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AROUND TOWN

An Erving Community Newsletter

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SNAPSHOT OF THIS ISSUE! CHECK IT OUT!

- ALL TOWN TAG SALE & PLANT SALE
- IP DISCUSSION DATE & PLACE
- SUMMER PARK & BASEBALL NEWS
- SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS: QUILTING, FINANCIAL WORKSHOP, PITCH & MORE!
- ELECTION LETTERS & SAMPLE BALLOT
- LIBRARY NEWS: COMPUTER & ANCESTRY CLASSES, CRAFTING SUNDAY, MOVIE NIGHT PLUS MORE!
- CPR CLASS SIGN UP
- ALMOST ANYTHING GOES NEWS!
- LOCAL BUSINESS NEWS!
- VETERAN'S COMMITTEE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Erving Senior Center Presents. For information call 413-423-3649 1 Care Drive Erving MA, 01344





May 25th12:00 lunch is served. Paint a Masterpiece begins @ 1:00pm. There is limited seating (35)

Artist Teri Magner: will teach a class how to paint your own canvas tote. The Sunflower by Georgia O'Keeffe



The cost of the class is \$50.00 that does not include lunch. We are fortunate enough to receive a grant from The New Salem Academy to cover more than half of the cost of project. Your cost is \$25.00 per person

including lunch, dessert & coffee. The program is about 2.5 hours long. Canvas tote and all supplies included. You must Register in advance.

Have a Business/Community Event In Erving?

We will put in the Around Town for Free!

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

ervingaroundtown@comcast.net

ALMOST ANYTHING GOES

Erving's Annual Bulky-waste Curbside Collection Program

Casella Waste Management will begin collection on

Monday, May 01, 2023 approximately 7:00 AM.

Accepted Items:

Bulky furniture: couches, futons, chairs, tables, etc.

Note: The metal frame in sleeper sofas must be separated from the rest of the couch



- Scrap metal, such as bicycle frames, empty containers, and posts
- Scrap wood- length and width should not exceed 4' x 4'
- Small appliances, such as vacuum cleaners, toasters, etc.

Important: Items must be sorted into safe, organized piles with metal separate from general refuse.

Items that Cannot be Accepted

- Household trash & loose trash
- Construction debris, such as sheetrock, tile, framing, roofing, concrete, masonry, etc.
 Note: If you need a building permit to have conducted the work, this material should have been collected in a dumpster
- Vehicles & parts such as cars, boats, snowmobiles, and parts of these items



- Small engines such as lawn mowers, etc.
- Yard waste such as grass clippings, branches, stumps
- Tires
- Televisions & white good appliances, such as refrigerators, freezers, stoves, dishwashers, etc.
- Mattresses & box springs
- Hazardous materials of any kind

Q: What can and cannot be collected through the Almost Anything Goes program?

A: The list above is a general guide of what can and what will not be accepted curbside for collection. If residents have specific questions about what is acceptable, please call Glenn McCrory at (413) 423-3500 ext. 1400.

For more information, please visit:

https://www.erving-ma.gov/public-works/pages/almost-anything-goes-information

ALMOST ANYTHING GOES

Erving's Annual Bulky-waste Curbside Collection Program

Program Description: The program is only for residential bulky waste items that cannot otherwise be collected with household trash or that can be disposed of at the Highway Department. Items must originate from households in Erving. The collection will begin on the Erving-side of town and move eastwardly until complete.



Program Goals: The Town of Erving provides this service to the residents to achieve the following goals:

- Reduce illegal dumping
- Improve the health and safety of residents

Additional Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When can I begin placing items curbside for collection?

A: You may place items curbside for collection starting on **Saturday, April 22, 2023,** only. Items placed out earlier will be considered illegal dumping.

Q: Where exactly can I place my items for collection?

A: Items must be placed curbside on your property for collection. Items cannot be placed on the street, sidewalk, or blocking a fire hydrant. **Important**: Items must be sorted into safe, organized piles with metal separate from general refuse. Please remember that these materials must be picked up by someone by hand.

Q: I missed the 1st day of collection, and my street has been collected, will they come back if I put my items out now?

A: Unfortunately, no, once the collection team has passed your house they cannot return for collection.

Q: What do I do if someone has placed items on my curbside that are not mine?

A: Items left by someone other than the homeowner will be considered illegal dumping and will result in a fine of up to \$3,000.00. If you believe that illegal dumping has occurred, please call the Erving Police Department at (413) 423-3310.

