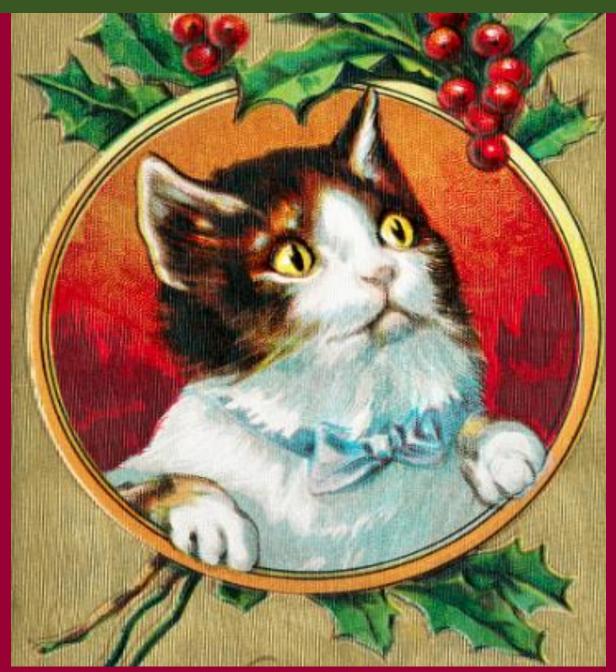
# Petaluma Senior Center DECEMBER \$\simeq 2023\$



**CLOSED MONDAY DECEMBER 25 & TUESDAY DECEMBER 26** 

Open Monday – Thursday <u>8:00am – 4:00pm</u> 211 Novak Drive (707) 778 – 4399 parksnrec@cityofpetaluma.org



# Holiday Movies - 1pm - 4pm

1:00pm - A Christmas Story (1983)

2:30pm - Miracle on 34th Street (1947)

Complimentary Popcorn & sweets for moviegoers!

# December 13 - 1pm - 3pm

Happy Crafts with Bonnie Felt Ornaments and Hot Cocoa

# December 20 - 1pm

Holiday Caroling Sing-Along & Karaoke with Hot Tea and Mulled Cider

# December 27 - 1pm -2pm

Make A Paper Snowflake Day Make a Paper Snowflake Suncatcher

Bring your holiday cheer! Free admission R.S.V.P. at the PSC Front Desk or (707)778-4399 CILLED STAN

# **PSC December Events**

# Little Voices, Big Smiles

A Winter Caroling event performed by the Tiny Tots Preschool

> Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 10:30am

PSC Library - Cocoa & Cookies served!



In honor of National Food Drive for Needy Animals Day

# COME SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FURRY FRIENDS



## **NEW PET FOOD & SUPPLIES NEEDED**

## **Pet Supplies Needed:**

- Blankets
- Toys
- Pet training

- Collars/LeashesFood
- Towel
- Rowle

Bring all unused supplies to Petaluma Senior Center at 211 Novak Drive or Petaluma Community,

Center at 320 North McDowell Blvd between December 11th – December 28th

## **CALL IYA**

**EMAIL** 

707-778-4399

parksnrec@cityofpetaluma.org







# Fun December National Holidays

## at the PSC

Mon. 12/4 - Cookie Day - 11am - 1pm

Tue. 12/5 - Communicate with Your Kids Day

Wed. 12/6 - Microwave Oven Day

1pm - 4pm - Holiday movies in PSC Library with popcorn & treats

2pm - 4pm - Line Dance Social at the Community Center

Thu. 12/7 - Letter Writing Day

Mon. 12/11 - Food Drive for Needy Animals Day! (collect pet supplies)

Tue. 12/12 - Poinsettia Day/ Ambrosia Day 12pm - 2pm

Wed. 12/13 - Cocoa Day

10am - Tiny Tots sing Winter Carols & Cocoa in PSC Library 10am-10:30am

1pm - Happy Crafts with Bonnie - Felt ornaments & Cocoa & Cookies

Thu - 12/14 - Energy Conservation Day

Mon. 12/18 - Answer the Phone like Buddy the Elf Day

Tue. 12/19 - Hard Candy Day 11am - 2pm

Holiday Cheer Luncheon - 1pm - 3pm

Wed. 12/20 - Go Caroling Day - Caroling Sing-Along - 1pm

Thu. 12/21 - Crossword Puzzle Day

Mon. 12/25 - CLOSED for Christmas

Tue. 12/26 - CLOSED for Boxing Day (Thank You Note Day)

Wed. 12/27 - Make a Cut-Out Snowflake Day - 1pm - 2pm

Thu. 12/28 - Call a Friend Day & Chocolate Candy Day 11am - 2pm

## **MONDAY**

**Pool** - 8:30am - 4:00pm

<u>Line Dancing</u> – 8:30am – 10:00am – *Open to new dancers!* 

**Quilting** - 9:00am - 4:00pm

**Writing Group - 10:30am - 12:00pm** 

**Meditation** - 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Parkinson's (PD)Connect Class - 2:00pm - 3:00pm



## **TUESDAY**

**Walking Group** – 7:45am **Sharp** 

**Pool** - 8:30am - 4:00pm

**Knitting - 9:00am - 11:30am** 

<u>Chess</u> – 9:00am – 12:00pm

Tai Chi Flow with Diana - 9:00am - 10:00am

**Duplicate Bridge** – 12:00pm - 4:00pm

**Fall Proof Balance Classes** 

10:00am - 11:00am - for unsteady/device assisted participants

11:00am – 12:00pm – for more steady participants

Conversations on Aging - 10:00am - 11:30am (December 19th)

**Current Events Discussion Group - 12:00pm - 2:00pm** 

<u>Ping Pong</u> – 2:00pm – 3:00pm NO PING PONG 12/19

Positive Thinking - 2:00pm - 3:00pm

American Style Mahjong - 1:30pm - 4:00pm



## WEDNESDAY

**Pool** - 8:30am - 4:00pm

Gentle Chair Yoga - 9:00am - 9:45am

**TOPS** - 9:30am - 11:30am

Chinese Style Mahjong (Beginner's Welcome!) 10:00am - 11:30am

**Beginning Line Dance - New Session - 11am - 11:45am** 

<u>Hearts</u> - 11:30am - 1:30pm

<u>Happy Crafts with Bonnie</u> – 1:00pm – 3:00pm (December 13<sup>th</sup>)

What's Your Story - 1:00pm - 2:00pm (December 6th & 20th)

<u>Mexican Train Dominos</u> – 1:30pm – 4:00pm

Widows Connect! - 2:00pm - 3:00pm

**Spice of Life Social Club** – 3:00pm – 4:00pm

## **THURSDAY**

Walking Group - 7:45am Sharp

Line Dancing - 8:30 - 10:00am - Open to new dancers!

**Pool** - 8:30am - 4:00pm

<u>Artist Open Studio</u> – 10am – 11:30am

<u>Pinochle</u> - 10:00am - 12:00pm

<u>Listening Bench Drop-In Hours</u> – 10:00am – 12:00pm

Sit 2B Fit - 10:15am - 11:15am - NO CLASS DECEMBER 21

<u>Discussion Group</u> - 11:30am - 12:30pm

<u>Ping Pong</u> – 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Community Law Consultation/Notary Public - 10:00am - 12:00pm (December 7th)

Wise Women Circle – 2:00pm – 3:00pm (December 28th)

Rhythm Circle - 1pm - 1:45pm (December 21st)





# Positive Thinking

Practice Positive thinking to reduce stress and have a healthier life.

Introduction to Positive Thinking Workshop

Tuesdays at 2pm — 2:45pm

Participants will learn calming techniques such as breathing exercises, mediation, living in the moment training, and practice relaxed natural movements that calm the mind and relax the body.

To R.S.V.P. at the PSC Front Desk or call (707)778-4399



The Petaluma Parks & Recreation Department & The Redwood Empire Food Bank have joined together for a holiday food drive to help those in need - help us fill our barrels!

## Redwood Empire Food Bank guidelines:

- No glass No perishable items No open items
- No homemade items No items past their "Use before" date

## Most needed items:

- Canned Tuna Canned Chicken Peanut Butter
- Rice Pasta Oats Dry Beans Low Sugar Cereal

Introduction to

# Tai Chi Flow

With Diana

Tuesday, December 12 from 9-10am

Tai Chi is a practice that involve a series of slow, gentle movements and physical postures, a meditative state of mind, and controlled breathing.

Improves strength, flexibility, and balance.

Proven to improve cardiovascular fitness, lower blood pressure and help with arthritis pain.

Using the TaijiFit method, there is no need to memorize or perfect any forms; simply mirror the instructor, feel the music and follow your breath.

Everyone is welcome - no experience necessary

- seated or standing
- · gentle and stress free
- · no charge for introductory session

R.S.V.P. - PSC Front Desk / (707)778-4399

# Happy Crafts



with Bonnie!

Wed. December 13th - 1pm

# This month's craft:

**Felt Ornaments** 

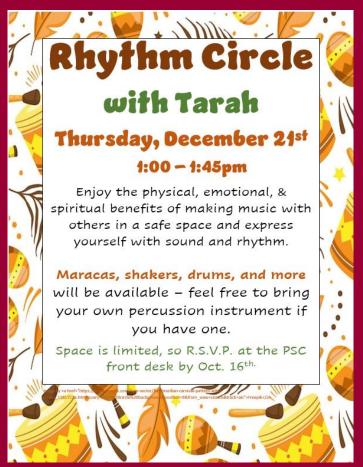
R.S.V.P. at the PSC Front Desk

Space is limited

(707)778-4399

no charge







Sign up for a library card! Check out books, movies, and more!

Regístrese para obtener una tarjeta de la biblioteca. Tomar prestados libros de la biblioteca.

Tuesday, December 12 10:30-11:30 AM Petaluma Senior Center 211 Novak Dr







Pool Tournament Winners

Dawn - August 2023 Jim - November 2023

# Meditation

12:30pm Mondays in December

Come join us and enjoy a relaxing meditation session.

Learn to quiet your mind and body.



No prior experience needed.

Everyone is welcome - Drop-in!

Meditation will return to Thursdays at 12:30pm starting January 2024





# ARTISTS Open Art Studio with Vivian Lujan-Cortez Thursdays in December 10:00 am - 11:30 am Engaging in art for as little as 45 minutes reduces stress levels. Join us for a series of spontaneous art activities in a relaxed environment. Enjoy the process of making art using the medium of your choice: drawing pencils \* charcoal \* watercolor \* pastels \* acrylic Beginning students welcomed. Materials will be discussed at first class meeting.

## **NO CLASS DECEMBER 21**

# SIT 2B FIT



Join us for this fun class where you can exercise with a chair - seated or standing.

This class will help give you increased flexibility, tone your muscles, elevate your heart rate, strengthen your body, and maintain balance.

Thursdays 10:15am to 11:15am

Program is Free, offered through the SRJC Older Adults Program – sign up at first class

## GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

Wednesdays, 9:00am - 9:45am

## \$5 per class

45-minute gentle yoga class with option for a chair. Stretching and movement, done slowly & deliberately, often seated on the floor on a yoga mat or in a chair.

- ·Improve flexibility & balance to help prevent falls as we age
- ·Strengthen and stretch your muscles
- ·Protect your bones by doing weight bearing yoga poses
- ·Focused, mindful breathing to reduce stress & anxiety
- ·Yoga August promote better sleeping Nobody will be turned away if they cannot pay the \$5 fee.

Denise Elfenbein is the instructor

## **Community Law Clinic**

Community Law Clinic is a low- cost elder law clinic and Alternate Dispute Resolution Firm. Seniors are never turned away for lack of funds.

We are mobile. We do home visits. We can travel throughout Sonoma County.



## Our services include:

Elder Law \* Trust / Estate Planning \*
Tenant Protection\* Elder Abuse \*
Grandparents Rights\* Pet Trust \*

## Canine Support Available 🐾

Drop in for free counsel at the Petaluma Senior Center

Thu. Dec. 7 & Jan. 4



10 am -12 pm

Or Schedule a free consultation/mobile visit

(707) 789-5336

Communitylawclinic.ca@gmail.com

https://www.communitylawclinic.com/

# What's your story?

Casual Conversation in Good Company Weds – December 6 & 20 1:00pm -2:00pm Petaluma Senior Center

December Focus:

Winter Holiday Memories

## Moments of Joy

Share your stories of your life, amongst a supportive group of listeners, in a relaxed and fun setting.

Cara Wasden has been a Toastmaster for the past 18 years and has learned how to confidently share her passions with others through humor, humility, and honesty. For the 5 years prior to the pandemic, she volunteered her time meeting with folks at Sunrise Senior Living, and now she's excited to meet with you and hearyour stories.

# Nan Tang, Certified Notary

Will be here the first Thursday of each month

10am - 12pm

December 7<sup>th</sup>



**Special December Date! (12/19)** 

## **Conversations on Aging**

**Identifying Goals, Wishes and Well Being** 

Tuesday, December 19th 10:00 am -11:30am

Being prepared has its benefits. Western culture has made an unconscious decision to talk about end of life wishes only when necessary, usually only when a crisis occurs. Let's remove the taboo of conversations about End of Life and have those conversations just be another part of life.

Everyone deals with this in their own way & in their own time frame.

Take the time and ask yourself what truly matters to you?

Do you see life as a spiritual experience as well as a physical experience? What rituals are important to you?

What legacy will you leave?

How do you want to prioritize your time when you are in your <mark>final chapter</mark>

## **SHARON ZIFF, RN**

- As a Hospice Nurse for 12 years at Memorial Hospice,
   Sharon Ziff, RN, learned about death; the importance of preparations; and dying with dignity from her many patients.
   Upon retirement, Sharon was certified in the specialized program, "Authentic Presence: Contemplative Care for End-of-Life Practitioner."
- Sharon is wholly committed to helping her community gain knowledge to best prepare themselves and their loved ones for a good "final chapter" and how to face death with dignity. https://letsspeakaboutdeath.com/

# **CURRENT EVENTS**

## **DISCUSSION GROUP**



Tuesdays 12pm – 2pm



For more info call or text

Tony Sacramento (707)235 - 6105

Come discuss an issue you can't stop thinking about - local, global, & celestial!

All views are treated with civility and respect.

Have you been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease? This class is for you!



Mondays at Petaluma Senior Center, 211 Novak Drive, Petaluma, CA 94954 2:00pm-3:00pm PST



## DR. MAUREEN ROHLWING

Founder of Wired Therapy and Wellness Board Certified Neurological Specialist Certified Stroke Rehab Specialist LSVT BIG Certified Parkinson Coach

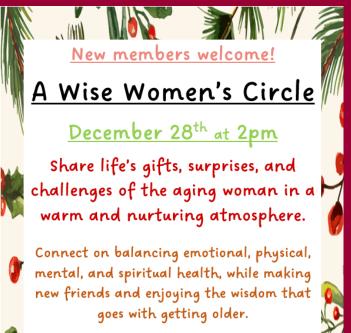
For More Info Please Call (415) 598-8709 or email Maureen@PD-Connect.org











Issues of older women may include memories, senior living,

caretaking, widowhood, end of life, what matters & more.

4th Thursday each Month - 2pm

adult kids, sexuality, loneliness, personal growth,

Are you afraid of falling?

Do you feel unsteady on your feet?

# FALL PROOF!

# Balance & Mobility Class

## **Tuesdays**

10am - 11am For those very unsteady or that use an assistive device (cane/walker)

11am - 12pm For higher level participants who don't need an assistive device

Fallproof! is a clinically proven, structure-based exercise class designed to improve balance, mobility, and posture.

Studies show that balance/mobility training can be instrumental in preventing falls in older adults. Many falls can be prevented!

1st Class is free, \$10 per class after that Scholarships/Partial payments are available upon request

Classes are modifiable to fit most fitness levels.

Please stop in and observe a class and see if its right for you!

Questions? Contact Michelle Machado, Fallproof! Instructor

(707) 529-1511

# Writing Group

Mondays 10:30am - 12pm

Whether it's memoir, fiction, or poetry – come share your writing with an open and supportive group.

Beginners welcome!







## **DISCUSSION GROUP**

## THURSDAYS AT 11:30 am

Engage in lively & interesting conversations. Topics are wild, serious, funny, and unique. All are welcome to bring opinions & views and join in!



# Would you like to talk to someone? The Listening Bench

#### Purpose:

To provide a safe, confidential setting for any adult, (55 & up) to talk to someone about their life, and share whatever's on their mind.

## Who's listening?

Volunteer seniors who have been trained in the art of active listening, will be offering their peer support and compassionate skill set to any individual who visits the

## Listening Bench.

Drop In - Thursdays from 10am - 12pm at the Petaluma Senior Center, 211 Novak Drive

Make an Appointment: Call (707) 778 - 4399
Email parksnrec@cityofpetaluma.org



# Painter's Circle

# A group for Experienced & Advanced Artists

Join other advanced painters in a casual painting session!

## Mondays 10:00am - 12:30pm

- Painter's Circle is self-led, no instructor.
- Participants bring their own supplies. (No Oil Paints please)
- Peer Feedback & Critiques
- Drop -ins welcome!

# **WALKING GROUP**

Come join in some exercise & friendly conversation during a level ground 2-mile walk, 1-hour duration

7:45am SHARP Tuesdays & Thursdays at the Senior Center,

**Back Parking Lot** 

# Ping-Pong

Tuesdays & Thursdays 2pm – 3pm



# TOPS- Taking Off Pounds Sensibly

Wednesdays 9:30am - 11:30am

We monitor our exercise, discuss lifestyle changes, and support each other maintaining good health in a welcoming atmosphere. Join us!

Want to see what's happening at Petaluma Senior Center and Petaluma Parks & Recreation?

Like us on our Facebook Page!

https://www.facebook.com/PetalumaParksandRec/

We need
Players for

Classic Poker

Sign up at the PSC Front Desk

> or call (707)778-4399









## Important: MEDICARE PLANS can CHANGE every year

Talk with your local, insurance broker who knows the Medicare Plans. Get access to competitive plans, keep your doctors, get answers to your questions, & help with enrollment paperwork.

> Need to Make a Medicare Plan Change?

The Annual Medicare Enrollment Period ends on December 7th!

## CALL CARA NOW at 707.721.4544



Cara Suminski aka Medicara (707) 721-4544 Cara@askMedicara.com CA Lic. #: 0798878



Not affiliated with or endorsed by the government or the federal Medicare program. Insurance related solicitation—no obligation to enroll.

## **ACTIVITIES AT THE PETALUMA COMMUNITY CENTER**

# Fitness & Strength Training

Mondays and Fridays 12:30-1:30pm \$5.00 drop in.

Petaluma Community Center 320 N McDowell Blvd

Diana's class focuses on cardiovascular and muscular strength and endurance, balance, coordination, and posture in a supportive environment while seated or standing.

# ZUMBA GOLD

Ages 55+
Mondays and Fridays
11:00am - 12:00pm
Petaluma Community
Center
320 N. McDowell Blvd

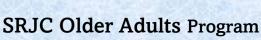
\$5/class First class FREE!

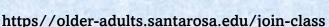
# TAI CHI

Mondays & Wednesdays

10:00am Petaluma Community Center

Sign up through the





## **Earle Baum Center**

## **Vision Support Group**

PETALUMA COMMUNITY CENTER

Every 3<sup>RD</sup> Tuesday of the Month 10:00-12:00 ACTIVITY ROOM

Our informal group is open to all who are interested in learning about our training and services at no cost. Everyone is encouraged to share their experiences in a friendly atmosphere. We discuss topics related to sight loss: low vision aids, independent living skills, assistive technology tools including smart phones, tablets, GPS and more.

Earle Baum Center's mission is to provide hope and opportunities for people with sight loss to improve and enrich their personal, social, and economic lives.

Patricia Jefferson- Vision Rehabiltation Educator/Instructor jefferson@earlebaum.org

(707) 479-8321

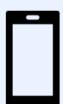




# December Coloring Contest

Pick up a coloring sheet in the PSC Front Desk

Turn in by
December 28<sup>th</sup>
& enter to
win a prize!



# Need Tech Help?

Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm - 6:00pm



**Petaluma Community Center** 

Hello Senior Center Members, I am a Petaluma resident and Senior in High School with a deep interest in science and technology.

Over the past 10 years, I've been building, rebuilding, repairing, and programming computers in my spare time and am also the controls lead (head programmer) on my high school robotics team. Through all these experiences I've developed an ability to troubleshoot technology problems of all kinds, which I'd now like to use to help members of the senior center solve their technology issues.

Please join me at my free tech support clinic on the second Thursday of each month.

I can work on Macs, PCs, Android phones, iPhones and all tablets —pretty much any device you have and can bring with you.

I look forward to meeting you! - Eli



## **Active Older Adults Program**

SRJC Offers FREE classes throughout Sonoma County!



Your community college offers free,
Noncredit courses tailored to older adults
as part of its lifelong learning program. Since
1968 our partner locations have supported
the college's effort to bring lifelong learning
to the older adult community.

#### SIGN UP FOR A CLASS IN:

CREATIVE ARTS enhance your creative expression through various media such as painting, drawing, crafts and collage. Each course section has its own media focus. Group interactions engage active seniors in a supportive exchange of artistic points of view. All levels welcome.

**AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL WRITING** is designed to maintain and improve the skills necessary to write a personal account of an individual's life story. The process of recollection and writing is supported with help on structure, content, style and feedback. Older adults work at their own pace in a friendly, encouraging environment.

DISCUSSION GROUP enhances the social and intellectual quality of life for active seniors through lively discussion centered on topics such as consumer issues, history, current events, healthy aging, literature, conversational Spanish and much more. Each course section has its own focus.

**HEALTH & FITNESS** enhances the physical well-being of older adults through various exercises for balance, stretching, range of motion, strength training, flexibility, low impact aerobics, Tai Chi, and much more. Each course section has its own focus. Education includes encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle. Beginners are welcome.

MUSICAL EXPERIENCE is designed to enrich the quality of life of active seniors through music. A variety of stimulating and uplifting activities are incorporated, including learning about musicians' lives and exploration of classical and popular music.

SRJC Older Adults Program

(707) 527-4533



Older adults! Join a weekly walk every Tuesday morning in December to enjoy the 1.5-mile round-trip loop at the Petaluma River Park. You'll be accompanied by others looking to soak in the beauty of the River Park in a group setting.

When: Every Tuesday at 9:00AM in December

Meet in the Steamer Landing Parking Lot at 300 Copeland Street. ¡Adultos mayores! Acompáñenos a la caminata semanal todos los martes por la mañana en el mes de diciembre para disfrutar del circuito de ida y vuelta de 1.5 millas en el Parque del Río Petaluma. Lo acompañarán otras personas que buscan sumergirse en la belleza del parque en un entorno grupal.

Cuándo: Todos los martes a las 9:00AM en diciembre

Punto de encuentro en el estacionamiento del Steamer Landing en 300 Copeland St.



# Coming in January at the PSC

# **Jukebox Jamboree**

A 1950's Bash!

Thursday, January 25th - 2pm

Rock & Roll Music

(Fats Domino, Little Richard, Elvis, The Shirelles, Buddy Holly, Martha & the Vandellas, and more)







R.S.V.P. at the PSC Front Desk

\$5 Contribution

## THE ART OF DOWNSIZING

The intentional reduction of belongings in preparation of life changes

Tuesday, January 23rd at 2pm

Petaluma Senior Center



## Reasons for Downsizing

Health Changes \* Simplifying \* Lifestyle Changes Reducing the burden of maintaining large space Financial Changes \* Aiding Family \*

This presentation will address:

- The challenges of DECISION MAKING
- Planning & Decluttering Tips
- · Solutions to changing times in your life

EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE, CELEBRATE PROGRESS, & WELCOME A NEW CHAPTER!!

R.S.V.P. AT THE PSC FRONT DESK OR CALL (707)778-4399



# FILM NOIR MOVIE TUESDAYS

IN JANUARY 2PM - PSC LIBRARY

JAN. 2 — Strangers on Train (1954)

JAN. 9 — THE STRANGE LOVE OF MARTHA IVERS (1946)

JAN. 16 — DOUBLE INDEMNITY (1944)

JAN. 23 - GASLIGHT (1944) & DETOUR (1945)

JAN. 30 - DIAL M FOR MURDER (1954)

# Tea & Get & Cozy

Sewing & Tea Social

With Chelsa

## Thursday, January 18th at 1:00 pm

Learn to sew a basic Teapot cozy/koozie & enjoy some tea & a scone and learn Teatime etiquette.



Sewing Machines & Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your

## R.S.V.P. by January 11th

Space is limited to 6 participants. \$5 contribution for materials

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**



Repairing Homes Revitalizing Communities Rebuilding Lives

Safe Homes and Communities for Everyone



## About RTP

For more than 25 years, we have been dedicated to repairing the homes of our neighbors in need. Our work falls across the entire spectrum of home repair and accessibility modifications.

Whatever the need, we rely on an extensive network of partners, local businesses, and our volunteers to respond quickly and effectively.





BECOME A PART OF REBUILDING TOGETHER PETALUMA

#### Volunteer

RTP utilizes volunteers for many of our projects through out the year. Sign up to work with us on our website.

#### Donate

Donations to RTP can be made one-time, monthly, and yearly. Every donation helps a Petaluma neighbor live safely. Donations can be made on our website.







# PETALUMA, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

## PLEASE SIGN UP AT REFB.ORG



The Redwood Empire Food Bank relies on volunteers to help feed over 117,000 families, individuals, seniors, and children from Sonoma County to the Oregon border. We can't do this important work without you!

Help us End Hunger in Our Community!

707-523-7900 | 3990 Brickway Blvd., Santa Rosa | refb.org | volunteers@refb.org

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COMPASSION • COMMUNITY • CONNECTION

## North Bay Animal Services - Wish List

Your donations are invaluable for our animals! They help us provide top notch care for all the animals in our care. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated as well!

<u>Dogs</u> - blankets, washable beds, Nylabones, rope toys, stuffed toys, bully sticks, pigs ears, biscuits/treats, grain free kibble, grain free canned food.

<u>Cats</u> - clumping litter, non-clumping clay litter like Jonny Cat, washable beds, cat "tents" or hidev-beds, cat toys, wand toys, any brand cat kibble, canned cat food.

<u>Rabbits</u> - timothy hay, empty Quaker Oats boxes, plastic toys like plastic key rings for human babies, large cat litter boxes.

<u>Foster Animals</u> - non-clumping litter, Gerber stage 2 baby food (chicken or turkey), food scales (preferably digital, up to 5 pounds), Friskies Classic Pate canned cat food, Fancy Feast classic canned food, Royal Canin Baby Cat kibble, quart size stacking plastic storage containers for foster supplies. KMR powder, Pet Ag baby bottles, baby wipes.

<u>Cleaning Items</u> - not-so-fun-but-necessary-stuff - bleach, laundry soap (HE for front-loading machines), paper towels, brooms, dust pans, plastic spray bottles.

<u>Costco</u> - bleach, paper towels, HE laundry soap, pigs ears, bully sticks, Friskies Classic Pate canned cat food, Fancy Feast canned cat food, Natures Domain kibble and canned dog food, Natures Domain cat kibble, clumping litter, baby wipes, Costco gift cards.

# Who are we? Since 1988, COTS has been providing hot and nutrificous meals daily to anyone in need and a range of services to support people in reaching their short- and long-term housing, healthcare and employment goals. Our programs and services are rooted in a deep understanding of the experience of nomelessness - and are shaped by an evidence-based approach that emphasizes dignity, core and inclusivity for our clients. Volunteer with us! At COTS, our volunteers are a fun, supportive feam providing help and hope to those experiencing homelessness in Sonoma County, We have lots of opportunities, and are looking to grow our volunteer family! For more information, contact Diana Marales,

dmorales@cots.org | (707) 765-6530 x136 or visit us online at cots.org/volunteer

840 Hopper Ave. Petaluma (707) 762 - 6227

# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**



# Interested in joining us?

When you volunteer with us you are supporting the mission of the Petaluma Educational Foundation.

Call us at 707-775-0688 or send us an email at maria@pefinfo.com Looking forward to hearing from you!

ALPHABETSOUPSTORES.COM 203 & 217 WESTERN AVENUE DOWNTOWN PETALUMA WE NEED YOUR TIME & TALENT AS AN ALPHABET SOUP STORE VOLUNTEER TO:

- · work the register
- process inventory
- support store projects
- provide customer service

# **VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

Join us in doing WHATEVER IT TAKES to build great futures!



Athletic Programs

Coach Members in athletic programs including, Basketball, tball, soccer and volleyball. Or as a referee or filed maintenance support.

Reading Support

Create a warm welcoming
environment where our Members
can feel socially and emotionally
safe. while they learn with a
purpose. Support Members in
enhancing their reading skills.



Social Media Support

Use your creative skills to help manage social media accounts.



Artistic Assistance

Share your passion for with others. Whether it is water colors, sewing, drawing or crafts. We run at least one art program everyday.

Volunteer Services

Help build the capacity of the Boys & Girls Clubs through employee and volunteer partnership. Gain experience working alongside the volunteer services team in recruiting and recognizing volunteers.



Special Events Volunteer

Help to set up, support during, or help break down for special events.





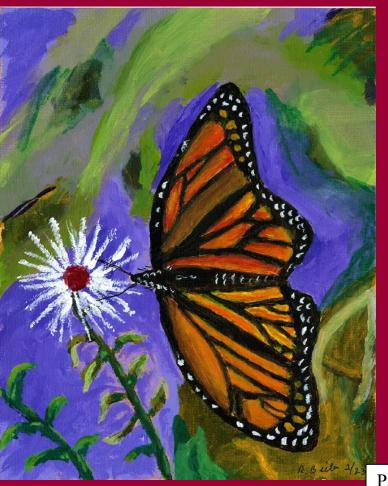
Apply today at https://tinyuri.com/BGCSMVolApp Questions? Volunteer@bgcsonoma-marin.com www.bgcsonoma-marin.org @bgcsonomamarin

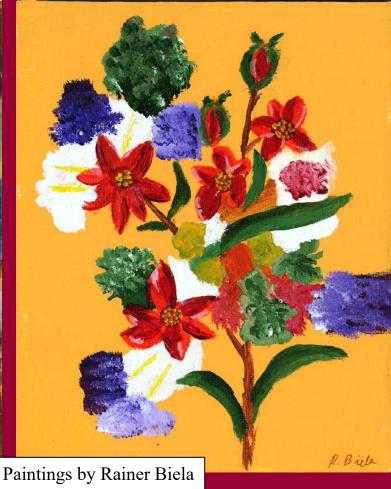






Do you like meeting new people, and are interested in helping your neighbors? Join our iRIDE Petaluma volunteer driver Transportation program. By volunteering you will drive members in our community who are no longer able to drive to much needed appointments, the store, or social engagements; all vital in keeping our seniors healthy, involved and able to age in-place. Please call (707) 765-8488 find out more about joining our team of volunteers.





## It's About Time

The time goes by so fast.

Before we know, it's the past

And our days are spent

Thinking where the years went.

What was once far away

Seems just like it was yesterday.

We feel our regrets and then,

Wish we could do it over again.

So take time along the way

To realize what matters today.

Make the difference now, don't wait

Before you know... it's too late.

Poetry by Phyllis Zuccarello

# **PSC Creative Corner**



Digital Art by Tim May

# **December Traditions around the World**

December is Learn a Foreign Language Month!

"Learn a Foreign Language Month" is an excellent opportunity for individuals to embark on a journey of linguistic exploration and cultural enrichment. To participate, one can start by selecting a language that piques their interest, whether it's Spanish, French, Mandarin, or any other. Begin by learning basic greetings like "hello" in different languages, such as "Hola" in Spanish, "Bonjour" in French, or "Nǐ hǎo" in Mandarin. Utilize language-learning apps, online courses, or enroll in classes at a language institute to further your linguistic skills.

Dec. 4 - Santa's List Day is a delightful holiday tradition where individuals can engage in acts of kindness and goodwill to earn a spot on Santa's "Nice" list. To participate, one can perform acts of charity, help those in need, spread joy and cheer to friends and family, and be an all-around good-hearted person. These actions are not only a way to make the world a better place but also a chance to ensure a special place on Santa's list, potentially leading to wonderful surprises on Christmas day. So, embrace the spirit of giving and kindness to participate in Santa's List Day and earn that coveted spot on the Nice list.

Dec. 26 - Junkanoo, a Bahamian cultural extravaganza, is celebrated with immense zeal on Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Elaborate costumes made from recycled materials adorn the participants, known as Junkanooers, who dance and parade through the streets to the infectious rhythms of cowbells, drums, whistles, and brass instruments. This vibrant festival not only showcases artistic expression but also commemorates the resilience and history of the Bahamian people. Junkanoo is an unforgettable cultural spectacle that captivates both locals and tourists alike.

Dec. 31 - Hogmanay is the Scottish term for the New Year's Eve celebration, and it is a cherished tradition in Scotland. The festivities are marked by a series of lively events and customs that vary across the country. In Edinburgh, the famous Hogmanay street party draws revelers from around the world, featuring fireworks, live music, and a grand torchlight procession. First-footing, where the first person to enter a home after midnight brings gifts and good luck, is a common tradition during Hogmanay, symbolizing the hope for a prosperous year ahead.

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

## Resources

565- INFO (4636) - Older adults, family members and caregivers, call to talk with a social worker trained to help you navigate the unique needs, life changes and challenges of aging. Get personalized referrals to programs that offer meals, transportation, public benefits and more, including follow-up support by phone.

Senior Advocacy Services (707)526 - 4018 Petaluma People Services Center/Café (& Meals on Wheels, You are not Alone)..(707)765-8488 Sonoma County Agency on Aging.....(707)565-5950 Sonoma County Council on Aging.....(707)525-0143 AARP Driver Safety Program......1-888-687-2277 Adult Protective Services ...... (707) 565-5940 Redwood Empire Food Bank Distribution..(707)-523-7900 HICAP (Health Insurance Aide)......800-434-0222 RSVP (Volunteer Resource) ......(707)573-3399 Ext 117 Senior Adult Day Program.....(707)765-8490 (Social, Fiduciary, and Nutritional Service Resources) Veteran's Service Office ......(707)565-5960



## Findhelp.org

Search and connect to support – find financial assistance, food pantries, medical care, and other free or reducedcost.









707-565-(INFO)4636 www.socoadrh.org

## Transportation

Petaluma Transit (Bus).....(707)778-4460

Para Transit Petaluma (Rides by Appointment - pickup only within city limits) (707)778-4460 iRIDE (Volunteer Drivers by Appointment) ......(707) 765-8488

## **Housing Placement**

Sonoma County Community Development - (707)565-7500 PEP (Sr. low cost housing) ......(707)762-2336 Share Sonoma County (Housing)....(707)765-8488 Ex. 115 Mary Issac Center (Homeless Shelter) .....(707)776-4777



## **Local Community Services**

Lucchesi Community Center.....(707)778-4380 Petaluma Library.....(707)763-9801



## Council on Aging

(707) 525-0143

councilonaging.com

Services available by phone:

Case Management: phone for new clients; check-ins for existing clients Mental Health Services

Elder Advocacy at the Family Justice Center

Senior Care Coordination -Home visits limited to emergencies only

Adult Day Programs are closed

Sonoma County Fire / Medical Emergency direct number to dispatch is 707-568-5992.

Petaluma Police Non-Emergency Line - (707) 778-4373



REPAIRING HOMES, REVITALIZING COMMUNITIES, REBUILDING LIVES
FOR OVER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, WITHOUT COSTS OR FEES

# Overwhelmed with home repairs? Need home accessibility modifications?

#### Rebuilding Together Petaluma

works to ensure safe homes and communities for everyone.

Low-Income homeowners in Petaluma, particularly seniors, disabled persons, veterans, and families are eligible to apply for services.

To learn about eligibility requirements, application instructions, and to download or fill in an application go to:

https://www.rtpetaluma.org 707-765-3944



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25 Point Safety Check
Stairs & Ramps
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Weatherizing
Exterior Siding
Grab Bars

Plus More.

https://www.rtpetaluma.org 707-7653944 301 Payran St., Petaluma, CA 94954

# **Groceries to Go/ Senior Basket**

Redwood Empire Food Bank's fresh produce, bread, and donated shelf-stable groceries in addition to an offering of government commodities for low-income seniors (60+) or their caregivers at no cost.

Groceries To Go: USDA food is open to all.

**Senior Basket:** Box of staple food items for low-income seniors 60 or older. Please bring an ID to apply on-site.

First & Third Friday of the month - December 1st & 8th 8:00am - 9:00am

DRIVE-THRU ONLY SERVICE Petaluma Senior Center Parking Lot - 211 Novak Drive

NEW !! - Every Thursday - WALK UP Distribution 11:30am - 12:30pm

Petaluma Community Center - 320 N. McDowell Blvd.

Please park your car in the main parking lot & walk up.

Bring your own shopping bags or cart and take only what you need.

Please Bring ID to sites

For more information contact the Redwood Empire Food Bank (707) 523 - 7903.



# COMMUNITY PARTNER OFFICE HOURS

Get Connected. Get Help.™

DID YOU KNOW 2-1-1 CONNECTED WITH NEARLY **65,000** PEOPLE IN SONOMA AND MENDOCINO COUNTIES LAST YEAR?



Monthly, every 3rd Tuesday 11:00AM - 12:30PM via Zoom

- CONNECT WITH 2-1-1 & LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS
- LEARN MORE ABOUT 2-1-1
- ENSURE 2-1-1 HAS YOUR ORGANIZATION'S MOST ACCURATE INFO

Let's make sure everyone who interacts with 2-1-1 is given the most accurate resources and information.
We're excited to connected with you!



or contact: Yesenia Gaytan, 2-1-1 Director

Yesenia.Gaytan@unitedwaywinecountry.org



## **Elder Law Program**

## Free legal help with:

- Restraining orders related to abuse
- · Landlord/Tenant issues (subject to referral)
- Simple Wills (for estates less than \$184,500)
- Powers of Attomeys/Advance Health Care Directives
- · Appealing reduction/termination of SSI or SSDI
- Probate Conservatorship issues (under limited
- Probate Guardianship issues (under limited circumstances)

circumstances)

## COME TO OUR OFFICE!

144 South E Street, Ste. 100, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

 MON
 TUE
 WED
 THU

 9:15-11:30am
 9:15-11:30am
 9:15-11:30am
 9:15-11:30am

 1:15-4:00pm
 1:15-4:00pm
 1:15-4:00pm

Closed Wednesday Afternoons and Fridays

We can only assist individuals directly; not through friends or relatives.\* 'unless there is a valid Conservatorship or Power of Attomey in place

Most legal services cannot be completed

Potential clients must first go through our intake process, either in-person at

before meeting with an attorney.

our Santa Rosa office or over the phone,

Most legal services cannot be completed same-day (follow-up appointments may be required).



## We offer flexible appointments!

If you cannot come to our office, we offer phone appointments or can even come to you, just call our Elder Law Line:

(707) 340-5610

## FreeDailyCrosswords.com

## **ACROSS**

- 1) On one's toes
- 6) Developer's map
- Hard knocks upside the head
- 14) Unusual collectible?
- 15) Grain holder on a farm
- 16) Assortment of stuff
- Reward for an outstanding investor
- 20) Con
- 21) Color subtlety
- 22) Societal no-nos
- 23) Disobeyed a zoo sign?
- 24) Most like King Solomon
- Flowering ornamental shrub
- 29) Exclusive
- 30) Break one of the Ten Commandments
- 31) Lass
- 32) Chickens and ducks, e.g.
- Transportation choice in Chicago

- 39) Dress in India
- 40) Have confidence in (with "on")
- 41) Tractor handle?
- 42) Bulk beer purchase
- 43) Mixes smoothly
- 44) Certain iron, in golf
- 47) Sauce variety
- 48) Caterpillar case
- 49) "Eureka!" relative
- 50) On the briny
- 54) Privilege for some producers
- 57) Italian money of old
- 58) \_\_\_ out a living (barely scraped by)
- 59) Certain meat cut
- 60) "All in the Family" producer Norman
- 61) Addition column
- 62) Moms' relatives?

# VISITING THE ER By Timothy E. Parker 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 15 16 16 16 16 17 18 19 11 19<

## DOWN

- 1) Tablet brand
- 2) Hilo feast
- 3) Blows it
- 4) Irritate
- 5) Part of a Happy Meal
- 6) Prefix meaning "false"
- 7) Dietary, in ads
- 8) Late rhyming boxing champ

26th November

- 9) Mexican snack
- 10) Frigid, molded dessert
- 11) Unnatural bread spreads
- 12) Burgundy grape
- 13) Drunkards
- 18) Perlman of "Cheers"
- 19) " on Down the Road"
- 23) Greek cheese
- 24) Fret
- 25) Air force heroes
- 26) "J'accuse" author
- 27) Affirm
- 28) Jeans name
- 29) Emulate a crab
- 31) "Silly" birds
- 32) Hightail it
- 33) "A Prayer for \_\_\_ Meany"
- 34) Mr. Cleaver of classic TV
- 35) Caustic cleaning supplies
- Thing on an HO scale
- 38) One way to stand by
- Chinese dynasty during Confucius' time (var.)
- 43) Crude dude
- 44) Daring
- 45) Ghana capital
- 46) Kind of battery
- 47) Place for rakes and shovels
- 48) Kind of phone
- 49) Baker's necessity
- 50) Eastern pooh-bah
- Con artist's operation
- Volcano in Sicily
   Tries to get an answer
- 55) Eisenhower's nickname
- 56) "Catholic" ending



## MEALS ON WHEELS

Daily deliveries Monday through Friday and frozen meals available for the weekends. May reduce the number of meal deliveries and provide frozen and shelf-stable pack-ups if drivers become unavailable.

## Please R.S.V.P. 24 hours in advance for PICK UP

Daily pickup of meals, Monday-Friday, at Petaluma Senior Café (211 Novak Street in Petaluma). Pickup 12:30pm – 1:00pm. Call if you are unable to pick up.

Call Petaluma People Services Center to R.S.V.P or for more info

(707)-765-8488



Menu Subject to Change

## PETALUMA PEOPLE SERVICES CENTER

## PETALUMA CAFÉ 211

## 211 Novak Drive, Petaluma

12:30 to 1:00 pm. Café open and To Go Meals pick up

1:00 to 2:00 pm Coffee and Conversation						
CHRISTMAS DAY!	25. CAFÉ/To Go Meals CLOSED FOR	◆W. W. Roll	Capri Vegetables Green Salad	18. Swiss Steak Rice	↑ Salit ↑ Fear No.	MONDAY
CHRISTMAS DAY!	26. CAFÉ/To Go Meals CLOSED FOR	*Oranges, Gingerbread  *W. W. Roll	Demi Glace - Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans	<ol> <li>Holiday Celebrated Roast Beef - Mushroom</li> </ol>	Daily I cup 1% Milk Bread Butter  5. Chili Verde Spanish Rice Zucchini and Yellow Squash Green Salad *Mandarin Oranges • W. W. Roll  12. BBQ Chicken Sandwich Roasted Yams Peas Italian Carrot Salad *Oranges • W. W. Bun  10. Holday Calebrated	TUESDAY
Mixed Vegetables  *Spinach  Salad w/ Hard Boiled Egg  *Orange  •W. W. Roll	27. Ratatouille Polenta	◆W. W. Roll	Italian Vegetables Green Salad	<ol> <li>Spaghetti with Meat Sauce</li> </ol>	Pot Pot *	WEDNESDAY
Green Salad Bananas ♦W. W. Roll	28. Shepherd's Pie Green Beans	♦W. W. Roll	Green Beans, Carrot Salad with *Oranges & Pineapple	<ol> <li>Chicken with Vegetables, Brown Rice,</li> </ol>	7. Beef Stew Brown Rice Pilaf Cauliflower Green Salad Banana • W. W. Roll  14. Pot Roast Brown Rice Pilaf Green Beans Beet Salad Blueberries • W. W. Roll	THURSDAY
Peas, <u>Carrots.</u> Green Salad Cherries Spike Cake	<ol> <li>Happy New Year!</li> <li>Ham with Black Eyed</li> </ol>	Mix Fruit  W. W. Roll	Red Potatoes *Brussel Sprouts	22. Pork with Creamy Herb Sauce		FRIDAY

Senior suggested contribution \$ 3.50 - 8.00 Under 60 please pay \$6.00 Reservations recommended by 3:00 p.m. the day before. Phone # 765-8488 Please have the exact change. Thank you No one is refused services due to an inability to contribute

Contribución Sugerida \$ 3.50 - 8:00 Menores de 60 años por favor pagar \$6.00 Se recomienda hacer reservaciones el día anterior antes de las 3:00pm. Teléfono:765-8488 Por favor tenga el cambio exacto, Gracias No serán rechazadas las personas que no puedan contribuir con una donación

Petaluma Senior Café Menu – December 2023

# Weekly Classes

Pool - Everyday 8:30am

**Line Dancing - Mondays** 

8:30am - 10:00am

**Chess - Tuesdays** 

9:00am - 12:00pm

**Duplicate Bridge - Tuesdays** 

12:00pm - 4:00pm

American Style Mahjong - Tuesdays

1:30pm - 4:00pm

Chinese Style Mahjong - Wednesdays

10:00am - 11:30am

Beginner's Welcome

Hearts - Wednesdays 11:30am - 1:30pm

Mexican Train Dominos - Wednesdays 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Pinochle - Thursdays 10:00am - 12:00pm

## **Mind**

Current Events Discussion Group -Tuesdays 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Positive Thinking -Tuesdays 2:00pm - 3:00pm

**Tops - Wednesdays** (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) 9:30am - 11:30am

Widows Connect! - Wednesdays Social Club 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Discussion Group - Thursdays 11:30am - 12:30pm

**Listening Bench - Thursdays**Drop-In - 10:00am - 12:00pm

## **Create**

**Quilting - Mondays** 9:00am - 4:00pm

Painter's Circle - Mondays 10:00am - 12:30pm

Writing Group - Mondays 10:30am - 12:00pm

> Knitting - Tuesdays 9:00am - 11:30am

Artists Open Studio - Thursdays 10:00am - 11:30am

## **Body**

Line Dancing - Mondays & Thursdays

8:30am - 10:00am

Meditation - Mondays
12:00pm Intro / 12:30pm - 1:30pm

PD Connect - Mondays 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Walking Group - Tue. & Thu. 7:45am SHARP

Fall Proof - Tuesdays
10:00am-11:00am
For unsteady/device assisted

11:00am - 12:00pm For more steady patrons

**Ping Pong** 

Tuesdays & Thursdays 2:00pm - 3:00pm

**NO PING PONG DEC. 19** 

Gentle Chair Yoga - Wednesdays 9:00am - 9:45am

**Sit 2B Fit - Thursdays** 10:15am - 11:15am

NO Sit 2B Fit Dec. 21

<u>Full Ongoing Classes</u> – see front desk to get on waiting list

Intermediate Line Dance - Wed. 10:00am