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A Note to Our Members

Dear Club 50 Members,

We've missed you! As we move forward during these unprecedented times, we want to assure you that your health and safety are our top priority. We would like to take this opportunity to share a few updates with you.

Club 50 Trips

Based on the CDC guidelines related to COVID-19, we had to make the difficult decision to cancel all Club 50 trips through the end of 2020. We will keep you informed of any additional changes. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding. We certainly miss traveling with you.

Virtual Experiences

Join us on virtual experiences from the comfort of your home. Stay tuned for upcoming Club 50 emails with more information on how to participate.

Stay Connected

To receive the latest updates from Club 50, please make sure we have your email address on file (please note: by sharing your email address you agree to opt-in to receive emails from Club 50).

We also encourage you to participate in our 25th Anniversary Photo Contest (see attached flyer). It is a great opportunity to walk down memory lane and take a look at your Club 50 photos. Please share the most memorable one and tell us why it is special to you.

Banking at Watertown Savings Bank

We continue to encourage our customers to manage their accounts by using WSB Online banking and/or the WSB Mobile Banking app, visiting our drive-up locations, or calling Customer Support at 617-928-9000.

As we gradually start to reopen our branch lobbies, we want to assure our customers that we are taking precautionary safety measures to make them feel confident and comfortable in banking with us.

We realize this is a challenging time for many. We care about our Club 50 community and we are here for you. We invite you to stay in contact with us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at cbraceland@watertownsavings.com and 617-928-2338 or Arielle Goldhaber at agoldhaber@watertownsavings.com and 617-928-2337.

Sincerely,
Connie Braceland
VP Club 50 & Community Relations

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The Best Wishes for Kelly Cronin

Kelly Cronin is getting married and moving to Florida. We will miss Kelly so very much, but wish her as much joy and happiness that we can! She deserves the best, because she is the best! Good luck Kelly, and please stay in touch!

From all of your friends in Club 50

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25th Anniversary Photo Contest!

Help Club 50 Celebrate our 25th Anniversary!

Club 50 is turning 25 this year!

We invite all Club 50 members to celebrate our milestone anniversary by participating in our 25th Anniversary Photo Contest. Share your favorite photo you captured during a Club 50 trip and tell us why it is special to you. **Please visit our forms section of the newsletter for more information on how to submit a photo and participate!**

Although we cannot be together at the moment, we are hoping to share stories and photos that connect us. We are so excited to be celebrating this milestone with you, all of you who have made our days together so much fun!

Currently we are researching ways to connect and continue to experience new things, *virtually!* This contest will hopefully be one of many new things to come for Club 50.

If you have any ideas or you have a destination you want to see virtually, please let us know!

We look forward to hearing from you.

All the best,

Arielle and Connie

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2020 Advisory Board Members Announced!

NEW - Regina Pacitti, Ann Samarjian, & Deborah Whitehead & Timothy Braceland

RETURNING – Jim Lauria & Sal Tulipano.

(Connie had to bribe her husband to be on the Board until we find a willing Club 50 Male!)

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Watertown Farmers' Market to Return June 17th

Following Social Distancing Guidelines

By Charlie Breitrose of Watertown News | June 4th, 2020

The Watertown Farmers Market will return on June 17, and be back every Wednesday. Due to COVID-19, visitors will notice some changes. The market will institute measures to allow for social distancing, and there will be a one-way flow for shoppers. The focus, at least at the beginning of the season, will be on the vendors.

"While we have eliminated music, special events, and community groups for the time being, you can still expect to find locally grown and produced foods in our pleasurable, outdoor market space," the announcement said.

See the announcement from the Watertown Farmers Market below:

Watertown Farmers' Market **Wednesdays 2:30 – 6:30 pm**

June 17 – October 14

Rain or Shine

Saltonstall Park

Corner of Main St. & Whites Ave.

(next to Town Hall, 149 Main Street)

Mark Your Calendars:

Opening Day Wednesday, June 17

2:30 – 6:30 PM

The Watertown Farmers' Market staff have been busy planning for Opening Day Wednesday, June 17, working with state and local officials to design the best and safest market possible, during COVID-19. A number of mandated changes will be implemented, as our top priority is the health and safety of our customers, vendors, market staff, and volunteers.

The Watertown Farmers' Market will be opening as an essential food access point with a new market layout providing social distancing, monitored entrance and exits, and one way shopping (measures we are all familiar with by now). While we have eliminated music, special events, and community groups for the time being, you can still expect to find locally grown and produced foods in our pleasurable, outdoor market space.

We'll be sharing details very soon about our vendor line-up, how to prepare before you come, and what to expect when you arrive. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday's at the market!

We Need Your Help:

Volunteer at the market on Wednesday Afternoons

Volunteering at the market is a great way to support your community. This year more than ever, we need volunteers to help us out on Wednesday afternoons to direct market shoppers through the new layout and safety regulations. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, monitor entrance and exits, direct market traffic, monitor safety measures and more.

All volunteers will practice physical distancing and be provided with proper PPE. An on-site orientation session will be held prior to opening.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email watertownmarket@gmail.com for more information.

