

# LITTLE COMPTON SENIOR DIGEST

May 2026 - 7th Edition



## Warmer Weather & Local Events Are Heating UP

We have been blessed with a month of daffodils, and tulips are starting to POP. Spring is (hopefully) here to stay in Little Compton! With a turn in the weather, the local calendar heats up and it feels like winter hibernation is over for good.

Looking for things to do? Brownell Library and the Little Compton Community Center have events this month that cater to all ages. Each group is featured in the Senior Digest this month and both do a great job of communicating on their respective lawn signs, websites and e-newsletters.

Our Senior Digest Calendar on Pg 9 has local events including a Save-The-Date for later this summer when Sakonnet Vineyard hosts a community line dance to benefit programs at the Little Compton Wellness Center. If you haven't taken a class, scheduled some self care or used the LC Food Bank as a resource, stop by 115 East Main Rd and learn about everything our Wellness Center offers the greater LC community. Programming at the Wellness Center is wide ranging and more information can be found at [www.lcwellness.org](http://www.lcwellness.org) or by calling 401-592-0400.

This month, be sure to clear your calendar for the famous two-laps around the Commons Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> kicking off from Veterans Field at 10am and followed by the LCCC cookout - best dogs and burgers in town!



*There are so many fantastic events coming up in the next few months - be sure to check out the calendar on page 9 and all of the local happenings at Brownell Library, LCCC and the Little Compton Wellness Center. There is truly something for everyone!*

*Pictured above and below is the Coffee, Tea and Conversation event at the Little Compton Wellness Center on April 30. They meet the last Thursday of the month from 1-3 pm. It's a fun way to catch up with old friends and meet new people - plus enjoy some coffee, tea and a treat! Thanks to Heather at the Wellness Center for sharing these cheerful photos and reminding us about this monthly event!*





# Live Music is Back in Little Compton

The Little Compton Community Center has announced their summer concert lineup! Starting the first weekend in May until the last weekend in August, there are plenty of opportunities to hear live music at LCCC! Excluding "Retro Country Experience," entry is free for all summer concerts! Dinner, beer, and wine are available for purchase at each event!

## Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 6PM

Retro Country Experience: Country Music of the Finest Kind

## Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> 6PM

Summer Kickoff Concert: Tangent

## Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> 6PM

Summer Concert Series: RedFish

## Wednesday July 29<sup>th</sup> 6PM

Summer Concert Series: 3-Legged Dog

## Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup> 6PM

Summer Concert Series: Berger Boys

## Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup> 6PM

Summer Concert Series: Spindle Rock River Rats

## Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup> 6PM

Summer Concert Series: Tangent

## Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup> 6PM

Summer Concert Series: Gary Farias

The Community Center is currently looking for sponsors to make this summer's series really shine! Are you an individual or business hoping to support local access to the arts? Connect with [juliatripp@lccenter.org](mailto:juliatripp@lccenter.org) today!



*A busy night on the patio at last year's Summer Concert Series!*



*Local musician Gary Farias is an annual staple of our Concert Series!*



# SENIOR ADVICE PROJECT



What do you wish you could share with your  
**TEENAGE SELF**, from your heart?

These messages will be used to compile a booklet  
for our Little Compton High School Seniors  
and gifted to them at their annual  
Graduation walk through the halls of Wilbur  
McMahon School on June 3rd at 10am.

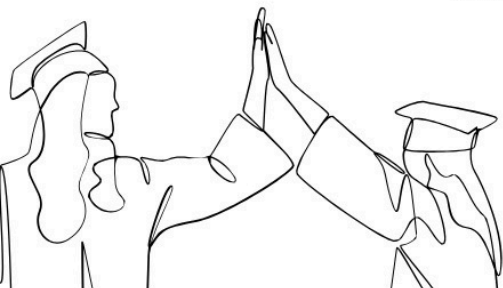
Work, career, friendship, travel, financial,  
gardening, sailing, or any kind of life skills...  
What do you wish you knew decades ago?

