Petaluma Senior Center

FEBRUARY

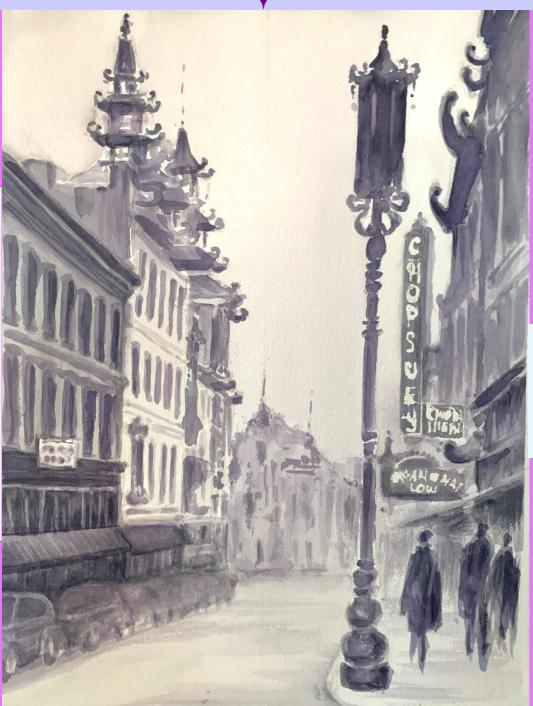
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2024

The
Petaluma
Senior
Center
will be
CLOSED:

Monday, Feb. 19th

In observance of Presidents' Day



Painting By Lydia Asselin

Open Monday – Thursday

8:00am - 4:00pm

211 Novak Drive (707) 778 – 4399 parksnrec@cityofpetaluma.org

PSC February Events

The Petaluma Senior Center Presents

Aging Gracefully

a Wednesday lecture series - 1:00pm

Feb. 7 - Allan Bernstein

Music and the Aging Mind
The Benefits of Music for your health & well being

Feb. 14 - Wynnelena C. Canio

It's Only Aging - the Normal Signs Facts and insight about healthy aging

Feb. 21 - **Heather Campopiano**

Having One's Affairs in Order When to See an Elder Lawyer

Feb. 28 - Donna Williams

Strategies for Living in Place How to Age in Your Home

Petaluma Senior Center - 211 Novak Drive, Petaluma

Lectures are No charge.

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





Petaluma Senior Center

Soup-in-Bowl Party



Leap into Flavor

Thursday, February 29th 1:00pm

Soup Options

- Minestrone
 - Split Pea
- Vegetable (Vegan) Soup-rise
 - Salad, bread, dessert
 \$5 Contribution

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

Happy Leap Year!!!

Fun February National Holidays

at the PSC

Thu Feb. 1st - Dark Chocolate Day - 10am -2pm

Mon Feb. 5th - Weatherperson's Day

Tue Feb. 6th - Pay a Compliment Day

Wed Feb. 7th - Fettuccine Alfredo Day - 11am - 2pm

Thu Feb. 8th - Laugh & Get Rich Day





Mon Feb. 12th - Lost Penny Day

Tue Feb. 13th - Cheddar Day - 11am - 2pm

Wed Feb. 14th - International Book Giving Day

Thu Feb. 15th - Gumdrop Day - 11am - 2pm

Mon Feb. 19th - CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY! Arabian Horse Day

Tue Feb. 20th - Muffin Day 9am - 11am

Wed Feb. 21st - Language Day

Thu Feb. 22nd - California Day & St. Lucia Independence Day

Mon Feb. 26th - Tell a Fairy Tale Day

Tue Feb. 27th - Polar Bear Day

Wed Feb. 28th - Floral Design Day

Thu Feb. 29th - Leap Year Day!!

PSC Soup-In-Bowl Party - 1pm



MONDAY

Pool - 8:30am - 4:00pm

<u>Line Dancing</u> – 8:30am – 10:00am

Quilting - 9:00am - 4:00pm

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

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

NEW - POKER Player meeting - 2:00pm - 3:00pm (Feb. 26)

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

Folk Dancing - 1:00pm - 2:00pm



TUESDAY

Walking Group - 7:45am Sharp

Pool - 8:30am - 4:00pm

Knitting/Crocheting Club - 9:00am - 11:30am

<u>Chess</u> – 9:00am – 12:00pm

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 (February 27th)

