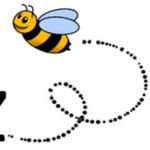


# THE BOXBOROUGH BUZZZ



## SENIOR NEWS YOU CAN USE

November-December 2018

### Council on Aging

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### COA Board Members

*Identify needs, develop and  
implement programs and  
services, educate populace and  
advocate on behalf of elders.*

Frank Powers, President  
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Barbara Birt  
Taryn Light  
Barb Wheeler  
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Wes Fowlks, Liaison with  
Board of Selectmen

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Shirley Warren  
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### Buzz Production Team

Tina Bhatia-COA  
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Anne Canfield  
Taryn Light-COA  
Tess Summers

### Boxborough Fire Department Senior Lunch

**Wednesday, November 14, at noon** in the **Community Center**, Boxborough seniors are invited to a free lunch provided by our BFD. After enjoying a hot meal of roast pork loin dinner, you will learn about the BFD's Senior SAFE Program. An example of services for seniors include the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, as well as testing and replacing batteries.



Join us for lunch, socialize, and learn about fire-safety in your home. To register for this luncheon, call Laura (978-264-1717).

### Boxborough FCOA Holiday Luncheon



The Boxborough Friends of the Council on Aging (FCOA) will host its annual holiday luncheon on **Wednesday, December 12, at noon**, in the **Community Center**. This is an excellent opportunity to get together with your friends and neighbors to ring in the holiday season. A delicious lasagna lunch will be sponsored by the FCOA.

Clyde Wheatley, a professional jazz musician, will be playing oldies and holiday favorites. Clyde is brought to us by Brookhaven Hospice.

Boxborough seniors are welcome to this free luncheon. Please call Laura (978-264-1717) to make your reservation.

### A Merry Music Hall Christmas

Enjoy Christmas music with a grand organ and trumpets in the **Methuen Music Hall** on **Sunday, December 2, at 3 PM**. The COA has 20 tickets available at \$20 each. We will use the COA van that holds 10 people and the remaining tickets are available for those who can drive. Located at 192 Broadway (Route 28), Methuen, the Methuen Music Hall was built specifically to house its grand organ, and is a must see. Check it out at [www.mmmh.org](http://www.mmmh.org). Please call Laura (978-264-1717) to reserve a space and hear wonderful music.





### Spotlight: New Assessor

Boxborough's new Assessor is Sanders "Sandy" Genna. Sandy comes to us from Wrentham, MA, where he was the Principal Assessor. Prior to Wrentham, he was a property appraiser for 20 years. His responsibilities include determining a fair market value for real and personal property and obtaining approval from the State for those values.

Every 5 years State law requires property to be revalued. Boxborough has just gone through this process, and new values will soon be released on the Town's website. Preliminary taxes that are due November 1 are based on last year's appraisal. The new evaluations will be seen on the tax bills due February 1, 2019. Sandy reminds us there are exemptions and abatements available for surviving spouses, veterans, and seniors, based on income levels.

Sandy's office hours are Monday through Wednesday, 8 AM to 4 PM; Thursday, 8 AM to 7 PM; and Friday, 8 AM to noon. Stop by the Assessor's Office in Town Hall and say hello to Sandy. He is a welcome addition to our Town.

### Boxborough Owl Prowl

Whooo doesn't love owls? They are the mysterious creatures that you might hear at night, but don't often see. Yet they surround us here in Boxborough and in our State. In fact, there are eight types of owls sometimes seen in Massachusetts.



Come to the **Sargent Memorial Library** on **Thursday, November 8**, at **5 PM**, for a "Hoot-a-thon," where you will meet a few owls face-to-face. An owl expert from Audubon's Drumlin Farm will share some cool facts about owls and owl behavior. Light refreshments will be provided. After the presentation, you will have an opportunity to go into the woods behind the Library for an "Owl Prowl"! Whooo will we hear?

This event is a part of the Bettering Boxborough Together initiative. All are welcome!

### Boxborough Library Used Book Sale

Due to popular demand, the Friends of the Boxborough Library has expanded its fall used book sale to a three-day event. The weekend will start with a **Preview Sale** for members on **Friday, November 2**, from **5 PM to 8 PM**. (Memberships will be available at the door.) The usual **main Sale** will take place on **Saturday, November 3**, from **9 AM to 2 PM**. A new **Everything Must Go Sale** will be held on **Sunday, November 4**, from **2 PM to 4 PM**. Bring a bag (or bags) to the Book Sale on Sunday during this time and pay \$2 to fill each bag. The sale will take place in the meeting room of the **Sargent Memorial Library**. Proceeds from the sale of books will go toward additional library programs and museum passes.

### WWI Armistice 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Movie

In honor of Veteran's Day, the Sargent Memorial Library will have a special showing of a WWI-themed movie on **Saturday, November 10**, at **1 PM**. Please call the library at 978-263-4680 or visit the website at <https://boxlib.org> for more information.

### Blanchard School Band Concert

On **Thursday, December 6**, the Blanchard School invites Boxborough seniors to attend a School Band concert in the gymnasium starting at **9 AM**. Registration is not required. Seniors should sign in at the main office by **8:45 AM**.

### Podiatry Clinic

Podiatrist Dr. Alyeen Gregorian will be offering a foot clinic at **9 AM** on **Friday, November 30**, at **Boxborough Town Hall**. Trimming of nails, treatment of corns and calluses, and a screening for foot health will be offered. The cost is **\$30**. Reservations are needed, so please call Laura at 978-264-1717 to make an appointment.

