

### **Explorers**

Explorers is a social recreation program from Community Connections that offers adults with IDD/ASD opportunities to gain experience and new things, learn social skills and develop meaningful friendships. They experience more inclusivity in the communities where they live and work and an opportunity to pursue their lifelong hopes, goals, and dreams. Explorers offer real-life experiences for the people we serve, "let's have fun and learn about each other." It is also an opportunity for the community to see the people we serve and the wonderful things that they bring to any group.

#### **December 2024 EVENTS**

## New England Patriots VS Indianapolis Colts Gillette Stadum in Foxboro Sunday, December 1

The Explorers are going to the Patriot's game. You will have the opportunity to tailgate with the locals and be a part of the Patriots culture. You will have time to interact with other fans and watch the game from the endzone. If you wish to purchase souvenirs or snacks, please bring money.

Join us from 9:30 am – 6:30 pm. Limited to 4 participants.

Cost: \$400.00. Includes ticket to game, tailgating foods, Patriots hat and transportation from CCI (Community Connections Inc) and back.

#### Bowling Ryan Eatery Hyannis Tuesdays, December 3, 17 & 24

Let us have a fun time as we bowl together and develop friendships. It is a wonderful way to exercise and have fun with friends. This event is for all skill levels and ages.

Join us from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm. Limited to 8 participants.

Cost: \$25.00 for event. Includes 2 games and shoes. Transportation from Community Connections will leave at 3:00 pm and return at 6:00 pm. We will meet at Ten Pin Eatery Cape Cod mall on Tuesdays. If you wish to purchase food or snacks, please bring money.



# **Explorers Christmas Party & Bowling Tuesday, December 10**

We will celebrate together as we bowl and have fun. There will be Yankee Swap. If you are interested in participating, please bring a new gift to exchange. The limit will be \$15.00 for all gifts, and only those that bring a gift will exchange a gift. We will have pizza, salad and drinks as well as dessert.

Join us from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Limited to 15 participants.

Cost: \$25.00 for event. Includes 2 games and shoes. We will meet at Ten Pin Eatery Cape Cod Mall.

### Computer Gaming Night at Community Connections, South Yarmouth: Thursdays, December 12 & 26

Most people see gaming as a hobby that is entertaining, sociable and a way to wind down. It is one of several interests and activities in their life alongside spending time with friends and family, going to school or work, and their daily responsibilities. Bring your games and share with your friends as we learn about each other. This event is for computer gaming enthusiasts.

Join us from 5:00 pm -7:00 pm. Limited to 4 participants.

Cost: \$50.00 for event. Includes: Pizza, drinks, and snacks.



Cooking Class: Mondays, December 2, 9, & 16

**Monday 23 Christmas Baking Class** 

OR

Cooking Class: Wednesdays, December 4, 11, & 18

Do you like having fun, making delicious meals, and making new friends and relationships? You have come to the right place, let us cook together. We will enjoy a meal together, and you will have a meal to take home.

Join us for 2-hour cooking classes

Monday from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm or Wednesdays from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm at Dennis Union Church Rt. 6A Dennis. Limited to 5 participants.

Cost \$60.00 per class. Transportation from your home to the meeting location is available at an additional cost.

### Cape Cod Museum of Art's Presents 1-Day Holiday Workshop: Paint Your House with Patty Barnes Friday, December 6

Discover the perfect opportunity to offer a unique and personalized gift in this one-day Paint Your House workshop led by acclaimed artist Patty Barnes. Participants will have the chance to paint a portrait of their own home, childhood residence, or a cherished location. With Patty's expert guidance, attendees will craft a masterpiece that is bound to become a treasured memento. The day promises to be filled with inspiration, artistic revelations, and the joy of creating something truly special. Join us in this workshop, where art, emotion, and memory converge to create a cherished keepsake that will stand the test of time! Your ticket purchase includes Museum admission.

Join us from 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Limited to 4 participants.

Cost: \$100.00 for each event. Includes tickets for workshop and transportation from Community Connections to and from the event.



# Cape Symphony presents Cape POPS!2 Holiday on The Cape Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Those who have experienced our Holiday on the Cape concerts know that JOY truly is our favorite season. This season's holiday program features the classics you know, and love combined with special guests the Cape Symphony Dance Company, Chatham Chorale, and Broadway sensation Scarlett Strallen. Highlights include music from *The Polar Express*, Handel's Messiah and another stellar performance from our own Cape Symphony Dance Company.

Join us from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Limited to 4 participants.

Cost: \$140.00 for each event. Includes tickets to the show and transportation from Community Connections to and from the event.

#### **Providence Bruins Hockey Amica Mutual Pavilion Providence** Sunday, December 8

Come support your Providence Bruins VS Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins

Join us from 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Limited to 4 participants

Cost: \$200.00. Includes transportation to and from the event from Community Connection, Ticket for game, sandwich from Dennis Public Market, drinks and snacks.

### Edaville Festival of Light Carver MA Saturday, December 14

Edaville's Christmas Festival of Lights is one of New England's oldest Christmas traditions. Steam train rides, amusement rides, Santa, shopping, tens of thousands of Christmas lights and so much more!

Join us from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Limited to 4 participants

Cost: \$145.00. Includes: train ticket, transportation from Community Connections to the event and back. Sandwich from Dennis Public Market, drinks, and snacks.



#### Polar Express Train Ride from Buzzards Bay Sunday, December 15

Adventure comes to life when the train departs for a round-trip journey to the North Pole led by our merry-making cast! Set to the sounds of the motion picture soundtrack, passengers will relive the magic of the classic story as they are whisked away on THE POLAR EXPRESS™ for a 1 to 1 ½ hour trip to meet Santa.

Join us from 3:15 pm - 7:15 pm. Limited to 4 participants`

Cost: \$180.00. Includes transportation to and from the event from Community Connection, Ticket for the train, a sandwich from Dennis Public market, drinks and snacks.

# Gardens Aglow at Heritage Museums & Garden Sandwich Wednesday, 18

Gardens Aglow is a celebration of lights that has become a treasured holiday tradition. This event features beautiful light displays throughout the gardens, festive seasonal décor, and fun activities for all. Outdoors, stroll the lighted gardens with family and friends, roast marshmallows, go on a reindeer scavenger hunt, enjoy seasonal treats from Lilly's Café and the Cape Cod Donuts truck, play with giant building blocks, warm up at a fire table, enjoy lighted tunnels, firefly lights, a model train display, and more.

Join us from 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Limited to 4 participants

Cost: \$165.00. Includes: train ticket, transportation from Community Connections to the event and back. Sandwich from Dennis Public Market, drinks, and snacks.



#### Memory Lane Farm Rescue & Sanctuary Thursdays, December 5 & 19. Learning about horses and other animals.

Memory Lane Farm Rescue and Sanctuary rescues, cares for, maintains, and trains horses and other animals that have been abandoned, abused or neglected. During your time with the horses, you will learn how to ride a horse as you care for them. Each session, you are encouraged to wear rubber boots and warm clothing as you will be on a farm. They will provide helmets for riding.

Join us from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. Limited to 4 participants.

Cost: \$125.00 per session. Includes: A sandwich from Dennis Public Market, snack and transportation from Community Connections to and from the event.

### Pottery Painting at Starfish Shoppe & Studio in Dennis Port. Thursdays, December 5 & 19

Are you creative or want to learn about Pottery and Painting. A great way to make Christmas gifts for friends and family is by creating pieces during classes.

Join us from 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm. Limited to 4 participants.

Cost: \$45.00. Includes a piece of pottery each session, transportation from Community Connection to and from the event.

### Bingo Night Social at Dennis Union Church: Fridays, December 6 & 27

Community Connections presents Bingo night. Win amazing prizes and it is a great way to meet new people and make new friends.

Join us from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Limited to 8 participants

Cost: \$65.00. Meet at Dennis Union Church, food and snacks will be provided. Transportation leaves Community Connections at 3 pm and returns at 7 pm.



# **Cape Cod Village Dance Party: Friday, December 20**

The Cape Cod Village is hosting a dance party. Get ready to move, boogie, and groove. Let's celebrate together and meet new people. If you like dancing this event is for you.

Join us from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Limited to 8 participants.

Cost: \$40.00 Includes: Simple snacks, drinks, transportation from Community Connections to and from the event.

### Dinner and Movie in Community - Saturday, December 21

Do you enjoy going out for a meal and a movie with friends. You have come to the right place as we make friendships and visit local eateries and cinema.

Join us from 3:30 pm-8:30 pm. Limited to 4 participants.

Cost: \$150.00 Includes: transportation from Community Connections to and from the event, dinner and movie.

### La Salette Shrine Festival of Lights Sunday, December 22

Come see 1000s of beautiful Christmas light as we walk around the Shrine. Even if you aren't Catholic, you may enjoy the atmosphere and care that the staff put into the ceremony.

Join us from 3:00pm - 7:00 pm. Limited to 4 participants.

Cost \$135.00. Includes transportation from Community Connections to the event and back. Sandwiches from Dennis Public Market snack and drinks.



# Disney On Ice Presents: Frozen & Encanto at Amica Mutual Pavilion Sunday, December 29

Dazzling ice skating transports you to Arendelle to be a part of Anna's adventure to find Elsa, whose icy powers unleashed an eternal winter. Olaf, Kristoff and Sven take you along as they encounter wintry conditions in a race to bring back summer. Then, enter the fantastical Madrigal family's Casita amidst the beautiful mountains of Colombia. Join Mirabel on her journey to save her enchanted family home alongside her sisters, Isabela and Luisa. Hosted by Mickey and Minnie, sing along to your favorite songs and celebrate the power of love and courage at Disney on Ice presents Frozen & Encanto – the show everyone will be talking about!

Join us from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Limited to 4 participants.

Cost: \$210.00. Includes: Ticket to show, transportation from Community Connections to the event and back, sandwich from Dennis Publick Market, drinks and snacks.

# Welcome to First Night Chatham Tuesday, December 31

Come join us for First Night Chatham! We are a family-friendly, alcohol-free, town-wide celebration of the arts with over 70 performances and events.

December 31st, 2024, will be First Night Chatham's 34th New Year's Eve celebration. Festivities will start with the Town Photo at the Chatham Lighthouse at Noon, with both indoor and outdoor performances and activities.

Join us from 11:30 am – 4:00 pm. Limited to 4 participants.

Cost: \$120.00. Includes: your entrance to all activities, your choice of sandwich from Dennis Publick Market, drinks and snacks. Please let me know by December 20 if you are interested in attending.



### Movie & Dinner at Dennis Union Church: Tuesday, December 31

Come and have a delicious meal with friends and watch a movie together. It is a wonderful opportunity to make friends. The meeting place is at Dennis Union Church 713 Main St. Dennis MA. If you need transportation to the event from Community Connections in South Yarmouth, please let me know 1 week in advance.

Join us from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Limited to 15 participants.

Cost: \$60.00. Includes: movie, dinner, and dessert. Transportation leaves Community Connections at 3:30 pm and returns at 8:30 pm

#### **Payment and Reservations:**

\*Additional transportation is available from your home to the meeting place at an additional cost.

Call Valerie at 508-744-1130 to reserve your attendance or email me at: <a href="mailto:vdubois@ccimass.org">vdubois@ccimass.org</a>.

Please make checks payable to: Community Connections Inc. and put Explorers on the memo line and mail to: Valerie Du Bois/Explorers, 261 Whites Path Unit #1, South Yarmouth, MA 02664