



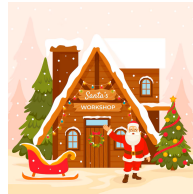
Morris Senior Center

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Senior Connection

A bi-monthly newsletter from the Morris Senior Center.



Holiday Celebration!

Yes, it IS that time of year once again! We are excited to invite you all to our annual Holiday Party! This year's event will once again be held here at the Morris Senior Center. Our Center will be decorated to the nines!

If we know anything, it's how to throw a party! Great food ~ amazing entertainment ~ delicious dessert ~ treats and prizes ~ fabulous company!

Our Holiday Celebration will be catered by a local caterer and promises to be a delicious meal - we will not disappoint! As usual, we will have fabulous LIVE entertainment lined up for your personal enjoyment!

Our Celebration will be held on **Tuesday, December 9, 2025 beginning at 12:30 pm.** The all inclusive cost for this festive fun event is \$20.00. This cost includes your beverages, complete Holiday dinner with all of the trimmings, delicious dessert, unique LIVE entertainment and a fun grab bag gift!

Get ready for a visit from a "special" someone from the North Pole! Oh, WHO could it be?!

New this year! **We're bringing back our Ugly Sweater Contest for this party!** Don your ugliest Holiday sweater you can find for a chance to win a really fun prize!

This annual event is not to be missed! Tickets are now on sale - don't delay!



Veterans Day

On this **Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11**, we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all Veterans who have selflessly served our Country in any way, shape or form. We are grateful for your service and your sacrifice and for that of your family, as well. You are what makes this Country great! THANK YOU! If you see a Veteran today or any day, be sure to say "Thank you!"

“I’m Not Old Enough!”

If those of us “in the business” received a nickel for every time we heard the phrase, “I’m not old enough to go to the Senior Center!”....well....you know how the saying goes!

My question to you is—Are you ‘old enough’ to enjoy visiting new places, trying new foods and going on adventures? Are you ‘old enough’ to enjoy the companionship of your peers? Are you ‘old enough’ to challenge your mind to learn a new game? Are you ‘old enough’ to enjoy the latest blockbuster? Are you ‘old enough’ to enjoy a meal with your neighbors? Are you ‘old enough’ to exercise, stretch and move your muscles?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then we have a fabulous trip lined up for you, a seat in our Great Room Theater for you, a seat at our Lunch Bunch table for you and a spot in our Women's Fitness and Wellness class just for you!

I know it’s hard to take that first leap and walk through our doors, but I promise you—once you start, you’ll be hooked! We pride ourselves on being one of the friendliest and most welcoming, unpretentious Senior Centers around!

So.....come on down!! We’re waiting for you! YES, YOU!!



Christmas with Friends!

Calling all Morris residents! Our local Salvation Army service unit is funding a Christmas Party for all Seniors residing in Litchfield and Morris!

This fun event will take place on **Thursday, December 4 beginning at 12:00 pm** at the Bantam Fire House. And yes, it is completely free thanks to the generous financial contributions of our local Salvation Army service unit.

There will be a full catered lunch, live entertainment with the *KC Sisters* along with a grab bag gift and the chance to win several raffle prizes.

Space is limited and reserved for Morris and Litchfield residents only. Advanced reservations are absolutely required. Call or email us today to reserve your seat! Transportation is not available for this event.

Thursday, Dec. 4 ~ 12 pm ~ Bantam Fire House ~ Morris residents only



Lunch & Learn

Join us for a bite to eat and learn something new!

Tuesday, November 18; 12:00 pm - We'll be welcoming back our friends from **Connect PT** with offices in Watertown, Southbury and Prospect. Dr. Amber Hayes, DPT will join us with a talk on vertigo. *Are you dizzy? Come chat with Connect PT about the causes of dizziness and how to treat vertigo with physical therapy.*

This is a BROWN BAG Lunch & Learn event. Dessert provided by our friends at **Connect PT**.

Our December Lunch and Learn has been cancelled due to its proximity to the Christmas Holiday.

Town Wide Holiday Celebration!

Tree lighting, hot chocolate, Santa and so much more!

One of our most beloved traditions here in our small town, is our town wide Holiday Celebration!

It is held on the Sunday afternoon of the first full weekend of December. We begin our celebration at our Holiday Tree on the Town Green at dusk. Here we will anxiously await the arrival of Santa Claus! He will officially light our Holiday Tree and we will sing some classic Christmas Carols together.

Immediately following, we are all invited back to *Community Hall* where we will have hot chocolate and Holiday treats for all, an extra fun craft for the kids and an opportunity for families to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus in the *Reading Room* of the *Morris Public Library*.

It's a lovely way to welcome in the Holiday Season. We hope you'll join us!