Share your advice by **May 29, 2026**

To submit an entry online: Scan the QR code below,  
enter via email: **DirectorSS@littlecompton.gov**  
or text a picture of a hand written note to: (401) 450-4658

**Participants will be entered into a raffle for a gift card!**

*Participation in the Senior Advice Project is voluntary and entries  
can be published as anonymous.*



# LITTLE COMPTON MEETING CALENDAR

- Beach Commission :: May 12th and May 26th at 7pm
- Financial Town Meeting :: Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- Charter Review Committee :: May 4th 1:15p - 2:45p
- Conservation Commission :: May 27th at 7pm
- Harbor Commission :: May 14th at 6pm
- Historic Preservation Advisory :: May 4th at 5pm
- Housing Trust :: May 11th at 6pm
- LC Ag Trust :: May 6th at 7pm
- Pension Committee :: May 7th at 9am
- Planning Board :: May 5th at 7pm
- Recreation Committee :: May 26th at 6:30pm
- Town Council :: May 7th and 21st at 7pm
- Zoning Board of Review :: May 15th at 7pm

# THE GREAT SENIOR BAKE OFF

Congrats to **Jeanne Wordell**, the winner of our **THIRD Great Senior Bake-Off** held at the LCCC during Senior Lunch on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

We had 3 entries and they were all absolutely delicious! The winning entry was a light and fluffy Daffodil Cake with a sweet and zesty orange flavor. The May Bake-Off will be held on Friday 5/22. Please let Chris know if you are going to be a contestant. Bragging rights and a gift card are up for grabs monthly!

Baking? Let us know at [office@lccenter.org](mailto:office@lccenter.org) or 401-635-2400



**Artist of the Month for May is Ann Cimmelli** - Ann's formal training started in college at SUNY Purchase where she graduated with a BFA. After graduation she began a career in the film business working for 40+ years as a prop person, stylist & set decorator.

**Little Compton Writing Circle: Tuesday May 5th and 19th at 5:30 PM** - Adult writers of all genres and experience levels are welcome!

**More than Medicare Help Sessions: Monday, May 11th** Morning appointments. It's more than just Medicare. Did you know that if you have a Medicare Advantage plan now you can still switch to a different advantage plan? Contact the library to make an appointment. Call, email, or (401) 635-8562 or [info@brownell-libraryri.org](mailto:info@brownell-libraryri.org)

**History of Chocolate:** Where it comes from and how it was used in early New England / **Tuesday, May 12 at 5:30 PM** - Join Dr. Timothy Walker of UMASS Dartmouth for a special lecture devoted entirely to the history of chocolate. Come learn the answers to these questions and much, much more.

**Introduction to creating a Fairy Dish Garden: May 16th at 10:30 AM** - Learn how to make a fairy dish garden with Ginny Greenwood. All materials will be provided for this free program. Registration is required as space is limited.

**All the Genres Book Club: Tuesday, May 19th at 4 PM and 6 PM** - This month's book is The Busybody Book Club by Freya Sampson – Stop by the library to pick up a copy. All are welcome!

**Understanding your Electric Bill & Community Resources: May 23rd at 12 PM** - The session will focus on how to read electricity bills, understand specific fees, and identify available resources.

**Senior Services Office Hours: Monday from 1 PM to 3PM - Little Compton's Senior Services** will be at the library on Mondays to meet with any senior in town to help connect seniors to the services they need. Stop by for help with a problem or just to introduce yourself and chat.

**Tech Help: Wednesdays from 1PM - 4PM** - Stop by with your device, passwords, and questions to this first come, first served drop-in program. Let us help you get your technological life in order.

**PressReader** - access a wide selection of digital magazines and newspapers at [pressreader.com](http://pressreader.com) or the PressReader app using your Little Compton library card number and PIN number.

**Museum Passes** - Stop by and see what is in the library so you can get out and explore. NEW - Coggeshall Farm Museum and Old Sturbridge Village. We also have passes to Boston's Museum of Fine Arts (Winslow Homer Exhibit), Fall River Children's Museum, Little Compton Historical Society, the New Bedford Whaling Museum, Battleship Cove and Buttonwood Zoo.

**Library of Things:** has a food dehydrator, portable DVD players, a portable Induction Cooktop and a portable Bluetooth Soundbar - as well as NEW BOARD GAMES AND CARD GAMES, T-mobile hot spots, tools, a Film & Slide Scanner and lots of fun and educational kits for kids

# LITTLE COMPTON GAME CLUB FEATURE

**If you have driven down John Dyer Rd and ever wondered,  
“What goes on at the Game Club?” .....**

It's time you learned! The Little Compton Game Club was founded 89 years ago with 100 charter members. In 1937, dues were \$2 per year and the purpose of the club was to **“promote interest in legitimate sport with rod and gun, conservation and protection of wildlife and to encourage, promote and cooperate in protection, conservation and distribution of fish and game, and to work for constructive and consistent legislation in the direction of social purposes.”**

Their streamlined mission today is to, “promote responsible stewardship of nature, wildlife, and community.” They accomplish this through educational meetings and community events and generously support a variety of community groups in the South Coast area including:

- South Coast Artists
- Westport Food Pantry & Little Compton Food Bank
- Little Compton Little League & Westport Athletics
- Little Compton Assistance Association

The Game Club is rooted in philanthropy and giving. The club generously donates their space for local scouting activities, non-profit organization fundraising events and other community gatherings. All events are hosted by members volunteering their time in order to help enrich community programs. A standout event hosted by the members is an annual Trout Tournament -this is free for kids under 15 - the event encourages RI fishing and there are prizes and a cookout for participants.

**Interested in learning more? Send your inquiry to:  
[LittleComptonGC@gmail.com](mailto:LittleComptonGC@gmail.com)**



# SENIOR LUNCH SHOW & TELL

On Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>, Senior Lunch was again the hot spot in town as we hosted our SECOND Show & Tell. Inspired by our first round of treasures, folks went home and brought some great items to share. Part of the presentation this month is an art installation by Caroyln Montgomery. This features a variety of media including a cross stitch that was started by her mother and completed by Carolyn many years later.

Clockwise from Top Right:  
Mary shared an intricately carved wooden box for small trinkets

George brought in a "mystery tool" for identification

Bob brought in a surgical staple remover that may or may not have been used on him (interesting treasure FOR SURE!)

Aforementioned art by Carolyn

Russell shares a Vietnam Veteran cowboy hat with the group

Pat shares a trivet she bought at the Tiverton Cultural Survival Bazar



We can't wait for next month and look forward to what Russell, Dick and Bob will surprise us with since they have shared at each Show & Tell so far. The challenge is ON!!








**Our next Senior Show & Tell will be held on Wednesday May 6th.**




# COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

What's going on this month in Little Compton & surrounding areas?

-  ENTRY FEE  
CALL FOR PRICING AND TICKETS
-  FREE TO ATTEND  
PAID OPPORTUNITIES MAY BE AVAILABLE ON-SITE

<b>MAY 2ND</b> 6-8PM	<b>RETRO COUNTRY EXPERIENCE</b> LITTLE COMPTON COMMUNITY CENTER	<b>34 COMMONS</b> LITTLE COMPTON (401) 635-2400 lccenter.org	
<b>MAY 2ND</b> 9A-2P	<b>SAKONNET PLANT FAIR</b> VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY	<b>BROWNELL HOUSE</b> 3 MEETING HOUSE LN LITTLE COMPTON brownellhouse.org/plant-fair	
<b>MAY 9TH</b> 9AM	<b>POLLINATOR PATHWAYS</b> WITH BARBARA ROCHA BROWNELL LIBRARY	<b>44 COMMONS</b> LITTLE COMPTON (401) 635-8562 brownell-libraryri.org	
<b>MAY 10TH</b> 10A-2PM	<b>MOTHER'S DAY SPECIALTY MARKET</b> TIVERTON MIDDLE SCHOOL	<b>TIVERTON MIDDLE SCHOOL</b> 10 QUINTAL DRIVE TIVERTON tivertonfarmersmarket.com	
<b>MAY 20TH</b> 1:15PM	<b>COMPUTER &amp; SMARTPHONE HELP</b> LITTLE COMPTON WELLNESS CENTER	<b>115 EAST MAIN RD.</b> LITTLE COMPTON (401) 592-0400 lcwellness.org	
<b>MAY 20TH</b> 7PM	<b>2026 VIRTUAL SPEAKER SERIES</b> LITTLE COMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY	<b>Marjorie O'Toole: A New History of the Wampanoag People</b> Reserve your space at: littlecompton.org	
<b>MON MAY 25TH</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY BIRTHDAY PARTY</b> *AFTER PARADE* LITTLE COMPTON COMMUNITY CENTER	<b>34 COMMONS</b> LITTLE COMPTON (401) 635-2400 lccenter.org	

