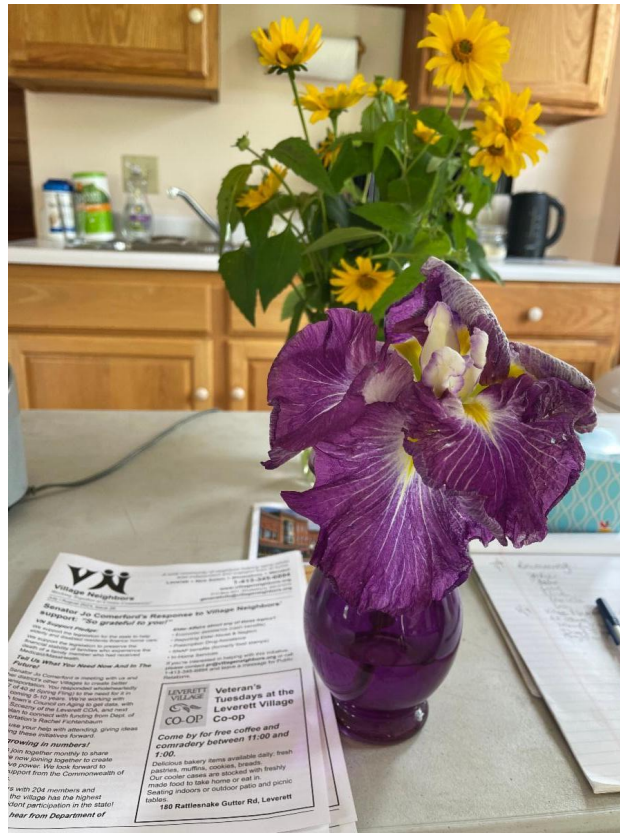




Have a super August day!



Thanks to Dot, Chris, Bert, Nancy and Elizabeth who volunteered at Wendell Old Home Day last weekend.



Village Neighbors with 209 members and 118 volunteers is the village with the highest percentage of resident participation in the state!



Village Neighbors sponsored CRIBBAGE anyone?

Contact Elizabeth for more information pr@villageneighbors.org or call 1-413-345-6894 and leave a message for Public Relations, or or just show up and play...

Cookies, Cribbage and Competency

Greenfield Savings Bank and Village Neighbors are cohosting on Aug 21st 1:30-4:30 at the Wendell Senior Center*. Cookies and drinks start @ 1:30. You'll hear how to protect yourself from falling victim to different types of scams. GSB wants to help you protect your identity. You'll get an explanation of what you should do if your information IS compromised.

We'll then expand our Cribbage meet up to include Scrabble and more board games. Stay for fun with delightful people who like to play.

If possible, RSVP is appreciated at pr@villageneighbors.org or 413 345 6894 by 8/18 or just come. We'll have plenty of treats for all.

*31 Wendell Depot Rd, Wendell, MA



Sen Jo Comerford joined Governor Maura Healey, members of the LGBTQIA+ Legislative Caucus, Senate President Spilka, allies, and friends to raise the Pride flag in front of the State House.

Other opportunities for :

Writing to Remember

Ruth Flohr's inspiring memoir writing program will be offered again for free with the generous sponsorship of **Mass Cultural Grants** from Leverett, Shutesbury, Wendell and New Salem. In this memoir writing class, you will discover the inspiration and tools to effectively begin writing your life-story. This class is open to fledgling writers as well as seasoned writers.

This method includes instruction, reading memoir samples, discussion, and impromptu writing exercises with feedback. There will also be an online forum with writing resources and a platform to post your stories.

New Session 6 Tuesdays 10:00 - Noon

Sept. 5 Sept. 12 Sept. 19 Sept. 26 Oct. 3 Oct. 10

For more information or to sign up for this next round of workshops, please contact **Ruth Flohr** at **978-544-6534** to register.

Gentle Qigong for Health and Well Being

VN member Peter Schein's class *Gentle Qigong for Health and Well Being* meets on zoom Mondays at 3:00 and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. No prior experience needed.

People who are interested can make contact at **pjschein@gmail.com**.



