the people of the past and also gives the wood new life.

The process of designing furniture is one which I truly enjoy. From selecting a piece of wood to conceptualizing how best to utilize its qualities is key for me. I also enjoy using traditional hand tools which brings me closer to the wood rather than using modern power tools. Although I do use some power tools, my emphasis is on hand tools. Traditional woodworking methods such as hand planing wood, hand cut dovetails and joinery are a key component of my furniture building process. I often used reclaimed lumber some of which is approximately 400 yrs old.

I hope people enjoy the beauty of the natural artwork I have created and welcome it into their home."

Tax Collector - Mark your calendars. For the convenience of the Chaplin residents, the tax collector will be here at the center on Wednesday, Jan. 10th, 2024 from 10:00am till 1:00pm.

CURBSIDE PICKUP OR DINE IN LUNCHES

CHAPLIN SENIOR CENTER

Every Monday and Wednesday. \$6.00 for members and \$8.00 for non-members. Pickups will be from 11:45 till 12:15. Dining in starts at noon. You must call in your order on the Thursday before by 2:00pm for Monday lunch and call in on Monday before for Wednesday lunch.

December 2023 Menu

- Monday Dec. 4th - Baked Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetable, Dinner Roll and Dessert**
- Wed. Dec. 6th - Chicken Parmesan with Noodles, Roasted Carrots, Garlic Bread and Dessert**
- Monday Dec. 11th - Roast Pork with Applesauce, Oven Brown Potatoes, Peas, Corn Bread and Dessert**
- Wed. Dec. 13th - Spaghetti & Meatballs w/ Homemade Sauce, Tossed salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert**
- Mon. Dec. 18th - Shepherd's Pie w/ Mashed Potatoes and Corn, Dinner Roll, and Dessert**
- Wed. Dec. 20th - Christmas Dinner – Cranberry Stuffed Chicken Breast w/ Orange Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Dinner Roll and Devils Food Cake with Cherry Cream Filling**
- Mon. Dec. 25th - SENIOR CENTER CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS!!**
- Wed. Dec. 27th - Bacon Cheeseburger on a Roll with Lettuce and Tomato, Oven Fries and Dessert**



Murder Mystery in a Box!!

Can you solve a murder mystery?

Come join us on Thursdays December 7th and 14th at 10:00am to check out what we have in the mystery box and see if we can get this murder mystery solved!!! You are one of the detectives.

Deck the Halls and Pizza Party!!

Join us on Tuesday December 5th at 10:00am

To help decorate the senior center for the

Holidays.

Followed by a pizza party and a performance

by the Chaplin Community Singers.

Please sign up at the front desk,

or call 860-455-1327

Join the excitement of the

Chaplin Community Singers

Email Ellen at efgsinger@gmail.com



Chaplin Public Library Friends Auction

We are holding an online auction to raise money for Chaplin Public Library, starting on Mon November 20th, 2023 @ 10:00 PM EST and ending on Mon December 4th, 2023 @ 10:00 PM EST. Items include products from local vendors, farmers, and craftspeople. This is an excellent way to support your library, which brings to the community free media, internet, and other services.

If you or someone you know would like to donate an item or service to the auction, please follow this link: https://yourcharityauction.com/item_donation.php?a=3288 or if you have any questions, email us at lisanadile@me.com by 11/18/2023.

You can view our auction at YourCharityAuction.com/ChaplinLibrary, or use our QR code:



Thank you for your continued support!

ONLINE AUCTION

Support your Chaplin Library and find wonderful things holiday gifts and for yourself. Look at what could be yours!

- *Honey from Chaplin's Buddah's Bees (value \$15 each)
- *Quart of Maple Syrup from Chaplin's Bats of Bedlam (value \$25)
- *Blondie's gift certificate, good at both locations (value \$50)
- *Blondie's gift certificate, good at both locations (value \$25)
- *Walmart gift certificate (value \$100)
- *Big Y gift certificate (value \$25)
- *Red Weber traveler portable foldable gas grille (\$429)
- *Pizza Mike's for any signature pizza (\$25)
- *Chaplin's Family Auto (value \$65, good for most oil changes)
- *Weave your own tea towel with Chaplin's master weaver Peggy Church (\$85 value)
- *Fenton River Grille also good at sister restaurants in Pomfret, Storrs, Putnam gift certificate (\$40 value)
- *The Harp gift certificate with t-shirt and decals (food value \$30)
- *Golf at Willimantic golf course for four with cart (value \$250)
- *Renee's Cleaning Service 3 hour session (value \$150)
- *Spotless Car wash gift certificate for 6 bronze washes (value \$56)
- *Bagel One gift certificate for a dozen bagels and cream cheese (value \$20)
- *Farmers' Cow gift certificate (value \$40)
- *Custom made charcuterie board made by craftsman Bob Dubos with Chaplin black walnut, ash and cherry ((value \$65)
- *Landek's Landscaping/Design gift certificate 3 hours in April (value \$100)
- *Quiet Corner Float therapy in Willimantic for one hour (\$70)
- *Gift basket of children's books from The Hoot (value \$25)
- *Four pewter ornaments handmade by Guy Ricklin, Chaplin's master pewter smith (value \$50)
- *Chaplin's Hide-A-Way Cheesesteak and Stuff gift certificate (value \$25)
- *White Claw Body Board collectible (value \$30)
- *Eastford Building Supply gift certificate (value \$40)



ONLINE AUCTION

SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY!