<u>Current Events Discussion Group</u> - 12:00pm - 2:00pm

<u>Ping Pong</u> – 2:00pm – 3:00pm

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

Tech Help with Rich & Chuck - 2:00pm - 3:30pm (February 13th)



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 - 10:00am - 11:00 beginner /11:00am - 11:45am newbie

Hearts - 11:30am - 1:30pm

Aging Gracefully Lecture Series - 1:00pm - 2:30pm

<u>Happy Crafts with Bonnie</u> – 1:00pm – 3:00pm (February 7th)

What's Your Story - 1:00pm - 2:00pm (February 7th & 21st)

Look Club - 1:00pm - 2:00pm (February 28th)

<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 - 8:30am - 10:00am

Pool - 8:30am - 4:00pm

Artist Open Studio - 10:00am - 11:30am

California Phone Class - 10:00am - 12:00pm - iPhone Feb. 22 & Android Feb. 29

Pinochle - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Listening Bench Drop-In Hours - 10:00am - 12:00pm

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

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

Meditation - 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Book Club – 12:30pm – 2:00pm (February 8)

Ping Pong - 2:00pm - 3:00pm - NO PING PONG THU FEB. 29

Community Law Consultation - 10:00am - 12:00pm (February 1st)

Rhythm Circle - 1:00pm - 1:45pm (February 22nd)

Computer Club - 12:00pm - 1:30pm (February 22nd)

Wise Women's Circle - 2:00pm - 3:00pm (February 22nd)





Folk Dancing

with Sue Oaks

Embark on a joyful journey of movement! **Learn new dances from**

around the world!

Mondays - Feb. 5, 12, & 26 1:00pm - 2:00pm

\$8 contribution per class
No dance experience necessary!

Designed for active seniors, this class offers a delightful blend of cultural dances, fostering a sense of community and well-being through rhythmic expression and great music.

PLAYING WITH PASTELS

PASTEL ART FOR BEGINNERS

with
Nancy
Chien-Eriksen

Four Thursday class series

February 8, 15, 22, & 29

2:30pm -4:00pm

Beginners encouraged – have fun learning techniques and playing with pastels!

No charge for class

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



Senior

Line Dance Social

Friday, Feb 9th

2pm – 4pm · 🕠 🚉

Free Event!

Petaluma Community Center

320 N. McDowell Blvd.





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FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

AARP Tax-Aide provides tax preparation to anyone, free of charge, with a focus on taxpayers who are over 50 & have low to moderate income.

STEPS:

- 1. Taxpayers pick up a packet
- 2. Read the instructions & complete the forms
- 3. Look for AARP TAX PHONE number on the form

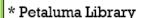
After you complete your form call/text & leave a message with your name and phone number to make an appointment for tax preparation.

Appointments will be available on Mondays beginning <u>February</u> 5 at the Petaluma Community Center at 320 North McDowell Blvd.

Beginning **January 16th**

Pick up Intake packets with complete information

- * Petaluma Senior Center
- * Petaluma Community Center







Thursday February 22 2:00-3:00

Novak Senior Center Library

Presented By: Michelle Machado
Certified Fallproof Balance & Mobility Specialist
Certified Matter of Balance Coach

In this one hour class we will discuss:

Factors that can affect your balance
How to make your home safer

What you can physically do to decrease your risk of falling Talking to your healthcare provider about your fall risk

Class is Free!

Please RSVP at the front desk or by calling 707-778-4399





Having difficulty hearing or seeing on your smartphone? Attend a FREE training and make your smartphone work better for you!

Learn how to:

- Make your smartphone louder and easier to hear
- · Send & receive text messages
- · Connect Bluetooth devices
- Operate the basic functions of your smartphone... and much more!



iPhone and Android smartphone trainings are offered on the following dates/times:

iPhone

Thursday, February 22 10:00am - 12:00pm Android

Thursday, February 29 10:00am - 12:00pm

Where:

Petaluma Senior Center – 211 Novak Dr.

Space is limited, registration required

Contact: (707)778 - 4399 or PSC Front Desk



TECH HELP

Tuesday, February 13th at 2pm - 3pm

At the Petaluma Senior Center







Ask for basic technical help for your cellphone, laptop, or tablet from

Rich & Chuck

RSVP at the PSC Front Desk or call (707)778-4399

Space is limited!

Tech Help at the PSC is on the 2nd
Tuesday of the month

A Wise Women's Circle

February 22nd at 2pm

Looking for wonderful women
to create a vibrant community
of seasoned individuals to share
experiences, wisdom, and
support.