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EARLY / ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION ERVING, MASSACHUSETTS MAY 1, 2023



INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name and address on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

FOR SELECTMAN	FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE	FOR RECREATION
3 Year Term vote for one	1 Year Term vote for one	COMMISSION
DANIEL H. WATSON 15 North Street	(Write-in)	3 Year Term vote for two
(Write-in)	FOR TREE WARDEN	RENEE A. TELA 97 Old State Road Candidate for re-election ERIK J. EICHORN
FOR ASSESSOR	1 Year Term vote for one	21 Ridge Road Candidate for re-election
3 Year Term vote for one	MICHAEL J. GORDON 21 River Road Candidate for re-election	(Write-in)
ERIK J. EICHORN 21 Ridge Road Candidate for re-election	(Write-in)	(Write-in)
(Write-in)	FOR CONSTABLE	FOR RECREATION
FOR TREASURER	3 Year Term vote for one	COMMISSION
3 Year Term vote for one	ARTHUR A. KACZENSKI 93 Northfield Road Candidate for re-election	2 Year Term vote for two
JENNIFER L. EICHORN 21 Ridge Road Candidate for re-election	(Write-in)	KATHLEEN M. SADLER 19 Central Street Candidate for re-election
(Write-in)	FOR PLANNING BOARD	JACQUELYN M. BOYDEN 151 Northfield Road Candidate for re-election
FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 Year Term vote for two	(Write-in)
3 Year Term vote for one	DEBRA L. SMITH 14 High Street Candidate for re-election	(Write-in)
(Write-in)	MELANIE J. BURNETT 25 Swamp Road Candidate for re-election	FOR RECREATION
		FOR RECREATION COMMISSION
FOR MODERATOR	(Write-in)	COMMISSION
1 Year Term vote for one	(Write-in)	1 Year Term vote for one
RICHARD K. PEABODY 79 Old State Road Candidate for re-election	FOR PLANNING BOARD	WILLIAM A. BEMBURY 8 Church Street
(Write-in)	1 Year Term vote for one	(Write-in)
FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE	(Write-in)	FOR BOARD OF HEALTH
3 Year Term vote for two		3 Year Term vote for one
ERIK R. SEMB 11 Northfield Road Candidate for re-election		JAY R. NIEDBALA 71 State Road Candidate for re-election
KATELYN G. MAILLOUX-LITTLE 15 Northfield Road Candidate for re-election		(Write-in)
C. MARK BLATCHLEY 9 Holmes Street		
(Write-in)		
(Write-in)		

DANIEL WATSON FOR SELECTBOARD

My name is Daniel Watson and I am running for the selectboard. I am originally from New Salem and fully respect the charms of living in a small town. Back in my day I had to walk to School barefoot through a blizzard 5 miles uphill both ways. (Well really it was only a mile, and I would only walk on nice days when I didn't want to wait for the bus, and I had shoes.)

I moved to Erving from Greenfield in 1995 with my wife Christina and my children. The reasons we chose Erving was that the Elementary School had a really good reputation in 1995, the small country setting, location to our employers and the very low property tax rate. These are likely as important today as they were back then to encourage new families to settle here.

As a member of the selectboard, I will endeavor to make decisions based on my experience as an Erving resident for the past 28 years. Ultimately though it is up to each resident to voice their opinion as to the direction the town takes and hope to see you at the next annual town meeting. Decisions are made by those who show up.

Daniel Watson

Dear Erving Voters,

This year our town elections are on Monday, May 1. I am asking for your vote for the Erving School Committee and the Library Board of Trustees.

I was appointed to the School Committee last fall to fill in for a member that resigned. Now I need to be officially voted in to continue on the committee.

I have been an educator for over 20 years and was previously on the Erving School Committee then resigned to become a staff member. I am now working in a different school district so I decided to continue my support of the school by rejoining the school committee. I care very deeply for the amazing asset the school represents for this town. I believe that a small school with talented, caring staff will ensure that our students begin their school careers successfully. We need strong individuals on the committee that are ready to ask questions, seek creative solutions, and have at their core a desire to advocate for families. As a teacher, I advocate for students every day and I have advocated for the students of Erving as a parent, school committee member, and staff member for over 15 years. I am asking for your vote so that I can continue to work for the families and students of Erving.

I am up for re-election as a member of the Library Board of Trustees. I have served on this board for several years and was the Chair during the construction of the new library. We have an amazing resource in our town library, it doesn't just have books, it is truly a community meeting place with something for every age and interest. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the development and oversight of another town gem. I would love to continue to support and care for the library and its patrons as a Library Trustee.

Please feel free to reach out to me about the school or library at bailey@erving.com

Thank you, Mackensey Bailey

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Our goal is to recognize ALL Veterans for the service they gave to America.

It is only because of their sacrifices that we all enjoy Freedom today.

Adding the names of those who served, onto monuments that already exist at Veterans Park and in Erving Center, is an ongoing process.

We have collected 11 names that were not engraved when the existing monuments were dedicated about 25 years ago. Those names will be added, and these veterans will be recognized, this coming Memorial Day 2023.

BUT WE KNOW THERE ARE MORE OF YOU!!

There are many, more recent, veterans who deserve to be recognized for their service but for whom there is no existing monument. It may take two or three years to accomplish this but, after we have collected names and after we have estimates of cost, the plan of this committee is to ask voters to fund an appropriate monument for ALL who served who have not been recognized. If you served, in any capacity, in any service, you have earned our recognition.