NOVEMBER 29 WEDNESDAY

STARTING
AT 12:30 -
UNTIL
2:00PM

COMMUNITY ROOM

Get Assistance With Auction
Registration - It's Easy!

ASK QUESTIONS

Holiday Elves Here to Help With A Smile

REGISTER TO BID

REVIEW ITEMS BEFORE BIDDING



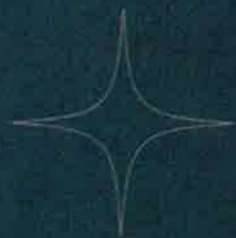
HOLIDAY GIFTS!

Something for everyone - Including You!

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Chaplin Community Singers


Hello. I had hoped to get a consensus of when people might be available to schedule regular gatherings and also performance times. We would get together at Chaplin Senior Center, maybe 1 to 2pm on Wednesday or Thursday.

I'm going ahead with two sing alongs in hopes of fostering such a group. Both Chaplin and Windham Senior Centers are aware that we are just beginning to form and are wanting to grow into a great group.

Meanwhile we can harmonize or sing in unison for the holidays in familiar music. I will have lyrics and music selections available to sing from for the decorating pizza party at Chaplin on December 5th at 10:00am till noon, and at 1:00pm on December 12th at the Windham Senior Center.

Not ideal but it's a starting point as the holidays are fast approaching. I'm calling all interested parties to see how this approach will pan out with participation.

Thank you for your support. Ellen



Stuff a Cruiser!

The Town of Chaplin will be hosting our Annual
"Stuff A Cruiser Toy Drive"
To benefit the Tommy Toy Fund
Date: Saturday, December 02, 2023
Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm
Location: Chaplin Fire Department, 106 Phoenixville Rd

Join Trooper Tucker to fill the cruiser with donations of new and unwrapped toys! Toys are needed for children from infants to age 12. All donations will be distributed to families throughout Windham County.

If you are unable to make it on 12/02, you can drop off your donations at the Town Hall by 3pm on 11/30

Let's give the children a holiday they will not forget!

Chaplin Senior Center Monthly Calendar

December 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
4 9:00-9:45 Fit & Fun 9:00-12:00 Pickleball 10:00 Wii Bowling 10:00-2:00 Massage Therapy Call 860--455-1327 for Appt. 11:00 Yoga 11:45-12:15 LUNCH see menu	5 9:00-9:45 Fit & Fun 10:00 Deck the Halls Pizza Party and Sing-a-Long 10:00 Memoir Group 10:00-2:00 Mahjongg in the Library	6 9:00 - 12:00 Pickleball 9:45-11:45 Bingo 11:45-12:15 LUNCH see menu 12:30-1:30 Qigong	7 9:00-9:45 Fit & Fun 10:00 Murder Mystery in a Box
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Artists' Open Studio

Open Nov. 24, 25, 26 & Dec. 2, 3

There will be 6 different artists showing their art in the

Chaplin Community Room

10:00am till 5:00pm



PICKLEBALL



It's all the rage now!!

**Chaplin Senior Center has a
beautiful indoor pickleball
court and we play every
Monday and Wednesday**

9:00am till Noon.

**We are a fun and welcoming
group, perfect for all levels of
skill, beginners to advanced.**

Come by and check it out!!!





December 11

Monday 3:00-5:00

Join us for letter writing to individuals in need of a hopeful letter during this sometimes challenging time of year.

We will have some supplies . Please bring any items you love - pens, washi tape, stickers, stationary, envelopes and your own postage stamps

We look forward to writing in community

All Welcome! Children need an adult to help them with their letters



More Love Letters

www.moreloveletters.com

860-455-9424

Christmas song EMOJI TRIVIA

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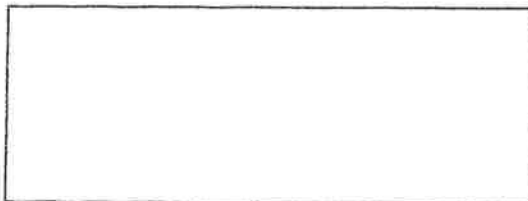
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Oh no...SNOW!!!!

If the Senior Center has to close or open late due to inclement weather, the announcement will be on Channel 3. We do follow the school schedule. If the school is closed, we will also be closed. Keep in mind there is a chance school could be open but the Senior Center closed. It is always best to check the channel 3 cancellations. Your safety is our concern. Please note: If there is a late opening on a Wednesday, there will be no BINGO that day. As always, if you have any doubt, call the Center at 860-455-3217 before heading out. Thank you.