



#### **SCIENCE IN THE NEWS**

## MONDAYS, SEPT. 11, 18, 25, OCT. 2 & 16 @ 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM ON ZOOM/ COST: \$50.00

Discoveries and exploits in science fill the news. They enthrall the imagination, but can lead to bewildering questions about how they work and what they mean for our future. We'll tackle a variety of topics of current interest, from genetic engineering to the

effects of a strong El Nino on changing weather patterns, and the challenges of AI. We'll shed light on issues of science and technology important to our understanding of the modern world. Join us as we discuss the most up-to-date science in a clear, concise manner that is both thought-provoking and fun.

**Presenter:** Frank Villa has a lifelong interest in natural science and finds great joy in explaining complex principles and processes to lifetime learners. In addition to his degrees in the sciences, he has a Master's in Religion and Theology from Andover Newton Theological School.

#### EXPLORING THE CLASSICAL OPERA ERA: MOZART & BEETHOVEN TUESDAYS, OCT. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 @ 1:30 - 3:00 PM

**SHERBORN LIBRARY TRUSTEES CONFERENCE ROOM AND ZOOM/ COST: \$50.00** Enjoy and learn about four Mozart Opera's, The Marriage of Figaro, Don Giovanni, Cosi fan tutte (All women act like that) and The Magic Flute, and Beethoven's only opera Fidelio. Erika never disappoints.



**Presenter:** Erika Reitshamer, a passionate and lifelong fan of opera, continues to enlighten, inspire and entertain while passing along her vast knowledge of opera and opera lore. She teaches at Regis College for their Lifelong Learning Programs as well as at various libraries, senior centers and retirement communities. She was active in the formation of the Boston Lyric Opera Company and served as Vice President of the Boston Wagner Society, where she presented lectures, helped organize concerts and promoted visiting scholars.



#### LEARN ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE IPHONE AND IPAD WEDNESDAYS, SEPT. 20, 27, OCT. 4, 11, 18, 25 @ 1:30 - 3:00 PM TOWN HALL, 2ND FLOOR / COST: \$60.00

This technology course introduces users of the iPhone and iPad to methods for keeping track of different priorities, tasks, and events .He will also cover how to use Siri, setting up and managing email, taking and organizing photos, exploring outdoor photography, and editing photos. Limited to 15 participants.

**Presenter:** Kevin Figueroa runs KevTech Services and troubleshoots everyday technological issues like printer troubles, setting up and syncing devices, learning to use new products, and a lot more. Kevin also teaches for several Councils on Aging throughout the Metro Boston Region.

## LIFETIME LEARNING

## SHERBORN TOWN BUDGET 101 - WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM AND WHERE DOES IT GO?

## MONDAY, OCT. 2 @ 2:00 - 3:00 PM

## TOWN HALL, 2ND FLOOR/ COST: \$10.00

The Town's Budget for this year is almost \$33 million. This talk will provide background on all things budget-related. As per the title, how much of the Town's revenue comes from property taxes and how much from other sources? What determines property tax rates and bills? Where does the money go? How much has the Town's spending and the property tax burden on residents changed over the past decade? What is the process by which the Town decides on its budget? What is the role of Town Meeting, the Select Board, and the Advisory Committee?

## THE PRICE OF NAILS SINCE 1965: A WINDOW INTO ECONOMIC CHANGE

#### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1 @ 2:00 - 3:00 PM TOWN HALL, 2ND FLOOR / COST: \$10.00

This talk will use the price of nails as a window that highlights important changes in the American economy over the past three-hundred-plus years. Nails are a basic manufactured product whose form and quality have changed relatively little over centuries. Yet, since the late 1700s, their price has fallen by a factor of 10 relative to the price of other goods and services. These developments provide the backdrop for a narrative that includes shifts in the place of nails in the economy and in the popular mind. The talk also will focus on the underlying economic factors that accounted for the decline in prices and will contextualize trends in nail prices with respect to historical price trends for other key products. [The talk draws on Sichel's paper "The Price of Nails since 1695: A Window into Economic Change," Journal of Economic Perspectives, Winter 2022.]

**Presenter:** Dan Sichel, is Chair of the Town's Advisory Committee. He is a Stanford Calderwood Professor of Economics at Wellesley College. He joined the Wellesley faculty in 2012 following 20+ years at the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C. Dan left the Federal Reserve for a few years, serving as a Research Associate at the Brookings Institution as the Deputy Asst. Secretary for Macroeconomic Policy at the U.S. Treasury Department before returning to the Fed. He received a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in public policy from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in economics from Princeton University.

## CONTACT

Contact Kristina to register.

Email coaprograms or call 508-651-7858

Check out all these great classes!!!



## LIFETIME LEARNING INFO.

- Class enrollment is on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Class locations are subject to change.
- Classes must be paid for prior to the first class.
- No refunds three weeks prior to class and once class begins.
- Scholarships are available for Sherborn residents 60 and over.



### AFTERNOON TEA AND WRITING STEEPED IN IMAGINATION: A SIP OF CREATIVITY THURSDAYS, SEPT. 21, 28, OCT. 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 2:00 - 4:00 PM TOWN HALL, 2ND FLOOR / COST: \$60.00

Have you ever wanted to create a writing practice but are unsure how to start? Take some time for yourself and spend the afternoon sharing tea and stories from our lives. We will write using journal prompts and discussion. It will be a stress-free and nonjudgmental time to explore how journal writing can enrich our lives and how to continue to support a new or renewed writing practice.

