

Around Town Newsletter
12 East Main St.
Erving, MA 01344

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An Erving Community Newsletter

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LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

The last day to register to vote for the upcoming Presidential Primary on March 5, 2024, is Saturday February 24, 2024. You can register to vote at the Town Hall, 12 East Main Street, Erving, MA from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on that day or any day before then that the Town Hall is open.

TOWN OF ERVING IN PERSON EARLY VOTING NOTICE FOR MARCH 5, 2024, PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

- Early voting is open to all Erving registered voters.
- Early voting will take place at the Erving Town Hall, 12 East Main Street
- Dates of early voting are February 24 and February 26 through March 1
- Hours of early voting:
 - Saturday February 24: 9:00 – 5:00
 - Monday February 26: 9:00 – 5:00
 - Tuesday February 27: 9:00 – 5:00
 - Wednesday February 28: 9:00 – 5:00
 - Thursday February 29: 9:00 – 5:00
 - Friday March 1: 9:00 – 5:00

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to vote by mail, your application must be received in the Town Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday February 27, 2024. Furthermore, all ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office by 8:00 on Tuesday March 5, 2024. If there is not enough time to get it here by return mail, then you must drop it off either in the Town Clerk's Office or in the drop box by the parking lot door entrance. It is your responsibility to make certain the ballot is received on time. Late ballots will not be counted.



Board & Commission Vacancies

January 2024

Erving needs you!

Cable Advisory Committee (Three (3) vacancies)

The Cable Advisory Committee is charged with the responsibility to assess local cable needs, monitor company compliance with the contract, make recommendations to the licensing authority (the Select Board) regarding contract terms, develop policies and procedures regarding the Public, Educational, and Government access channel to support the recording and broadcasting of local meetings and events. The Cable Advisory Committee shall be comprised of three appointed members.

Conservation Commission (One (1) vacancy)

The Conservation Commission is tasked with enforcing the Wetlands Protection Act in Erving. Often this is referred to as "wetlands permitting" or environmental permitting". The Commission also oversees the Town's conservation land and hiking trails at Poplar Mountain Conservation Area and supports pollinator education at Erving Elementary School.

Council on Aging – (Three (3) vacancies)

Councils on Aging & Senior Centers provide support services to elders, families, and caregivers in the community. As a local agency, the Councils on Aging & Senior Centers serve as an elder advocate, offers services, and activities for elders. Council on Aging offerings may include Outreach, Transportation, Meals (congregate or home delivered), Health screenings, Health insurance counseling, Socialization, Fitness, wellness and recreation activities, Life-long learning. They serve as a link to and support for elders. Each Council on Aging determines its own priorities based on local needs and resources. Senior centers are a welcoming place for older adults who wish to remain independent in their community.

Cultural Council – (Two (2) vacancies)

Cultural Council members are appointed by the Select Board. The local Cultural Council supports public programs that promote access, education, diversity and excellence in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences in communities across the Commonwealth. Local decision-making is an integral element of this system. Local councils have the right and responsibility to award grants that address cultural needs specific to their communities, and they can decide how to distribute funds if the state policies outlined in these regulations and supplementary guidelines are followed. They meet 2-4 times per year.

Finance Committee – (One (1) Vacancy)

The Finance Committee is a five-member committee, primarily responsible for submitting its recommendations on the annual budget to the town meeting. The Committee is commonly involved in the preparation process of the development of the budget and the establishment of guidelines for departments. Their statutory authority is limited to making transfers from the Town's reserve fund to other line items in the budget as requested.

Historical Commission (Two (2) vacancies)

The Historical Commission is charged with the preservation, protection, and development of the historical or archeological assets of the Town. As such, they make recommendations to the Select Board on matters relating to the preservation, protection and development of historic areas, buildings, structures, and sites. Further, it may acquire in the name of the Town by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, devise, and lease or otherwise the fee or lesser interest in real or personal property of significant historical value and may manage the same.

Zoning Board of Appeals (one (1) vacancy)

The ZBA is charged with making Zoning text and zoning map interpretations, hearing appeals of administrative decisions, and to grant variances from ordinance standards where there is practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship meeting ordinance standards.

