



LADIES CHOICE

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

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A New Taste

Many thanks to Past President Roxanne Bungert's husband Jim and son Dan for crafting this handsome sign which you'll see when you visit our participating eating establishments during our new rendition of Taste of the Town. Don't forget to submit your green tickets when patronizing our remaining spots: On the Go, The Walrus, Ying Dynasty and Shipyard Galley. *Happy Eating!*

Taste of the Town
WITHOUT THE TENT!



Be a part of the Mattapoissett Woman's Club Daffodil Planting Project!

Daffodil Bulb SALE

25 bulbs for \$10

Local drop off or curbside pick up can be arranged.

Please call Sue Mitchell at **508-758-9464** to place an order.

Upcoming Daffodil Sale

Remember all those beautiful daffodils that bloomed this spring? Well, you can have some in your yard next year, too. Fall is the time to plant the bulbs and the MWC will be selling King Alfred Daffodil bulbs later this fall. The cost is \$10 for a bag of 25 bulbs. Local drop off or curbside pick up can be arranged. For details or to place an order, please call **Sue Mitchell** at **508-758-9464**.

[Join our FACEBOOK Group to keep informed of all MWC news & events!](#)

 **JOIN NOW!**

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Club Members,

Oh what a summer! We certainly find ourselves in unfamiliar territory trying to figure out a new normal. Instead of the Woman's Club usual summer activities, we are exploring new ways to raise money and brainstorming how to keep the membership engaged. Two new committees have been meeting and collaborating on new ideas. One new idea from the Retention and Recruitment Committee is to develop a brochure describing the Woman's Club and its mission in order to recruit new members. Another is to have a Newcomers Luncheon each year. The Fundraising Committee started out with our "Taste of the Town Without the Tent," and is now planning to sell daffodil bulbs in the fall and wreaths with the Garden Group during the holidays. Stay tuned.



In order to create opportunities to see each other, groups from Literature to Knitting are exploring Zoom possibilities; Monday Walks have started for everyone interested; Volunteer Activities are being listed on the website and, as always, we have our Facebook Page. I welcome any ideas from members on things we can do to keep in touch.

I certainly hope you are all enjoying visiting our restaurants and leaving your green tickets. Please keep it up till the week of the 20th at Shipyard Galley. We have had wonderful responses and I have enjoyed getting out of the house and exploring new menus; hope you have too.

We must be willing to let go of the life we planned to have the life that is waiting for us.

Joseph Cambell

Most of all, please stay well and safe.. support each other.. have faith that this will all end soon and we will have a chance to gather and sip tea once again.

Carole Clifford
President, MWC

MEMBER TO MEMBER

We care about how everyone is doing in this difficult time, so the Executive Board is asking that each group (Garden, Knitting, Literature, Bridge) check on their members and see if anyone needs assistance. Even if people don't, a phone call is always welcome.

Thanks for caring to do this!

Executive Board

Woman's Club Walking

August brought a new Mattapoisett Woman's Club initiative: Woman's Club Walking. Each Monday we have chosen a new location for an early morning walk to enjoy one another's company and get some exercise. The picture is our first walk at Nasketucket State Park. We welcome all participants as long as masks are worn and social distancing is managed. Please check the MWC web site for upcoming walks and times, as we may move from 8 AM to 9 AM as the weather cools.



Wicked smart women
doing good work to make
things happen for our town.



Notwithstanding the photos, this was not a "bored" meeting. A lot was accomplished in this new format, but we certainly missed the camaraderie of in-person gathering

SHOUT OUT

A huge shout out to Peg Olney for her contribution to the Virtual Pie fund raising. Peg went one step further and actually baked pies for all her neighbors who always buy from her each year.



Her contribution helped us raise \$475 this year from our pie sale. Having been a regular at Peg's pie parties I can testify she is an excellent pie crust cook! Thanks, Peg, for all you do!

Carole

Honorary-Life Memberships

The MWC Executive Board is pleased to have voted Lee Yeaton and Kay Levine as Honorary-Life members. Longtime Club members, Kay served as President from 1982-1984; and Lee 1990-1992, and were very active in the Educational, Philanthropic, Civic and Social mission of our Club. We wish them the very best!

WHAT I DID DURING THE SUMMER PANDEMIC

Eileen J. Marum

After being quarantined for months, I made the best of summer 2020 enjoying various activities, but the constant threat of contracting or spreading COVID-19 loomed large. The virus is not gone, and I considered the three safety guidelines listed below before venturing out.

