



OXFORD'S COUNCIL CHATTER

♥HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY♥

**FEBRUARY
2022**

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The COA board meets
every 2nd Thursday of
the month

HOURS

Monday through Friday
8:30 AM—3:30 PM

COUNCIL ON AGING/SENIOR CENTER

323 Main Street, Oxford, MA 01540

Tel: 508-987-6000 email: seniorcenter@oxfordma.us



***** Please note that the Senior Center will be
CLOSED on Monday, February 21st *****

Welcome to February—our shortest month of the year! We have Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day to celebrate. Did anyone else notice that Valentine's Day decorations were out before Christmas? The newspapers and TV ads will have tons of Presidents' Day sales ads even with shortages on many items.

It can be hard to be chipper since it is cold and most likely the snow banks are grubby looking. But here's something positive: on January 1, we had 9 hours and 12 minutes of daylight. By February 28th, we will have 11 hours and 14 minutes of daylight—that's more than 2 extra hours of daylight! So make wonderful plans on what you can do with that extra daylight; we hope to see you soon at the senior center!

Laura, Deb, Cindy

February quiz: "According to custom, what happens if the groundhog sees its shadow on February 2nd?"

January's question was: "What are the two zodiac signs for January?" The correct answer was "Capricorn and Aquarius" provided by Janet Koza. Please call the office to enter your answer. All correct answers will be entered into a drawing. We will draw our next winner on February 11th .

TOWN OF OXFORD ~~~ WINTER PARKING BAN

The Town of Oxford's Winter Parking Ban will be in effect from Dec 1, 2021 thru Apr 1, 2022. On-street parking is prohibited between the hours of 11PM and 6AM. The Parking Ban will also take effect when there is an accumulation of three (3) or more inches of snow, day or night. Fifteen (15) minute parking is allowed for postal and package delivery.

NEED A RIDE ?????

The Oxford Senior Center van is available to our seniors and the disabled. You can travel within Oxford for grocery shopping, the post office, hairdresser, pharmacy, etc. The fare is \$1.75 one way. Call 508-987-6000 to schedule your ride 48 hours in advance

The WRTA van is utilized for your out-of-town doctor appointments. You need to register with them by calling 508-752-9283.

****** OXFORD FOOD SHELF ******

Located @ the Community Center - 4 Maple Rd — (508)987-1062

The Food Shelf is open to indoor shopping on Thursdays from 4:30PM to 6:30PM. For your safety all volunteers and all clients, including children over the age of two, will be **REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS** when entering the Community Center and the Food Shelf.

Clients will be allowed to shop twice a month.

Any Oxford family can come for food!



"YOUNG AT HEART CAFÉ" FEBRUARY LUNCH MENU

Lunches will be served Tuesdays and Fridays from
12:00 PM to 12:30 PM

(Takeout meals **MUST** be picked up by 12:30PM)

RESERVATIONS A MUST !!

Please call 48 hours in advance to order a meal (please call the Friday before for Tuesday meals and the Wednesday before for Friday meals)

\$ 4.00 dine in / \$ 5.00 take-out

Tues, 2/1: Beef Stew, Biscuit and Brownie

Fri, 2/4: Meat Calzone, Tossed Salad and Cannoli

Tues, 2/8: French Dip Sandwich w/ Au Jus, French Fries, 3 Bean Salad and Birthday Cupcake

Fri, 2/11: Seafood Salad Roll, Cole Slaw, Potato Chips and Fresh Baked Cookie

Tues, 2/15: Baked Ham w/ Pineapple Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Bread and Cherry Pie

Fri, 2/18: Baked Fish w/ Crumb Topping, Rice Pilaf, Garden Blend Vegetables, Dinner Roll and Angel Food Cake

Tues, 2/22: Meatloaf w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Dinner Roll and Blonde Brownie

Fri, 2/25: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Italian Bread and Fruited Jell-O

- Please inform your server staff if you have a food allergy.
- Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness.

Our Senior Book Club meets the first Friday of each month.