MARINES, ARMY, NAVY, AIRFORCE, COAST GUARD, NATIONAL GUARD, SPACE FORCE

If you are a veteran and were an Erving resident when they enlisted - OR - if you are a veteran who now makes Erving your home, YOU deserve to be remembered!

All we need is a copy of your DD-214, NGB form 22 or other discharge document. Please either contact one of us, or leave a copy with your address and phone number so we can contact you, at the Town Hall in an envelope addressed to VETERANS MONUMENT COMMITTEE.

Freedom was not gained by, or preserved by, one person. It is only by the efforts of MILLIONS of men and women who did their part. Some went to foreign lands and others stayed in America supporting them. We believe they ALL deserve to be recognized!

After taking an oath, shown below since many may not know it, each veteran went thru months of Basic Training, then more months of Advanced Training. Each veteran had to learn one or more of the thousands of different skills needed to keep America FREE!

Your Community will be eternally grateful for the sacrifices all veterans (and their families also) made, doing their part to make sure the Rights and Freedoms we all enjoy today will still be there for our children and their children's children. They all deserve to be recognized.

OATHS THAT ARE TAKEN BY OUR MILITARY:

All officers of the eight uniformed services of the United States swear or affirm an oath of office upon commissioning. It differs from that of the oath of enlistment that enlisted members recite when they enter the service. It is required by statute, the oath being prescribed by Section

3331, Title 5, United States Code.[1] It is traditional for officers to recite the oath upon promotion but as long as the officer's service is continuous this is not required.[2]

Text of the Oath

I, [name], do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

The oath is for an indeterminate period; no duration is specifically defined.

Officers of the National Guard of the various States, however, take an additional oath:

I, [name], do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State (Commonwealth, District, Territory) of ____ against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservations or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of [grade] in the Army/Air National Guard of the State (Commonwealth, District, Territory) of ____ on which I am about to enter, so help me God.

Commissioned officers O-1 (second lieutenant or ensign) through O-10 (general or admiral) and W-2 through W-5 (chief warrant officers) are commissioned under the authority of the President of the United States with the advice and consent of the United States Senate; warrant officers (W-1) receive a warrant under the authority of their respective service secretary (e.g., the Secretary of the Army or the Secretary of the Navy); National Guard officers are additionally committed to the authority of the governor of their state. They may be activated in the service of their state in time of local or state emergency in addition to federal activation. Reserve officers may only be activated by the President of the United States.

Air Force

Officers of the United States Air Force take the following oath:[4]

I, (state your name), having been appointed a (rank) in the United States Air Force, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, Foreign and domestic, that I bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter. So help me God.

VETERANS MONUMENT COMMITTEE

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2023 TOWN WIDE TAG SALE

Saturday, April 29th 9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m. Rain Date: Sunday, April 30th

Spring is fast approaching and you know what that means....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 a reasonable \$15.00. By registering your tag sale, you will receive the following benefits: advertising signage along Route 2 and Route 63, advertising posters at local businesses and town buildings, advertising in 2 local newspapers (Greenfield Recorder and Athol Daily) for 2 days (4/28 & 4/29); advertising in the Montague Reporter, advertising on the Erving Library and Town of Erving website, advertising on tag sale websites. Erving is a "green community",

If you want 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 to or drop off your registration fee and form by noon on Sunday, April 23 to the Erving Public Library, 2 Care Drive, Erving, MA 01344. Paper maps will be available at the Erving Library for \$1. If you have questions or concerns, email the Friends at ervinglibraryfriends@gmail.com or call the library at (413)423-3348.

Donations of books/media will be reviewed for acceptance on the following Sundays: April 2nd, 16th, 23rd, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Plant donations can be left on the back patio of the library starting Sunday, April 23, 2023.

Tag Sale 2023 Make check/money order payable to: Friends of the		
Name		Phone
Tag Sale Ad	ddress	
Tag Sale St	reet and Hou	se Number lists will be available for pick up at the library. Reserve
your reques	st for the lists	for pick up on Thursday, April 27th. I would like to reserve:10
20	(number) l	ists to have at my tag sale site.

\$24 Friends of the Library Plant Sale

Order Flowers in Bloom: 10inch Hanging Baskets or Patio Pots by 3:00 Monday, April 24



Lantana

Thrives with little moisture
Can tolerate full unyielding sun
Produces an abundance of brightly
colored flowers all summer and fall
attracts butterflies, hummingbirds

Hanging Basket Quantity _____ Patio Pot Quantity

Transfer information to order form on reverse side

We can not guarantee specific color



Million Bells (Calbrachoa)

Petite flowers in abundance Attracts hummingbirds Place in sun or partial sun Keep soil moderately moist, not wet Blooms spring to fall

Hanging Basket Quantity _____ Patio Pot Quantity

Transfer information to order form on reverse side

We can not guarantee specific color



Ivy Geranium

Outdoors-require moist,
Well-draining soil
Lots of light for blooming
Will tolerate moderate light

Hanging Basket Quantity _____ Patio Pot not available

Transfer information to order form on reverse side

We can not guarantee specific color

Friends of the Library Annual Plant Sale



Pre-order 10" Baskets or 10" Patio Pots by 3:00 on

April 24

Pick up at Erving Library on April 29, 2023

Care Drive

During Friends Plant & Book Sale!