How many people will be there?

Can one keep at least 6 feet away from other people?

Will everyone be wearing masks?

With those simple precautions, I ventured boldly out my door for a 2.5 to 3 mile walk at sunrise every morning. It was a great way to stay active, and it was the coolest and quietest part of the day. The solitude was amazing enabling one to enjoy the fragrance and beauty of so many delightful flowers, watching rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, bees, and butterflies going about their daily activities and identifying birds through their melodic song.

Staying physically active is one of the best things one can do for their mental health. With that said, I chose to visit less popular outdoor areas this summer, one of them being the Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary in Westport.

Allens Pond spans hundreds of acres of protected beach, fields, woodlands, pond, and marsh land, and extensive trail systems that offer ocean and pond views from many vantage points. I used binoculars to scan the saltmarsh for saltmarsh sparrows, herons, and camouflaged shorebirds. Also, the robust red cedar, bayberry, beach plum, and shadbush are all native plants that thrive in this sandy coastal habitat.

On a subsequent trip, the day was devoted to beach-nesting bird species, including the Piping Plover, American Oystercatcher, and Least Tern. These birds lay eggs directly on the sand, and since their eggs and chicks blend near-perfectly into the bleached terrain, it is difficult to spot them.

But none-the-less, I spotted them and was immediately struck by how peaceful it was and how quickly the birds settled down, and the amazing things I would see soon after: Chicks running to the water just inches away; adults moving their broods back and forth right in front of me; courtships and copulations so close I had to turn my head in modesty. Interestingly, the behavior of the colony is drastically different when they believe that no one is observing or photographing the chaos.

Notwithstanding the coronavirus, it was a delightful summer.

Eileen J. Marum



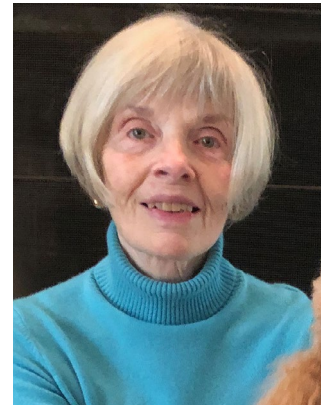
Eileen J. Marum
Program Director

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Cindy Turse

2020 Summer By the Numbers - Cindy Turse

- 1 Zoom Navy retirement ceremony attended by 150 – followed by cocktails
- 2 Zoom birthday parties
- 3 Family members - surprise visit
- 4 Mani-pedi appointments and 2 haircuts
- 5 Docking practices
- 6 Walks to Whale Rock
- 7 Books read with no discussions
- 8 Zoom meetings – MWC, Garden Group, Lions Club
- 9 Dining at our garden buffet = 2 deer+3 bunnies+2 chipmunks+2 groundhogs
- 10 Toes in the water – granddaughter’s first leap into an ocean at Kettle Cove - Pure JOY!
- 13 Face Time bedtime stories
- 33 Masks sewn
- 56 Yoga classes - Zoom
- Daily dog walks – can’t count them
- Lots of laughs and phone calls
- Not enough fresh tomatoes and squashes
- Innumerable shows and series - Netflix, Amazon Prime, YouTube, BBC, PBS



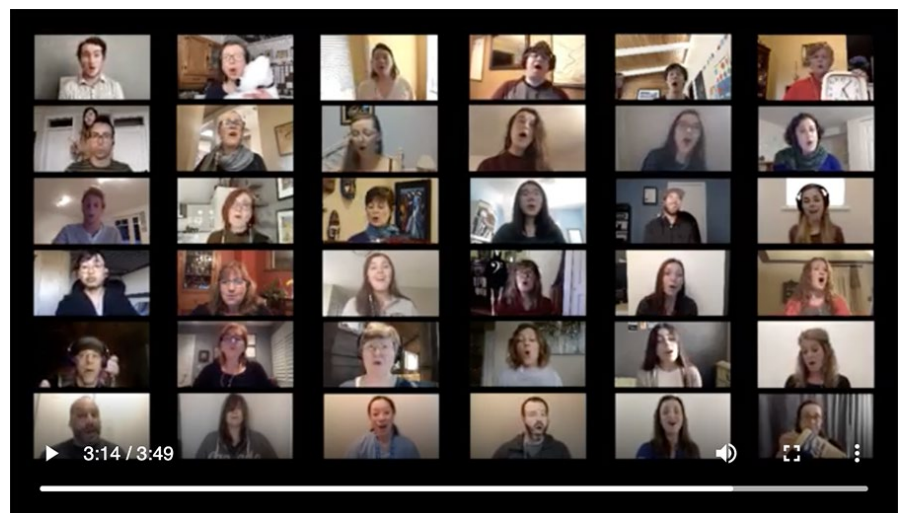
Cindy Turse
*Social Cocktail Group,
Facebook Manager,
Photographer*



For your musical pleasure...