These are volunteer positions. If you've been asking yourself "How can I be a help to my community?" and/or you'd like to be a part of something new, or return to something you've done previously, please email a letter of interest to volunteer@erving-ma.gov or via mail to Town of Erving, ATT: Bryan Smith, 12 East Main Street, Erving, MA 01344.



Elected Official Vacancies for the School Committee & Recreation Commission

The Town of Erving would like to announce one (1) vacancy on the Recreation Commission and one (1) vacancy on the School Committee. These vacancies are for elected positions. In accordance with MGL Chapter 41, Section 11, the Select Board is seeking interested residents to serve in these positions until the Annual Town Election in 2024. To be considered, an interested person must be a registered voter of the Town of Erving.



The **School Committee** is a five (5) member elected Board that establishes educational goals and policies for Erving Elementary School consistent with the requirements of the law. Each member is expected to attend all meetings and participate in subcommittees. Members are also encouraged to attend the Union 28 District quarterly meetings.



The **Recreation Commission** is a five (5) member elected Board that provides youth sports, recreational programs, and special events for Erving residents. The Commission does so while overseeing the use and development of the Town's five (5) parks and playgrounds.

If you are interested, please send a written letter of interest that identifies the position that you are interested in serving in and that includes your name, address, and contact information. It may be helpful to include an explanation of your education, training, experience, and other interests that would lend itself to the position sought.

Letters of interest are due by **Wednesday, February 14, 2024**.

Letters can be sent by mail to:

Erving Select Board

12 East Main Street

Erving, Massachusetts 01344

Or by email to: volunteer@erving-ma.gov.

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

**THE FOLLOWING ELECTED POSITIONS WILL BE ON THE
BALLOT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTIONS ON MAY 6, 2024.**

Select Board for 3 years
Assessor for 3 years
Town Clerk for 3 years
Library Trustee for 3 years
Moderator for 1 year
School Committee for 3 years – 2 Positions
School Committee for 1 year
Tree Warden for 1 year
Constable for 3 years
Planning Board for 3 years
Recreation Commission for 3 years
Board of Health for 3 years

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Nomination papers can be picked up in the Town Clerk's Office anytime, but must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office no later than March 18, 2024. There must be 20 valid signatures of registered voters in the Town of Erving to place your name on the ballot. It is recommended that you obtain extra signatures in the event that someone signs that is not a registered voter, which is a very common occurrence.

The Annual Town Elections will be Monday May 6, 2024 with the polling hours from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Erving Town Hall, 12 East Main Street. The last day to apply for a vote by mail ballot is May 1, 2024, and the returned ballot must be received before the close of polls on May 6, 2024.

The Annual Town Meeting will be Wednesday May 8, 2024 with the location and starting time to be set by the Select Board.

It's that time of year

Remember that per the bylaws of the Town of Erving, private property owners are responsible for clearing the abutting sidewalk of snow, ice, or sleet to full width, within 24 hours of the snow event ceasing. If a fire hydrant is located adjacent to a private Property, the owner is responsible for clearing the hydrant of snow, ice, and sleet to a width of two (2) feet.

Per State Law and the bylaws of the Town of Erving, it is unlawful for any person to place snow or ice upon public property, including public streets. Furthermore, cleared snow shall be piled and accumulated in a manner that does not block the visibility of drivers on public streets and alleys or cause other hazardous conditions.

**For the full bylaws go to
erving-ma.gov**



Next Edition

Meet our newest Officer!
Coffee with a Cop Event



We still have K9 Ziva apparel!
Tee shirt \$20
Sweatshirt \$40

All funds go to support the
Erving Police K9 fund.

71 French King Hwy
Erving, MA 01344

House Numbers

Seconds Count in an Emergency

- Protect your family and your property by having large visible house numbers.
- Firefighters, police officers, and paramedics find you faster when your home is properly marked.
- A visitor, child or injured person may be unable to give clear directions.
- Emergency personnel from a neighboring community may be unfamiliar with your area.

Use Large Visible Numbers

- Numbers need to be at least 4 inches in height and facing the street.
- Put the numbers under lighting, and use numbers with a contrasting background, so they will be visible at night.
- Be sure to use the E-911 address for the property.
- If your driveway is long, post your house number on both sides of a mailbox or sign pole at the end of the driveway near the road.
- Be sure to keep numbers visible by trimming trees and bushes.