Mother's Day Flowering plants can be ordered April 29 with delivery on Thursday, May 11, 2023

Plants will be ordered from Fairview Farms, Whately, MA. These plants will be in bloom giving you the early beauty of spring. See reverse side for plant information. Orders, along with payment can be submitted to the Erving Library circulation desk, left in the book drop if the library is closed, or mailed to:Erving Library Friends, 2 Care Drive, Erving, MA 01344. (Make checks payable to Friends of the Library)

Name		Phone		
Lantana:	Hanging basket	Patio Pots_		
Million Bells:	Hanging basket	Patio Pots		
Ivy Geranium:	Hanging Basket_	Not availab	ole in Patio Pots	
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(1)item=\$24	(2)items=\$48	(3)items=\$72	(4)items=\$96	(5)items=\$120
Total: Number o	of Itemsx \$24	4=Total Cost		

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



Come meet Ziva, Check out the Special Operations Vehicle & Drone. From Franklin County. 413-423-3649



Beginner Computer & Cell Phone Classes for Adults

Do you struggle to turn your phone on?
Is your computer a complete mystery to you?
Would you like to get on social media and see what
your old friends are up to?

Come to this 8-part series sponsored by New Salem Academy to become more computer savvy!

Two schedule options starting weekly **Thursday, April 20th:**

- 2 11am-12pm at the Erving Senior & Community Center with Rebecca Schmidt
- **5:30-6:30pm** at the **Erving Public Library** with Jared Barney

We provide
the computers!
6 spots available for
each class session

Beginner Computer Use – Basic Internet Use – Email Basics Smart Phone Basics – How to Use Social Media – and more!



Talk to a librarian to sign up! 413-423-3348

Erving Public Library

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

WHEN?

WHAT'S THERE TO DO?

Wednesdays, from 1:30-3 p.m.

Come by after school for some fun activities at the library, which may include...

- Coloring or another craft
- Doing the scavenger hunt
- Playing a computer, video or board game
- Participating in storytime
- Using the computer for homework help
- · Having a snack!



CONTACT US:

413-423-3348 library@erving-ma.gov 2 Care Drive, Erving, MA 01344

Erving Senior Community Center



THE BUCKET LIST

Tuesday April 25th 12:00 Pizza lunch will be served compliments of GSB

This informative presentation ensures your hard-earned assets fill the right beneficiary's bucket. If you have already done careful estate planning with a skilled attorney with specific goals to ensure your loved ones reap your benefits of your life's legacy. You won't want to miss this presentation.

Janice E. Ward (Vice President and Trust Officer)
Presenter: Janice Ward will use various buckets to demonstrate how assets held in a typical estate may be carried out through your plan, and show some real-life examples of estate planning gone WRONG!

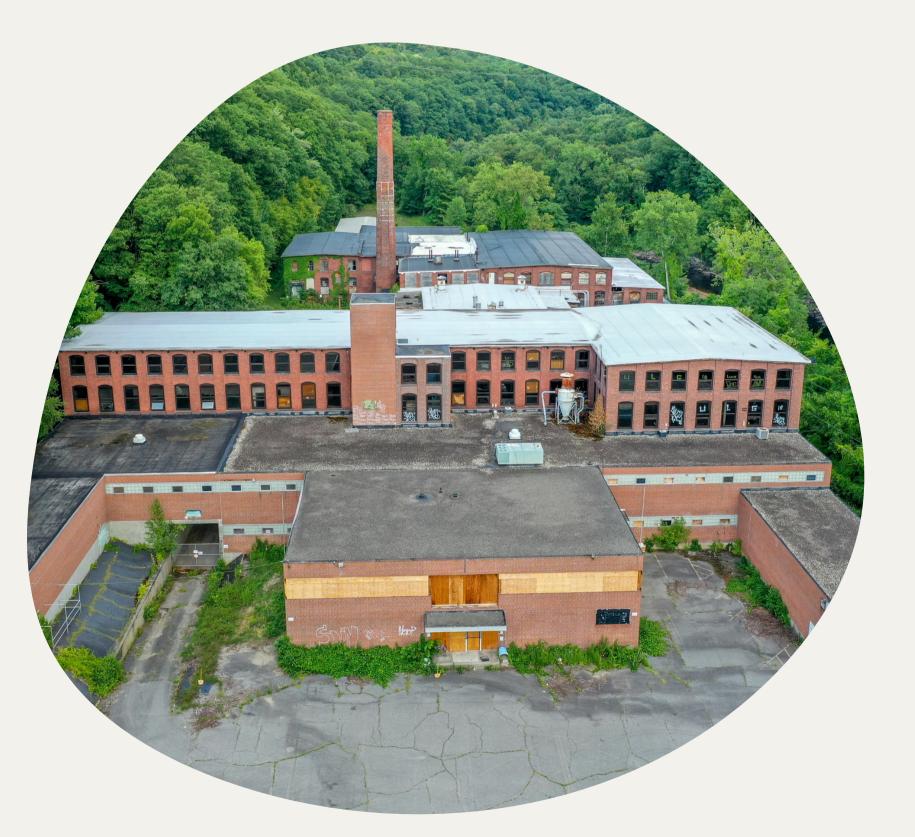


If you would like to join us for lunch, please contact us to reserve your space.

Erving Senior Center where community meet.

1 Care Drive Erving 413-423-3649

WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE FORMER IP MILL?



The Town Planner invites you to join a discussion about the future of the former International Paper Mill

THURSDAY APRIL 27 AT 7:00 PM ERVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

The Select Board, Finance Committee, and Capital Planning Committee will be in attendance. Demolition options will be discussed.

ERVING PUBLIC LIBRARY

***April Calendar



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April 2nd 1:00 PM FAMILY MOVIE

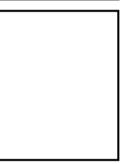


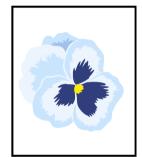
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AFTERSCHOOL
ACTIVITIES
1:30-3:00
Every
Wednesday
(See details
next page)

April 6th 5:30PM FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING

No Puzzle Swap this month. See you next month!





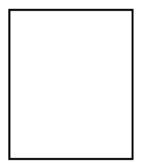
ROBOT CAMP 1:30-3:00

Requires pre-registration from March, runs through May 24th April 6th
5:30PM
ANCESTRY
LIBRARY EDITION
with Sara
Campbell

April 16th 1:00 PM CRAFTS WITH THE FRIENDS

> 3:00 PM LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING



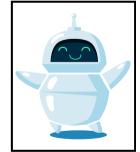




April 20th
11am & 5:30pm
BEGINNER
COMPUTER &
CELL PHONE
CLASSES
8 week series

April 24th 3:30PM TEEN MOVIE MONDAY





April 27th 5:30PM BOOK CLUB COFFEE HOUR

WWW.ERVING-MA.GOV/LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOURS Sunday & Wednesday 10am-4pm

Monday & Tuesday: 12-6pm

Thursday: 1–7pm

ERVING PUBLIC LIBRARY

***April Event Details

WWW.ERVING-MA.GOV/LIBRARY

Afterschool Activities: Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00 p.m. Come by after school for some fun activities at the library which may include: story time for ages 2-7, scavenger hunt, coloring, and snacks! Teens (ages 11 and up) can visit the library on their own and hang in the Teen Room, play on our Xbox One, use the computers and printers, puzzles, board games, and more.

<u>Family Movie:</u> Sunday, April 2nd, 1:00 p.m. Bring the family to watch movies on the big screen in the library's Community Room. Popcorn provided. Stuffies and blankets welcome. Always on the 1st Sunday. Movie information available at the library.

<u>Friends of the Library</u>: Thursday, April 6th at 5:30 p.m. Public meeting of the Friends of the Erving Public Library. Always the 1st Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Join us in supporting the library!

<u>Puzzle Swap:</u> second Sundays at 1pm, brought to you by the Friends of the Library – NO PUZZLE SWAP IN APRIL due to Easter Sunday.

Ancestry Library Edition workshop with Sara Campbell: Thursday, April 13th, 5:30 p.m. Join Erving resident and local genealogy expert, Sara Campbell, for a hands-on workshop on using the library's free database: Ancestry Library Edition. Using Ancestry, you can look up information about your family's history, census records, and more.

<u>Craft Day with the Friends</u>: Sunday, April 16th, 1:00 p.m. Make a seasonal craft in the library's Makerspace. Materials are provided. 10 spots available. Call to reserve your seat starting April 5th or call the day of to see if there is room. Always on the 3rd Sunday. Hosted by the Friends of the Library.

Board of Library Trustees: Sunday, April 16th, 3:00 p.m. Monthly public meeting of the Trustees and Library Director. Open to all. Always on the 3rd Sunday.

Take & Make for Adults: Bake for Good!
King Arthur Flour has generously donated 50 baking kits to our library! Each kit contains 2 coupons for \$3.00 off a 2 lb. bag of flour, a packet of yeast, a dough scraper, a bag to put some of your baked goods in (to share with a friend or neighbor!), and a recipe booklet. Come get yours starting April 2nd!



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🐃 April Event Details 🦠

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Beginner Computer & Cell Phone Classes for Adults: starting Thursday, April 20th, 11am & 5:30pm. Do you struggle to turn your phone on? Is your computer a complete mystery to you? Would you like to get on social media to see what your old friends are up to? We are pleased to offer 2 sets of beginner computer/cell phone classes for adults. Thursday mornings from 11 am to noon, Rebecca Schmidt will offer a series of 8 classes at the Senior and Community Center aimed at making you computer savvy. Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, Jared Barney will offer a similar series in the library. Content will be different for each class session so please call and talk to a staff member to sign up. A huge thank you to the New Salem Academy for a grant to run these programs.

Teen Movie Monday: Monday, April 24th, 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy free snacks, and chat with our Youth Services Librarian. For youth ages 11-19. Movie of the month starts at 4pm! Come by after school!

Book Club Coffee Hour: Thursday, April 27th, 5:30 p.m.

Join your fellow patrons in taking on the 2023 Massachusetts Center for the Book Reading Challenge! Each month has a theme. In April we will each read our choice of "a collection of poetry". Visit our display and join us on the last Thursday of the month for refreshments and discussion. Sign up to track your reading at massbook.org/readingchallenge



The Friends of the Library annual Town Wide Tag Sale and Book and Plant Sale all start on Saturday, April 29th at 9am. Please see their pages for more information and thank you for supporting the library!







It is national poetry month! Write a poem, blackout poetry, poetry on a flower, and more poetry crafts!

This activity is for all ages. Children under 11 years old must be supervised at all times. The Makerspace is open to patrons during all library hours, except when events take place in the space.



Friends of the Library News

The Friends are gearing up for their annual fundraising events for the spring! All events begin on April 29! Tag sales will be in abundance on the 29th so you are sure to find some interesting treasures. We are accepting pre-orders for blooming flowers from Fairview Farms which will be delivered to the library for pick up on April 29. Order forms are available at the library, townhall, and at some local businesses. An order form is located in this issue of Around Town. Our annual plant and book sale at the library begins on April 29 and continues through May 14th. We always try to have your favorites for sale but let us know what plants you are seeking and we will do our best to have them available for you during the sale. You can email the friends: ervinglibraryfriends@gmail.com or leave a note at the front desk at the library. We have a large selection of books for sale that you will be available to browse and purchase at the library for two weeks.

Puzzle Swap will not be taking place this month because the library may be closed on April 9th due to staffing. It will be back again on May 14th.

Craft Day-April 16 at 1:00 p.m. Join teen and adult crafters as a Friend guides the group through the steps to make a Posey Pocket. This wall decoration will bring a touch of spring inside your home or can be used as a patio decoration to welcome warm spring weather. All materials are provided by the Friends of the Library and the event is free! Seating is limited but you can pre-register for the craft starting on April 5th. Call the library at 423-3348 to reserve your spot. Not sure of your schedule? You can call the library on the day of the craft to see if a seat is available.

Town Wide Tag Sale-April 29, 2023 with a rain date of April 30. A registration form is in this issue of the Around Town Newsletter. If not hosting a tag sale, look for tag sale treasures throughout the town of Erving. A Google map with tag sale locations will be available on the Erving Town Website Calendar. Paper maps will be available at the Erving Library, 2 Care Drive for \$1 or pick up a list of tag sale sites for free.

Plant Sale-The Friends annual plant sale at the library begins on April 29 and continues through May 14. We always try to have your favorites for sale but let us know what plants you are seeking and we will do our best to have them available for you during the sale. You can email the friends: ervinglibraryfriends@gmail.com or leave a note at the front desk at the library.

Book Sale-A large variety of books for sale at reasonable prices. Browse for your favorite authors or find another author to follow. **Sale starts on April 29 at 9:00 a.m. and continues through May 14th.**

The procedure for Donations of books varies from prior years:
Books will be reviewed at the following times: Sundays, April 2, 16, 23, 2023 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.. Bring your donation of books to the library, then you and a Friend will review the books and decide which books will be for the sale. We appreciate all donations and are happy to make them available for sale at a reasonable price.

One mission of the Friends group is to support the Erving Public Library by providing funds for library programs, events, and items not provided through municipal monies. Over the past year, a few programs which the Friends have supported include: monthly adult/teen craft days, sponsored prizes and provided volunteer assistance for the summer reading program, purchased a button maker for the library, held a Tarot reading event, and sponsored the December concert by the Connecticut River Flute Choir. It is because of community support that the Friends are able to accomplish their mission.

Thank you for your continued support.

Friends of the Erving Library

New This Year

Blooming Flowers for Mother's Day can be ordered at the Friends Plant Sale on April 29 with delivery at the library on May 11. Payment is due when placing the order.

