

# Morris Senior Center's **SENIOR CONNECTION**

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Morris Senior Center  
*Where friends meet!*

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Morris Community Activities presents...

APRIL 27  
- MAY 4,  
2027

## **PACIFIC NW & CALIFORNIA**

*featuring Washington, Oregon and California*

Join us as we travel to the **West Coast** and experience just a sample of the incredible vistas, relaxed vibe and inspiring nature.

Some of our highlights include: **Columbia River Gorge, Hood River, Yaquina Head Lighthouse, Redwood National Park, Rogue River Cruise, San Francisco Bay Cruise** and so much more!

### **TOP NEWS**

#### **Lunch & Learn**

We have some great topics to offer during this monthly series. Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, May 19** and **Tuesday, June 16!**

#### **Lunch Bunch**

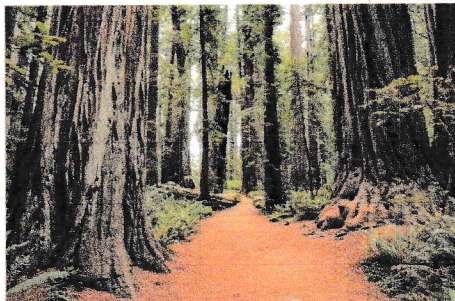
We LOVE dining out for lunch and supporting our local businesses! Lunch Bunch this cycle is **Friday, June 5** and **Friday, July 3.**

## **Travel with us to the Pacific NW & California!**

Morris Community Activities (Morris Beach and Recreation / Morris Senior Center) have partnered with *AAA Northeast Member Choice Vacations / Collette Tours* to bring you this once in a lifetime experience. You will enjoy 8 days / 7 nights in Washington / Oregon / California.

Some of the highlights of your experience include, but are not limited to: visits to Mount St. Helens Visitor Center, Columbia River Gorge, Yaquina Head Lighthouse, Rogue River Cruise, Redwood National Park, Avenue of the Giants and finally...San Francisco!

### **Avenue of the Giants!**



We'll be spending one day in Washington, three days in Oregon, and three days in California. Your tour includes 12 meals: 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners. This adventure includes your round trip air fare from John F. Kennedy International Airport along with ALL of your transfers including transporta-

tion to and from the airport from the Morris Town Hall, hotel accommodations, 12 meals along with activity / museum entry fees. Some gratuities not included.

**Travel dates are April 27 - May 4, 2027.** Cost per person, double occupancy—\$4,499. Single / triple rates are available upon request.



Every Lunch & Learn event will feature an interesting speaker / event / topic and of course, lunch, once per month—on the third Tuesday of each month. Lunch may sometimes be a catered event, sometimes a pot luck or brown bag. Lunch & Learn will always be FREE! All are encouraged to attend—share with your friends and neighbors!

**Tuesday, May 19—12 pm:** We'll be welcoming back our friends from **CONNECT PT** with a discussion on Pre / Post Op Total Joint Replacements. Considering having joint replacement surgery? This is one Lunch & Learn you don't want to miss! Knowledge is power! Join us and be as prepared as you can!

This is a BROWN BAG lunch event with dessert sponsored by **CONNECT PT!** Now with an office in Litchfield!

**Tuesday, June 16—12 pm:** We will be welcoming representatives from **Eversource** for this month's Lunch & Learn. Join us for a *Let's Talk Energy* presentation with **Eversource**. Learn how to read your electric bill, understand cost-saving programs and explore energy efficiency options like *Home Energy Solutions<sup>SM</sup>*. You'll gain clear, actionable steps to better manage your energy use and monthly bills.

This is a BROWN BAG lunch event. Space is limited and reservations are required.

While the program is free of charge, advance registration is mandatory. Please call or email us to register for one or both. Looking forward to seeing you soon!



**Lunch Bunch** meets on the first Friday of each month. Each month, we'll showcase a different restaurant in our area to enjoy lunch together.

Make your reservation for **Lunch Bunch** with us, but we'll meet directly at the designated restaurant.