It's the Law

- Massachusetts General Laws C. 148, S. 59. specifies that every building in the state must have visible address numbers posted.

Thank you



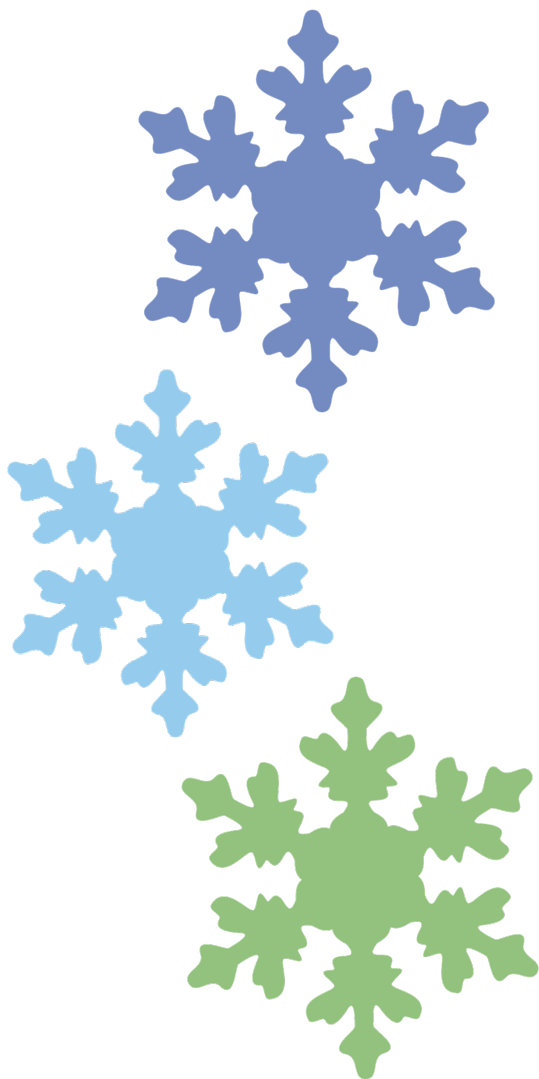
for clearing sidewalks & fire hydrants!

As we prepare for the winter season we wanted to thank property owners for their continued clearing of adjacent sidewalks and the area surrounding fire hydrants.

In accordance with Town of Erving bylaws, property owners are responsible for clearing sidewalks and fire hydrants, that are adjacent to their properties, within 24 hours of the end of a snowstorm.

Please note that the bylaw does provide for a penalty for property owners that do not cooperate.

We truly appreciate your cooperation!



Greetings from the Tax Collector's Office

Mark your calendars for April 1, 2024, the due date for taxes.

The FY 24 Second Half Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills were mailed on December 28, 2023.

Payments can be made anytime online at <https://unipaygold.unibank.com/> enter "Town of Erving – Collector" and hit the "GO!" button.

You have two (2) options for paying your bill; either by electronic check or by credit card.

Electronic Check:

You will need one of your checks with you when you pay your bill online to get your account number and the bank's routing number from it. You will be shown where this information is on your check. There will be a \$0.50 cart processing fee assessed for all electronic check payments.

Credit Card:

We accept MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover for credit card payments. There will be a convenience fee for each online payment. The credit card service provider charges the fee to your credit card. When paying by credit card, the fee amount will appear in a separate box and will be totaled with the amount of the tax. See fee schedule –

UniPay Credit Card Fee Schedule

***Fees assessed on a per transaction basis**

Credit/Debit Card

MasterCard, Visa, Amex and Discover- See Scale Below

VISA Debit – Flat Rate of \$3.95

Scale Based on Purchase Price

From	To	Fee Amount
\$ 1.00	\$ 99.99	\$ 2.50
\$ 100.00	\$ 199.99	\$ 5.00
\$ 200.00	\$ 399.99	\$ 10.00
\$ 400.00	\$ 699.99	\$ 17.50
\$ 700.00	\$ 1,099.99	\$ 27.50
\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,599.99	\$ 40.00
\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,299.99	\$ 57.50
\$ 2,300.00	\$ 3,099.99	\$ 77.50
\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,999.99	\$ 100.00
\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,999.99	\$ 125.00

In addition to paying by cash, or check we are now offering credit/debit card payment at the Tax Collector's office for Real Estate, Personal Property and Excise Taxes, as well as Water Use Charges.