ACTIVITY LIST

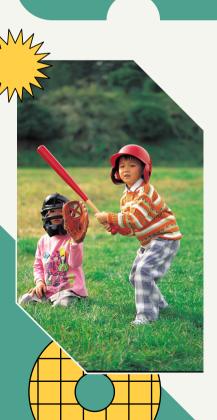
- Swimming
- Arts & Crafts
- Lunch with Friends
- Outdoor Games
- Sports
- Fun and Laughs

REGISTRATION

\$125/week for Erving Kids \$225/week non-resident

SUMMER PARKS PROGRAM

JULY 3 - 8202 AUGUST 11







Registration Link https://ervingma.myrec.com

Questions? email us at Recreation@erving-ma.gov

CPR#First Aid

Presented by the Erving Board of Health

Location: Erving Senior Center

1 Care Drive Erving, MA

CPR: May 6, 9:00-11:00

First Aid: May 13, 9:00-12:00

Cost: \$10

Register:

www.instituteforwildmed.com/erving

413-423-3649



Most people don't know how to relieve choking, control a major bleed, or use critical life-saving tools such as an Epipen, AED, or Tourniquet.

Join your neighbors to learn these and many other life-saving skills!

After this course, you will have the skills to prevent emergencies and effectively respond to those that can't be prevented.

Questions: support@instituteforwildmed.com



Because You Never Know When You'll Need It ...

Every Friday our quilters come to the Erving Senior Community Center to Quilt. There are no formal classes just a great group who love to sew. If you like to sew or quilt join us. Everyone brings a lunch we provide the dessert.





Erving Senior Center 2023

+++	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	+++
Happy Easter	3 9:00 Interval Linda 10:15 Chair Aerobics 12:00 Pitch Cards Coffee & Snacks	4 9:00 Nurse 9:00 Good for U 10:00 Line Dancing 11:00 Social Stringer 11:00 Manicure	5 9:00 Strength & Cond (Linda) 10:15 Chair Aerobics 11:30 BINGO 1:00Veterans Service	6 9:00 Core & Bal 10:00 Barre Fusion 12:00 Brown B Coffee & Cards	7 9:00 to 3:00 Quilting open sew Fitness Rm & Billiards Rm	Open week- days 8:30am 3:00pm 413-423-3649
	109:00 Interval Linda 10:15 Chair Aerobics 12:00 Pitch Cards Coffee & Snacks	11 8:30 Nail Clip 9:00 Good for U 10:00 Line Dancing 11:00 Social Stringer 11:15 Coffee Cops	12 9:00 Strength & Cond (Linda) 10:15 Chair Aerobics 11:30 BINGO	13 9:00 Core & Bal (Linda) 10:00 Barre Fusion 12:00 EasterBrunch	14 9:00 to 3:00 Quilting open sew Fitness room & Billiards open	Easter Brunch Thursday 13th be sure to sign up for a seat.
See special Operations Vehicle Police Drone & K9 ZIVA 11:15 April 11th	Closed Patriot's Day	189:00 Good for U 10:00 Line Dancing 11:00 Social Stringer Fitness Room open Coffee & Snacks	19 9:00 Strength & Cond (Linda) 10:15 Chair Aerobics BINGO & Snack	20 9:00 Core & Bal (Linda) 10:00 Barre Fusion Fitness Room open	21 9:00 to 3:00 Quilting open sew Fitness room & Billiards open	
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SHINE PROGRAM Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone	Save the DATE May 16th Wellness Fair with over 20 vendors . Door prized, giveaways, and food.			Put on your best Easter Bonnette & win \$25.00 Terrazza Gift Card.	Cosmetology Tech Students here Tue 4th 11:00 Hand Massage	

Erving Senior & Community Center Statistics for FY23

1 Care Drive For more information on programs call: 413-423-3649

40-52 visitors each weekday **214**unique individual
visitors

5 regular volunteers

181 visits for quilting 392
visits to play
bingo

389
visits to play
cards

450 attendees at the holiday bazaar

4000+
visits to fitness
classes

4 bus trips in 2022



Tuesday, May 16th 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Erving Senior Center1 Care Drive, Erving

Visit 20+ tables for resources & opportunities!

- Health insurance info
 - SCAM defense!
- local exercise classes
 - Prevention tips
- healthy lifestyle programs

- Healthy recipes
 - ** Handyman services
 - Senior Housing
- Caregiver Resources
 - & more!

Get your health QUESTIONS answered by Baystate Family Practice MDs

Offering door prizes, giveaways & a raffle

Socialize over a light lunch!

call 413-423-3649 for more info



Food services offered:

- Western MA Food Bank Brown Bag program: 1st Thursday of each month
- Seasonal Farmers Market
- Farm to Home Program
- Free bread & pastries through TRIAD: Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Complimentary daily snacks
- Themed lunches

Health services offered:

- Flu & COVID Vaccine Clinics
- Nail clipping: 2nd Tuesday of each month
- Manicures from Franklin County Technical School students
- Community outreach & SHINE assistance with Becky
- Mobility aid borrowing through TRIAD
- Monthly massage services
- Monthly health nurse

Other services offered:

- Van & transportation services
- Veterans services: 1st Wednesday of each month
- Anti-scam education with the District Attorney's office
- Individual birthday cards to all guests
- Outreach for services and advocacy for residents
- Assistance with fuel assistance & other paperwork





Not everyone wants to or is able to exercise like they used too because of one reason or another. That is why we offer 2 chair exercise classes a week. Monday 10:15 & Wednesday 10:15 You do not have to register.

