



SOCKS FOR Seniors HOLIDAY SOCK DRIVE

The Stoneham Council on Aging, along with the Stoneham Senior Center, is sponsoring a "Socks for Seniors" drive. This drive's goal is to provide all seniors in need, shut-ins, nursing home residents & elderly housing residents with a warm pair of socks for the holidays. We will be working with the Mystic Valley Elder Services' Meals on Wheels program to deliver these socks here in town to elderly shut-ins and members of our Council on Aging will deliver the rest to our elderly residents in need. Last year we received 900 pairs of socks, let's top it again this year!

We have placed drop off boxes at the Town's Clerk's Office, Police Station, Fire Station, Central Middle School, Stoneham High School, The Book Oasis, and The UPS store.

The drive starts on Friday November 15th and will end on Friday December 17th

What kind of socks should you collect?

Oh no! Not the traditional grip slippers or the tube socks!

The funnier, funkier holiday styles you can find. Yes, we still can use traditional socks as well. We tend to use the philosophy of the residents when choosing the socks to purchase and the quote from 91 year old nursing home resident Emma Mae.

When giving Emma Mae the choice of socks at a nursing home distribution location she quickly choose the bright colored, striped, individual toe socks and immediately said "

"We're just old, not dead and we still have a sense of humor" **I want those!**

From that point forward Emma Mae's comments have been the focal point for the socks that we choose to collect for these seniors.

We do want and will also be collecting the traditional tube socks for the seniors of the Homeless Shelter and area Senior Shut-ins.