Celebrate achievements, explore new interests, and navigate the unique challenges that come with the later stages of life.

· Laugh and make new friends!

Meets the 4th Thursday each Month - 2pm

What's your story?

Casual Conversation in Good Company

Weds - February 7 & 21 1:00pm -2:00pm
Petaluma Senior Center Library

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. She has 5 years of volunteer experience with folks at Sunrise Senior Living, and she's excited to meet with you and hear your stories.

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.



JOIN THE PSC BOOK CLUB!

Thursday, Feb. 8 12:30PM - 2:00PM



February Selection:

Being Mortal by Atul Gawande
(Non-Fiction Self Help)

March Selection:

She was an American Combat Nurse During World War II by Jeane Slone

Rhythm Circle with Tarah Thursday, February 22nd

1:00 – 1:45pm

Enjoy the physical, emotional, & spiritual benefits of making music with others in a safe space and express yourself with sound and rhythm.

Maracas, shakers, drums, and more

will be available – feel free to bring your own percussion instrument if you have one. Join Our NEW

Beginning Line Dance Class

at the Petaluma Senior Center!

Every Wednesday at 11:00 AM

🕺 No Experience in Dance Required! ይ

Are you looking for a fun and social way to stay active while enjoying great music? Look no further – it's the perfect way to get moving and make new friends.

No dance experience is necessary, and all seniors are welcome!

What to Expect:

- Fun and Easy-to-Follow Line Dance Routines to an assortment of genres of music
- · A Friendly and Supportive Environment
- · Great Exercise for Body and Mind
- Boost Your Confidence



The Computer & Smartphone Club Meeting Thursday, February 22, 12:00 Noon At the Petaluma Senior Center

Great Free Smartphone Apps



- Banking and Finance
- Look & Feel
- Email Clients
- File Managers
- Health Info and Tracking
- Information Sources
- Language Learning
- Language Translation WebMD
- Password Managers
- Shopping
- And Many More









There are nearly 6 million smartphone apps available on the Apple and Android app stores. An amazing number of them are completely free. In this session we will cover more than 100 free apps in categories such as health, finance, weather, antimalware, eMail, shopping, navigation, video calling and many others.

SENIORS LOOK CLUB

Wednesday February 28 at 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

What's Going On In This Picture? What do you see that makes you say that? What more can we find?



Are you interested in stretching your powers of observation and imagination?

Do you enjoy open-ended, lively discussion where there are no wrong answers?

Join us at the Petaluma Senior Center for "Seniors Look Club", a new way of looking at and talking about art.



POKER PLAYERS WANTED

Monday, February 26th – 2pm

Looking to connect group of poker enthusiasts to enjoy some friendly competition!

Whether you're a seasoned pro or just looking to learn the ropes, everyone is welcome! Bring your poker face and a good sense of humor. Invite your friends!

Let us know if you're in and R.S.V.P. at the PSC Front Desk or call (707)78-4399.



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
First Thursdays of the month Feb.1 & Mar. 7

10 am -12 pm

Or Schedule a free consultation/mobile visit



(707) 789-5336

Communitylawclinic.ca@gmail.com

https://www.communitylawclinic.com/

Conversations on Aging

Identifying Goals, Wishes and Well Being

Tuesday, February 27th 10:00am -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 final chapter

https://letsspeakaboutdeath.com/

Spice of Life Social Club!

Wednesdays at 3pm

Looking for members who want to enjoy <u>new adventures</u> in Eating Out, Excursions,

& Exercise (not all together at once 😊)

Activities will be planned & led by participants; the Senior Center will serve as a meeting point.

Meditation with Zoe!

MOVED BACK TO

12:30pm

Thursdays

Come join us and enjoy a relaxing meditation sessionlearn to quiet your mind and body.



No prior experience needed.

Everyone is welcome - Drop-in!





Petaluma Current Events Discussion Group Tuesdays from Noon – 1:30pm

Topics alternate between a Round Table format to discuss events of the week that we can't stop thinking about & topics from the Great Decisions Program created by the Foreign Policy Association in New York www.fpa.org.

Tuesday, Feb 6th: Noon: Round Table Discussions

Tuesday, Feb 13th: Noon: Science Across the Borders
Scientific advances benefit from collaboration between
researchers, but what happens when material, such as
Artificial Intelligence (AI) is controversial and important to a
nation's national security?