**Presenter:** Cindy Stewart started keeping a journal when a college counselor recommended it as a tool to heal after a close friend's death. She recently graduated with an MFA in Creative Nonfiction Writing from Bay Path University. Inspiring others to write down their stories is her passion.



## WETLAND PLANTS AND HABITATS MONDAYS, OCT. 30 AND NOV. 6 @ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM TOWN HALL, 2ND FLOOR:/ COST: \$20.00

Massachusetts has a very diverse array of wetland habitats, including swamps, bogs, marshes, fens, floodplain forests, and coastal plain ponds. This class will discuss the different ecological features of these wetland communities and take a detailed look at the amazing variety of plants that inhabit each of them.

**Presenter:** Ted Elliman was a Staff Botanist and Invasive Species Program Manager at the Native Plant Trust in Framingham. Now retired, he continues to teach Botany and Ecology classes for the Native Plant Trust, Massachusetts Audubon Society, Berkshire Botanical Garden, and other organizations. Ted has a Master's degree from Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.



### THE POETRY OF VISIONARY EXPERIENCE WEDNESDAYS, NOV. 1, 8, 15, 29 @ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM SHERBORN LIBRARY TRUSTEES CONFERENCE ROOM COST: \$40.00

We will read and discuss poems for which visionary experience is central. The poem itself may be the

poet's actual vision or it may integrate and distill fragments mined from the poet's mind so that the poem itself becomes a coherent vision. Or the poet may reflect upon the very idea of transcendence and its meaning for them personally or its setting in society and history. Our selection includes poems across the centuries, which is fitting considering that poets for millennia were entrusted by their communities to be knowledge-seekers and interpreters of "other" realms. And as always, the discussions will undoubtedly be lively and even, at times, visionary. **Presenter:** Barton Kunstler, Ph.D., has written and studied poetry all his life. He holds an undergraduate degree in English literature and a doctorate in Classical Studies from BU. His poems have been published in various venues and he has run writing and communication programs. He was a full professor and program director at Lesley University's School of Management.



Never stop learning because LIFE never stops teaching.

# LIFETIME LEARNING



## THE POLITICS OF A DIVIDED AMERICA

## MONDAYS, OCT. 30, NOV. 6, 13, 20 @ 1:30 - 3:00 PM TOWN HALL, 2ND FLOOR/ COST: \$40.00

The four topics that will be discussed will be Presidential Primaries: How They Work, and What We Can Expect in 2024?; Who is in Charge of Congress? Why Leadership in Congress Doesn't Seem to Work Well?; The Constitution and the President: Have Presidents Gotten Too

Powerful?; and Has the Supreme Court Gone Too Far in its Recent Decisions? **Presenter:** Dr. David Smailes is the Program Coordinator and Advisor for the Master of Public Administration program and an Associate Professor in the Political Science Dept. at Framingham State. Areas of specialization include public administration, political theory, and American political history. Dr. Smailes has a Ph.D. in Political Science and B.A. from the College of Wooster in Ohio.

### EXPLORE THE WORLD FROM YOUR ARM CHAIR WEDNESDAYS, NOV. 29, DEC. 6 AND 13 @ 1:30 - 2:30 PM TOWN HALL, 2ND FLOOR AND ON ZOOM / COST: \$30.00

This fall you can travel to Saudi Arabia, the largest nation on the Arabian Peninsula, whose history during the last 100 years has dramatically



changed. Then we will be visiting Cuba, a country in transition, and ending our travel with a trip to West Africa, where you will learn about the slave trade and cultural arts. You can visit these wonderful destinations without leaving home!

**Presenter:** Barry Pell is a world traveler and photojournalist. He has traveled widely over five decades, visiting and documenting landscapes and cultures in 170 countries on all continents. Mr. Pell has also lived and traveled in China, eastern Europe, North Africa, and South America. He currently lectures on international cultures in a variety of locations.



## SHAKESPEARE - THE TEMPEST MONDAYS, NOV. 27, DEC. 4 AND 11 @ 3:30 - 5:00 PM ON ZOOM/ COST: \$30.00

If last year's taste of Shakespeare got you hankering for more, join us as we begin at the end by tackling Shakespeare's last play in more depth. Ahead of the first class, you will be provided with links and notes to

familiarize you with the text. Then we will dive in by focusing on a few key scenes and speeches as well as a discussion of theme and character. There will be time between classes to read, prepare and view a little on your own.

**Presenter:** Roz is a retired Pembroke English Dept. Head whose favorite hobby is teaching. Roz's workshops are relaxed and entertaining blends of media, presentation, and lively (completely optional) discussion.

LIFETIME REGISTRATION FORM Please Print	CLASS LISTING AND FEES
Name:	□Science/\$50□Opera/\$50□Ipad/\$60□Budget/\$10□Price of Nails/\$10□Writing/\$60□Wetland Plants/\$20□Poetry/\$40□Politics/\$40□Travel/\$30□Shakespeare/\$30□Total Enclosed: