

Around Town Newsletter
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Erving, MA 01344

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An Erving Community Newsletter

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ERVING MA 01344

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!



The Snow & Ice has already begun.

The **Erving Fire Department** wants to help **Erving Seniors** reduce the risk of falling.

Bring an empty bucket!

To the Erving Senior Center.

Include your address and phone number in the bucket.

The **Fire Department** will return it to your home filled with a sand and salt mix.

A Community Service we are proud to offer our **Seniors**



Don't let this happen to you. Sand your walkway. Be SAFE



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

GOLDEN CANE RECIPIENT – Town of Erving

On Thursday, November 30, 2023, the Town of Erving's Golden Cane Committee presented Robert Bitzer of Lillians Way, with the Golden Cane Award. Robert was presented with the Golden Cane and a certificate.

Robert became the Golden Cane recipient as the oldest living resident in the Town of Erving, turning 97 years young on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, and has been a resident of Erving for 35 years.

Not only has Robert Bitzer become the latest Golden Cane recipient, but for more than 30 years he was also the Franklin County Technical School Representative and had Erving's Annual Town Report dedicated to him in 2013.

A history of the 'Boston Post Cane', a New England tradition:

In 1909, Boston Post newspaper distributed walking canes to 700 New England towns. The canes, imported from Africa, are made of ebony, crowned with 14-karat gold, and inscribed with each individual town's name. They were then presented in varying measures of ceremonial pomp, to the oldest living male of those municipalities. Since then, for over a century, the canes have been handed down to the next oldest survivor in those towns. Women were added to the list of cane recipients starting in 1930.

The Town of Erving wishes to extend congratulations to Mr. Robert Bitzer on becoming the 2023 Golden Cane Recipient!



2023 Golden Cane Recipient, Robert Bitzer, poses with the Golden Cane Certificate and the golden cane. Also pictured Town Administrator, Bryan Smith (L) and Golden Cane Committee Chairman, David Brule (R).

Golden Cane Committee members John Rice and Kelly Loynd were unavailable for the presentation.

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

EXEMPTION INFORMATION

ERVING TAXPAYERS: You may be eligible for an exemption on your real estate taxes if you meet certain requirements under Mass General Laws, Chap 59, Section 5. All Exemption Applications are to be filed by April 1st of the fiscal year that the real estate taxes have been issued for. Please note that even if the exemption amount is larger than your total tax bill, Massachusetts General Law states that you must pay 10% of your Real Estate Tax Bill. Listed below are the exemptions that the Town of Erving has authorized:

Clause 17D (Exemption -\$175)

Widows/Widowers/Persons over 70/Minor Children

This exemption is for widows or widowers, or minor children with a deceased parent or persons 70 years or older.

1. You must have owned and occupied the property for at least 5 years and live in your house on July 1 of the year you are filing.
2. The value of your estate, minus mortgages, cannot exceed \$40,000. Please note that the value of your home, if not more than a 3 Family is not included in the Estate amount.

Clause 22 Veterans Exemptions

Veterans are individuals who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States for certain time periods during peace or wartime eras and were discharged from military service. In order to be eligible for an exemption, the discharge must be under other than dishonorable conditions.

You must occupy the property as your domicile. If you are a spouse of the veteran, you and the veteran must occupy the property as your domicile. Your domicile is where your principal and legal home is located.

You must own the property and your ownership interest must be worth at least \$2,000. If your property is held in a trust, you must be a Trustee and have an enough beneficial interest in the property.

Clause 22(a-c)(Exemption- \$400)

Veterans, Spouses (where the domicile is owned by the veteran's spouse) and Surviving Spouses of Veterans (who have never remarried) are eligible if one of the following criteria is met:

1. Veteran with a service-connected disability of 10% or more
2. Veteran awarded the Purple Heart Medal
3. Gold Star Parents

Clause 22A (Exemption- \$750)

Veterans or Surviving Spouses of Veterans (regardless of current & future marital status), who meet the following requirements is eligible for this exemption:

1. Loss or permanent loss of use of one foot or one hand in the line of duty or,
2. Lost sight of one eye in the line of duty or,
3. Received the Congressional Medal of Honor, or Distinguished Service Cross, or the Navy Cross, or the Air Force Cross.
4. The Exemption will be prorated if domicile is greater than a single-family home.