Saturday May 2nd 2026  
9am - 2pm  
rain or shine



5th annual  
**Sakonnet Plant Fair**

a benefit for:  
Little Compton Village Improvement Society

with over 35 vendors and specialty growers

3 meeting house lane  
Little Compton RI

coffee - music - food - book signings  
annuals, perennials, herbs, native plants, vegetables, trees, bulbs, tropicals

hosted by LCVIS, issima Nursery and Sakonnet Garden.

2026 Little Compton Wellness Center



**Community Line Dance**

Join us for fun and dance to support the Little Compton Wellness Center!

at Sakonnet Vineyards  
162 West Main Road, Little Compton

**Two Sundays!**  
**July 26 & August 30 | 5 - 8 p.m.**

Tickets: \$25 | Food and drink will also be available for purchase.

www.lcwellness.org



Live well - Do more

# Merry Month of May

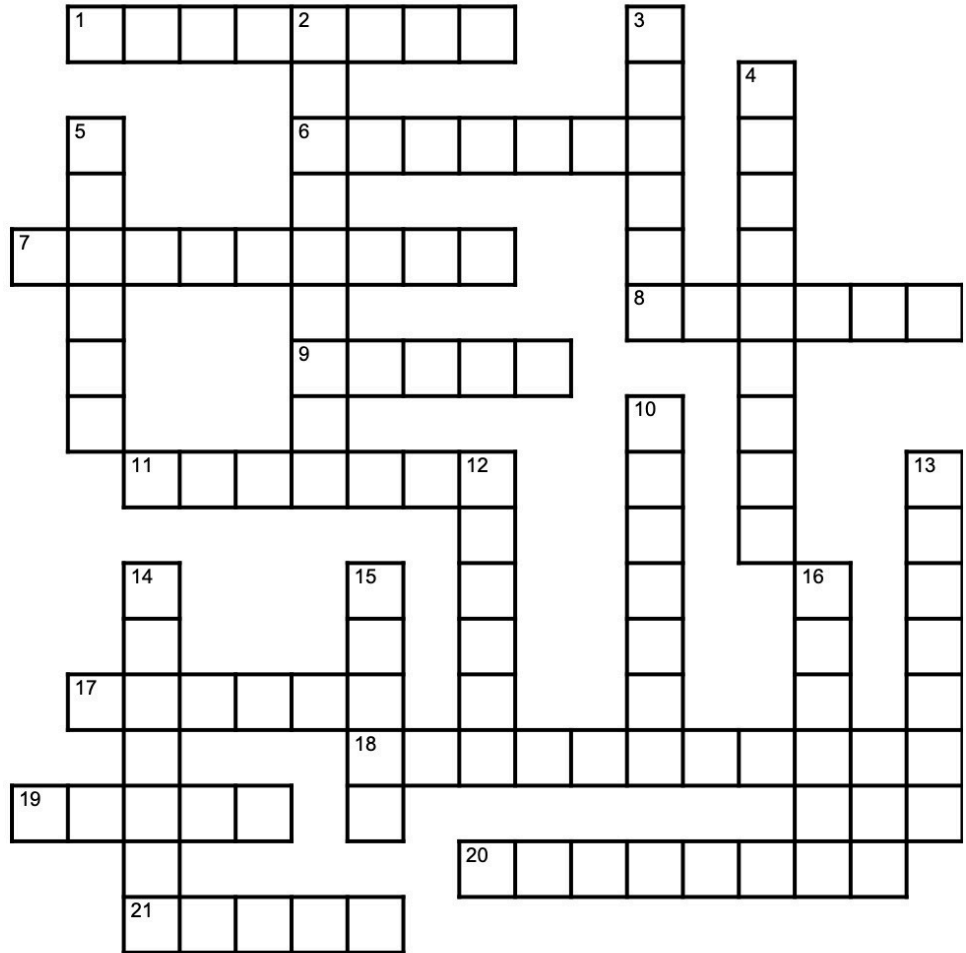


**ACROSS**

- 1. Sport played on a diamond.
- 6. \_\_\_ Appreciation Day falls on Tuesday of the first full week in May.
- 7. Buzzing insect.
- 8. Astrological sign for the end of May (twins).
- 9. May is the \_\_\_ month of the year.
- 11. Small red insect with black dots.
- 17. She is celebrated on the second Sunday in May.
- 18. Annual Mexican celebration on May 5th.
- 19. Most lawns are this color in May.
- 20. Celebrated on the last Monday in May: \_\_\_ Day.
- 21. Plant these and you may get some flowers.

**DOWN**

- 2. What a caterpillar becomes.
- 3. Season in which May falls in the Northern Hemisphere.
- 4. Use this to trim the lawn.
- 5. Astrological sign for the start of May (bull).
- 10. May birthstone.
- 12. Place where you might grow flowers.
- 13. Flower of a plant.
- 14. Tulips, daisies, roses, etc.
- 15. May the \_\_\_ be with you.
- 16. Might be filled with candy and broken as part of a May celebration.



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| Baseball      | Green     |
| Blossom       | Ladybug   |
| Bumblebee     | Lawnmower |
| Butterfly     | Memorial  |
| Cinco de Mayo | Mother    |
| Emerald       | Pinata    |
| Fifth         | Seeds     |
| Flowers       | Spring    |
| Force         | Taurus    |
| Garden        | Teacher   |
| Gemini        |           |