Sunday, December 7
Holiday Tree on the Green
beginning at 4:30 pm



Looking for assistance with paying your energy bills this Winter season? Consider applying for the energy assistance program with New Opportunities, Inc. They will be in our office on **Friday, November 14, 2025**. Please call us to schedule your personal and confidential appointment - 860-567-7437.



Santa Photos!

Preserve these precious memories!

A favorite offering through Morris Beach and Recreation returns this Season!

Have your Christmas photos professionally taken with Santa Claus in as many as three separate Holiday themed backgrounds set at the Morris Senior Center!

You'll leave with a flash drive of all of the camera images taken during your session to do with what you choose. Use the photos to create your own custom Holiday cards or enlarge the photos for a gift!

This event is offered in conjunction with the *CT Society of Santas* and the *Watertown Park and Recreation Department*. Proceeds to benefit the *CT Society of Santas*, a 501©(3), non-profit organization.

Appointments preferred, but walk-ins are also permitted. Please call **860-945-5246** to schedule your appointment. Cash, checks and credit card payments are accepted.

Saturday, 11/1 & Sunday, 11/2 ~ 9 am—4 pm ~ \$55.00 ~ Morris Senior Center



“Deck the Halls...”

Help us spread some Holiday Cheer!

...not only the halls, but the entire Morris Senior Center!
Ever hear the term “many hands make light work”?

Won't you please join us to see if it's really true??
I hear the ornaments calling your name! Not to mention the *Annalee* dolls!

We'd love to have your help to dress up the Senior Center in all of her Holiday glory on Wednesday, December 3 at 10:00 am. We'll supply all the decorations, hot chocolate, treats and all of the Christmas music that your little heart desires!

Please let us know if you'll be able to come and lend a hand so we'll be sure to have enough marshmallows for your hot chocolate! Happy Holidays!

Wednesday, December 3 ~ 10:00 am

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BUNCO Party!

SO much fun with a pair of dice!

Morris Senior Center presents our sixth annual **Bunco Party**—a FUNdraiser for the MSC Commission!

Join us for what is certain to be a FUN Sunday afternoon! Come solo or bring all of your friends—we guarantee a great time!

Never heard of BUNCO? No idea how to play? Well, if you can roll a pair of dice, you can play BUNCO! Trust us! We'll be giving a "101" lesson prior to beginning. Prizes will be awarded in several categories at the end of the afternoon. We'll have an amazing raffle table on display, as well.

Beverages, nibbles and dessert will all be available for you. ALL Bunco supplies will be provided—just bring your smile and willingness to have a great time with us! We appreciate your support of our efforts through the Morris Senior Center!

Sunday, January 18 (snow date: Sunday, January 25)

Doors open 12:30 pm / Dice Roll 1:00 pm / \$20.00 per person



Movie Matinees!

A blockbuster on our big screen!

Second and fourth Fridays of each month (except Holidays!) are Movie Matinee Days at the Senior Center. Showtime is 1:00pm. Popcorn, soft drinks, movies, great company—all **FREE!**

Friday, November 14: Thursday Murder Club; mystery / comedy; PG-13.

Four retirees spend their time solving cold case murders for fun, but their casual sleuthing takes a thrilling turn when they find themselves with a real whodunit on their hands.

Friday, December 12: Christmas with the Kranks; family comedy; PG-13.

Finally alone for the holidays, Luther (Tim Allen) and Nora Krank (Jamie Lee Curtis) plan to eschew the Christmas traditions and take a cruise in the Caribbean instead. This doesn't sit well with their Christmas-obsessed neighbors who are determined to win the annual "best decorated street" competition, and the Kranks soon find themselves social outcasts because of their lack of Christmas spirit.

Sound Healing Sessions - *Calm your mind, relax your body and balance your nervous system*

Friday, November 14 and Friday, December 12 / 10:30 am / FREE, donations welcome!

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Lunch Bunch!

Join us for lunch and try a new restaurant!

Lunch Bunch will meet on the first Friday of each month. Each month, we'll showcase a different restaurant in our area to enjoy lunch together. You'll make your reservation for **Lunch Bunch** with us, but we'll meet at the showcased restaurant directly. Unfortunately, transportation is not available for **Lunch Bunch**.

If you'd like to meet at the Senior Center and follow another friend in your car to the restaurant or carpool with other friends, that is also an option! Directions to each restaurant will be made available, upon request.

Friday, December 5; 12:00 pm— This month's showcased restaurant is **Roma Ristorante Italiano**, located at **179 Davis Street, Oakville**. Cozy restaurant plating generous portions of pasta and other Italian fare in a relaxed setting.

Friday, January 2; 12:00 pm— This month's showcased restaurant is **Pizzeria Marzano** located at **1315 East Main Street, Torrington**. Pizzeria firing pies in a wood-burning oven, plus salads, calzones and meatballs.