The Watertown Farmers' Market Accepts SNAP, HIP, and Farmers Market Coupons including WIC & Senior FMNP **Double Your SNAP Dollars**

The Watertown Farmers' Market accepts SNAP. Swipe your EBT card at themarketmanager's tent to receive a dollar-to-dollar match, up to \$15/week.

Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) Update

Purchase fruits and vegetables using your EBT card from authorized HIP farmers and the amount of sale will be automatically reimbursed, it's an instant rebate. Monthly maximums apply. More information can be found at mass.gov or the market's HIP Q&A Guide.

For SNAP shoppers unable to make it themarket, the following online farmers markets are able to honor SNAP and HIP when you order online, and then pay with your EBT card at pick up.

MassFoodDelivery

(Currently services all of MA besides South Central & Cape Cod)

VeggieGo

(Select Delivery Locations)

Thank You Watertown Farmers' Market Supporters!

We are deeply grateful to the Marshall Home Fund and the Watertown Community Foundation for their ongoing support of this market and our community. During the current crisis, food insecurity is a growing concern. There are many in our community who are in need of healthy and nutritious food.

The Marshall Home Fund has provided funding for the Watertown Farmers' Market SNAP Match and Volunteer Program to help older residents access healthy food.



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Re-Opening of WSB Main Office and Bigelow Branch Teller Services

Our customers' and employees' health remains our top priority as we gradually reopen our branch teller services.

Starting on Monday, June 15th, the WSB Main Office (60 Main Street, Watertown) and our Bigelow Branch (10 Bigelow Avenue, Watertown) will be open for Teller services and by appointment for other banking services. Drive-up services remain open at 6 other WSB locations.

Branch Teller Services Hours: Monday thru Friday: 8:30am to 4:00pm and Saturday: 8:30am to 12:30pm.

As our state and towns announce the mandatory safety standards, we would like to share an update on the steps we are taking to ensure you feel safe and comfortable when banking with us. Updates to our branch lobbies include:

- Requiring employees and customers to wear face masks
- Placing floor signage to help customers practice 6 feet social distancing
- Limiting the number of individuals in the branch lobbies
- Increasing daily cleaning and sanitization
- Installing glass shields at the teller windows
- Requiring any employee that exhibits COVID-19 symptoms to not report to work

We want to assure you that we will only re-open our branch teller services when we have confidence that we can ensure the safety and wellbeing of our customers and employees. We expect other lobby locations to open soon, upon completion of the installation of glass shields.

We encourage you to continue to bank with us by visiting our drive-up locations, calling Customer Support (617-928-9000), and by using WSB Online or the WSB Mobile Banking app on your smartphone.

Thank you for your continued loyalty, understanding and support.

Stay well,
Brett Dean

While many of us are still working from home, we are slowly reopening more services to the public! We are being very meticulous in the way we are beginning to return to a "new normal."

As for Club 50, Arielle and Connie will continue working from home. You may see that our usual desk area is being used to make social distancing more possible in the Main Office.

We will continue to use masks and gloves as appropriate -- but do not worry, we are still smiling beneath the face covering! :)

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On the Go & In the Know

News Scams targeting Retired and Elderly

Safeguarding your Personal & Financial Information

Watertown Savings Bank Financial Education and Protection

Safeguarding your personal and financial information is crucial to preventing fraud. We would like to make you aware of new scams—some related to COVID-19—that have recently affected our communities. The scammers have targeted the elderly, those applying for and receiving unemployment benefits, those seeking information on the coronavirus, and others.

Elderly Scams:

A scammer calls elderly residents claiming to be their grandchild or their grandchild's lawyer; they proceed to tell fake stories to ask for money (e.g. the scammer claims the grandchild is in jail and needs bail money).

Be mindful of the information you share on social media about your family and whereabouts.

Always be wary of urgent requests for money made over the phone, by email, in person, or on social media.

Unemployment Scams:

Bogus unemployment claims have been filed with stolen personal information.

Do not respond to requests to open a new bank account to receive money for people you do not know.

Only use your own account number and the bank's routing number to set up a direct deposit of your unemployment benefits (your unemployment benefits should never go to another person's bank account).

Do not respond to texts, emails, or calls about checks from the government. The IRS will not contact you to request your personal information or to assist you in applying for any benefits.

COVID-19 Scams:

There are many bogus claims of treatment, fake charities, undelivered goods, fake emails, texts, and phishing, and more.

Ignore online offers for vaccinations or coronavirus treatments. There are no products proven to treat or prevent COVID-19 at this time.

Be wary of ads for test kits. Most test kits being advertised have not been approved by the FDA and aren't necessarily accurate.

Watch for emails claiming to be from the CDC or WHO. Be mindful of spelling errors in the email addresses and text, and do not click on any tempting links.

Hang up on robocalls. Scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch everything from low-priced health insurance to work-at-home schemes.

Research the charities you would like to make a donation to. Never donate in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money.

Please be vigilant about sharing your personal information. For more information on how to protect yourself against fraud—learn more about fraud and scams in our Financial Protection section of our website. Go to watertownsavings.com, go to [Learning](#), then [Financial Protection](#) under the [Financial Education](#) header.



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