Congratulations to Joyce Moson for completing and submitting the April crossword, and for winning a Market Basket Gift Card!  
Have you completed this puzzle?

Turn completed puzzles in to Pamela at her office at Town Hall, or text a picture to her at (401) 450-4658 to be entered into the monthly drawing!





**WANT TO SEE YOUR PICTURES  
HERE? TEXT 401-450-4658**

**We want your photos! We love featuring community engagement and fun times! Nature, time with friends and family, church functions, community meetings, book club and knitting club..... send them all our way to be featured in the LCSD! We finally managed to get Kevin to sit still in between driving the bus and visiting his new baby grand-daughter - congrats to Kevin and Jo-Ann on the addition to their family!!t**

At the Town Financial Meeting on May 19,2026 voters may approve of the Homestead Exemption for all full-time residents. Voters would qualify this tax year once approved by the Assessor. Applications are available in the Assessor's office, **applications are due no later than June 10<sup>th</sup>, for this year.**

**TAX YEAR 2026 – FY2027**

**BUDGET BASED ON 4% STATE LAW MAXIMUM INCREASE**

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IF VOTED & PASSED, BASED ON 10% OF THE MEAN ASSESSED VALUE (AVERAGE) WHICH IS \$1,272,545.82 NETS AN ESTIMATED CREDIT OF \$610.00

**\*\*\* estimated effect \*\*\***

ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE	2026 TAX BILL	CREDIT	TAX BILL WITH HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	SAVINGS	*** IF NOT APPROVED 2026 TAX BILL	WITH HOMESTEAD SAVINGS
500,000	\$2,395.00	\$610.00	\$1,785.00	25.5%	\$2,340.00	\$555.00
750,000	\$3,592.50	\$610.00	\$2,982.50	17.0%	\$3,510.00	\$527.50
1,000,000	\$4,790.00	\$610.00	\$4,180.00	12.7%	\$4,680.00	\$500.00
1,500,000	\$7,185.00	\$610.00	\$6,575.00	8.5%	\$7,020.00	\$445.00
2,000,000	\$9,580.00	\$610.00	\$8,970.00	6.4%	\$9,360.00	\$390.00
3,000,000	\$14,370.00	\$610.00	\$13,760.00	4.2%	\$14,040.00	\$280.00
4,000,000	\$19,160.00	\$610.00	\$18,550.00	3.2%	\$18,720.00	\$170.00
5,000,000	\$23,950.00	\$610.00	\$23,340.00	2.5%	\$23,400.00	\$60.00

Respectfully,

Denise M Cosgrove, RICA  
Tax Assessor