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297 Liberty Dr. Park Forest, IL 60466

Please register for each activity

708.748.5454

*All programs are subject to change

Letter from the Director



As the warmth of spring comes upon us, it's the perfect time to embark on a journey of wellness and rejuvenation. This year we would like to focus on holistic wellness for Seniors, encompassing both mental and physical health.

We are thrilled to introduce an array of exciting programs and events tailored to empower our Seniors. There is so much in store this season!

Discover the art of "meditation in motion" with our new Tai Chi classes, designed to harmonize your mental and physical wellbeing through gentle movements and focused breathing techniques. Drum up some fun and excitement with our Cardio Drumming session happening in March. With upbeat rhythms and fun cardio exercises, Cardio Drumming provides a full-body workout while lifting your spirits and boosting your mood.

Join us on March 15th and April 19th for our Mental Health Chats, sponsored by 4S Wellness Services. Let's come together to foster open discussions and support each other's mental well-being.

Fellowship and community building are essential components of mental wellness. We encourage our Seniors to get out, socialize and cultivate a sense of community this season.

Drop in for our weekly Bingo and Café Lunch every Wednesday or dine together at one of our Senior Luncheons. Our St. Patrick's Day and Spring luncheons are approaching! Pre-registration is required to secure your spot!

Unleash your creativity and express yourself through various creative outlets. From jewelry making classes to craft sessions and crochet groups, there's something for everyone to explore and enjoy.

Prioritize your health and well-being with our range of self-care services, including blood pressure checks, podiatrist visits, and haircuts. Refer to the calendar for dates and times.

Mark your calendars for April 9 and join us for our annual town hall meeting. It's an invaluable opportunity to stay informed about community updates.

Let's spring into wellness together, embracing each moment with enthusiasm and positivity. We can't wait to embark on this transformative journey with you and witness the beauty of growth and renewal in our community.

Warmest Regards, Mayme Buckley

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Senior Center News





In January, the Senior Services Staff surprised the Flexercise class with a parfait bar, offering a wholesome and energizing treat to enjoy after their workout session.



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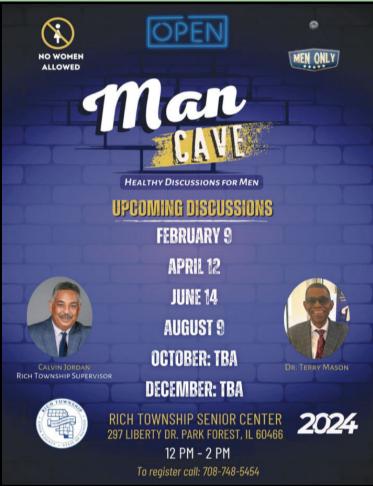




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Wire Jewelry





Wire Jewelry with Cherrie

Beautiful creations were made in Cherrie's introductory Wire Jewelry Class on February 5. The Seniors were taught how to string beads along wire and use pliers to create uniquely shaped bracelets and necklaces. Cherrie teaches the basics for this class. Join us next time on Monday March 11th & April 29 from 1 pm-2:30 pm!

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Some programs require pre-registration 708-748-5454 *Programs are subject to change | Temperature check required prior to entry | Cards and Chess available to play anytime! | No Hula-Hoop In March Resumes April 16 | 1 FLEXERCISE 10-11 PODIATRIST 10-12 |
| CLOSED Casimir Pulaski Day | 5 CHAIR ZUMBA 1-1:45 NEEDLEWORK 1-3 | 6 GOV STATE STUDENT INTERACTION 9:20-11 BLOOD PRESSURE 9:30-11:30 FLEXERCISE 10-11 BARB'S JEWELRY CLASS 12:30-2 CAFÉ LUNCH 12 Bingo before lunch 11 LINE DANCING \$4 1-2 | 7 AMAZING WOMEN EVENT (Offsite) 11:30-2 NO ACTIVITIES | 8 FLEXERCISE 10-11 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| TAI CHI 10-11 WIRE JEWELRY WITH CHERRIE 1-2:30PM | BENEFIT ACCESS By appt. only 10-2 CARDIO FITNESS 1-1:45 NEEDLEWORK 1-3 | FLEXERCISE 10-11 CAFÉ LUNCH 12 Bingo before lunch 11 RENEE'S CRAFT CORNER 12:30- 1:30 LINE DANCING \$4 1-2 | ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON 12-2 NO ACTIVITIES | FLEXERCISE 10-11 4S WELLNESS MENTAL HEALTH CHAT: CAREGIVING 11:30-1 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| FLEXERCISE 10-11 AARP CHAPTER MEETING 1-3 | CARDIO FITNESS 1-1:45 NEEDLEWORK 1-3 | BLOOD PRESSURE 9:30-11:30 FLEXERCISE 10-11 CAFÉ LUNCH 12 Bingo before lunch 11 LINE DANCING \$4 1-2 | CARDIO DRUMMING POP UP 10-10:45 NEEDLEWORK 1-3 | FLEXERCISE 10-11 |
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| TAI CHI 10-11 | BENEFIT ACCESS By appt. only 10-2 | FLEXERCISE 10-11 | CHAIR CARDIO 10-10:45 | NO FLEXERCISE |
| | CARDIO FITNESS | CAFÉ LUNCH 12 Bingo before lunch 11 | HAIRCUTS 10-2 | MAN CAVE 12-2 No women allowed |
| | 1-1:45 NEEDLEWORK 1-2 | RENEE'S CRAFT CORNER 12:30- 1:30 | NEEDLEWORK 1-3 | • |
| | ANNUAL TOWNHALL MEETING 6pm | LINE DANCING \$4 1-2 | | MEN ONLY |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| FLEXERCISE 10-11 | CHAIR ZUMBA 1-1:45 | BLOOD PRESSURE 9:30-11:30 | SPRING LUNCHEON 12-2 | FLEXERCISE 10-11 |
| SPEAKER: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | NEEDLEWORK 1-3 | FLEXERCISE 10-11 | NO ACTIVITIES | 4S WELLNESS |
| IN LATER LIFE 11-12 | HULA-HOOP 3-3:45 | CAFÉ LUNCH 12 Bingo before lunch 11 | | MENTAL HEALTH CHAT |
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| | NEEDLEWORK 1-3 | CAFÉ LUNCH 12 Bingo before lunch 11 | CHAIR CARDIO 10-10:45 | |
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| | | LINE DANCING \$4 1-2 | | |
| 29 FLEXERCISE 10-11 | 30 CHAIR ZUMBA 1-1:45 | Cards and Chess available to play | Temperature check required prior to entry | Some programs require pre- registration 708-748-5454 |
| WIRE JEWELRY WITH CHERRIE 1-2:30 | NEEDLEWORK 1-3 HULA-HOOP 3-3:45 | anytime! | | *Programs are subject to change |

Recipe and Puzzle







Ingredients:

- 1 cup fresh spinach leaves
- 1/2 cup frozen pineapple chunks
- 1/2 cup frozen mango chunks
- 1/2 ripe banana
- 1/2 cup coconut water or regular water
- Optional: a squeeze of lime juice for extra freshness

Instructions:

- 1. Place all the ingredients in a blender.
- 2. Blend until smooth and creamy.
- 3. Pour into a glass and enjoy your tropical green smoothie!

This smoothie is packed with vitamins and antioxidants from the spinach, pineapple, and mango, while the banana adds natural sweetness and creaminess. It's perfect for a refreshing springtime drink!



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- 1. This brings May Flowers
- 2. A long nap for animals
- 3. The colors we see in Spring
- 4. These have to have 4 leaves to be lucky
- 6. Spring Holiday

Across

- 5. You can have one in your yard
- 7. The greenest holiday!
- 8. Flowers do this when they are ready
- 9. These can grow in a meadow
- 10. The Upcoming Season

Café Lunch





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Senior Center Menu

APRIL 2024
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6 Turkey Club Sub Cup of Broccoli Soup Potato Salad Whole Apple Cookie

Ham and Cheese Wrap Cup of Chili Bag of Chips Whole Apple Cookie

Chicken Salad Croissant Bag of Chips Pasta Salad Whole Apple Cookie

2 Twin Turkey Sliders Cup of Minestrone Soup Bag of Chips Whole Apple Cookie CHOICE OF BOX LUNCH OR SHOWCASE SALAD EACH WEDNESDAY

EVERY WEDNESDAYSHOWCASE SALAD:
Tossed Greens Topped with
Grilled Chicken, Cheese and
Assorted Vegetables with
Dinner Roll and Cookie.
Choice of Ranch or Italian
Dressing Packets

On days that Chili or Soup is served, it will be included with salad choice also.

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

NO SERVICE SPRING BREAK

Tuna Salad Croissant Bag of Chips Carrots and Dip Cup of Fruit Cookie

17 Turkey Club Wrap Cup of Chicken Baja Soup Bag of Chips Whole Apple Cookie

> Roast Beef Sub Cup of Chili Bag of Chips Cup of Fruit Cookie

CHOICE OF BOX LUNCH OR SHOWCASE SALAD EACH WEDNESDAY

EVERY WEDNESDAY-SHOWCASE SALAD: Tossed Greens Topped with Grilled Chicken, Cheese and Assorted Vegetables with Dinner Roll and Cookie. Choice of Ranch or Italian Dressing Packets

On days that Chili or Soup is served, it will be included with salad choice also.

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<u>Cost for Café Lunch is \$4.50.</u> Food is made fresh & provided by Rich Township School District 227. Meals are offered on Wednesdays at 12:00 pm. Bingo is played at 11:00 am, before mealtime. Your choice will consist of either a cold sandwich, chips and cookie or chef salad and cookie. MUST register by Monday afternoon.



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Senior Spotlight



Senior Spotlight: Highlighting Local Businesses

WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT OF RICH TOWNSHIP!





Bizios Fresh Market is a family-owned business and has been a staple in the community for 16 years.

They are located in Olympia Fields and are open Monday- Sunday from 8am-8pm.

"With your support we can continue to support our communities and hope to grow together. We take pride in our quality and fresh foods"- Bizios Fresh Market





All-Out Smoke Pit is family owned and operated.
Owners Antiwone and Shalonda Hardy have been in
business in Downtown Park Forest since 2021. The
restaurant is open Wednesday-Saturday from 11am-8pm.

"We pride ourselves on providing great food and great customer service. We want to make sure every guest leaves here happy"- All-Out Smoke Pit

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SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH, 9:00 AM -

EXPLORE THE INTRIGUING PROCESS AND RICH HERITAGE OF CONVERTING MAPLE SAP INTO SYRUP DURING A STROLL THROUGH THE FOREST. THE TRAIL ENDS WITH AN ENLIGHTENING TREE-TAPPING PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY A DELECTABLE PANCAKE FEAST ACCOMPANIED BY AUTHENTIC MAPLE SYRUP. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. AGES: ALL AGES. FEE: \$9 R/\$11 NR

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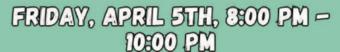
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024 - 4:30 PM

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Community Events & Resources











What's happening at the Senior Center?

CARDIO DRUMMING

Yvette Roberts

Yvette Roberts' new Pop-Up Cardio Drumming Class has been a huge success here at the Senior Center! This class is currently full. If interested, we can place your name on the waitlist. Please call 708-748-5454.





TAI CHI

Brian Thompson

Brian Thompson's Tai–Chi–Gong classes teach "meditation in motion." Join us on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 10–11am.

RENEE'S CRAFT CORNER

Renee Thornton

Renee's Craft Corner meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 12pm–2pm. Craft projects vary for each session. Their most recent creation: a wooden tray made out of Jenga Blocks!



...And so much more! View calendar on pgs. 6 & 7 for full list of activities





Love your Heart

Heart Work

Valentine's Day is a time to celebrate love and kindness, and what better way to do so than by bringing generations together? Students from School District 159 served our Seniors with the utmost care and attention. From taking orders to serving meals, they went above and beyond to ensure that every attendee felt cherished and appreciated.

While the Seniors enjoyed a wholesome meal, the American Heart Association shared valuable insights on self-love and heart care. The informative session provided practical tips and resources for maintaining heart health, empowering attendees to make informed choices for their well-being.





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