**Friday, June 5; 12:00 pm —**

This month's showcased restaurant is **John's Cafe,**

located at 693 Main Street South #2 in Woodbury. A cozy New England bistro with an upstairs lounge and a menu of New American-Med cuisine.

**Friday, July 3; 12:00 pm —**

This month's showcased restaurant is

**Vera Roma Grille and Bar at Eastwood Country Club**

located at 1301 Torrington W. Street in Torrington. Serving the best Northern Italian cuisine.

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



**Movie Matinee Fridays Continue at the MSC!**

Second and fourth Fridays of each month are Movie Matinee Fridays! Showtime is 1:00 pm—cost is FREE!

**May 8—Goodbye June**, R (drama). A man and his four adult children navigate messy family dynamics when his wife's health takes a turn for the worse during Christmastime, starring Helen Mirren.

**May 22—The Best You Can**, R (dramedy). Cynthia Rand is a New York City urologist whose world gets turned upside down when her husband starts to show signs of dementia. Stan Olszewski is an

underachieving security guard who drifts through life without much direction. Their worlds soon collide when a chance encounter leads to a growing friendship built on late-night texts, candid confessions and irreverent humor.

**June 12—The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry**, TV-MA (drama).

A seemingly unremarkable man in his sixties named Harold one day learns that his old friend Queenie is dying. He goes to mail a letter, only to keep walking for over 700km until he reaches Queenie's hospice, much to the despair of his wife Maureen.

**June 26—Faith in Flames, the Nichole Jolly Story**, TV-14 (docudrama).

Nichole Jolly is a nurse who clocks in for her shift at the local hospital in Paradise, Calif. When a raging wildfire engulfs the town and forces an evacuation, she risks her own life to bring her husband, children and other residents to safety. Based on true events.

**Summer Concert Series**  
**MORRIS BEACH & REG**  
 LIVE MUSIC 2026 FOOD TRUCKS

May MONDAY 25TH 2 PM	<b>THE RAKES</b> ON THE GREEN: MODERN / CLASSIC COUNTRY, ROOTSY AMERICANA AND ROCK 'N ROLL
JUNE FRIDAY 12TH 6 PM	<b>THE STEVIE EXPERIENCE TRIBUTE</b> TRIBUTE TO THE STORY OF STEVIE NICKS: VOICE, MUSIC AND LEGACY
JULY FRIDAY 10TH 6 PM	<b>STILETTO</b> CT-BASED BILLY JOEL TRIBUTE BAND
AUG FRIDAY 7TH 6 PM	<b>WOODEN HORSE</b> AMERICA'S LEADING DUAL TRIBUTE TO THE MUSIC OF CROSBY, STILLS, NASH AND YOUNG AND AMERICA
AUG FRIDAY 21ST 6 PM	<b>ROCK STATION</b> CELEBRATING CLASSIC HITS AND HIDDEN GEMS FROM THE 60'S TO THE 80'S

**MORRIS TOWN BEACH** 83 EAST SHORE ROAD | **MORRISCT.GOV**

**Memorial Day Commemorations**



The center of town is the place to be on Memorial Day (Monday, May 25, 2026)!

You are all welcome to join us for our traditional small town commemoration on Memorial Day. The afternoon will begin with our small town parade like no other!

Step off is at 12:15 pm. The route runs down South Street, turns onto Route 109 and ends in Memorial Park. Anywhere in the center of town would be a great viewing spot!

Immediately following the parade will be the official Memorial Day Ceremonies in Memorial Park. Following the Ceremonies, you are welcome to join us on the Town Green as we kick off our Summer Concert series with *The Rakes!*

*The Rakes* are a countryish Americana band mixing classic rock, a little soul, a dash of blues, a "90's" music and even a little hip hop! Grab your lawn chairs!

We hope you'll join us as we pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our Country.



**Ice Cream Social!**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 16**  
 1:00 PM / \$5.00  
 RESERVATIONS & TICKETS REQUIRED

**If we know anything, we know ICE CREAM!**

Let's enjoy our beautiful Summer with an old fashioned ice cream social complete with some FUN entertainment at the Morris Town Beach Pavilion!

None other than *Ice Cream Emergency* will be joining us and scooping up some amazing flavors along with, delicious toppings including hot fudge, sprinkles, Oreos, M & Ms, walnuts and don't forget the whipped cream!

Tickets, in limited supply, are required for participation and may be purchased directly from us at the Morris Senior Center.

**Tuesday, June 16 / 1:00 pm / \$5.00 / Morris Town Beach**

Another of our favorite annual traditions returns—**Senior Picnic at the Morris Town Beach Pavilion**—this year, we'll enjoy a patriotic theme in honor of our Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!

Our beautiful Morris Town Beach Pavilion on the shores of the lovely Bantam Lake—the largest natural body of water in the State of Connecticut! We'll enjoy a catered picnic lunch under the Pavilion complete with a FUN and delicious dessert. Following lunch, we'll be entertained with some fabulous live entertainment. We'll be sure to include our famous raffles, door prizes and our "Guess How Many" jar and maybe even a few additional surprises!

Tickets are REQUIRED to attend and can be purchased from the Morris Senior Center, directly.

**Monday, July 27 / 12:00 pm / MTB Pavilion / \$20 pp**



**250th**  
 Celebration of our Country!  
**Senior Picnic**  
**Monday, July 27**  
**MUSIC | FOOD | FUN!**  
 at the Morris Town Beach  
 12:00 pm  
 \$20 per person  
 tickets available at the MSC

Morris Senior Center's annual...



**PIZZA PARTY**  
**18 AUG 2026 • 12:30 PM**  
**MORRIS TOWN BEACH PAVILION**  
 Advance reservations required  
 \$20 per person - tickets required  
 Thanks to the Morris Senior Center Commission for their sponsorship!

This has become a fun annual tradition at the Morris Town Beach Pavilion thanks to the generosity of the Morris Senior Center Commission! It returns this year, as well!

We'll be welcoming **Milestone Pizza** of Thomaston and their amazing wood fired pizza oven on wheels! Hot fresh pizzas, made to order! Any combination from sausage and peppers to ham and pineapple! (Does pineapple belong on pizza??!) As if the pizza weren't enough, their salad is also delicious!

Not to speak of the amazing venue we have at the Morris Town Beach—views are simply gorgeous—right in our backyard. Live, foot tapping entertainment will round out this afternoon; sure to make it a memorable occasion!

LIMITED tickets are available for purchase—don't delay. Stop by the Morris Senior Center and purchase yours today!

**Tuesday, August 18 / 12:30 pm / MTB Pavilion / \$20 pp**



**TULIPS AND TWAIN!**

**The Mark Twain House - a house with heart and soul.**

In 1871 Sam Clemens moved his family to Hartford, Connecticut, a city he had come to love while visiting his publisher there. For the next 17 years (1874-1891), Sam, Livy, and their three daughters lived in the Hartford home. During those years Sam completed some of his most famous books, such as The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (1876), Life on the Mississippi (1883) and finally Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (1884)

We'll also spend some time with *Elizabeth Park's* tulips and enjoy a lovely lunch in the city at one of our favorite restaurants!

**Thursday, May 14 / 9:30 am departure / \$30 per person**

**COPPER AND GRAPES**

Did you know that there is a history museum in East Granby that was once a state prison? **Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine** is nationally recognized as the first chartered copper mine (1707) and the first state prison (1773) in early America. Let's go visit!

We'll enjoy a guided tour (walking on uneven terrain / several steps) and learn about the unique history of this space.

After a tour like this, we'll need a glass of wine! We'll visit nearby **Brignole Vineyards** for an optional wine tasting. We won't forget lunch in the area, too!

**Thursday, May 28 / 9:00 am departure / \$15 per person**



**AMAZON WAREHOUSE TOUR!**

Ever wondered what happens when you shop on Amazon? HOW do they get the merchandise to your doorstep that quickly? HOW do they have all of these items in stock? We're going on a tour of the GINORMOUS fulfillment center in Windsor to learn the answers to all of these questions and more!

Our guided tour will include a bit of walking - comfortable shoes are a must! We'll stop for lunch in the area and maybe even throw in a surprise or two!

**Wednesday, June 3 / 10:00 am departure / \$10 per person**

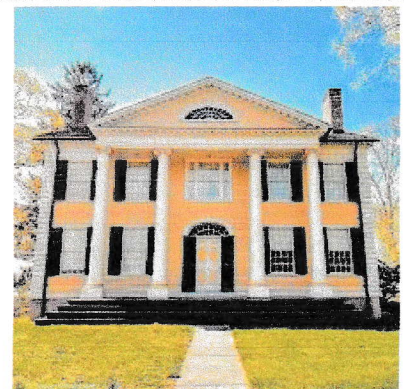


**BOOKS AND BLOOMS!**

From the impressive Georgian architecture of the home of namesake Florence Griswold, to the light-filled and modern spaces of the Kriebel Gallery, to the rolling landscape of their 12-acre site, the *Florence Griswold Museum* is a truly special place that is privileged to serve as the home of American Impressionism.

We'll enjoy a docent - led tour of the museum and gardens, have a lovely lunch by the water and find our next best read at the *Book Barn!*

**Thursday, June 25 / 9:00 am departure / \$35 per person**





### SET BACK CARD GAMES!

\*New program alert! Thrilled to announce that we will have a new offering this May! A Set Back Card group!

A little rusty on your Set Back skills? No worries! We're here to help you tune up! We'll be meeting every Friday at 1:00 pm during the month of May here at the MSC. Stop in and join in on the fun! No cost, no obligation required - just a fun Friday afternoon with friends!

**ongoing Fridays: May 8, 15, 22, 29 / 1:00 pm / FREE!**

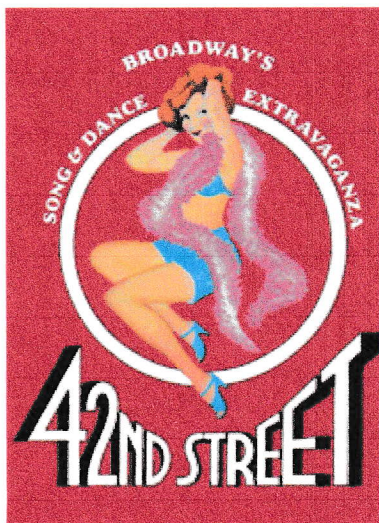
### FLORAL ARRANGING WITH WAMOGO FFA!

So excited to welcome back the Wamogo FFA Horticultural students from Lakeview High School along with their teacher, Elyse Manyak!

This time around, they'll be sharing their expertise and guide us in making a Spring floral arrangement to take home and enjoy!

ALL materials will be provided—the flowers, the accessories, even the container! It's a "no—brainer"! NO previous floral arranging experience is necessary. These kids know their stuff and are more than happy to help us step—by—step along the way. Limited space is available.

**Monday, May 18 / 11:30 am / \$10 per person**



### 42ND STREET AT THE SHARON PLAYHOUSE

A rite of Summer for us is a trip out to the quaint little town of Sharon and the amazing talent we find every year at the *Sharon Playhouse*. We've missed bearing witness to their fabulous productions - currently, **42nd Street!**

Set during the Great Depression, **42nd Street** follows a determined chorus girl whose big break brings new hope to a struggling Broadway company and joy to audiences everywhere!

We'll enjoy brunch at a local favorite restaurant prior to the production, on your own.

