

Around Town Newsletter  
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Erving, MA 01344

# MARCH 2024

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## AROUND TOWN

*An Erving Community Newsletter*

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### ERVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Erving Elementary School has a brand-new school van and is accepting applications for the following new part time position: **7D VAN DRIVER**

**Qualifications:** High school diploma/GED required

- **7D VAN DRIVER**  
**Part Time Position**  
**\$22.00 per hour**
- Valid Massachusetts 7D Pupil Transport certificate
- Valid Massachusetts Driver's License
- Thorough knowledge of Massachusetts transportation laws

**The full job description can be found on our website: <https://www.union28.org/employment>**

**Please visit our website at [www.union28.org](http://www.union28.org) for an Erving Employment application and send with letter of interest, resume and three current references to: David Krane, Interim Principal Erving Elementary School 28 Northfield Road Erving, MA 01344 ~ EOE ~**

## ZONING BYLAW REWRITE HAS BEEN APPROVED

On June 28, 2023, the Town of Erving voted to adopt a completely updated and rewritten zoning bylaw. This bylaw change was approved by the Attorney General's Office on 12/2/2023. Claims of invalidity by reason of any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment may only be made within ninety days of this notification. The new zoning bylaw is available for reading or printing on the Town of Erving website at this location:

<https://www.erving-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/town-erving-zoning-bylaws-and-map>

Alternatively, if you need a hardcopy, you may stop in at the Town Hall and request one.

ERVING, MASSACHUSETTS

# *Fire-Rescue*

10 East Main Street, Erving, Ma 01344

Office (413) 422-2800 Ext 1221

Fax (413) 423-3859



*Chief Philip Wonka*

As reminder Massachusetts allows residents to burn brush between January 15 and May 1, depending on weather conditions. You must obtain permission from the Fire Department or <http://www.fcburnpermits.com/> . The permits are free of charge, but availability depends on weather conditions.

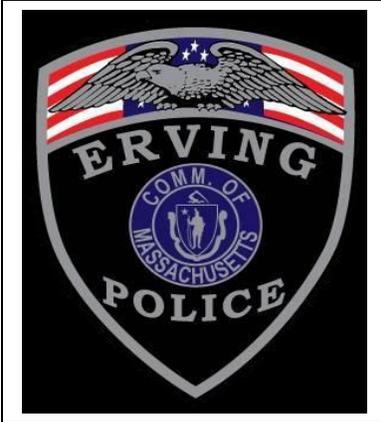
## **Regulations**

- You may only burn BRUSH! All other materials are illegal. No leaves, grass, hay, stumps, building debris or any other materials are allowed to be burned.
- All open burning must be a minimum of 75 feet from buildings or structures.
- Burning will be allowed to start at 10:00am and must be extinguished by 4pm.
- Any open fire must be attended at all times by the permit holder.
- No person shall set, maintain, or increase a fire in open air at any time except by permission.
- You must be 18 years or older to apply for a permit and/or set, maintain, or increase fire once permission has been granted by the Fire Department.
- You must have an appropriate means to extinguish an open-air fire completely at the end of the day or if requested by the Fire Department.
- The Fire Department can refuse or cancel a permit at any time. (Example: Violation of permit regulations or change in weather conditions.)
- Open burning season is January 15 - May 1.
- Massachusetts Regulation 310 CMR: DEP 7.07 "Open Burning"
- More information from the Massachusetts DEP website at [www.mas.gov/service-details/open-burning-safety](http://www.mas.gov/service-details/open-burning-safety)

## Meet Your New Officer

My name is Brandon Garvey, firstly I would like to extend a thank you for bringing me into your town. A little about myself I was a police officer in Greenfield, and before that an officer for Holyoke Community College. I currently live in South Deerfield and spent from 2021-August 2023 renovating the home. I have a Bassett hound named Honey who encourages me on my days off to stay on the couch and sleep. I enjoy spending time with my family, I lift weights, and build things at my house to keep myself busy.

I have a four-year-old son who loves to keep me on my toes and loves to help me around the house with projects, and my wife Kaylan who is my biggest supporter. I love what I do and can't wait to get to know the residents of this town and you to know me.



## What's Coming Up

**Coffee with a Cop** – March 26<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 at the Erving Senior Center.  
Come meet Officer Garvey and  
Co-Responder Jess Brooks.  
Officer Gordon and K9 Ziva will be  
on hand as well.