Click link below to view



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GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

Garden Group

Mark your calendars, the Garden Group will begin our new season of meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 AM. Of course our meetings will be on Zoom this year, but it will be nice to have a chance to talk, see one another on the screen, and work on several fundraisers remotely during the Pandemic. The first meeting will be September 2 and we plan on doing one on October 7th as well. Sandy will send an invite to all current members of the Garden Group via email, and we welcome new members at any time so please contact Karen Gardner or Sandy if you wish to join the Garden Group. During our first meeting Karen and I would love to hear from any club members who tried something different in your gardens this year, maybe due to COVID-19 or just because you had the time. We will also talk about fundraisers that the Garden Group and others from the Woman's Club will be working on later this year. The first involves choosing beautiful pictures of flowers and gardens that we can print into notecards or postcards to sell. Cindy Turse will show us examples of what the cards will look like so we all can find the right kind of pictures to collect. The next fundraiser will be a major endeavor for the Garden Group. In addition to the Christmas decorating that we always do at the Post Office, Library and Museum, our group will be decorating Christmas wreaths to sell along with selling mixed bunches of greens for the do it yourself decorator. We'll talk about the project and learn what a sub committee from the Garden Group has been working on. If you are interested in joining this small group, please contact Sandy at hering.sandra@gmail.com

As you walk around town in September, please notice how lovely the planters and gardens that the Garden Group planted in late spring look. Thank you to all the Garden Group volunteers that bought and planted the plants, and to all the waterers that have deadheaded, weeded and watered the plants this summer. With so many of us walking around town to get our exercise, they are enjoyed by so many. The Post Office, the Beach House, the Rte. 6 triangle, Suzanne's Garden at Center School, the Library, Town Hall, the Wharf Garden, and the Mattapoisett Museum all bring smiles to my face as I walk by.

The Pandemic affects all of us in different ways. Gardening has been one of the silver linings that I have found helped me this year. May and June were the

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Sandy Hering
Garden Group
Co-Chair



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best months for me, with cool weather and plenty of enjoyable tasks to keep me busy in the garden. As I don't shop since the Pandemic began, I relied on cuttings of plants that I took last fall and seeds that I ordered in February to fill my gardens and planters this year. It lead to some very unusual combinations, but that's ok with me and my husband, and hardly anyone has been in my backyard this summer to notice! My favorite new plant this year is Nasturtium. This picture shows the Nasturtium planted between Sedum 'Autumn Joy' in my second story window boxes.

Once the hot weather set in, I retreated to the air conditioning, so my yard doesn't look particularly great right now. I'm OK with that, for gardeners know that we will try again. For me, gardening is something to enjoy, reducing stress not adding to it. I hope that you are enjoying our remaining days of summer too.

Sandy Hering
Garden Group Co-Chair



A Bridge to Bridge

The warm weather has afforded a few of the Bridge II players to enjoy the game Covid-style. The cards are pre-shuffled in boards and the players masked, outdoors and at a distance.

Shown, left to right: Elaine Grant, Carol Atkinson and Jackie Slade.



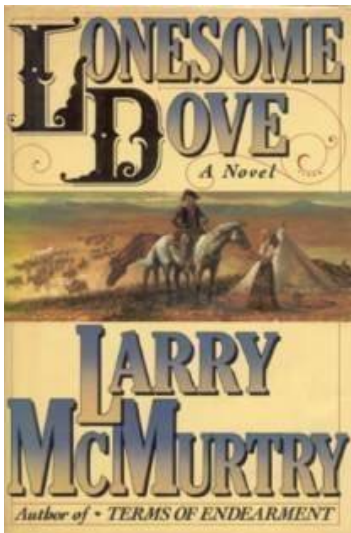
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Literature Group

The MWC Literature Group is still alive and well and ready to start the new club year. We have decided to meet using Zoom. Carole Clifford will be hosting the meeting so please email her at moosie999@comcast.net if you are planning to attend. She will send an email invitation before the meeting. The meeting is open to anyone who would like to join the group. The September meeting will be on September 9 at 9:30 am. The book we are reading for discussion is "Lonesome Dove" by Larry McMurtry. We will also talk about plans for the rest of year so please bring suggestions for books for future meetings. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again after a long, and different summer.



Peg Olney
Literature Group Chair,
Ladies Choice Editor
1998 - 2018



Larry McMurtry, in books like *The Last Picture Show*, has depicted the modern degeneration of the myth of the American West. The subject of *Lonesome Dove*, cowboys herding cattle on a great trail-drive, seems like the very stuff of that cliched myth, but McMurtry bravely tackles the task of creating meaningful literature out of it. At first the novel seems the kind of anti-mythic, anti-heroic story one might expect: the main protagonists are a drunken and inarticulate pair of former Texas Rangers turned horse rustlers. Yet when the trail begins, the story picks up an energy and a drive that makes heroes of these men. Their mission may be historically insignificant, or pointless--McMurtry is smart enough to address both possibilities--but there is an undoubted valor in their lives. The result is a historically aware, intelligent, romantic novel of the mythic west that won the 1986 Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

Social Cocktail Group

We hoped/thought we'd be having in-person gatherings this fall, but the wishful thinking has been eclipsed by the COVID-19 virus. September weather may provide an opportunity to gather outside while socializing and being physically distant. Each person would need to bring his or her own chair, appetizer and drink. If we can't gather outside, then we can gather virtually and ZOOM! We can still share stories, drinks, new hairdos, and food.



Please share any ideas you may have – maybe a Mad-Hatter cocktail party??

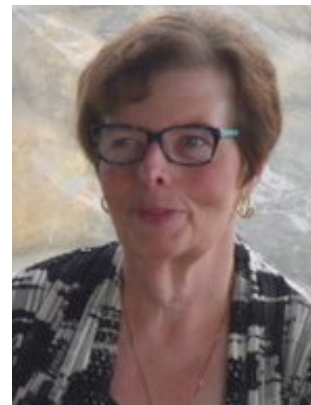
Usually, there are four parties in a membership year. If you will volunteer to host, please contact me and we can work out the details. mahina@turse.org

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Knitting Group

Interested in Zoom sharing your creativity?

Thursday, September 24th at 2:00 PM, there will be a Zoom knitting meeting. I have found it hard to work on any complicated knitting projects, but have found other ways to be creative. If you have spent time creating during the summer, come and share your projects. From sewing masks to knitting dishcloths, to planning some small window displays for our new Lighthouse, these are some of the things I have tried. Let's share our projects. If you are interested, please contact me at mjrottler@comcast.net so I can create a zoom list and send you the connection information.



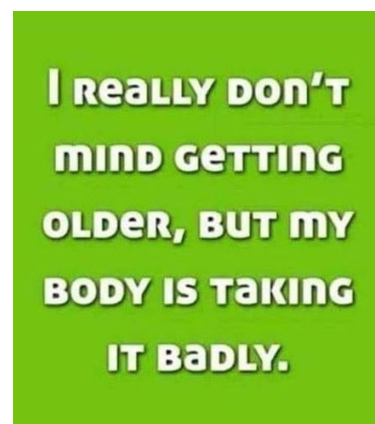
Peg's Actual Pie Project

In previous years when the MWC has had pie parties to make and bake pies to sell at Harbor Days, I have sold a number of the pies, unbaked and frozen to my summer neighbors. They like to have a pie ready in their freezer to bake when company comes. Since we were not able to have pie parties this year I decided to make some pies anyway and donate the proceeds to MWC. I did keep some of the proceeds to pay for the cost of buying all the pie plates and ingredients (except rhubarb) myself. I made 5 strawberry-rhubarb, 3 blueberry, and 2 apple pies. A check for \$160.00 was donated to the Mattapoisett Woman's Club.

Peg Olney



Just For Laughs...



Fundraisers for 2020-2021

The ad hoc committee assembled their collective ideas in a Zoom brainstorming session. Three of the fundraisers are already in progress or completed: **“Virtual Pie Sale”**, **“100 Years” bags**, and **“Taste of the Town Without the Tent”**. The latter was a genuine thank-you to our restaurants that has raised unexpected funds for scholarships. The Garden Group will take the lead on daffodil sales soon and wreath sales in December. Facebook members can easily hold a charity fundraiser on Facebook for their birthdays or other special occasions (see below). This is an easy peasy, minimal effort project and all money will go to the MWC scholarship fund. Two other projects still in discussion include a photo notecard project, and a fashion show.



Facebook Fundraisers

In this year of COVID-19 fundraising is difficult, but a small committee has been brainstorming options and settled on several. One option is a Facebook fundraiser. Members who are on Facebook can raise money for the MWC Scholarship Fund and celebrate a birthday or anniversary. Every dollar raised goes directly to the group or charity of your choice.

I recently did a fundraiser for Gifts to Give and invited some of my Facebook friends and family to donate. In addition to online contributions, a non-FB friend sent me a check for \$100. I exceeded expectations and GTG received unexpected funds.

Facebook makes the process very easy at this link: https://www.facebook.com/fundraisers?source=search_shortcut

However, if you want help, need a gentle push, or even a swift kick, to do a fundraiser contact me and I'll walk you through the process. mahina@turse.org

Cindy Turse



FROM THE TREASURER:

I hope all of you are staying safe and well. Although we couldn't hold our usual fundraisers this past summer, I want to bring you some of the highlights of what we were able to do during this pandemic.

Our "virtual pie sale" raised \$315.00. Thank you to all who "purchased" virtual pies. As you know, there was no prep, no baking, no calories, and no pies! Instead, people donated the money they would have spent on pies had we been able to hold the sale. Special thanks go to Peg Olney for her "Actual Pie Project". She raised an additional \$160.00 by making real pies for her neighbors. See her report titled "Peg's Pie Project" on page 9. Thank you Peg!

Our "Taste of the Town Without the Tent" fundraiser has raised \$1,135.00 to date. Special thanks go to Lois Ennis for organizing this event. In addition to raising money for our scholarship fund, we have also been able to give back to our local Mattapoissett restaurants by frequenting a different restaurant each week.

Despite limited fundraising this year, we were able to pay our scholarship recipients a total of \$8,500 in August. Three scholarships of \$2,500 each were paid to High School graduates Lauren LaPointe, Meghan McCullough, and Ryan Picewick. One scholarship of \$1,000 was paid to Morgan Browning, a returning student. We wish them all well.

We also were able to "beautify the town" thanks to members of the MWC and Garden Group. We donated \$517.91 and purchased summer plants for the Post Office window boxes, Historical Museum, Library, and Town Hall.

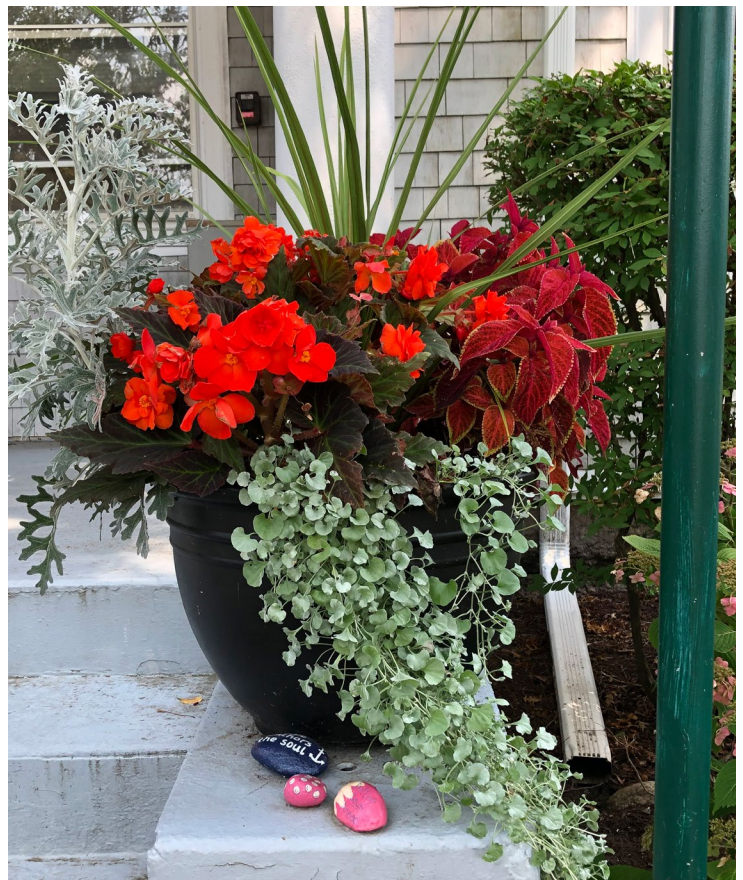
We still have 23 canvas bags "Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Right to Vote" for sale. We have sold 77 bags and originally intended to sell the remaining bags during Harbor Days. However, if you would like to purchase one of these commemorative bags please call Sue Mitchell at 508-758-9464. Cost is \$15.00 per bag and drop off can be arranged.

