

**December 2021**

# *Chaplin Senior Center*

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860-455-1327

*Lisa Kegler, Director*  
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**Tax Collector** – Mark your calendars. For your convenience the tax collector will be here at the center on Thursday January 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am till 12:00pm.

**Podiatry** – We still have a couple spots available with Dr Morgan the foot specialist on Wed. Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Call me if you are interested.

**Christmas Lunch** – We will be offering our Christmas meal on Wed. December 22<sup>nd</sup> for indoor dining and curbside pickup. Those of you who wish to dine in will be treated to some holiday entertainment for your enjoyment.

**Cell Phone Donation** – We have received a donation of a Samsung J3 cell phone. If you are interested, please call 860-455-1327 to let me know. The donor is willing to give instructions on how to use it if needed.

**Watercolor Class** – We will be offering just one watercolor class this month on Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00. Cost of class is \$5.00.

**Acupressure Demo** – Hope you all can join Joe on Monday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm for an acupressure demo to promote better sleeping.

**Mailing List** – For those of you who receive our monthly newsletter by email on Google Groups and do not want to get it in the mail also, please let me know so I can remove you from the mailing list.

**Quick Fix Haircuts** – Cindi will be here all day from 9am till 2pm on Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup> for all your hair care needs!! Call 860-455-1327 for an appointment.

**Massage with Carlie** – We will be taking appointments for massage therapy on Thursdays the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am till 1:00. Call and schedule your appt today. \$30.00 for ½ hr. and \$50.00 for an hr.

**Holiday Closings** – We will only be closing on Monday December 27<sup>th</sup> this year to celebrate the Christmas Holiday.

*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!!*

# **CURBSIDE PICKUP OR DINE IN LUNCHESES**

## **CHAPLIN SENIOR CENTER**

Every Monday and Wednesday

\$5.00 a meal

Pickups will be from 11:45 till 12:15

You must call in your order on the Thursday before by 2:00pm for Monday Lunch and call in on Monday before for Wednesday lunch.

### **December 2021 Menu**

- Wed. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - Baked Macaroni & Cheese, Vegetable, Bread and Fruit Cobbler**
- Mon. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> - Baked Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Vegetable, Bread and Dessert**
- Wed. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - Turkey Pot Pie, Cheese Biscuit, Cole Slaw and Ice Cream Sundae**
- Mon. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> - Spaghetti & Meatballs w/ Garlic Bread, Italian Vegetables and Carrot Cake**
- Wed. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> - Vegetable or Beef Shepherd's Pie w/ Roasted Vegetables, Bread and Dessert**
- Mon. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> - Chicken Parmesan w/Pasta, Broccoli, Garlic Bread And Dessert**
- Wed. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Meal- Yankee Pot Roast w/Mashed Potatoes, Butternut Squash, Dinner Roll and Boston Cream Pie**
- Mon. Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> - NO LUNCH Senior Center Closed**
- Wed. Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> - Bacon Cheeseburger w/ Lettuce and Tomato Dill Pickle, Potato Chips and Dessert**



## **Murder Mystery in a Box!!**

**Can you solve a murder mystery?**

**Come join us on Thursdays December 9th and 16th at 10:00am to check out what we have in the mystery box and see if we can get this murder mystery solved!!! You are one of the detectives.**

## **Crafts with Lisa**

**Grapevine Snowman for your door or wall.**

**Thursday December 23rd at 10:00am.**

**Please sign up by Thursday December 9th so I can be sure to have enough materials for everyone.**

**There will be a \$3.00 charge for this class.**

## **Gingerbread Village**

**Stop by anytime during the month of December to help us create a gingerbread village.**

A ROCKEFELLER CHRISTMAS  
by Angela H. Fichter

This is a true story of events that transpired years ago to a family in Windham County, CT. The names have been changed to protect the guilty.

It was a great day (from a child's point of view) to cut down the family's Christmas tree. On this Saturday, a week before Christmas, the sky was overcast, and a fine, light snow was falling. There were already a couple inches of snow on the ground. Just enough to easily drag the freshly cut tree to the van, but not so deep that small boots would sink down into the snow over the boot tops. Of course, there was the endless argument over which tree was the best tree to cut down. John, who was 13 years old and already knew more than both his parents and his teachers (or thought he did), criticized every choice made by Mom, Dad, and his sister, Amy, who was age 5. Crocker, the family's cocker spaniel, wanted to vote too, and he almost did so by way of his own unique doggy sign language, but Dad quickly dragged him back to the van.

After the family had walked up one hill of their favorite tree farm and down the other side, and up and down a few other hills, they were all cold and cranky. If Mom liked one tree, Amy found a big hole near the bottom. If Dad liked another tree, everyone found fault with it. After all, Dad thought the first tree they looked at was great. And the second. And the third. And any tree whatsoever as long as he didn't have to stand out in the cold another single minute. If John thought he'd found the best tree, Amy was sure to find some unforgivable flaw. They all agreed on a tree at about the same time that they did so every year: when it was starting to get dark.

Their final choice looked wonderful. John cut it down, and John and Dad carried it back to the car. They grumbled that it was awful heavy, but they said that every year. When they got back to the house, John and Dad struggled to get the tree into the tree holder on the back porch. Then they triumphantly dragged the tree into the house, while Mom kept warning them not to knock off any branches. Once into the living room they found that the tree was bigger than they realized. Much bigger. The easy chairs had to be removed as well as the side tables and lamps. In fact, everything was removed but the couch and the TV, and the poor couch was jammed up against the wall with the TV about 30 feet away on the other side of the room. Which meant that you couldn't see the TV from the couch because the tree was in the way. They had forgotten the old maxim that a tree always looks smaller on the farm than it does in your living room. The tree was so big that they named it Rockefeller after the huge tree cut for Rockefeller Center. But no matter, they all had great fun decorating the tree while listening to Christmas music, and as usual they ate all the popcorn that they had planned on stringing around the tree.