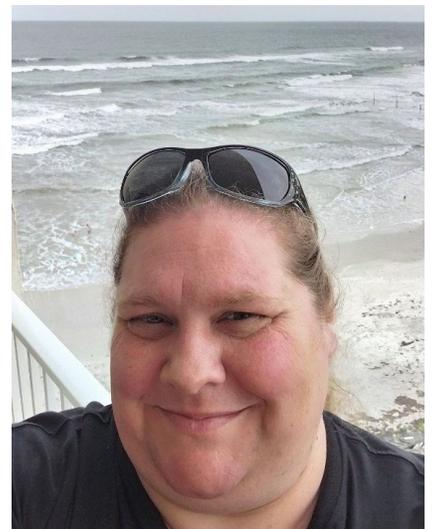


**We still have K9 Ziva apparel.**  
**Hoodie in Small, Medium & XL**  
**Tee Shirts in sm, med, lg & xl**  
**Tee shirt \$20**  
**Sweatshirt \$40**

## Meet Your New C.S.O.

### Co-Responder

My name is Jess Brooks. I am the Co-responder working with the Erving Police and surrounding towns. I grew up in Franklin County. I obtained my master's degree in social work from Westfield State University. I have worked for Clinical & Support Options (CSO) since 2018. Prior to coming to work with Erving I was the co-responder for Western Franklin County. When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends.



# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is Erving's steward for town-owned conservation land and local administrator of Massachusetts' Wetlands Protection Act. Working with landowners, the Commission ensures that our natural resources are protected, and that construction and environmental alterations are accomplished in compliance with state laws. To learn more, or to get required forms go to <https://www.erving-ma.gov/conservation-commission>. As always please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have regarding wet or protected areas near you.

## POPLAR MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION AREA MAINTENANCE

Harry and Sue Sharbaugh have been busy painting blazes on the newly rerouted White Trail. A very old stone boundary marker, found during the recent survey of the property, has been righted by members Rinky, and Mark, and now visible are the carved 'No 2' and 'No 3'.



If you would like to join the email list to receive notification of upcoming events and potential hikes, as well as workdays at the Conservation Area please email Mark Blatchley - [mark.blatchley@erving-ma.gov](mailto:mark.blatchley@erving-ma.gov) Individuals with a morning or afternoon can do brief tasks such as clearing one trail of a log or putting up a sign.

## EVENTS: PAST, AND FUTURE

A handful of people showed up to the **Winter Tracking Hike** led by local naturalist David Brown. They were able to locate the tracks of the grey fox, fisher cat, multiple squirrels, deer, voles, etc. It was a nice sunny day well spent in the woods.

### **Have you heard of Geocaching? Do you want to know what it is and how you can get involved?**

This Spring there will be an opportunity to get an introduction into Geocaching at the library. Once you know what it is, and how to participate, we hope you will enjoy the great outdoors and explore Poplar Mountain Conservation Area where there are over 15 caches to find. Many more are located around the Town, in the residential areas and therefore more easily accessible to those with mobility difficulties.

Be on the lookout for an upcoming **BIRDING EVENT**, most likely in **MAY**. We will be asking David to join us again to teach us about Warblers during an evening program and then lead us on a daytime walk the following day or shortly thereafter.

## Erving Cultural Council News

The Erving Cultural Council is happy to share the grantees who have been selected from this year's list of applicants. Funds totaling \$5,500 allowed us to sponsor 17 requests.

The dates and places for the various events will be announced in the future as they are scheduled. Many of the dates are throughout the spring and summer.

The first event supported by the Council was Quabbin Valley Pro Musica at the Orange Congregational Church on February 4. The next event will be An Irish Music Afternoon held on March 17 at the library.

### APPLICANT

### PROJECT TITLE

1794 Meetinghouse, Inc. Cynthia Barrett Sara Campbell Community Network for Children Erving Senior Center Carrie Ferguson	Quabbin Valley Pro Musica Reading and Book Signing Fun With Local History How Things Move in Nature A Christmas Carol Presentation Carrie Ferguson and The Grumpytime Club Band Family Music Concert
Franklin County Pride, Inc. Friends of the Erving Library	Franklin County Pride 2024 An Irish Music Afternoon with the Connecticut River Flute Choir
Hilltown Families, Inc. Jonathan Keezing LaunchSpace, Inc. Orange Revitalization Partnership George Owens John Porcino	Hilltown Families Suggests Classic Songs! Teen Open Hack Starry Starry Night PaxSax Concert To Life!: Celebrations in Story, Song and Music
The Athol Historical Society The Nolumbeka Project, Incl	Uniquely Quabbin Magazine Pocumtuck Homelands Festival: A Celebration of Native American Art, Music and Cultures
Matt York	Songs & Stories: Willie Nelson

Erving Cultural Council Members

Leslie Brown

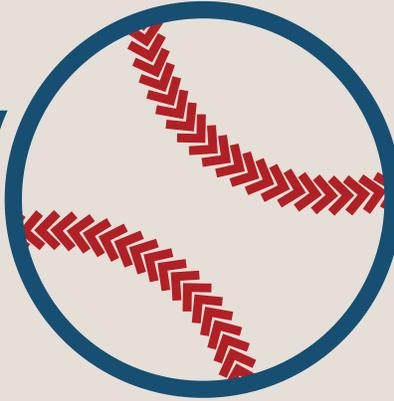
Katie Sadler

Sarah Vega-Liros

Jon and Liz Fils

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RECREATION



# Spring Instructional Baseball

2024

PREK-GR 2  
& AGE 4+

T-BALL  
SKILLS & DRILLS

[HTTPS://ERVINGMA.MYREC.COM](https://ervingma.myrec.com)