Just come on in and join the group. You may really like it. Plus, it is

GOOD for U. For more information call: 413-423-3649

1 Care Drive Erving MA 01344



Small HomeRepair for Erving Seniors

Erving seniors who need small home repairs. We have funds to support your needed repair Lifepath rewarded us a grant that covers the labor cost for your project. The senior is required to pay for the materials needed for the project.

For more information about the program.
Call Paula Erving Senior Center:
413-423-3649

Program ends September 2023.



April in the woods; not just Poplar Mountain By Mark Blatchley

Several organizations are putting out information on coyotes and the hazards of getting close to them; from the New York Dept of Environmental Conservation "Have you heard or seen coyotes around recently? New York is currently in the midst of coyote breeding season, which generally runs from January to March. During this time of year, coyotes are especially active as they mate and begin to set up dens for pups that will arrive this spring. They also tend to be more territorial, which can increase the risk of conflicts with people and pets."

This is also true here in Western Massachusetts. To minimize risk, Mass Fish & Wildlife recommends that everyone follow these tips. Do not feed coyotes or other wild animals; secure garbage and compost, keep bird feeder areas clean, protect livestock, feed pets indoors, and close off crawl spaces. If a coyote is exhibiting bold behaviors and shows little or no fear of people, contact animal control, the Massachusetts Environmental Police or in an emergency, our local police department. Visit the DEC website for more <u>information on coyotes</u> and <u>preventing conflicts with coyotes</u>.

Snow storms have finally started to come into New England; birds are starting to stake out territories and migratory ducks have made appearances. Hopefully the bear that lives on Poplar Mtn isn't up and about too much.

It is also time for deer to shed their antlers and for those who wander the woods to find them, an acquaintance of mine has found two. Also from NYDEC; "Throughout the winter months, whitetail bucks cast off or "shed" their antlers in response to dropping testosterone levels associated with increasing daylight. Many hunters and outdoor enthusiasts search for these shed antlers as collectibles, use them to build lamps or furniture, and determine which bucks made it through the hunting season. Shed hunting can also provide clues as to the age of bucks that might be around during the hunting season. Antlers can also be used as indicators of deer health and habitat quality. The base where it would have been attached to the skull, is known as the pedicle seal. If the seal is level or concave with the burr, it's an indication that the buck was under some kind of stress during the fall. A poor seal can result in earlier shedding. If the pedicle seal is deep or there is a large protrusion of bone below the burr, the buck was in good condition during the fall. If most of the shed antlers have a flat or concave pedicle seal, it could be an indication of bigger problems. Stress caused by drought, disease outbreaks, or poor habitat quality can all lead to poor pedicle seal development and early shedding. It may also be an indication that the deer population has exceeded the capacity of the local habitat and bucks are experiencing nutritional stress."

Also at this time of year there are the frogs and salamanders moving on cool, rainy nights to and from breeding ponds, frequently across roads. The best nights to rescue amphibians trying to cross a road are misty and cool. One of several locations I know of is up in Wendell but i'm sure there are a few here in Erving. Contact me, grab a headlamp and a flashlight and we'll see how many spotted salamanders, peepers, woodfrogs, newts and the like we can rescue.

If you walk near the damper parts of the woods you'll also see skunk cabbage sticking its thick leaves up. Sometimes even when there is still snow on the ground.

When you read this Spring will definitely be in the air.

ERVING COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS NEWS



POPLAR MOUNTAIN MAPLE
151 Northfield Road Erving 413-423-3242
Warren, Jacquelyn, and Daniel Boyden
Email: dansveggies@comcast.net

2023 Price & Product List 1/2 Gallons \$34.00 Quarts \$22.00 Pints \$14.00 ½ Pints \$8.00

Maple Cream ½ lb. \$10.00

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TOWN OF ERVING DUAL STREAM RECYCLING & TRASH SERVICE

2022-2023 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 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

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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.







NOT ACCEPTED Plastic bags or trays, black plastic, bagged

recyclables, clothing/textiles, food waste/liquids, tanglers 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







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

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

SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER AND PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS			
Senior & Community	Monday thru Friday	8:30am – 3:00pm	
Center 1 Care Drive			
Erving Public Library	Sun. 10 am to 4 pm, Mon.&Tues. 12 pm to 6 pm,		
2 Care Drive	Wed. 10 am to 4 pm &Thurs. 1 pm to 7 pm.		

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

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423-3310 Police

423-3326 Erving Elementary

423-3348 Library

422-1187 Recreation

423-3500 Public Works **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!

Find us on: facebook

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

Or on the web @

<u>www.erving-ma.gov</u>