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.

Are You Interested in Accessible Pathways in Erving???

One of my ongoing concerns is the lack of accessible walkways and paths around town. There is an accessible nature trail on Rt 63 in Northfield, and there is the Canal Path in Turners.

But I think “Why not have a short one by the Library and the Senior Center for families?”. I imagine myself restricted to a walker, meeting with some Elementary School kids while I’m at the Senior Center for one of the many events and having them share with me the current Story Walk. Or, living in Erving Center and being able to take a wheelchair down to Riverside Park and going along the river on an accessible path.

These ideas continue to come to my mind, and I have mentioned them to others in town government, but I wonder if they are shared concerns. Projects like these take outside grants, supported by numbers of individuals in the community who share the concern. If you are one who also would like to work towards these goals, let me know.

Mark Blatchley, Erving Resident can be reached at chmarbla@gmail.com.

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.

Tickets will be available at several outlets Friday, *March 1st* 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.



**ERVING
RECREATION**

SNOW TUBING

COMMUNITY DAY



**SPACE IS LIMITED
REGISTER EARLY!**



**FRIDAY
FEB. 23**

**11:30 AM - 1 PM
BERKSHIRE EAST
CHARLEMONT, MA**



**MINIMUM RIDER HEIGHT 42 IN.
CHILDREN MUST BE WITH AN ADULT**

**ERVING RESIDENTS \$13 (\$15 OFF REGULAR TICKET)
NON-RESIDENTS \$23 (\$5 OFF REG. TICKET)**

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

<http://ervingma.myrec.com>

THIS EVENT MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO ERVING TAX-PAYERS. THANK YOU.

ERVING PUBLIC LIBRARY

MONTHLY EVENTS

**EVERY
WED**

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1:30-3 PM DROP IN. SNACKS PROVIDED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY. MAKERSPACE OPEN. AIMED AT KIDS AGES 5-10 & THEIR FAMILIES.

**2ND
SUN**

PUZZLE SWAP WITH THE FRIENDS

1-3 PM DROP IN ANY TIME, NO PUZZLE REQUIRED, PUZZLES FOR ALL LEVELS. FOLKS ARE WELCOME TO STAY & CHAT WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY.

**2ND
SUN**

GENEALOGY DROP-IN HELP

1-3 PM DROP IN WITH LOCAL EXPERTS PHIL JOHNSON AND SARA CAMPBELL. SEARCH YOUR PAST & LEARN HOW TO USE ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION.

**2ND
WED**

TEEN MEDIA CLUB

3:30-5:30 FOR AGES 11-19. SNACKS PROVIDED. NO RSVP NEEDED. ENJOY MONTHLY GAME OR MOVIE HOSTED BY THE YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN.

**3RD
SUN**

CRAFTS WITH THE FRIENDS

1 PM START TIME. PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY TO GET YOUR SEAT. 10 SPOTS AVAILABLE, RSVP REQUIRED. CALL THE LIBRARY FOR MORE INFO.

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BOOK CLUB *SOME EXCEPTIONS 1 WEEK EARLY DUE TO HOLIDAYS

5:30 PM ALTERNATES MONTHS AT NORTHFIELD LIBRARY. FOLLOWS MASS CENTER FOR THE BOOK READING CHALLENGE THEMES. SNACKS & DISCUSSION.

ERVING PUBLIC LIBRARY

HOURS & CONTACT

SUN 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

MON 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

TUE 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

WED 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

THU 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**ASK A
LIBRARIAN**

● (413) 423-3348

● library@erving-ma.gov

● erving-ma.gov/library

● facebook.com/ervingpubliclibrary

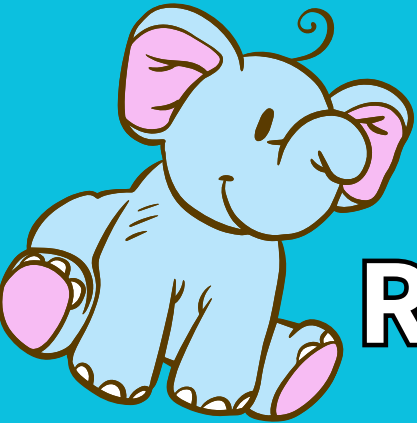
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ERVING PUBLIC LIBRARY

All-Abilities Social

MAKE-A-STUFFIE

EVERYONE
is welcome here!



RSVP REQUIRED
Food Provided

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

MONDAY
FEB. 26
11AM-1PM
25 SPOTS

&

TUESDAY
FEB. 27
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).

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ERVING-MA.GOV/LIBRARY (413) 423-3348

ERVING PUBLIC LIBRARY

Astrology

with Mara Bright

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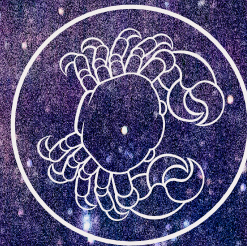
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VIRGO



Tuesdays
February 6 - March 12
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Are you curious
about your star sign?
Interested in knowing
more about astrology?

This free 6-week program
will get you started!

Sign-up required

2 Care Drive, Off Rt. 63, Erving, MA 01344
413-423-3348 library@erving-ma.gov
erving-ma.gov/library



Connecticut River Flute Choir
Concert of Irish Songs, Ballads, Lullabies
Sunday, March 17, 2024

2:00 p.m.

FREE !!

Erving Library Community Room
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library News

The Friends are busy making preparations for upcoming programs and the spring fundraisers. Over the past year, the Friends have been able to support library events, sponsor programs, and purchase requested materials for the library. Included in these programs are monthly craft day and puzzle swap, and summer reading program raffle prizes. With financial support from the Friends, the children's room was furnished with two new book displays and a computer table. Thank you to all that make this support possible.

February 11, 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.

February 18, 2024 - Craft day: 1:00 p.m. Makerspace at the Library Join other crafters as a Friend guides you through the making of a seasonal craft. Additional information about the craft on the library's Facebook page and Friend's bulletin board at the library. **Registration is required and begins February 5.** Space is limited. Call the library at 423-3348 to register or sign up at the circulation desk.

March 17, 2024 - 2:00 p.m. Connecticut River Flute Choir performs in the community room! CRFC celebrates St. Patrick's Day with a performance of Irish tunes, lullabies and ballads. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library

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.

Plant Sale and book sale - Start Saturday, April 27 at the library



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 or call the library at (413) 423-3348.

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.

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: wmkra@gmail.com

Check out our website
(wmkra.com) for more info:

Follow us on Facebook for updates,
cancellations, and other news:



"Creating Results That Move You!"
WWW.TRADEMARKRE.NET

Madysen Bailey Realtor
413-325-7417
Madysen@TrademarkRE.net



POPLAR MOUNTAIN MAPLE
151 Northfield Road Erving 413-423-3242
Warren, Jacquelyn, and Daniel Boyden
Email: 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



Nature Photography Exhibit

By Elisa Faille

January and February 2024
Reception February 18, 2pm-4pm

Erving Public Library Community Room
All works for sale

For questions, please contact
Elisafaille309@gmail.com

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

Flis Market

5 W MAIN STREET ERVING MA

\$10 DAILY SPECIAL

Daily hot special Monday-Thursday at 11AM!
Starting February!

NOW CATERING

Let us cook food for your next gathering or party! Offering:

Sandwiches & Salads

Heat & Eat menu including lasagna, chicken parmesan, mashed potatoes, mac n' cheese, pulled pork and more!

CATERING MENU

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Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Medicare Seminar

Planning for Medicare—Countdown to 65

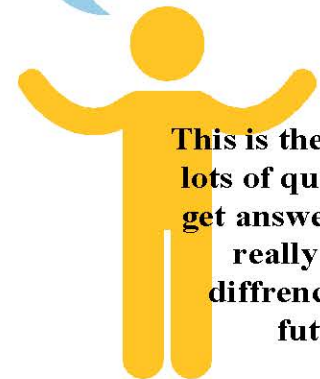
If you're getting close to Medicare eligibility, this seminar is for you. Whether you are planning to retire or will continue to work, it's important to know your Medicare options.