## REGISTRATION OPEN

AS OF MARCH 1

PRACTICES HELD MAY-JUNE  
SATURDAY MORNINGS AT ZILINSKI FIELD

RECREATION@ERVING-MA.GOV |

RESIDENTS \$30  
NON-RES \$35

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**PROGRAM SUPPORTED BY ERVING TAXPAYERS.  
THANK YOU.**



# **Erving Recreation's Annual EGG HUNT**

**SATURDAY MARCH 30**

**RIVERFRONT PARK, ARCH ST, ERVING MA**

**EASTER BUNNY ARRIVES AT 10 AM  
EGG HUNT AT 10:30 SHARP**



# ERVING RECREATION COMMISSION'S SUMMER PARKS PROGRAM

**MARCH  
01**

**2024**

## REGISTRATION OPENS TO ERVING RESIDENTS

6 weekly sessions: July 1 - August 9  
For children entering Grades K-6 in Fall 2024

Registration for Erving residents: \$150 per session.

Payment Options:

- A) Pay in full at time of registration
- B) March-April Payment plan: \$50 deposit per week required with registration.
  - Balance due by April 30. Unpaid registrations will be forfeit and initial deposits will be refunded.

Cancellations received on or prior to April 30 will be refunded.

C) Starting May 1, payment is due in full at time of registration and are non-refundable.

## SUMMER PARKS PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS TO NON-RESIDENTS

Non-Resident registration fee: \$225 per session.

**MAY  
01**

For more information and updates or to register,  
visit us at <https://ervingma.myrec.com>  
Follow us on Facebook @Erving Recreation Commission



Erving Elementary School  
Preschool and Kindergarten  
Registration

Erving Elementary School is beginning to register preschool and kindergarten aged students for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Preschool:** If you have a child who will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2024 and you live in the town of Erving, they are eligible to attend preschool at Erving Elementary School.

Erving Elementary offers a full day preschool program - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:50-3:00 and Wednesday 8:50-1:00. \*First Year (3-yr old program) students do NOT attend preschool on Wednesday. Preschool is a tuition-based program per the Erving School Committee. We charge \$20 per day for preschool tuition.

**Kindergarten:** If you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2024, and you live in the town of Erving, he/she is eligible to attend kindergarten at Erving Elementary School.

\*\*Students currently attending Erving Elementary School are automatically enrolled for their next school year.

**All registration packets are due by March 11, 2024**

Please contact the school at 413 423-3326 with any questions and to obtain a registration packet.

ERVING PUBLIC LIBRARY

# All-Abilities Social

## DESIGN-YOUR-OWN-CUPCAKE



**EVERYONE**  
is welcome here!



**RSVP REQUIRED**  
Food Provided

Be sure to let the library know if you have special food needs.

**MONDAY**  
**MAR. 25**  
**11AM-1PM**  
25 SPOTS

&

**TUESDAY**  
**MAR. 26**  
**4-6PM**  
25 SPOTS

These activities are made possible by the LTC Access Grant.  
Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL).

2 CARE DR., OFF RT. 63, ERVING, MA 01344  
ERVING-MA.GOV/LIBRARY (413) 423-3348

Erving Public Library

OPEN TO  
**ALL**  
AGES 6+  
under 11 must  
have caretaker  
present

**PLIX:**  
**Sonic Seasoning**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**MARCH 13**  
**4:30 - 5:30 P.M.**

"Public Library Innovation Exchange" is sponsored by MIT!

JOIN US FOR AN EXPERIMENT TO SEE  
HOW DIFFERENT THINGS SOUND

- Pop Rocks candy
- Jingle Bells
- Markers
- Bare Apple Chips
- and so much more!

Are you 11-19 years old?  
Come to a Teen Exclusive  
**Sonic Seasoning**  
earlier in the day at 3:30 p.m.  
in the Teen Room!



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# PJ STORY TIME

WITH U28 COMMUNITY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN

March 14

6-6:45 pm

Last session for the season:

## Teddy Bear Picnic



Use QR Code to Register or  
[https://form.jotform.com/  
231995324350154](https://form.jotform.com/231995324350154)

Registration  
requested for  
planning  
purposes



Come join us in your favorite pajamas for an evening  
story time after the library closes!  
Young children and their families are welcome!  
Story themed-activities sponsored by CNC.



Contact the Erving Public Library or  
CNC at [budine@erving.com](mailto:budine@erving.com) with any questions



THE UNION #28 COMMUNITY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM IS FUNDED BY THE COORDINATED FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (CFCE) GRANT AWARDED TO THE UNION #28 SCHOOLS BY THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE, AND DONATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY.

Erving Public Library

# Teen\* Media Club

\*Open to  
ages 11-19!

Wednesday, March 13th

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.