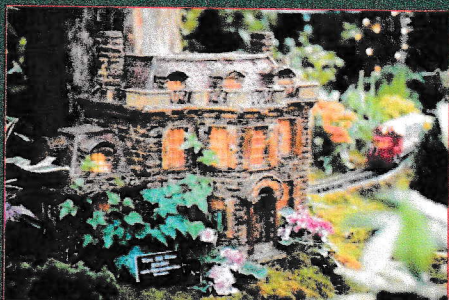
**Thursday, July 30 / 11:00 am departure / \$30 per person**

**Morris Community Activities Presents:**

**New York Botanical Garden  
Holiday Train Show  
Lunch at Ann & Tony's Restaurant  
Wednesday, December 2, 2026**



Move over Manhattan! New York's other big seasonal event goes on parade with the popular Holiday Train Show at the New York Botanical Garden. Wrapped in the glow of twinkling lights, model trains and trolleys zip along over winding tracks past scaled replicas of New York Landmarks. Orange slices,



cinnamon sticks, poppy pods, pine cones and a host of plant materials are used to create the more than 140 architectural reproductions. The Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, The Brooklyn Bridge and Yankee Stadium are just a few examples. See the gingerbread houses and ongoing demonstrations. Stop at the café and gift shop.

Following our time at the Garden, we'll enjoy lunch at **Ann & Tony's**, a popular Italian restaurant on Arthur Avenue, the "Little Italy of the Bronx". Menu: Salad, Choice of Eggplant Parmesan, Veal Parmesan, or Chicken Marsala, Pasta & Vegetable, Coffee & Dessert. **Entrée Choice in Advance** Time to shop the Italian Market before departing for home.

**Cost: \$152.00** based on 40-50

**Depart: 8:45am Morris Town Hall, 3 East St, Morris**

**Estimated Return: 6:00pm**

**Checks Payable to Friendship Tours**

**For Reservations Contact: Morris Senior Center**

**860-567-7437**

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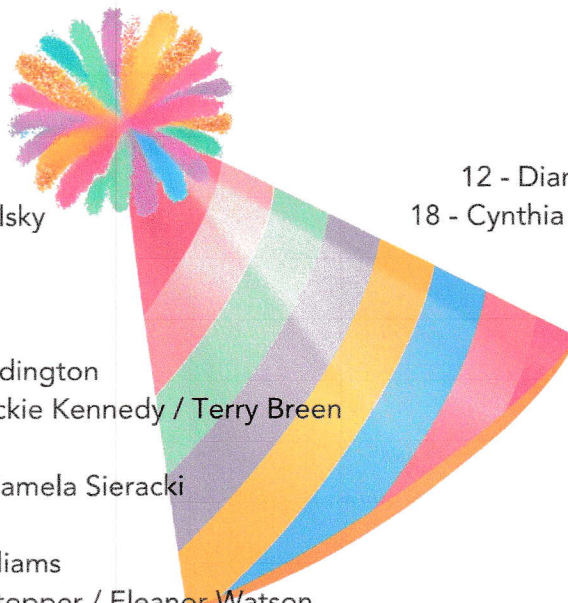
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# Happy Birthday to You!

## May

1 - Stan Foster / Ralph Sanzeri  
3 - Lorraine Veronneau  
4 - Sharon Copes-Shepack  
5 - Bev Huntley  
6 - Diane Coviello  
7 - Elaine D'Antonio / Rich Grinvalsky  
8 - Gail Silvernail-Blood  
9 - Tom Huntley / Eileen Mullen  
10 - Rhoda Rouleau  
13 - Linda Kirchner / Joanne Woodington  
14 - Harriet Ellis / Phil Birkett / Jackie Kennedy / Terry Breen  
17 - Bonnie Crafa / Steve Duley  
24 - Lorie Hewitt / Renee Laux / Pamela Sieracki  
25 - Marie Olcese  
28 - Deborah Schaaf / Fenton Williams  
29 - Rosanne Cardinal / Debbie Stopper / Eleanor Watson



## June

1 - Pat Wilcox  
5 - Susanne Buckley  
9 - Carol Zander  
11 - Maureen Doyle / Lynn Shuhi  
12 - Diane O'Donald / Carol Ann Stentiford  
18 - Cynthia Bill / JoAnn Dzielinski / Kevin Weik  
19 - Carolyn Chesto  
21 - George Dino / Judy Gabriele  
24 - Linda Towne  
25 - Maria Koch  
30 - Claudia Spazante