## Senior Property Tax Work-Off: Abatement Program

If you are a senior and have lived in Boxborough for 5 years, you may be eligible to participate in the Senior Property Tax Work-Off Program. The abatement amount earned through this Program must be included in your gross income. Additionally, the amount the Town pays toward Medicare Tax must also be included. **You can register for this Program during the month of November.** Please call Laura at 978-264-1717 to register or renew your status as a participant.

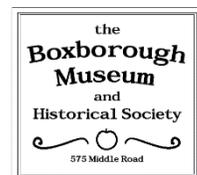
## Merrie Christmas Fair

Can you feel the holiday excitement in the air? On **Saturday, November 17**, join us for the annual Merrie Christmas Fair at **Boxborough's United Church of Christ**. Doors open at **9 AM** and close at **2 PM**. *(The doors will reopen at 3 PM for a live auction.)*

The Fair features a wide variety of items to purchase, such as handmade knitted items, Christmas decorations, handcrafted wooden items, baked goods, holiday greens, attic treasures, a snack bar, and more. There also will be a children's-only shopping room with Santa present all day.



For more information about the Fair, call 978-263-7387. See you at the Fair!



The Museum will open 2-4 PM  
Sunday November 11  
Saturday December 1  
Sunday January 13  
Sunday February 10

## ABRHS Madrigal Singers' Holiday Concert

Enjoy the festivities of this holiday season with the ABRHS Madrigal Singers' Annual Traditional Holiday Concert at the Sargent Memorial Library **Thursday, December 13**, at **7 PM**.

## ABRS Junior Class Fall Raking

Students from the junior class are having their Community Service Day on **Tuesday, November 6**. The students work in teams and do fall yard work. Slots fill up quickly, so please call Laura at 978-264-1717 to get on the list.

## Stage Left: My Retirement

As I approach my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and move forward on a new journey, I pause to reflect on how positively Boxborough has shaped the course of my life. The past almost 11 years have been extremely rewarding for me, both professionally and personally. I know that I will be leaving Boxborough as a better person, and that with the refurbished Community Center, programs that have been initiated by the COA, and the efforts of many others—it is also a better place for seniors.

I wish to express my gratitude for being able to serve as Boxborough's Council on Aging Coordinator. The rich relationships and experiences I have had with the senior community will stay with me for the rest of my life. It has been an honor to serve such a fine senior community.

Most sincerely,  
Laura Arsenault

### COA Transportation Services

Boxborough seniors and residents with disabilities can call Cross Town Connect to reserve van rides to medical appointments, food shopping, and most local programs. The cost is nominal. Make reservations and cancellations any time from 8:30 AM–4 PM, Monday through Friday. To book a trip on the COA van, please call 978-844-6809.

Call Laura if van is unavailable (978-264-1717). Drivers may be available.

### Road to Recovery

Call 1-800-227-2345 for transportation and information for cancer patients.

### Lending Hand Services

Need a helping hand with a specific task, such as moving a heavy object or hanging a window shade? Call Laura at 978-264-1717 to see if Lending Hand can help.

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**Make Your Voice Heard—Vote!**

**Election Day 2018** is on **Tuesday, November 6**. Voting in our Town takes place at **Boxborough Town Hall** from **7 AM** and **closes promptly at 8 PM**. In this mid-term election, you have the opportunity to choose the people you believe are best suited to lead our State and our Country.

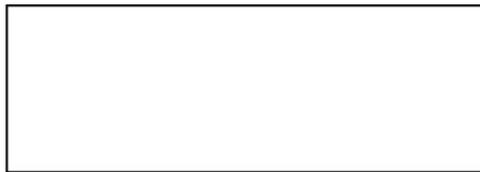
There are three Ballot Questions to consider when you vote. For information on these questions, read the red booklet "Massachusetts Information for Voters" mailed to your home by the State. A sample ballot is available on the Town website.

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**SHINE appointments** can be made through December 7 by calling the COA office at 978-264-1717.

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**—Submit articles for January issue by December 10—**



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 9-Line Dance 10-Bridge	2 9-Fitness w/Holly <b>5-8 Library Book Sale (Preview)</b>	3 <b>9-2 Library Book Sale</b>
4 <b>2-4 Library Book Sale</b>	5 9-Fitness w/Holly 1-Movie Monday	6 <b>7AM-8 PM Mid-Term Elections</b> 10-Book Group 1-Yoga <b>Fall Raking</b>	7 9-Fitness w/Holly 2-Crafters Group	8 9-Line Dance 10-Bridge 2-Mah Jongg <b>5-Owl Prowl at Library</b>	9 9-Fitness w/Holly	10 <b>1-WWI Armistice movie</b>
11 2-4 Boxborough Museum	12 <b>Veterans' Day observed</b> <b>Town Offices and Library Closed</b>	13 1-Yoga	14 9-Fitness w/Holly <b>12-Boxborough Fire Department Luncheon</b> 2-Crafters Group	15 9-Line Dance 10-Bridge 2-Mah Jongg	16	17 <b>9-2 Merrie Christmas Fair</b>
18	19 9-Fitness w/Holly 1-Movie Monday	20 1- Yoga	21 9-Fitness w/Holly 2-Crafters Group	22 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>  <b>Town Offices and Library Closed</b>	23	24
25	26 9-Fitness w/Holly 1-Movie Monday	27 10-Wellness Clinic 1-Yoga	28 9-Fitness w/Holly 2-Crafters Group	29 9-Line Dance 10-Bridge 2-Mah Jongg	30 9-Fitness w/Holly <b>9-Podiatry Clinic</b>	

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