Whiskers, the family cat, took great interest in the tree and the decorating. He chose a perch halfway up the staircase where he would occasionally comment on the progress of the decorating by mewing and switching his tail back and forth. Once the decoration was complete Dad turned on the tree's lights and turned off all the house lights. That's when it happened. It's said that cats can see in the dark much better than people. Whiskers launched his assault on the tree from the staircase, and he made it in one mighty leap. The tree came crashing down. Dozens of glass light bulbs and glass decorations breaking

does make rather a lot of noise. So does the screaming of four people at top pitch. But Whiskers was undeterred. This was his moment. He fought his way into the center of the tree, past the wires of tree lights, past tinsel, past glittering metal chains of stars, until he pulled out of the tree the mouse that had been hiding in there all along.

Mom swooned once she realized they had driven home in the van with that mouse in the tree, because the tree top came close to her head in the front seat. Dad frowned at the expense of all those broken decorations. The kids moaned. It took much sweeping to cleanup. Years later they could all laugh about it. But Whiskers knew from the second that Rockefeller entered the house, that Christmas is what you make of it, and he had a wonderful time.

### CHRISTMAS

I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book  
And every year at Christmas time I go and take a look  
And that is when I realize that these names are all a part  
Not of the book they're written in, but of my very heart.



For each name stands for someone who has crossed my path sometime

And in that meeting they've become the "rhythm of the rhyme."

And while it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim,  
I really feel I am composed of each remembered name.

And while you may not be aware of any special link,  
Just meeting you shaped my life more than you can think.  
For once you've met somebody, the years cannot erase  
The memory of a pleasant word or friendly face.

So never think of Christmas cards as just a mere routine  
Of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between  
For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you,  
It's because you're on the list of folks that I'm indebted to.

And every year when Christmas comes, I realize anew  
The biggest gift that life can give is meeting folks like you.  
So may the spirit of Christmas, that forever and endures,  
Leave it's richest blessings in the heart of you and yours.

Author Unknown





CHAPLIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S  
ANNUAL

# CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021

*HOT CHOCOLATE  
PROVIDED BY TROOP 440 BOY SCOUTS*

## **EVENTS (At the Fire House):**

Open House 5:00-6:00PM

Parish Hill High School Choir 5:50-6:00PM

Tree Lighting with Santa 6:00PM






THE CHAPLIN FOOD PANTRY WILL BE ACCEPTING  
FOOD DONATIONS



# Chaplin Senior Center Monthly Calendar

## December 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
		<b>1</b> 9:30 - 11:30 <b>NO PICKLEBALL</b> 9:45 - 11:45 Bingo 11:45 - 12:15 Lunch see Menu	<b>2</b> 8:00 - 9:00 Coffee Hour w/ Continental Breakfast 9:00 - 10:00 Fit & Fun 10:00 Poker /Cards 10:00-1:00 Massage Therapy by appt. Call 860-455-1327 10:00 - Watercolor Class
<b>6</b> 9:30 Wii Bowling 9:30 - 11:30 Pickleball 9:30 - Tai Chi 11:00 - Yoga 11:45-12:15 LUNCH see Menu	<b>7</b> 9:00 - 10:00 Fit & Fun 10:00 Memoir Group 10:00 Mahjongg 10:00 Board Meeting	<b>8</b> 9:30 - 11:30 Pickleball 9:45 - 11:45 Bingo 11:45 - 12:15 Lunch see Menu	<b>9</b> 8:00 -9:00 Coffee Hour w/ Continental Breakfast 9:00 - 10:00 Fit & Fun 10:00 Poker/Cards 10:00 -Solve a Murder Mystery
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<b>20</b> 9:30 Wii Bowling 9:30 - 11:30 Pickleball 9:30 -Tai Chi 11:00 Yoga 11:45-12:15 LUNCH see Menu	<b>21</b> 9:00 - 10:00 Fit & Fun 10:00 - Memoir Group 10:00 Mahjong	<b>22</b> 9:30 - 11:30 Pickleball 9:45-11:45 Bingo w/Prizes 11:45 - 12:15 Christmas Meal Followed by some Holiday Entertainment !! 	<b>23</b> 8:00 -9:00 Coffee Hour w/ Continental Breakfast 9:00 - 10:00 Fit & Fun 10:00 Poker/Cards 10:00 Craft Class w/ Lisa Grapevine Snowman
<b>27</b> <b>SENIOR CENTER            CLOSED FOR            HOLIDAY            WEEKEND!!</b> 	<b>28</b> 9:00 - 10:00 Fit & Fun 9:30 - 11:30 Pickleball 10:00 Memoir Group 10:00- 2:00 Mahjongg 10:00 - 1:00 Municipal Agent	<b>29</b> 9:30 - 11:30 Pickleball 9:45 - 11:45 Bingo 11:45 - 12:15 LUNCH see Menu	<b>30</b> 8:00 - 9:00 Coffee Hour w/ Continental Breakfast 9:00 - 10:00 Fit & Fun 10:00 Poker/Cards 10:00 - 1:00 Massage Therapy by appt. Call 860-455-1327

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**Oh no...SNOW!!!!**

If the Senior Center has to close or open late due to inclement weather, the announcement will be on Channel 3.

We do follow the school schedule. If school is closed, we will also be closed. Keep in mind there is a chance school could be open but the Senior Center closed. It is always best to check the channel 3 cancellations. Your safety is our concern.

Please note: If there is a late opening on a Wednesday, there will be no lunch served or Bingo that day. As always, if you have any doubt, call the Center at 860-455-1327 before heading out. Thank you.