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



Erving Senior Center

2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<p>Open week-days 8:30am 3:00pm 413-423-3649</p>			<p>Coffee & Treats Daily</p> 	<p>1 9:00 Core & Bal 10:00 Barre Fusion 12:00 Brown Bag Coffee & Cards</p>	<p>2 9:00 to 3:00 Quilting open sew Fitness room open Coffee & Snacks</p> 	<p>It is a NEW Year Time to exercise</p>
<p>Nail clipping will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Yearly calendar available Cost \$7.00 no appointment necessary</p>	<p>5 9:00 Interval Linda 10:00 Seated Dance 12:00 Pitch Cards Coffee & Snacks</p> 	<p>6 9:00 ASK the Nurse Blood Press 9:00 Good for U 10:00 Line Dancing 11:00 Social Stringer</p>	<p>7 9:00 Strength & Cond (Linda) 10:15 Chair Aerobics 11:30 BINGO 1:00 Veterans Ser-</p>	<p>8 9:00 Core & Bal (Linda) 10:00 Barre Fusion Coffee & Snacks Fitness Rm open</p> 	<p>9 9:00 to 3:00 Quilting open sew Fitness room open Coffee & Snacks</p>	
 <p>Planning for Medicare—Countdown to 65</p> <p><small>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 among your Medicare enrollment choices, could you receive? This lesson of Medicare can be confusing, we've designed this seminar to help you be confident in making the right health coverage decisions.</small></p> <p><small>What will Planning for Medicare—Countdown to 65 cover?</small> This seminar is presented and discussed led by knowledgeable Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts representatives. We'll be able to answer your specific questions in addition to covering these topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility of Medicare Parts A, B, and C • Medicare enrollment timeline • Multiple plans that help supplement Medicare coverage • Medicare Advantage plans, such as HMO and PPOs • Medicare Part D prescription drug plan • Plans and programs available to each retiree, such as COBRA <p><small>Special Details</small> 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</p> <p><small>Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts is an Equal Opportunity of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. © Registered Name of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. © 2014 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Inc. and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts HMO, Inc.</small></p>	<p>12 9:00 Interval Linda 10:00 Seated Dance 12:00 Pitch Cards Coffee & Snacks</p>  	<p>13 8:30 Toe nail Clipping 9:00 Good for U 10:00 Line Dancing 11:00 Social Stringer</p> 	<p>14 9:00 Strength & Cond (Linda) 10:15 Chair Aerobics BINGO & Snack</p> 	<p>15 9:00 Core & Bal (Linda) 10:00 Barre Fusion Coffee & Snacks Fitness Rm open</p>	<p>16 Closing 11:00 Friends Holiday Party 11:30 French King Restaurant</p> 	<p>8 Exercise programs a week.</p>
 <p>Happy Presidents Day!</p>	<p>20 9:00 Good for U 10:00 Line Dancing 11:00 Social Stringer Fitness Room open Coffee & Snacks</p>	<p>21 9:00 Strength & Cond (Linda) 10:15 Chair Aerobics 11:30 BINGO Emma Massage</p> 	<p>22 9:00 Core & Bal (Linda) 10:00 Barre Fusion Coffee & Snacks Fitness Rm open</p>	<p>23 9:00 to 3:00 Quilting open sew Fitness room open Coffee & Snacks</p>	<p>23 9:00 to 3:00 Quilting open sew Fitness room open Coffee & Snacks</p>	<p>Australian Natural Soap. Great Valentines Gifts</p> 
	<p>26 9:00 Interval Linda 10:00 Seated Dance 12:00 Pitch Cards Coffee & Snacks</p> 	<p>27 9:00 Good for U 10:00 Line Dancing 11:00 Social Stringer Fitness Room open Coffee & Snacks</p>	<p>28 9:00 Strength & Cond (Linda) 10:15 Chair Aerobics 11:30 BINGO</p> 	<p>29 9:00 Core & Bal (Linda) 10:00 Barre Fusion Coffee & Snacks Fitness Rm open</p>		

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



■ = 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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TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS		12 East Main Street
Town Hall is opened to the public on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 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 71 French King Highway	Monday thru Thursday	7:00am – 4:00pm
Fire Department 10 East Main Street & 18 Moore Street	Monday thru Friday	7:00am – 4:00pm & by Appointment

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

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE		
<i>Note: Subject to change. Always use the official posting board at Town Hall for meeting dates, times, and locations.</i>		
Board of Health at Town Hall	3rd Wednesday of the month	3:00 pm
Board of Library Trustees at Erving Library	3rd Thursday of the month	4:30 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

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 @

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