

## **WINDSOR COA NEWS**

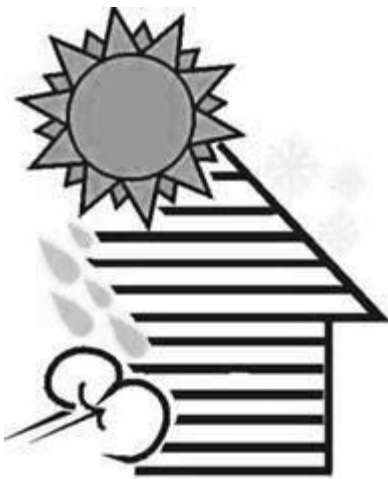
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*Our mission is to serve older Windsor adults by providing opportunities and resources that advance the quality of life in a rural community.*

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As this is written, we are in the midst of a heat wave, not the time that most folks would be thinking about weatherizing their homes, thinking instead of the cold, winter months. But anytime is a good time to consider ways to make your home more energy efficient. Please read on for some excellent information from our friends at BCAC, Berkshire Community Action Council....

### **Weatherization (WZN)**



*Weatherization  
Works*

Since 1979, BCAC has weatherized over 7,000 homes in Berkshire County with the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). This program, paid for with a combination of Federal and Utility

Company funding, is designed to save our customers heating dollars by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes and apartments. BCAC provides a complete technical analysis of the property and a prioritized scope of work. Qualified contractors are then given a work order to perform the permanent weatherization work to high standards. Eligible work includes insulation for attics, walls, floors, and heating system pipes or ducts. Also eligible are weather-stripping, air sealing, and minor repairs related to saving energy. In some cases, heating systems are repaired or replaced through BCAC's heating service program. All work is typically performed without cost to the homeowner or tenant.

The program is available to most people who are eligible for the Federal Fuel Assistance program. All qualified Fuel Assistance applicants are automatically referred for an energy assessment after their application has been approved. Priority is given to households with elderly or handicapped individuals and with children aged 6 or less and "high energy users."

Electricity savings programs are also available to qualified households. Measures may include installing higher efficiency light bulbs and replacing energy glutton refrigerators or freezers.

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### **Windsor's Oldest Resident**

Grace Perkins, a well-known and loved resident passed on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. She and her nephew, Jim Bailey were later celebrated at a memorial service at the Windsor Congregational Church. Friendly, funny and always with a smile are what we think of when we remember Grace.

With her passing, the honor of "Windsor's Oldest Resident" goes to Kay Gero whose birthday is this month. A proper celebration of this milestone will be held soon. Congratulations, Kay!

If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughing stock..... now that's humerus!

### **Windsor Expo Update**

With the full schedule of 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events coming up, your COA has opted to reschedule the Expo in May 2022. We were so excited to bring this to everyone in May of last year, but along with many other things in our lives, this too was cancelled.

Many agencies from here in the Berkshires were set to provide information on a range of services to our residents such as Berkshire Community Action Council (see their Weatherization article on the previous page), the Red Cross, AARP, Elder Services of Berkshire County, Inc., Hospice Care in the Berkshires and our local Board of Health among others.

Please watch future issues of WN&T for more detailed information and the new date for this event.

If you are too busy to laugh, you are too busy!  
Unknown

### **Windsor Library News**

The folks at our gem of a library have been busy over the winter and spring entering their collection into CWMars. Margaret tells us that this will make them full-fledged team members with the other libraries in the state.

She also wants everyone to know that they are open by appointment through the summer. Simply call 684-3811 x 6 and leave a message. A volunteer will call back and set up a day and time for you, or you and your family to come in for books and DVD's, all FREE! And they have plenty of both to borrow!

If you are interested in Museum Passes, this year a pass will give you a percentage off of the entry fee. Again, please call the library to make your request and someone will get back to you.

The only way to live is by accepting each minute as an unrepeatable miracle.  
Storm Jameson

So, who is "Storm Jameson"?

Margaret Ethel Storm Jameson (1891-1986) was an English journalist and author, known for her novels and reviews. She earned a Master of Arts degree from Kings College London in 1914 and was a teacher before becoming a full-time writer. She became active in politics and was a strong advocate of women having the vote.