Our next meeting is **MARCH 4, 2022 @ 12:30PM.**

Our book pick is **"The Midnight Library"** by Matt Haig

Between life and death there is a library, and within that library, the shelves go on forever. Every book provides a chance to try another life you could have lived to see how things would be if you had made other choices. Would you have done anything different if you had the chance to undo regrets? Up until now, Nora Seed's life has been full of misery. When she finds herself in the Midnight Library, she can undo every decision she regrets, but things aren't always what she imagined they'd be. Please come join us.

Call the Oxford Public Library at 508-987-6003 and reserve a book!

FREE MOVIE on February 11th @ 12:45PM

"QUEEN BEES" (rescheduled from January)

While her house undergoes repairs, a fiercely independent widow Helen (Ellen Burstyn) reluctantly moves into a nearby retirement community—just temporarily. Once at Pine Grove Senior Community, she encounters feisty widows, cutthroat bridge tournaments and a group of bullying "mean girls"



Oxford Fire Department / EMS will be at the Senior Center on **Friday, February 18th @ 12:30PM for a educational presentation.**



The Senior Center will be closed if the schools are closed in Oxford. If you are unsure if we are open or not, please call before going out. We want our seniors to stay home safe if the weather is bad!!!!

Kaye from SHINE will be holding ZOOM appointments on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Her next appointment day is February 16th. Appointment times are: 9AM / 10AM / 11AM / 1PM and 2PM. Call the Senior Center to schedule an appointment

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## SCRABBLE



Come play scrabble on Monday mornings  
10AM to 12PM

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"Cup of Joe with Joe"

Join us on Friday, February 18th @ 10AM at the Senior Center to have "A cup of joe with Joe"

Joe McKenna, State Representative will be here for coffee and conversation.

It's time to license us!



Do it all from home to stay safe by including an updated rabies and choosing one of the following options:

- Pay Online
- Mail the payment to The Town Clerks Office, 325 Main Street, Oxford, MA 01540
- Put your payment in the drop box at the rear or front of Town Hall

Fees: Male/Female not altered- \$10.00 per animal
Neutered/Spayed - \$6.00 per animal

In appreciation of our FANTASTIC seniors in the Town, anyone over the age of 70 licensing a pet the fee is FREE!!!!

All cats, six months of age or older **MUST** be licensed by January 31, 2022!!

All dogs, six months of age or older **MUST** be licensed by March 31, 2022!!

BE ON THE LOOKOUT!!!!



***The Annual Town Census forms have been mailed.
PLEASE sign and return them ASAP to stay on the
“ACTIVE VOTER” list.***

OR you can email it to census@oxfordma.us

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS !!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SENIORS!

David Boucher, Richard Hammond, Nancy Elian, Joseph Cloutier, Patricia Hickey, James Kelley, Julia Krasinskas, Mary Thompson, Ruth Bissonnette, Vasiliki Zahariadis, Barbara Sciannameo, Shirley Graveline, Edward Rood, Ann Rossik, Suzanne Picard, June Kasprzak, Linda Harris, Rosemarie Coulard, Sandra Skeeane, Jeffrey Nixon, Diane Prunier, Richard Brunelle, Rita Nystrom, Arthur Firl Jr, Beverly Vigue, James Crosbie Jr, Patricia Lafontaine, Lorraine King, Ronald Chesties, Katherine Langway, Bruce Kaseta, Jean Hagelauer, Joann, Maywalt, Gerald Degnan, Carol Clouthier, Paul DeFalco, Donna Prunier, Laurence White, Paul Casavant, Kathleen McCarthy, Bruce Whittredge Sr, Charlotte Brule, Rose Fournier, Mary Lundstrom, Dorothy Millhofer, Frank Riseden, Donald Morin, Patricia Freeman, Stephen Moody, Pamela Dumas, James Casavant, Margery Gordon, Philip Warren, Norel Cronin, William Boulanger, Karen Young, Donna Butler, Ronald Gagner, Janice Seabolt, Linda Saad, Deliose Baarda, James Gondek, Stanley Horanzy, Wayne Moulton, William Dibenedetto, Norman Bell, Nancy Yacino, Michael Cloutier, Martha Cady, Winston Grendell, Karl Tarasiak, Paul Cardone III, Rosemarie Paquette, Barbara Constantine, Carole Denning, Marie Jacobs, Halina Ostrowska, John Eul Jr, Diann Sullivan, Gail Gilchrist, William Haddad, Sven Williamson, Arnold Caplette, Yvonne Latuga, Sandra Hughes, Charles Berg, Irene Cierpich, Bruce Anger Sr, Denise Boucher, Sonja Berg, Paul Kollios, Joan Luby, Susan Zaczek, Bruce Bellows, David Moiles, Douglas Hill, Roger Bostock, Maria O'Connor, George Karrat, Ellen Collins, James Cutroni, Nancy Germain, James Triplett, Gloria Antkowiak, Janet Patterson, Timothy West, Donna Trinder, Albert Perron, William McCray, Susan Coffey and Minerva Villanueva