- A movie OR a game each time
- No RSVP needed!
- Snacks provided!
- EES students can walk over with a note from a parent/guardian while TFHS students can take Bus Route A to get here

THIS MONTH:  
Jean will be showing us how to make "Sonic Seasoning" with Pop Rocks!



2 Care Drive, Erving, MA 01344  
[library@erving-ma.gov](mailto:library@erving-ma.gov)  
413-423-3348





## April 2024 TOWN WIDE TAG SALE

**Saturday, April 27th 9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m.**

**Rain Date: Sunday, April 28th**

Soon it will be time for the annual Town Wide Tag Sale! Funds raised from tag sale registrations make it possible for the Friends to sponsor the summer reading program and other events at the Erving Public Library.

The registration fee remains at \$15.00. The Friends will: post signage advertising the sale along Routes 2 and 63, place advertising posters at local businesses & town buildings, advertise in 2 local newspapers (Greenfield Recorder and Athol Daily) for 2 days (4/26 & 4/27), advertise in the Montague Reporter (4/25), advertise on the Erving Library and Town of Erving website, advertise on tag sale websites. Registrants can pick up a list of tag sale sites at the library available by April 24. A map of Erving with tag sale sites identified will be displayed at Erving Public Library at 2 Care Drive on the day of the tag sale.

**For your tag sale location to appear on the list of tag sale sites and on the Google map that will be available on the Erving Town Website Calendar, please mail or drop off your registration form and fee by 4:00 p.m., Sunday, April 21 to the Erving Public Library, 2 Care Drive, Erving, MA 01344.** If you have questions or concerns, email the Friends at [ervinglibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:ervinglibraryfriends@gmail.com) or call the library at (413) 423-3348.

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**Tag Sale April 27, 2024**

**Make check/money order payable to: Friends of the Library**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tag Sale Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tag Sale Sites identified by street name and house number will be available for pick up at the library by Wednesday, April 24th. I would like to reserve: \_\_\_\_\_10 \_\_\_\_\_20\_\_\_\_\_ (number) lists to have at my tag sale site.**

# Connecticut River Flute Choir



## **An afternoon of Irish Songs, Ballads, and Lullabies**

The Connecticut River Flute Choir (CRFC) is an ensemble of musicians who love to play the flute!

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

**2:00 p.m.**

***FREE !!***

***Donations graciously accepted.***

***Refreshments will be provided.***

***Erving Library Community Room***

***Sponsored by the Friends of the Erving Library and the  
Massachusetts Cultural Council***

# Friends of the Library News

## **Connecticut River Flute Choir performs in the community room!**

**March 17, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.** Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by attending an afternoon performance of Irish tunes, lullabies and ballads by the Connecticut River Flute Choir. **FREE! Donations accepted.** Refreshments of baked goods served. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.*

**March 10, 2024 - Puzzle Swap: 1:00 pm.- 3:00 p.m.** Library Community Room  
Pick up a puzzle or two for those evenings when you want to relax or are looking for a challenge. Puzzles for most ages.

**March 17, 2024 - Craft day will be a Take and Make event due to the Connecticut River Flute Choir Concert occurring at the same time.** Call the library at 423-3348 to reserve your Take and Make kit which will be available on March 17th.

**Town Wide Tag Sale-Saturday, April 27, 2024 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**  
Information and registration form in this issue of the Around Town Newsletter.

**Plants in bloom:** The Friends will be taking pre-orders for flowering plants from Fairview Farms again this year. Watch for pre-order forms at the library, at local businesses, town hall and the April Around Town Newsletter.

**Plant Sale- Starts Saturday, April 27 at the library**

## ***Are you looking for ways to support the library or the Friends of the Library?***

In addition to becoming a Friend' member, ways in which you can help to serve the library include: donating craft supplies that you no longer find useful to the Friends to help defray the cost of crafting, becoming a library volunteer (information on the town website), providing after school snacks for students that may come to the library directly from school. Donated snacks must be nonperishable and individually packaged. Ideas include; granola bars, boxes of dried fruit, popcorn, peanut butter crackers, fruit or applesauce cups, etc.

## Goodbye to an Oasis

My husband and I love to go bike riding. It's always been our favorite way to be outdoors and active. Now that we're in our 70's we're riding e-bikes. We've been adventuring all over New England exploring bike trails.

Closest to home is the Canalside Rail Trail. It's a lovely path - the gleam of the sunlight on the water, the flocks of water birds gliding by, the peacefulness of the trail bordered by the canal on one side and meadows or woods on the other - all these things bring us to the path often.

But it's winter now, so we're not riding these days. Today, January 14, I decided to brave the cold and take a walk on the path. I wanted to stand under the tall pine trees that border the path in one special area. I've always loved the spot. In the warm months the swaying pines provide much needed shade and rest. As the breeze blows, the trees give off a scent that reminds me of evergreen forests I have lingered in happily. It's an exhilarating aroma that makes you take notice of what's around you.