Tuesday, Feb 20th: Noon: Round Table Discussions

Tuesday, Feb 27th: Noon: Understanding Indonesia

Despite its large size, Indonesia remains virtually invisible to most Americans. But as one of the world's largest democracies, the world's largest Muslim-majority nation, and as an economic driver of ASEAN, why does it fly below the radar?

Attendance is open to all. No dues or fees for attending. Copies of the textbook for Great Decisions topics are available for purchase. Prereading the text topics or actively participating in discussions is not required. For more info call or text Tony Sacramento (707) 235-6105

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

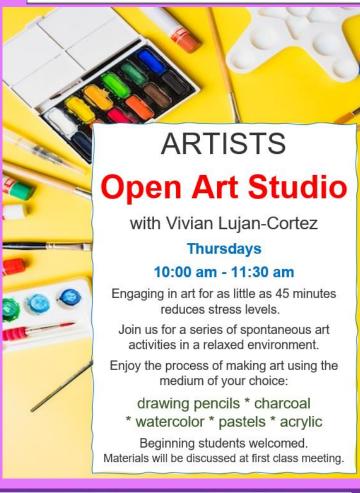
February Coloring Contest

Pick up a coloring sheet in the PSC Front Desk

Turn in by February 29th & enter to win a prize!









Widows Connect!

Ladies Social Club

Wednesdays 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Make new friends & connect with other widows

- Attend Local Events
 - Dine Out
 - Travel
 - Charity Projects

Enjoy good company & good times!



Are you afraid of falling?

Program is Free, offered through the SRJC Older

Adults Program - sign up at first class

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

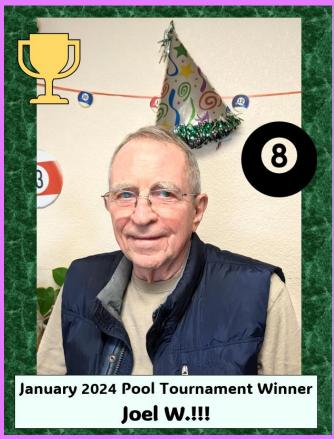


Writing Group

Mondays 10:30am - 12pm

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

Beginners welcome!







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 <u>parksnrec@cityofpetaluma.org</u>



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!



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!

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!

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!

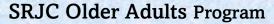


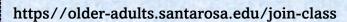
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Mondays & Wednesdays

10:00am Petaluma Community Center

Sign up through the





Earle Baum Center

Vision Support Group

PETALUMA COMMUNITY CENTER

Every 3RD 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





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/



SLOW STROLLS

FOR EVERYONE

Join a weekly walk every Tuesday morning 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

Meet in the Steamer Landing Parking Lot at 300 Copeland Street.

CAMINATAS LENTAS

PARA TODOS

Acompáñenos a la caminata semanal todos los martes por la mañana 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

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





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



Need Tech Help?

Thursday, February 8th 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 <u>Macs, PCs, Android phones, iPhones and</u>
<u>all tablets</u> —pretty much any device you have and can
bring with you.

I look forward to meeting you! - Eli

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

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

Tuesday, February 13 10:30 - 11:30 AM Petaluma Senior Center 211 Novak Dr, Petaluma



Celebrate Black History Month

Tentative Schedule for Black History Month Activities presented by Petaluma Blacks for Community Development

THEME - African Americans and the Arts. African American artists have used art to preserve history and community memories as well as for empowerment.

February 2, 2024 - Opening Jazz Concert with Dorian Mode. Jazz, Blues & R & B,
Where - Petaluma Historical Library and Museum, 20 4th Street, Downtown Petaluma, - Cost - \$40 Upstairs and \$35 Downstairs. Refreshments downstairs and upstairs, wonderful view and Champagne upstairs, Time - doors open at 6:30 pm with a start time of 7 pm. Purchase Ticket at www.petalumamuseum.com

February 4, 2024 – Art in Conversation: Denise Ward with Orin Carpenter. Orin wrote on his webpage, "I have the power to bring others into the world I experience through the lens of my creations. I have the power to educate, elevate, and challenge anyone who encounters my works of art. My art invites everyone to see the world through my eyes and hopefully change their perception with a new vision and offer them the opportunity to share in the journey... my journey." Where – Petaluma Arts Center, 230 Lakeville St., Time - 1 to 2 pm. Cost – \$10. Purchase Tickets at petalumaartscenter.org

February 9, 2024 – Opening of Exhibit with Makeda Kumasi The exhibit African Americans and the Arts. The exhibit will include many familiar names and their work, and some historical and less known Black artist. Makeda will be our entertainment for the Opening. She is from San Bernardino and is a dancer, storyteller and much more. She will mystify us with one of her original stories. Where – Petaluma Historical Library and Museum, 20 4th Street, Downtown Petaluma, Cost - \$10 for the Opening Event (no one will be turned away) Time - 6:30. The exhibit will run from February 9 through March 31, 2024. The museum is open Thursday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibit, except the opening is Free. Purchase tickets at the door.