Fiscal Year 2022 Semi-Annual Actual Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Bills

Mailed on 12/31/2021

Due Date: 4/01/2021

Bills can either be paid IN PERSON, ONLINE, BY MAIL, or DROPBOX
located at the front and back of Town Hall.

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### REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF—PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS

#### WHO MAY QUALIFY ????

1. Senior citizens age 70 or over (must meet certain criteria w/ regard to income/assets)
2. Widows/Widowers (must provide documentation of assets)
3. Disabled Veterans (with at least 10% disability as certified by the Veterans Agent)
4. Blind Persons (Blind Certificate required from Massachusetts Commission for the Blind)

Please contact the Assessors Office @ 508-987-6036 option 3 for more information if you feel you may qualify for any of the above Tax Relief Programs.



# It's Snow Time

## Word Search

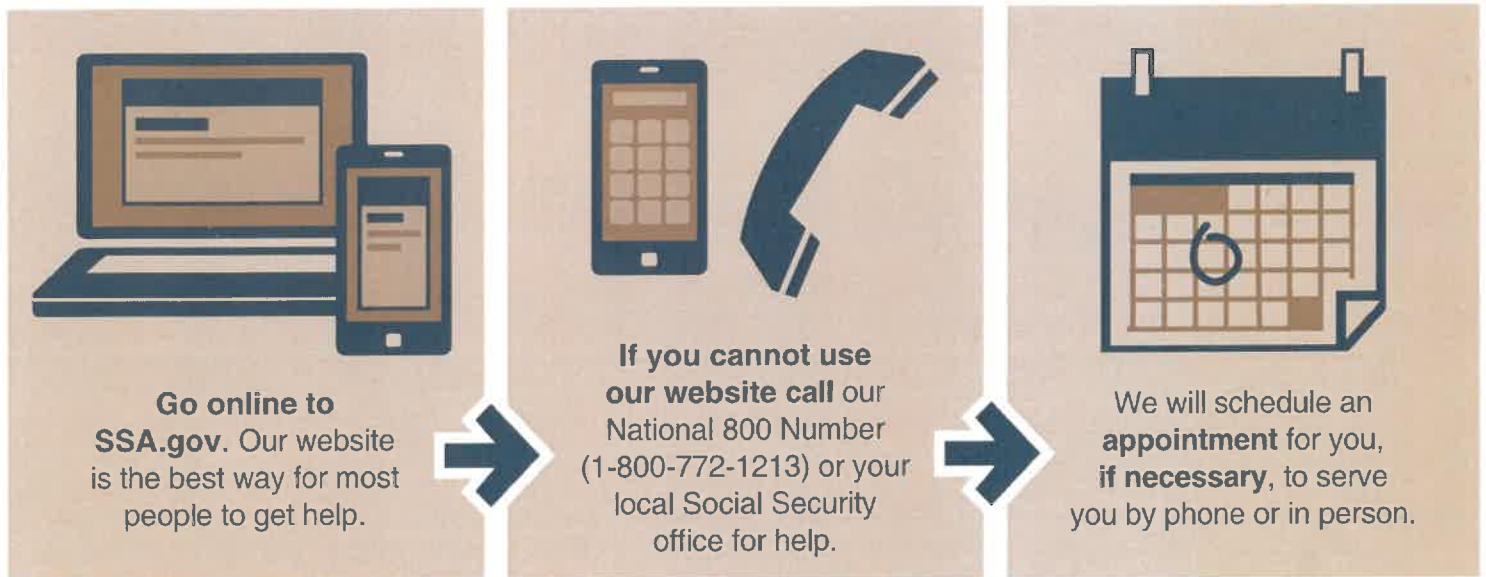
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# How to Get Help from Social Security

Social Security is here to help. We want you to know how to get the service you need and to be prepared so we can help you as quickly and safely as possible.



