



The Stoneham Council on Aging, along with the Stoneham Senior Center, is sponsoring the 7<sup>th</sup> annual "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 Stoneham volunteers and local programming to sort and deliver to those in need in our community.

**We have placed drop off boxes in Stoneham at:**

**Town's Clerk's Office/Town Hall Polling during Voting/Election day,  
Police Station, and Fire Department,**

**The Book Oasis, UPS Store #4715, and Stop and Shop.**

**The drive starts on Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup> and will end on Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> 2020.**

### **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.