February 17, 2024 – Keenan Webster - Join musician Keenan Webster as he shares the vibrant music of the banjo related instruments of West Africa, music and demonstration for children of all ages, Where - Petaluma Library, 100 Fair Grounds. Time - 10:30 am. Cost - Free

February 18, 2024 – Art in Conversation: Denise Ward with Rose Hill - Rose's work captures Black Americana, holds onto it, and turns it around as something positive that reminds the viewer of their love of family, respect for their history, and the universal touchpoints that invite discourse and community, Where – Museum of Sonoma County, 425 7th Street, Santa Rosa, Time – 1 to 2 pm, Cost – Check the webpage of the museum - museumsc.org

February 15, 2024 - Tina Rogers will perform two 30 minutes shows all about Hip Hop as part of the February Arts Alive art experience and the celebration of Black History Month. Where - Polly Klaas Community Center, 417 Western Ave, Time - 6 and 7 p.m. Cost - Free

February 24, 2024 - Annual Black History Program, A program of music, dance, education and fun, Where - New Life Christian Church, 1310 Clegg St. Time - 5:30 pm, Cost - Free and open to the public

Check our website, pbcd4us.com, for additional details and any changes







Coming in March at the PSC

Coloring for a Cause

Card Making Club

Have fun with new friends as you color cards for people in the hospital, nursing homes, and those who need a little

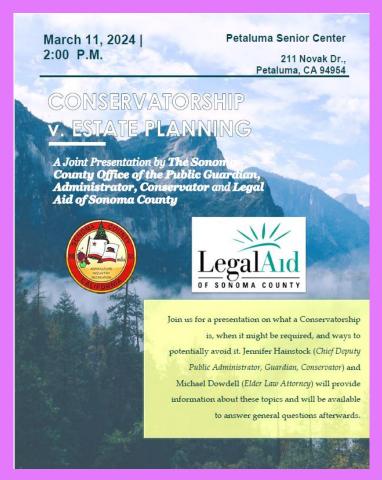
Coloring can help improve dexterity and focus, plus relieve stress, while creating beautiful artwork to uplift a person's spirits!

Wednesdays in March 1pm – 2pm

No crafting/ art experience necessary & supplies are provided.

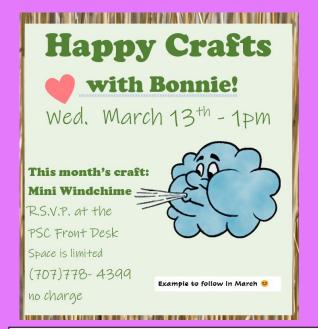
R.S.V.P. at PSC Front Desk or call (707)778-4399











Journey Through the Lens: Travel Photography Series

Learn how to take better travel/landscape photos & how to process your photos and create something cool with your photos. Bring photos to first class that you are proud of.

Wednesdays in March - 6,13, 20, 27

An introduction from instructor Michael Fahey: My photographic journey began in college and morphed into a career over 35 years. I specialized in the photography of people; portraiture, family and wedding photography. Since I also had a knack for the more technical avenues, excelling at commercial, studio, advertising as well as fine art landscapes. Since retiring from the profession 5 years ago, I have concentrated my personal photography on fine art/decor work for display. My personal work centers around the art of post processing via Photoshop and other applications to create artistic images which enhance reality.

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

Coming in March at the Community Center

Are You Prepared for an Emergency?



2-part workshop

Geared for Seniors

FREE go-bags & incentives!

PLAN TO ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS:

Part 1 - Friday, Mar 15, 10:00-12:00

Emergency plans, evacuation safety for seniors, FREE emergency go-bags, earthquake readiness

Part 2 - Friday, Mar 29, 10:00-12:00

Extended power outages, securing important documents, car prep, pet safety in emergencies, 2-1-1 resources

Location: Petaluma Community Center 320 N McDowell Blvd, Petaluma



*** Please avoid wearing perfumes or scented products due to severe allergies *** www.emergencyprephelp.org



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Repairing Homes Revitalizina 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

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









Enjoy kids? Want to give back to your community? Have a passion you want to share?