## What to Know if You Must Visit an Office:

- **You must have an appointment** to visit an office.
- **Masks are required** for all office visitors and employees, regardless of vaccination status.
- **Visitor capacity is limited** to follow physical distancing requirements. This means **you may need to wait outside**, so plan for cold or bad weather.
- We ask that you **come alone unless you require help with your visit**. If you require help, we can only permit one person to accompany you.

**We appreciate your patience and understanding.**



Securing today  
and tomorrow

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| Monday                                                                                | Tuesday                                                                  | Wednesday                                                                            | Thursday                                                                                            | Friday                                                                                                                                             |
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|                                                                                       | <u>1</u><br>NEEDLE WORKERS 10AM<br>ADULT COLORING 10AM<br>LUNCH 12:00PM  | <u>2</u><br>PITCH LEAGUE 1PM TO 3PM                                                  | <u>3</u><br>DOMINOES 10AM TO 12PM<br>QUILTING CLASS<br>12:30PM TO 2:30PM                            | <u>4</u><br>CRIBBAGE 10AM TO 12PM<br>ADULT COLORING 10:30AM<br>LUNCH 12:00PM<br>BOOK CLUB 12:30PM                                                  |
| <u>7</u><br>CRIBBAGE 10AM TO 12PM<br>SCRABBLE 10AM TO 12PM<br>MONDAY NIGHT PITCH 5PM  | <u>8</u><br>NEEDLE WORKERS 10AM<br>ADULT COLORING 10AM<br>LUNCH 12:00PM  | <u>9</u><br>PITCH LEAGUE 1PM TO 3PM                                                  | <u>10</u><br>COUNCIL MEETING 9:30AM<br>DOMINOES 10AM TO 12PM<br>QUILTING CLASS<br>12:30PM TO 2:30PM | <u>11</u><br>CRIBBAGE 10AM TO 12PM<br>ADULT COLORING 10:30AM<br>LUNCH 12:00PM<br>FREE MOVIE 12:45PM<br>"QUEEN BEES"                                |
| <u>14</u><br>CRIBBAGE 10AM TO 12PM<br>SCRABBLE 10AM TO 12PM<br>MONDAY NIGHT PITCH 5PM | <u>15</u><br>NEEDLE WORKERS 10AM<br>ADULT COLORING 10AM<br>LUNCH 12:00PM | <u>16</u><br>SHINE – ZOOM<br>APPOINTMENTS 9AM–3PM<br>PITCH LEAGUE 1PM TO 3PM         | <u>17</u><br>DOMINOES 10AM TO 12PM<br>QUILTING CLASS<br>12:30PM TO 2:30PM                           | <u>18</u><br>CUP OF JOE W/ JOE 10AM<br>CRIBBAGE 10AM TO 12PM<br>ADULT COLORING 10:30AM<br>LUNCH 12:00PM<br>FIRE DEPARTMENT<br>PRESENTATION 12:30PM |
| <u>21</u><br><b>SENIOR CENTER<br/>CLOSED</b><br>MONDAY NIGHT PITCH 5PM                | <u>22</u><br>NEEDLE WORKERS 10AM<br>ADULT COLORING 10AM<br>LUNCH 12:00PM | <u>23</u><br>PITCH LEAGUE 1PM TO 3PM                                                 | <u>24</u><br>DOMINOES 10AM TO 12PM<br>QUILTING CLASS<br>12:30PM TO 2:30PM                           | <u>25</u><br>CRIBBAGE 10AM TO 12PM<br>ADULT COLORING 10:30AM<br>LUNCH 12:00PM<br>BEANO 12:45PM                                                     |
| <u>28</u><br>CRIBBAGE 10AM TO 12PM<br>SCRABBLE 10AM TO 12PM<br>MONDAY NIGHT PITCH 5PM |                                                                          |  |                  |                                                                                                                                                    |