Clause 22B (Exemption - \$1,250)

Veterans or Surviving Spouses of Veterans (regardless of current & future marital status), who meet the following requirements is eligible for this exemption:

1. Loss or permanent loss of use of both hands or both feet or,
2. Loss or permanent loss of one hand and one foot or,
3. Loss of sight in both eyes.

EXEMPTION INFORMATION

Clause 22C (Exemption - \$1,500)

Veterans or Surviving Spouses of Veterans (regardless of current & future marital status), who have a permanent and total disability that is service connected and Specially Adapted Housing. The Exemption will be prorated if domicile is greater than a single-family home.

Clause 22D (Full Exemption)

Surviving spouses, until remarried, of service members or guardsmen who are missing in action & presumed to have died or who have died as a result of injuries or illness contracted during active duty.

Clause 22E (Exemption - \$1,000)

Veterans or Surviving Spouses of Veterans (regardless of current and future marital status), who have a 100% Service-Connected Disability as of July 1st of the year you are Applying for the exemption. You must present an annual statement from the Veteran's Administration verifying this 100% disability. The Exemption will be prorated if domicile is greater than a single-family home.

Clause 22F (Full Exemption)

This exemption is available to Veterans or the Surviving Spouses of Veterans, who are certified by the Veteran's Administration as paraplegic or have a 100% disability for service-connected blindness. The Exemption will be prorated if domicile is greater than a single-family home.

Clause 37A (Exemption - \$500)

Blindness

This exemption is for those individuals who are certified by the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind attesting to legal blindness.

- 1. You must own and occupy your house.**
- 2. You must submit a Certificate from the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind attesting to legal blindness annually**

Clause 41C (Exemption - \$1,000)

Persons over 65 years of Age

This exemption is for those individuals who are 65 years or older who satisfy certain income, assets and residency requirements.

- 1. You must have lived in Massachusetts for the past 10 years and,**
- 2. You must own and occupy your house for at least 5 years and,**
- 3. Your annual gross income cannot exceed \$20,000 if single, \$30,000 if married minus Social Security allowance.**
- 4. Whole estate, (less value of the home unless home is larger than 4 family) cannot exceed \$40,000 if single, \$55,000 if married.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Assessors Office at 413-422-2800, Extension 1107 or by email at assessor@erving-ma.gov

**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

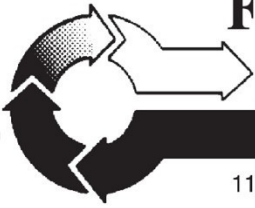
PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

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.

REDUCTION
RECYCLING
COMPOSTING
DISPOSAL



Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

117 Main Street., 2nd Floor, Greenfield, MA 01301 • (413) 772-2438 • Fax: (413) 772-3786
www.franklincountywastedistrict.org • info@franklincountywastedistrict.org

Reduce Trash this Holiday Season What to recycle, creatively reuse, and compost

During the holiday season, the average American family disposes of 25% more trash than they usually do (source: US EPA). Think about your household: could some of this trash be reduced, reused, recycled or composted? When residents reduce their holiday trash, they can save money on “Pay As You Throw” town trash stickers or bags, reduce carbon and methane emissions, and protect our environment.

Recycling Yes/No

The following paper items are on the “yes” list for household recycling, with certain exceptions: wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue paper, and paper greeting cards/envelopes. Do not recycle these paper items if they contain metallic inks, glitter, or foil (for example, foil-lined envelopes). Tape and labels are okay. Remove batteries from singing greeting cards before recycling the card.

Other recyclable paper items include catalogs, calendars, paper shopping bags, and cardboard (corrugated and paperboard). Here’s a holiday tip: when opening or wrapping gifts, keep a paper bag handy to collect paper recyclables.

These items are on the “no” list for household recycling: ribbons, bows, tinsel, glossy photo cards, holiday light strings, Christmas tree netting, bubble wrap, paper envelopes lined with bubble wrap, packing peanuts, Styrofoam in any form, plastic shipping envelopes, or the molded plastic used to package toys, electronics, etc.