Join the pilot of an exciting new program Petaluma City Schools Seeking Older Adult Volunteers

WHAT: Make a weekly hour-long commitment through a minimum of one semester. Your commitment to meet every week is essential. Opportunities include:

- · Classroom center support work with small groups of students under supervision of the teacher
- · Renaissance Recess Activities that go beyond traditional playground games. Bring your expertise to the campus, whether it's a sports activity, weaving, robotics, you
- · Library Spend quality time in the library reading with students
- Support teachers Make packets, prepare homework folders
- . Other: Bring your passion to the school and see it happen with students

WHEN/WHERE: Pilot launches in January and February (see below). More schools may follow.

HOW TO JOIN:

- RSVP to an orientation meeting to: Kris Rebillot [krebillot@rebillot.com/ 415-717-32681
- Attend MANDATORY orientations at pilot schools (below)
- Suggest an activity you'd like to offer to: Kris Rebillot

Tuesday, January 23 from 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Valley Vista Elementary School 730 N. Webster Street Principal Jaime Bushman

Tuesday, February 6 from 10:30 am - 11:30 am McDowell Elementary School 421 South McDowell Boulevard Principal Ruth Miller



FOOD BANK

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

COTS Needs Volunteers!



althcare and employment goals. Our ograms and services are rooted in a deep the experience of nd are shaped by an approach that emphasizes

ity for our clients

Volunteer with usl

At COTS, our volunteers are a fun, supportive team 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 Morales, Community Engagement Specialis

dmorales@cots.org | (707) 765-6530 x 136 or visit us online at cots.org/voluntee



has a place to call home

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

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.



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://tinyurl.com/BGCSMVoIApp Questions? Volunteer@bgcsonoma-marin.com www.bgcsonoma-marin.org @bgcsonomamarin







Seniors

VOLUNTEER JOIN RSVP kyoung@ncoinc.org Local Food Bank **Tutor Students** Mentor Youth Call Today!

(707)620-5063

FOOD BANK

REDWOOD EMPIRE Mentor Me



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.

February Traditions around the World

February is Senior Independence Month

It's special time to honor the history and significance of promoting independence among seniors like you. It emphasizes the importance of tailored programs and services that support your autonomy and well-being. By acknowledging and celebrating this month, we recognize your valuable contributions and strive to create a culture that respects and values the independence of our senior community.

Lunar New Year - February 10

Worldwide Lunar New Year is a joyful celebration where families come together to participate in traditions and enjoy lucky foods. People share delicious dumplings, shaped like ancient Chinese ingots, to symbolize wealth, while also savoring noodles for longevity and sweet rice cakes for a harmonious life. This special occasion brings not only tasty treats but also the hope for good luck and prosperity in the new year.

Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)- February 13 New Orleans, Louisiana Mardi Gras is a lively celebration where people in places like New Orleans come together to mark the last day of feasting before the thoughtful time of Lent. During this festive occasion, folks enjoy delicious King Cake, a lucky treat with colorful icing, and the person who finds the hidden baby inside is considered the "king" or "queen" of the celebration. It's a time for parades, music, and joyful gatherings, making Mardi Gras a special and vibrant tradition in many communities.

Dragobete - February 24

The Romanian celebration of love, has a special tradition where young people gather flowers, particularly snowdrops, and offer them to the ones they care about. Another charming tradition involves couples heading into the woods to pick flowers together, believing it brings good luck and strengthens their bond. This heartfelt celebration not only honors love but also highlights the beauty of nature and shared moments between couples.

Romania

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.



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



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

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

Findhelp.org

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



Council on Aging

(707) 525-0143

councilonaging.com

Services available by phone:

<u>Case Management:</u> 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



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



SERVICES WE PROVIDE:

25 Point Safety Check Stairs & Ramps Roof & Floor Repair **Bath & Kitchen Restoration** Window Replacement Mobilehome Leveling **Appliance Replacement** Garden & Yard Work Weatherizing **Exterior Siding** Grab Bars Stair Rails 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 - February 2 & 16 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



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

before meeting with an attorney

not through friends or relatives. unless there is a valid Conservatorship or Power of Attomey

be required).

our Santa Rosa office or over the phone,

We can only assist individuals directly:

Most legal services cannot be completed

same-day (follow-up appointments may

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 Attorneys/Advance Health Care
- 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

9:15-11:30am 9:15-11:30am 9:15-11:30am 1:15-4:00pm 1:15-4:00pm

Closed Wednesday Afternoons and Fridays

We offer flexible appointments!