Take yourself out to lunch and join us! Email or call us today to reserve your space. Limited seating available for each **Lunch Bunch**.

Holiday Crafts!

We're all a little bit crafty around the Holidays!

We do love our crafts and the Holiday Season presents so many opportunities to create some incredibly fun things! We'll provide ALL of the materials and ALL of the instruction. These are easy—peasy projects—we promise!



Again, all materials will be provided and you will be able to take several crafty and useful (!!!) items home with you at the end of the day!

We do have limited space available for this creative offering, so please don't delay in signing up and making your payment. We'll also enjoy some Holiday themed refreshments to get us in the mood along with the company of great friends! Join us!

Monday, December 1 ~ 1:00 pm ~ \$5 per person

***FLORAL ARRANGING CLASS with *Lakeview High School*:**

Holiday Arrangement! Monday, December 15 / 11:00 am / \$10.00

Senior Bus Trips!

Come on an adventure with us!



IKEA! Thursday, November 6; 10:00 am departure; \$10 per person - This monstrous Swedish store consists of a showroom, market hall and restaurant. The showroom is a huge home furnishing exhibition—stretch out on a bed or see how many people you can fit on a sofa! The market hall is just what it sounds like, many different specialty shops gathered together—you'll find everything from rugs to linens to picture frames and clocks, along with everything you need for your kitchen. In the restaurant, you'll find healthy Swedish and local dishes at affordable prices. Swedish meatballs, anyone? Don't forget to grab a \$1.00 ice cream cone on your way out! Wear your comfortable shoes— it's quite an expansive store— maps are even provided!

Mystery Trip returns! Thursday, November 13; 9:30 am departure; \$10 per person - Just like it sounds - it's a mystery where we'll be going but we promise we'll have some great fun! Pinky swear - no roller coasters or rock climbing! Just a fun day of exploring!

Christmas Craft Adventure! Tuesday, December 2; 9:30 am departure; \$10 per person - We'll be traveling to *Bristol Bazaar* which is an artisan marketplace with incredible handcrafted items for sale and inspiration! Now that we're all inspired, we'll pop into *Hobby Lobby* and get all of the supplies we need to create our own masterpieces! We'll stop for lunch (of course!) and wrap up this fun day with a stop at *Wojtusik Nursery* to enjoy their incredible Christmas displays!

Holiday Lights! Thursday, December 11; 3:30 pm departure; \$10 per person - One of my favorite things about the Holiday season is all of the beautiful lights and decorations galore we see all around us! Join us for a lovely Holiday afternoon! Holiday lights to beat the band, a delicious dinner and a true Italian bakery visit! We'll start with a delicious dinner at the *San Souci Restaurant* in the Silver City—Italian fare in an oldschool, white-tablecloth setting. After dinner, we'll enjoy a leisurely ride through Meriden's beautiful *Hubbard Park* to admire their Festival of Silver Lights! An incredible arrangement of lighted holiday displays in this 1,800 acre park! We'll even have a bonus stop at the amazing *Marianna's Belltop Bakery*.

Christmas Tea at The Plume House Inn! Thursday, December 18; 12:30 pm departure; \$40 per person, all inclusive - A delightful new experience just in time for the Holidays! Christmas Tea includes elegant table services with vintage china, crystal and silver. Our menu will consist of steeped teas, homemade scones and biscuits with fresh preserves and spreads, assorted finger sandwiches, homemade baked goods and backyard honey. An all inclusive experience (transportation, tea, tax, gratuity) at *The Plume House Inn* in Thomaston.

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Celebrate Your Special Day!

NOVEMBER

2 - Barbara Mitchell / 6 - Patricia Stanton / 8 - Barbara Urban / 11 - Mimi Zbell
 12 - Barbara Carlsounis / 13 - Claudia Lanouette / 15 - Lisabeth LaLonde
 16 - Patricia Bill, Vernon Bradshaw, Eunice Jones / 17 - John Farrell, Marilyn Rios, MaryAnn Waters
 20 - Judith Petrucci / 21 - Marilyn D'Amore, Joan Robinson / 24 - Edith Weik
 25 - Donna Opalak / 27 - Diego Sartori / 28 - Michele Giannelli, Pete Zguzenski
 29 - Janet Recidivi / 30 - Sharla Bailey, Patty Thompson

DECEMBER

1 - Laura Wichmann / 2 - Joanne Coppola / 4 - Nancy Lowell / 5 - Marguerite Riley
 7 - Ann Gelinis / 8 - Jacqueline Rogers / 10 - Judi Soule / 11 - Marlene Constable
 12 - Abby Martin / 17 - Karen Hackbarth, Maria Walsh / 21 - Greg Woodworth
 31 - MaryAnn Ryan, Stephanie Paletsky