Thank you to all members who have paid your dues, helped with our "socially distant" projects, and provided support during these difficult Covid times. We couldn't have done it without you. I look forward to the day when we can all be together again.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzan Mitchell, Treasurer



Suzan Mitchell
Treasurer



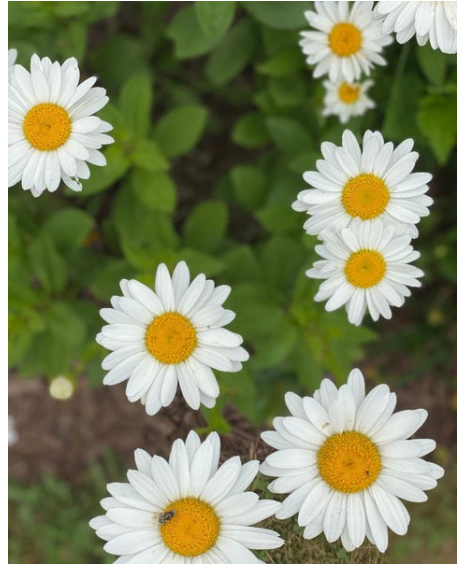
MWC Photo Gallery

Marie Rottler's Summer Flowers



MWC Photo Gallery

Peg Olney's Summer Flowers



MWC Photo Gallery

Roxanne Bungert's Garden and other growing bundles of Joy!



Roxanne's Boys

MWC Photo Gallery

Memories of times together!



MWC Photo Gallery

Fall labors resulting in Spring joys!



Find out how YOU can help the Samaritans of FR/NB Inc.!

Hi everyone! I volunteer for the Samaritans, an emotional support/crisis hotline for our area. It is an amazing and rewarding experience. It involves some classroom training and then shadow shifts, and then once you finish training, you are expected to do a couple of shifts a week. You don't have to have a mental health or counseling background to volunteer; training involves everything you need to know. You just need to be ready to help and willing to listen without judgment.

Email samaritanscoordinator@gmail.com with specific questions.

BE A
HERO



Morgan Browning,
2020 MWC Higher
Education \$1,000
Scholarship Awardee

The Two “Vs” Voting and Vaccines

Ladies, we can't let this fall season pass without two things – exercising the right to vote that we women secured 100 years ago and getting a flu shot.

Voter information for Mattapoissett residents is at this link:

<https://www.mattapoissett.net/home/news/town-clerk-announces-early-walk-voting-hours-town-hall-sept-1st-state-primary-election>

Vaccine Finder

<https://vaccinefinder.org/>



VaccineFinder Home Find Vaccine FAO

Showing results for **Flu Shot (65+)** near **Mattapoissett, Massachusetts 02739, United States** within 25 miles

Vaccine availability is subject to change. We recommend calling ahead to confirm availability.

1. Walgreens 220 Huttleston Ave • Fairhaven, MA 02719	3.81 miles (508) 993-7498	➔
2. Walmart #1906 42 Fairhaven Commons Way • Fairhaven, MA 02719	4.16 miles (508) 993-4250	➔
3. STOP & SHOP PHARMACY #427 221 Huttleston Avenue • Fairhaven, MA 02719	4.23 miles (508) 990-4700	➔
4. KMART PHARMACY 9 Plaza Way • Fairhaven, MA 02719	4.23 miles (508) 990-1072	➔
5. CVS/pharmacy 10 Sarah's Way, Route 6 • Fairhaven, MA 02719	4.60 miles (508) 999-0790	➔

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Welcome New Members

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Join our
FACEBOOK Group
to keep
informed of all
MWC
news & events!



JOIN NOW!

The Mattapoisett "Master Plan"

[The Mattapoisett Master Plan](#) is now real and seeking input as it is developed to reflect the needs and desires of our community. [Here's the link where you can sign-up to participate or just register for newsletters.](#) The website has a wealth of information. I signed up and will attend the Wednesday night Zoom meeting. There is another Zoom meeting on Saturday morning -- same thing. It looks like they will be gathering information at both meetings and perhaps answering questions asked online prior to the meeting. This will all be breaking new ground for the Town. There wasn't a master plan during Mike Gagne's tenure. [Here's the link to a recent Wanderer article.](#)