Today as I started walking towards the trees from a close by parking area, I noticed something dark directly across from the pines. I couldn't see what it was but I knew I'd never seen it before. As I got near, I saw an enormous mound of mud and debris piled haphazardly behind black plastic "aprons".

I felt as if I had just taken a punch. My pine oasis looked like a graveyard - an open graveyard of trees and plants that had been whacked down carelessly to make room for what? I don't know. I don't know who owns that land. I imagine a parking lot will go up in that place.

Joni Mitchell's lyrics came to me,

"Don't it always seem to go,  
that you don't know what  
you've got till it's gone.  
They paved paradise  
and they put up a parking lot."

I imagine that the owner of the land would tell me that they **needed** more room for their vehicles. I want to tell them that everyone who has ever walked, run, skate boarded or bicycled on that path, **needed** those trees and plants for their personal well-being.

As more and more trees get removed from this earth to put up parking lots and condominiums, cattle lots in the Amazon rainforest and avocado plantations in Mexico, that displace indigenous inhabitants - we, the people, are not getting what we actually **need**.

Because what we **need** is a planet that will survive. We need clean water, bees that pollinate our plants, trees that provide oxygen and take carbon from the atmosphere so that we can breathe, thriving animals and birds. We need land to plant food and places where our children can run and climb trees.

I can't say enough about the importance of trees. They are home to infinite species of birds and mammals; they are our source of fruits, nuts and natural medicine. They are erosion preventers, shade bringers, maple syrup producers. Their beauty adorns our streets, surrounds our houses, gives sanctuary to so many life forms.

If the trees, the animals, the planet itself does not survive - what use is the parking lot?

Here in Massachusetts we have a chance to take a stand for our forests.

The citizens of Massachusetts have public land that could be permanently protected so that our children and grandchildren will have forests to walk in, where they can smell the scent of pine, hear the birds, feel the majesty of old trees. They'll **need** to find a sane place to be when the world is battling worse and worse climate disasters.

There are actions you can take to protect our forests and public lands for the future.

Find a wealth of information on this topic and the actions we can all take at:

**Save Massachusetts Forests**

**Massachusetts Sierra Club**

<https://www.sierraclub.org/massachusetts/forest-protection-resources>

**Trees as a Public Good** - a network of both forest protection groups (like Wendell State Forest Alliance) and municipal trees groups, mostly from eastern MA (like Friends of NEMT Forest). For those seeking information on tree related actions -

[TreesPublicGood@gmail.com](mailto:TreesPublicGood@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/TreesAsAPublicGood>

**Tell our governor and legislators that you care about preserving trees on Massachusetts public land!**

*Now is the time to stand up for our forests, our land, for the sake of our children, their children and all future generations!*

*Morning Star Chenven*

**2024 GMEF Annual Gala  
Piano Men: Double Bill --"Billy & Elton!"**

"The GMEF is excited to welcome on **Saturday, April 27, 2024@ 7:00pm** to the TFHS Theater, the **Piano Men: Double Bill --"Billy & Elton!"** Anton Doran and The Tampa Bay All Stars will re-create the music of Billy Joel & Elton John with material from all eras of each artist's career, presenting their biggest hits along with new generations of fan favorites, including: Benny & the Jets, Tiny Dancer, Movin' Out, You May Be Right, I'm Still Standing, Piano Man and many more.

**Advance tickets \$30** – Now available NOW on the GMEF website – [www.thegmef.org](http://www.thegmef.org).

**Tickets will be available at several outlets Friday, *March 1<sup>st</sup>*** Check our website for locations

*Congratulations to the following Schools/staff  
2024 Enrichment Grants for their students.*

**\$499 – GILL ELEMENTARY/Kelly Gobeil & Lauren Steer**

**\$500 – HILLCREST/Lea Wulfkuhle & Kristy Smith - Creative & Cooperative Games for Recess**

**\$500 – HILLCREST/Veronica Hirst - Math-Play Tote**

**\$500 – SHEFFIELD/Britney Skiff & Elizabeth Tyler - Drumming Alive for Health & Wellness**

**\$280 - SHEFFIELD/Susan Pelis - Local Author Visit @ Astrid Sheckels MatLab**

**\$135 – TFHS/Megan Bendiksen - Classics Day for Latin Students**

*Under the philosophy of the GMEF, there is no better way to enrich children's lives than to improve the quality and depth of their education.*

For this reason, we host our Annual Gala. We hope that you will support our Spring Gala, an unforgettable show that promises to offer a "Yellow Brick Road" to the potential of raising \$12,000 - \$14,000 for Student Enrichment.



# Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Medicare Seminar

## Planning for Medicare—Countdown to 65

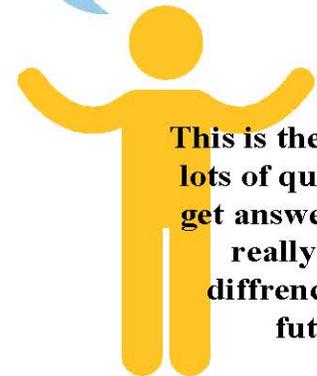
If you're getting close to Medicare eligibility, this seminar is for you. Whether you are planning to retire or will continue to work, it's important to know your Medicare options.