**Did You Know A Volunteer Will Help You
Start Here To Be Able To Fill It Out. Just Ask.**

Massachusetts Statewide DigitalEquity Survey

The Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) wants to hear from you about your experiences with getting and using internet service. Your input will help the State make sure that everyone can have access to high-quality and affordable internet service, devices, skills training, and digital support.

[take survey](#)



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SENATORS JO COMERFORD AND PAUL MARK
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MINDY DOMB, LINDSAY SABADOSA,
AARON SAUNDERS & SUSANNAH WHIPPS

INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM AT A FUNDRAISER TO
SUPPORT THE MASSACHUSETTS FARM RESILIENCY FUND

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
BERKSHIRE BREWING COMPANY
12 RAILROAD STREET, DEERFIELD

RSVP BY AUGUST 18, 2023, AT
[TINYURL.COM/REGISTERMAFARMAID](https://tinyurl.com/registermafarmaid)

DONATE IN ADVANCE AT
[TINYURL.COM/MAFARMAID](https://tinyurl.com/mafarmaid)

Beyond Plastics

This webinar on Plastics and Future of Our Planet with Bill McKibben and Elizabeth Kolbert was in conversation with Judith Enck.

If you were not able to make it to the webinar or would like to watch it again or share it with others, **you can find the recording** here.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day September 23rd Register now

For Shutesbury: Fort River School, Amherst from 9:00 to 12:00
Registration open now: [Amherstma.gov/recycling](https://amherstma.gov/recycling).

For New Salem, Leverett and Wendell: Greenfield Community College and the Orange transfer station respectively.

Registration is required, so plan ahead.

Registration is open from August 16-September 15.

Answers to most questions regarding hazardous waste can be found here:

<https://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/Hazardous-Waste>

Become a Village Neighbors volunteer

We hold a hybrid orientation every other month for those interested in volunteering.

Our next orientation will be 6:30 on Tuesday, September 26 at the Wendell Senior Center.

For more info, check our website link [**volunteer!**](#)

Do you know the many services that LifePath can offer you?

Prevention Pays: Six Tips and More to Help You and Your Feet

[**https://lifepathma.org/wp-content/uploads/good-life/July-15-2023-The-Good-Life.pdf**](https://lifepathma.org/wp-content/uploads/good-life/July-15-2023-The-Good-Life.pdf)

Also, Rides for Health Program offers door-through-door assisted transportation to qualifying elders and persons with disabilities who are enrolled in LifePath's Home Care program. Call **413-773-5555** to get more info.

Veteran's Tuesdays at the Leverett Coop

Their message is: "Come by for free coffee and comradery between 11:00 and 1:00."

SCAM ALERT!



Watch out for Computer Virus Scams!
You might get a call, email, or a message that appears on your screen. It says there's a problem with your computer & they can help you fix it.

- Just hang up or delete the message.
- Don't click on links in an email.
- Don't call the telephone number on the screen.
- Never give someone control of your computer.
- Don't share passwords or log-ins.
- Keep your computer, tablet, & mobile phone security programs up to date.

If you have a consumer problem or question, contact the

Northwestern District Attorney's Consumer Protection Unit

Greenfield
(413) 774-3186
Northampton
(413) 586-9225

Working in cooperation with the Office of the MA Attorney General



Dear Friends,

There's a new twist on an old scam. Fraudsters are sending out letters claiming to be the IRS saying that the recipient has an unclaimed refund.

Message from:

Anita Wilson | Director, Consumer Protection Unit
Northwestern District Attorney's Office
Anita.Wilson@mass.gov | NorthwesternDA.org



HELP WANTED: Events and Public Relations Committee Needs Volunteers

The **VN Events and PR committee** is responsible for all event planning prep and promotions, press releases, public outreach, newsletter and monthly news emails, and social media. We need creative, sociable volunteers to help. Computer savvy is a plus, but not necessary. If interested, contact **pr@villageneighbors.org** or call **1-413-345-6894**.

Village Neighbors | P.O.Box 501, Shutesbury, MA 01072

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