Some of these items, called “tangles,” are not acceptable in municipal recycling programs because they get wrapped around and tangled in the sorting equipment at recycling facilities: holiday light strings, power cords, and Christmas tree netting.

Recyclables from Franklin County towns are processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). For printable recycling guides, including a colorful yes/no holiday recycling guide, visit the MRF’s website (springfieldmrf.org) and click on “What’s Recyclable.”

Recycling Options for Other Materials

Holiday light strings and power cords are accepted for recycling at scrap metal dealers and in the scrap metal dumpsters at town transfer stations. In addition, mail-in programs are available at holidayleds.com and christmas-light-source.com.

“Pack and ship” stores, for example The UPS Store in Greenfield, accept clean, dry packing materials such as bubble wrap, packing peanuts, and inflatable “air pillow” packaging for reuse.

Plastic bag recycling programs at grocery and retail stores accept bubble wrap, plastic shipping envelopes (no paper), inflatable “air pillow” packaging, and other bags/films marked #2 or #4. A list of acceptable items is at: nextrex.com/view/educate#materials1.

Certain batteries (rechargeable, button, and lithium) are accepted for special recycling at transfer stations; place in a bag or container and hand to attendant.

When the holidays are over, check with your town about Christmas tree recycling. Your tree may be recycled as mulch this spring.

Creative Reuse

In addition to recycling, consider wrapping your gifts in reused materials. Gifts can be creatively wrapped in reused wrapping paper, old calendar pages, sheet music, maps or map book pages, paper bags, old posters, wallpaper scraps, fabric, scarves, newspaper, comics, or kids' artwork.

Gifts can be wrapped in cloth bags, reusable decorative tins, reusable shopping bags, or baskets. Or make the wrapping part of the gift; for example, a kitchen towel or oven mitt to hold kitchen utensils or gadgets, or a book wrapped in a scarf.

Wrapped gifts can be tied up with twine and adorned with natural items such as pinecones, pine or holly branches, shells, or buttons. Last year's holiday cards can be cut up to reuse as beautiful gift cards.

One of the most important steps for reusing materials is unwrapping gifts carefully and saving gift wrap, gift boxes, ribbons, bows and gift bags for reuse next year.

For a fun craft activity with kids, this online tutorial from Tori Avey shows how to make beautiful Hanukkah gift wrap with homemade potato stamps:

toriavey.com/homemade-hanukkah-wrapping-paper/ Grab some reused paper bags, a couple of potatoes, and some acrylic paint or stamp pads. Cut bag along the side and bottom to make one big sheet. Cut the potatoes in half and (adults) carve your favorite holiday shapes into the flat potato surface or use cookie cutters to press shapes into ½ inch potato slices. When you are all done, you can cut off the painted parts of the potato and compost the rest!



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Compost

Another way to reduce holiday trash is to compost food and paper waste generated from holiday meals. Food scraps might seem small, but they add up: waste characterization studies performed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) show that 22% of the residential trash in Massachusetts is food waste.

Municipal transfer station compost programs accept all types of solid food waste, including meat, bones, cheese, plus paper waste such as paper napkins, paper towels, and more. Unacceptable items include liquids, foil, metal, glass, and plastic. These programs accept compostable material are free of charge, but transfer stations may require access permits or entrance fees). The following transfer stations in Franklin County have compost programs: Bernardston, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Greenfield (open to non-residents for a \$5 host fee), Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Shelburne, Warwick, Wendell, and Whately.

The Solid Waste District sells discounted "Earth Machine" home compost bins and compost pails to District residents. Pricing is \$25 or \$65 depending on the resident's town. It is not recommended to put meat, bones, dairy in home compost bins. For more details and pricing, contact the solid waste district or see: franklincountywastedistrict.org/Composting

For more information, contact Franklin County Solid Waste Management District: (413) 772-2438, info@franklincountywastedistrict.org; or visit franklincountywastedistrict.org. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD).

ERVING PUBLIC LIBRARY

As of January 1, 2024

NEW HOURS!

Sunday 10 am - 4 pm

Monday 10 am - 4 pm

Tuesday 12 pm - 6 pm

Wednesday 12 pm - 6 pm

Thursday 12 pm - 6 pm

Closed Friday, Saturday, and holidays.