Did you know that missing your Medicare enrollment deadlines could cost you money? We know that Medicare can be confusing, so we designed this seminar to help you be confident you're making the right health coverage decisions.

### What will Planning for Medicare — Countdown to 65 cover?

This seminar is a presentation and discussion led by a knowledgeable Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts representative. We'll be sure to answer your specific questions, in addition to covering these topics:

- Explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, and C
- Medicare enrollment timeline
- Medigap plans that help supplement Medicare coverage
- Medicare Advantage plans, such as HMOs and PPOs
- Medicare Part D prescription drug plans
- Plans and programs available to early retirees, such as COBRA



**This is the time to ask  
lots of questions and  
get answers that can  
really make a  
difference in your  
future !**

### Seminar Details

**Seminar:** Planning for Medicare - Countdown to 65

**Location:** Erving Senior Community Center

**Date:** Thursday March 21, 2024

**Time:** 12:30 pm Light refreshments being served 413-423-3649



# Long-Term Care Planning



Are you prepared  
for your future?  
Do not put it off  
any longer.



**Deirdre Gleason Esq**

## **Presenting: Options for Financing Long-Term Care.**

1. Issues impacting individuals with progressive memory impairment
2. Paying for home care
3. Paying for assisted living
4. Paying for skilled nursing care
5. MassHealth transfers of assets and penalty periods
6. Do you have estate-planning documents that will be effective if you need care

**April 18<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm light refreshments will be served**

**Erving Senior Community Center  
One Care Drive Erving MA 01344  
For information Call: 413-423-3649**

# Erving Senior Center invites you to join us for Coffee with a Cops

Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> 2024  
11:30 – 12:30

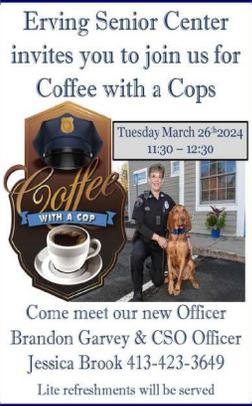


Come meet our new Officer  
Brandon Garvey & CSO Officer  
Jessica Brook 413-423-3649

Lite refreshments will be served

# MARCH

# Erving Senior Center 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
 <p><b>Open week-days 8:30am 3:00pm 413-423-</b></p>	 <p><i>St Patrick's</i> <b>HAPPY</b> <i>Day</i></p>	<p><b>Senior Van Rides</b> Call us 24hrs in advance <b>413-423-3649</b></p>			<p><b>1 9:00 to 3:00</b> Quilting open sew Billiards Open Fitness rm daily</p>	
 <p><i>Happy Easter</i></p>	<p><b>4 9:00 Interval Linda</b> <u>10:00 Seated Dance</u> <b>12:00 Pitch Cards</b> Coffee &amp; Snacks </p>	<p><b>5 9:00 Nurse</b>  9:00 Good for U 10:00 Line Dancing <b>11:00 Social String Snacks Daily</b></p>	<p><b>6 9:00 Strength &amp; Cond (Linda)</b> <b>10:15 Chair Aerobics</b> <b>11:30 BINGO 1:00 Veterans Serv</b></p>	<p><b>7 9:00 Barre Fusion</b> <b>10:00 Pilates Flow</b> Coffee &amp; Snacks Fitness open daily</p>	<p><b>8 9:00 to 3:00</b> Quilting open sew Billiards Open Fitness rm daily</p>	 <p>Erving Senior Center invites you to join us for Coffee with a Cops Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> 2024 11:30 - 12:30 Come meet our new Officer Brandon Garvey &amp; CSO Officer Jessica Brook 413-423-3649 Lite refreshments will be served</p>
<p><b>Easter Bonnet Contest Egg Hunt &amp; Prizes</b></p>	<p><b>11 9:00 Interval Linda</b> <u>10:00 Seated Dance</u> <b>12:00 Pitch Cards</b> Coffee &amp; Snacks </p>	<p><b>12 830 Nail Clip</b> 9:00 Good for U 10:00 Line Dancing <b>11:00 Social String Snacks Daily</b></p>	<p><b>13 9:00 Strength &amp; Cond (Linda)</b> <b>10:15 Chair Aerobics</b> <b>BINGO &amp; Snack</b> </p>	<p><b>14 9:00 Barre</b>  Fusion (Emma) <b>10:00 Pilates Flow</b> <b>12:00 Irish Lunch</b></p>	<p><b>15 9:00 to 3:00</b> Quilting open sew Billiards Open Fitness rm daily</p>	
<p><b>Easter Bunch Thursday 28th must sign up in advance</b></p>	<p><b>18 9:00 Interval Linda</b> <u>10:00 Seated Dance</u> <b>12:00 Pitch Cards</b> Coffee &amp; Snacks</p>	<p><b>19 9:00 Good for U</b> 10:00 Line Dancing <b>11:00 Social String</b> </p>	<p><b>20 9:00 Strength &amp; Cond (Linda)</b> <b>10:15 Chair Aerobics</b> <b>11:30 BINGO</b> </p>	<p><b>21 9:00 Barre Fusion (Emma)</b> <b>10:00 Pilates Flow</b> <b>Blue Cross Presents</b></p>	<p><b>22 9:00 to 3:00</b> Quilting open sew Billiards Open Fitness rm daily</p>	<p><b>Planning for Medicare Countdown to 65 Presentation</b></p>
<p><b>Fitness Room is open daily</b></p>	<p><b>25 9:00 Interval Linda</b>  <u>10:00 Seated Dance</u> <b>12:00 Pitch Cards</b></p>	<p><b>26 9:00 Good for U</b> 10:00 Line Dancing <b>11:00 Social String</b> <b>11:30 Coffee With Cops</b></p>	<p><b>27 9:00 Strength &amp; Cond (Linda)</b> <b>10:15 Chair Aerobics</b> <b>11:30 BINGO</b> </p>	<p><b>28 9:00 Barre Fusion (Emma)</b>  <b>10:00 Pilates Flow</b> <b>12:00 Easter Brunch</b></p>	<p><b>29 9:00 to 3:00</b> Quilting open sew Billiards Open Fitness rm daily</p>	<p><b>Thursday 21st 12:30 light refreshments being served</b></p>

# ERVING COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS NEWS

## Krav Maga Classes

Krav Maga is a self-defense system derived from a combination of techniques used in aikido, boxing, judo, karate, and wrestling with an emphasis on efficiency and simplicity. It is a great way to get in shape while developing the skills and mindset to help keep yourself safe.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience, skill, or ability. Due to the mature nature of portions of the curriculum, anyone under 16 requires the consent of a parent or guardian.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 7:00P - 9:00P  
Saturdays: 9:00A-11:00A  
\$20/class or \$100/mo. unlimited classes  
First class is free!

Western Mass Krav Maga  
1 River St. #349  
Erving, MA 01344  
Call or Text: 413-324-8998  
Email: [wmkrav@gmail.com](mailto:wmkrav@gmail.com)

Check out our website  
([wmkrav.com](http://wmkrav.com)) for more info:

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cancellations, and other news:



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413-325-7417  
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**POPLAR MOUNTAIN MAPLE**  
151 Northfield Road Erving 413-423-3242  
Warren, Jacquelyn, and Daniel Boyden  
Email: [dansveggies@comcast.net](mailto:dansveggies@comcast.net)

### 2024 Price & Product List

**Gallons: \$60.00**

**1/2 Gallons: \$34.00**

**Quarts: \$22.00**

**Pints: \$12.00**

**1/2 Pints: \$8.00**

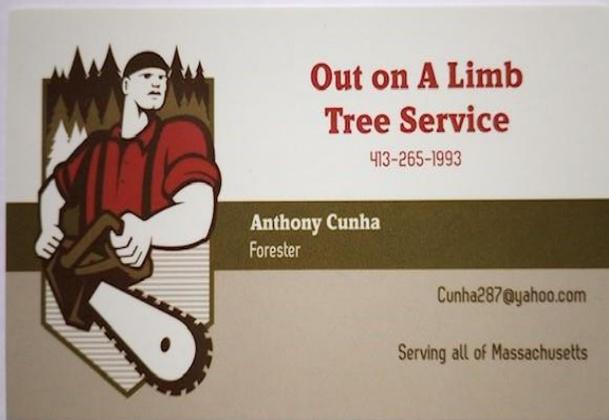
**Maple Cream 1/2 lb. \$10.00**

### Have a Business/Community Event In Erving?

We will put in the Around Town for Free!

Please send your ad photo ready by the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month before publication to:

[ervingaroundtown@comcast.net](mailto:ervingaroundtown@comcast.net)



# TOWN OF ERVING

## DUAL STREAM RECYCLING & TRASH SERVICE

### 2023-2024 CURBSIDE COLLECTION CALENDAR & DETAILS

- Trash is collected **every Friday**
- Paper & cardboard recycling is collected on the **blue shaded** Friday collection day
- Plastic, glass, & metal is collected on the **green shaded** Friday collection day

- Place trash & recycling at the curb by **7:00 AM** on Friday
- Weeks with a highlighted holiday have a one day delay in service, regardless of the day that the holiday falls on as depicted below
- The Town will notify you of any delays in service

JULY 2023							AUGUST 2023							SEPTEMBER 2023							OCTOBER 2023							NOVEMBER 2023							DECEMBER 2023												
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT						
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30	31																																														

■ = Paper & Cardboard ■ = Plastic, Glass, & Metal ■ = Holiday

Sorting your recyclables is quick and easy. Just focus on tossing all paper and cardboard into one bin and plastic, glass, and metal containers into another. Please **EMPTY** and **RINSE** all containers and **flatten** and **break down** cardboard boxes.

### BLUE SHADED DAY

**Paper & Cardboard**  
Clean papers, magazines/catalogs, greeting cards, gift wrap & gift tissue paper (no foils or metallics), calendars, paperbacks & phonebooks, paperboard, empty pizza boxes (Paper clips, staples and metal spirals are ok)

### GREEN SHADED DAY

**Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Tubs, Lids, & Containers**  
Empty kitchen, laundry, & bath containers

**Cartons**  
Milk & Juice

**Glass Bottles & Jars**  
Empty food & beverage bottles & jars

**Aluminum & Steel Cans**  
Foil & empty food & beverage cans

### NOT ACCEPTED

Plastic bags or trays, black plastic, bagged recyclables, clothing/textiles, food waste/liquids, tangles such as rope or hoses, scrap metal, batteries of any kind, electronics, wood, medical waste, hazardous materials, explosives, toys, hangers, shoes, waxy cups or plates, frozen food packaging, food bags or wrappers, plastic wrap or film, shrink wrap, tarps, diapers, human/pet or yard waste, tires or rubber, Styrofoam™, napkins, paper towels, tissues, plastic utensils, register tape, condiment packets, straws, stirrers, coffee pods, ceramics



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<b>TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS</b>		<b>12 East Main Street</b>
Town Hall is opened to the public on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 - 5 p.m. or by Appointment.		
<b>Town Administrator</b>	Monday thru Thursday Friday	10:00am– 5:00pm By Appointment
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Monday thru Thursday Friday	10:00am - 5:00 p.m. By Appointment
<b>Principal Assessor</b>	Monday Tuesday & Thursday	10:00am–5:00pm
<b>Treasurer</b>	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	9:00am – 3:00pm
<b>Tax Collector</b>	Tuesday & Thursday Wednesday	10:00 am - 3:00 pm 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
<b>Town Clerk</b>	By Appointment	
<b>Community Planning Office</b>	By Appointment	

<b>POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT HOURS</b>		
<b>Police Department</b> 71 French King Highway	Monday thru Thursday	7:00am – 4:00pm
<b>Fire Department</b> 10 East Main Street & 18 Moore Street	Monday thru Friday	7:00am – 4:00pm & by Appointment

<b>SENIOR &amp; COMMUNITY CENTER AND PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS</b>		
<b>Senior &amp; Community Center</b> 1 Care Drive	Monday thru Friday	8:30am – 3:00pm
<b>Erving Public Library</b> 2 Care Drive	Sun & Mon. 10 am to 4 pm, 12 pm to 6 pm	Tues., Wed & Thurs.

<b>BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE</b>		
<i>Note: Subject to change. Always use the official posting board at Town Hall for meeting dates, times, and locations.</i>		
<b>Board of Health</b> at Town Hall	3rd Wednesday of the month	3:00 pm
<b>Board of Library Trustees</b> at Erving Library	3rd Thursday of the month	4:30 pm
<b>Board of Selectmen</b> at Senior & Community Ctr	Mondays as posted	6:30pm
<b>Conservation Commission</b> at Erving Library	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month	6:00pm
<b>Council on Aging</b> at Senior & Community Ctr	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month	9:30am
<b>Finance Committee</b> at Senior & Community Ctr	As posted	
<b>Historical Commission</b> at Erving Library	As posted	
<b>Open Space Committee</b> at Town Hall	As posted	
<b>Planning Board</b> at Erving Library	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month	7:00pm
<b>Recreation Commission</b> at Erving Library	4th Saturday of the Month	1:00pm
<b>School Committee</b> at Erving Elementary School	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month	7:00 pm
<b>Senior Housing Committee</b> at Senior Center	As posted	

**Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans Services:** (413) 772-1571  
**U.S. Post Office- Erving, MA Branch:** (413) 423-3600

# ERVING OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

## Town Hall Office Number and Extensions

**(413) 422-2800**

- 1101** Administrative Assistant & BOH - Betsy Sicard
- 1102** Town Administrator – Bryan Smith
- 1103** Town Accountant - Deborah Mero
- 1104** Tax Collector/Water Collector- Michele Turner
- 1106** Town Clerk – Richard Newton
- 1107** Assessors Office – Principal Assessor Jacquelyn Boyden
- 1108** Town Planner – Mariah Kurtz
- 1112** Treasurer – Jennifer Eichorn
- 1114** Assistant Treasurer – Jean Fountain

## TOWN OFFICES

**423-3649** Senior Center

**423-3348** Library

**422-1187** Recreation

**423-3310** Police

**423-3500** Public Works

**423-3326** Erving Elementary

**423-3866** Fire Station

Check out the Town of Erving's website and our Facebook pages for updated news on what is going on in the Town of Erving!



Town of Erving, Erving Senior Center, Erving Recreation Commission, Erving Public Library and Erving Historical Commission

Or on the web @

[www.erving-ma.gov](http://www.erving-ma.gov)