Closed Monday, January 29, Staff Day

Easier to remember!

Based on patron feedback!

2 Care Drive, Off Route 63, Erving MA, 01344

erving-ma.gov/library (413) 423-3348

Co-Hosted by the Northfield & Erving Public Libraries

2024

Reading Challenge

BOOK CLUB



2024 Reading Challenge

JANUARY A book you read years ago that you may feel different about now	FEBRUARY A book with a color in the title	MARCH A book whose protagonist has a different culture or lifestyle from you	APRIL A book about nature, the environment, or climate change
MAY A graphic novel	JUNE A book that inspired a film or television series	JULY A book by an author born outside of the United States	AUGUST A book whose title starts with the same letter as your birthday month
SEPTEMBER A debut book by a Massachusetts author	OCTOBER A book about a time in history you'd like to know more about	NOVEMBER A relaxing, soul-soothing book	DECEMBER A well-reviewed book in your least favorite genre

visit massbook.org/readingchallenge to learn more

CASUAL DISCUSSION & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

1/25
3/28
5/30
7/25
9/26
11/21

IN ERVING

THURSDAYS
5:30 PM

2/29
4/25
6/27
8/29
10/24
12/19

IN NORTHFIELD

ERVING PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Erving MA 01344
erving-ma.gov/library



DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

115 Main St, Rt 63
Northfield, MA 01360
northfieldpubliclibrary.org

ERVING PUBLIC LIBRARY

All-Abilities Social

MOVIE TIME



EVERYONE
is welcome here!



Food provided! Please RSVP!

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

MONDAY
JAN. 29
11AM-1PM

&

TUESDAY
JAN. 30
4-6PM

Evening events have a short talk with a local health expert.

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

Remember & Celebrate You
★ in 2024 ★

Wednesday, January 17th, from 4:30-5:30 PM

Discover more about yourself in this creative STEM-learning activity.

While we craft, we will be asking ourselves the following questions:

Who are you today?

Who do you want to be a year from now?

What do you want to be done with?

What do you want to hold onto?

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Materials and concept from the Public Library Innovation Exchange program, sponsored by The Massachusetts Institute for Technology

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ERVING PUBLIC LIBRARY

GET INVOLVED *with the* LIBRARY

Volunteer

Erving Public Library is actively seeking volunteers to support library operations and programs. Volunteers will need to be at least fourteen (14) years of age with a valid ID, be able to alphabetize materials, and conduct themselves in a tidy manner. All volunteers may be expected to interact with the public in a courteous way. CORI checks will be performed for all new volunteers. Apply online: erving-ma.gov

Substitute

Erving Public Library is actively filling positions in the Substitute Library Assistant pool. This position works when permanent library staff are unavailable or staffing is needed for special events, meaning that the position is per diem and non-benefited. Library Assistants must excel in customer service, attention to detail, and follow all relevant town and library policies including those related to confidentiality. Library experience is not required, but technical aptitude is expected. A CORI check will be performed on successful candidates. The Town of Erving is a drug-free workplace and is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Apply online: erving-ma.gov

Participate

Monthly meetings are held by the Board of Library Trustees and the Friends of the Erving Public Library. Care about library policy, programs, and future planning? All meetings are open to the public. Join us!

- Board of Library Trustees, 3rd Thursday, 4:30 pm, library Community Room
- Friends of the Library, 1st Thursday, 1:00 pm Jan/Feb/Mar, library Community Room

erving-ma.gov/library



**BE READY TO
SAVE A LIFE**
with
Hands-Only CPR

It's easy to learn. You can increase the chance of someone surviving a cardiac emergency by taking a FREE American Red Cross 30-minute class.

More than 350,000 cardiac arrests occur outside a hospital each year. Learn how to deliver lifesaving CPR care without rescue breaths and be prepared.

When you immediately provide Hands-Only CPR, you can increase the chance of survival.

To learn more or sign-up for a free 30-minute class, please contact:

ERVING PUBLIC LIBRARY
Thursday, January 18, 2023, 5:30 PM
(413) 423-3348 library@erving-ma.gov

You can get started today, by watching a free video tutorial at redcross.org/handsonly

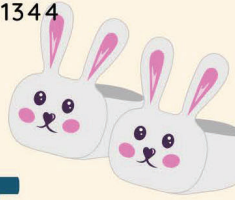


**American
Red Cross**

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PJ STORYTIME



WITH U28 COMMUNITY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN

2nd Thursdays
6-6:45 pm

January 11: Hurry, Hurry Drive the Fire Truck

February 8: Let It Snow

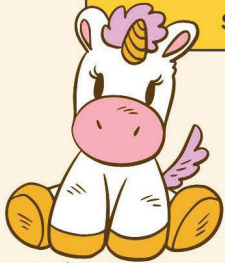
March 14: Teddy Bear Picnic

Registration
requested for
planning
purposes



Use QR Code to Register or
[https://form.jotform.com/
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Come join us in your favorite
pajamas for an evening storytime!
Young children and their families are
welcome! Story themed-activities
sponsored by CNC.



Contact the Erving Public Library or
CNC at 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

Wednesday, January 10
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

- Every 2nd Wednesday
- Snacks!
- A movie or a game!
- No RSVP needed!

To learn about January's movie pick, visit our
website at erving-ma.gov/library

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



Friends of the Library News

Thank you to the community for supporting our winter fundraiser. *The Friends appreciate the donations from library supporters, members of the Friends group and the anonymous donors.* The Friends will support the library's programming by sponsoring a concert by the Connecticut River Flute Choir on March 17, 2024. Members of the community have requested a return performance. Additional information will be provided in the February edition of the Around Town Newsletter.

A special thank you to the following businesses that contributed to our fundraiser. We appreciate your donations so the Friends can continue to support the programs and events at the Erving Public Library.

French King Bowling Center
Applebee's
Home Depot
Poplar Mountain Maple Products

Greenfield Automotive
Black Cow Burger Bar
Peterman's Boards and Bowls

Friends Meeting: Thursday, January 3, 2024 1:00 p.m. Library Community Room

Puzzle Swap: Sunday, January 14, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Library Community Room Puzzles with piece counts of 100 to over 1000, difficulty levels ranging from easy to very challenging. We want everyone to be able to participate so even if you don't have a puzzle to swap, come in and select a puzzle or two. Everyone is welcome and a library card is not necessary.

Did you know— The library has a collection of puzzles with varying degrees of difficulty ranging from 35-100 pieces which can be checked out using your CWMARS library card.

Craft Day: Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. *It's a secret! There will be two Valentine's Day crafts for you to select. Craft number 1—The Friends have jars you can use but if you have an interesting shaped jar or bottle, you may wish to bring it in for the craft. The Friends will provide the embellishments. Craft number 2—bring in a photo of an individual or group that you "LOVE".* The photo can measure up to 5 inches square. **Registration is required as seating is limited and opens on January 5 . Call the library at 423-3348 to register or sign up at the circulation desk.**

Dates to Remember:

Friends Meetings: The first Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

Connecticut River Flute Choir: Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Community Room

Joining an Organization Has Positive Health Benefits

*Joining an organization increases feelings of self-worth and provides a sense of purpose. It was found that those engaged in a charity or non-profit organization are seen to have a lower probability of heart attack, high blood pressure or cancer. Helping others or working for a cause can bring happiness and satisfaction.

*David Hutchinson, Published May 17, 2022

Are The Friends of the Library the Organization for You?

The Friends are a group of people that love libraries, see the importance of the library, and want to support their local library. One mission of the Friends is to provide funds for library programs, events and other needs that may not be covered by municipal funds. Friends sponsor monthly events Friends and volunteer to assist with library activities and participate in community events.

Program Sponsors

***Monthly Craft Day
Monthly Puzzle Swap
Concerts***

***Summer Reading Program
Historical Play***

Potluck Dinner with Cooking Demos

Items for the Library

***Children's Book Display Case
Children's Display Bins for Easy Readers
Book Carts
Step Stools for Adult Area
Step Ladder Stool
Children's Room Computer Table***

Membership in the Friends requires a yearly membership fee. The fee is based on the type of membership selected: an individual membership fee is \$5.00 and a family membership is \$10.00. Join the Friends of the Erving Library and help make Erving a "great place to live".

Drop off your membership form and annual dues at the library or mail to: Friends of the Erving Public Library, 2 Care Drive, Erving, MA 01344. _____

Date: January 2024-December 2024

____ Individual Membership \$5.00

____ Family Membership \$10.00

Name: _____

Address: _____










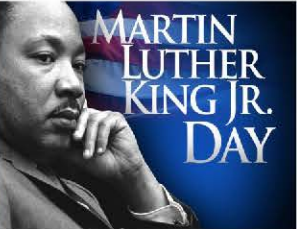












Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Thank you for becoming a Friend and supporting the Erving Public Library. We appreciate your support.

JANUARY

Erving Senior Center

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<p>Open week-days 8:30am - 3:00pm 413-423-3649</p>	<p>1</p> 	<p>2 </p> <p>9:00 Good for you 9:00 ASK the Nurse 10:00 Line Dancing <u>11:00 Social Stringers</u></p>	<p>3 9:00 Strength & C 10:15 Chair Aerobics 11:30 BINGO <u>1:00 Veterans ser.</u></p>	<p>4 9:00 Barre Fusion 10:00 Pilates Flow <u>12:30 Brown Bag</u></p> 	<p>5 9:00 to 3:00 Quilting Workshop Fitness room open Cards & Coffee</p> 	
<p>Now relax and imagine your body slowly melting into the ground.</p> 	<p>8 9:00 Interval 10:00 Seated Dance 12:00 Pitch Players Coffee & Snacks</p>	<p>9 <u>8:30 Toe Nail Clip</u> 9:00 Good for you 10:00 Line Dancing <u>11:00 Social Stringers</u></p> 	<p>10 9:00 Strength & Conditioning <u>10:15 Chair Aerobics</u> 11:30 BINGO</p> 	<p>11 9:00 Barre Fusion 10:00 Pilates Flow Cards & Coffee Exercise room open</p> 	<p>12 9:00 to 3:00 Quilting Workshop Fitness room open Cards & Coffee</p> 	
	 <p>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 Good for you 10:00 Line Dancing <u>11:00 Social Stringers</u></p> 	<p>17 9:00 Strength & Conditioning <u>10:15 Chair Aerobics</u> 11:30 BINGO</p> 	<p>18 9:00 Barre Fusion 10:00 Pilates Flow Exercise room open Cards & Coffee</p> 	<p>19 9:00 to 3:00 Quilting Workshop Fitness room open Cards & Coffee</p> 	 <p>THE SHINE PROGRAM Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone</p>
<p>Start the NEW Year off right. Join us for healthy exercise</p>	<p>22 9:00 Interval 10:00 Seated Dance 12:00 Pitch Players Coffee & Snacks</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 Good for you 10:00 Line Dancing <u>11:00 Social Stringers</u></p> 	<p>24 9:00 Strength & Conditioning <u>10:15 Chair Aerobics</u> 11:30 BINGO</p> 	<p>25 9:00 Barre Fusion 10:00 Pilates Flow Exercise room open Cards & Coffee</p> 	<p>26 9:00 to 3:00 Quilting Workshop Fitness room open Cards & Coffee</p>	<p>We have a SHINE representative on staff to help you with all your Health Insurance Needs & questions Becky 413-423-3649</p>
	<p>29 9:00 Interval 10:00 Seated Dance 12:00 Pitch Players Coffee & Snacks</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00 Good for you 10:00 Line Dancing <u>11:00 Social Stringers</u></p>	<p>31 9:00 Strength & Conditioning <u>10:15 Chair Aerobics</u> 11:30 BINGO</p> 			

Schedule for 2024

The cost of toenail clipping is \$7.00



This is still a great value. Erving is subsidizing
\$8.00 for a total cost of \$15.00

Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of each month 8:30 to 10:00

January 9th

February 13th

March 12th

April 9th

May 14th

June 18th

July 9th

August 13th

September 10

October 8th

November 12th

December 10th

There is an
in-home nail
clipping service.
Please call Mindy
for details
978-544-2587
Please note the
dates on your
calendar



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						
						1					4	5						1	2						6	7						3	4						1	2						8	9
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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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Town of Erving
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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 @

www.erving-ma.gov