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

(707) 340 - 5610



FreeDailyCrosswords.com

ACROSS

- 1) Dinner's often on him
- 5) Defibrillator output
- 10) Winter transport
- 14) Poet Angelou
- 15) Flu variety
- 16) Be concerned
- Beat in a tournament
- 18) Olympic figure skater
- 20) Fido's dinnertime extra
- 21) Betwixt and between
- 22) More humane
- 23) Unsatisfying game result
- Disburden
- 25) King Solomon had one
- 26) One of the Munsters
- 28) Give food to
- 29) Take credit?
- 32) Legendary multi-sport star
- 35) Brother of Cain
- Deposit in a lode-bearing wall?

- 38) Like summer tea
- 39) Legendary Olympic gymnast
- 44) Some are classified
- Linda, Calif.
- 46) Short sock
- 49) "The way to a heart ..."
- 50) "___ Bravo"
- 51) It has a long arm
- 52) Stands by for
- 55) Buddies
- 56) Is expanded?
- 57) Legendary track star
- 59) Sicily's mountain
- 60) "Laugh-In" comedian Johnson
- 61) Loyal subject or city in Belgium
- 62) Chicken man, in the circus
- 63) Back of the pack
- 64) White-plumed heron
- 65) Betting figures

OLYMPIC GLORY By Corey Bowers

- 1) Word often used in razor ads
- 2) Metcalf of "Roseanne"
- 3) Pearl production locales
- 4) Club at Camden Yards
- 5) Pale-yellow color
- Egg-shaped

DOWN

- 7) Jenny the "Swedish Nightingale"
- Mahal
- 9) With more curves
- 10) Public commotion
- 11) Come back to earth
- 12) "Fifteen Miles on the Canal"
- Antlered mammal
- 19) Indian language
- Dubai denizen
- Tragedy by Euripides
- 27) Ivory Coast neighbor
- 28) Terra (dry land) 29) Moved like a fan?
- 30) Misfortune
- 31) Wind up or wind down
- 33) Ensures the failure of
- 34) Try for three points
- 35) Mexican general Santa
- 36) Poorly behaved
- 40) Get ___ start (be tardy)
- Videogame system, say
- 42) Carpenter's punch
- 43) Son of Seth
- 47) Wasn't just given
- 48) Fine-tunes
- 49) Tight-fisted person
- 50) Where to hit a bucket of balls
- 52) Slightly open
- 53) Contraction with number one
- 54) "The Thin Man" pooch
- 55) Word before "group" or "pressure"
- 58) Store-bought hair
- trip (self-indulgent activity)

26th January





EASY ACCESS



CLEAR THE FLOOR



LIGHTEN UP











STOCK UP





Café 211 Fun

(PPSC Senior Café)

Mondays - BINGO

12:45pm

Fridays - Popcorn & A Movie 12:45pm

MEALS ON WHEELS

Daily deliveries Monday through Friday and frozen SERVICES CENTER 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

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

26. Creamy Lemon- Caper 19 7 Pineapple ◆W. W. Roll *Broccoli Normandy Chicken Penne Pasta Chili Beans with Beef Carrot Raisin Salad Capri Vegetables Stuff Bell Peppers 1 cup 1% Milk PRESIDENT'S ♦ W. W. Roll Mixed Fruit Brown Rice Brown Rice Beet Salad MONDAY CLOSED OFFICE Coleslaw Carrots BreadDAY! Daily Pears Mik FOR 27. 20. Sweet n Sour Chicken Cucumber, Red Onion and 9 Cucumber, Tomato, Red Peas and Carrots *Brussels Sprouts Brussels Sprouts Pork Chow Mein ♦W. W. Roll W. W. Roli Tomato Salad W. W. Roll Jasmine Rice That Chicken Green Salad *Vitamin C Onion Salad Mixed Fruit Jasmine Rice W. W. Roll Red Potatoes Blueberries Brown Rice w/Pineapple Green Salad Cauliflower Vitamin A Banana Beef Stew Cherries **♦**Fiber TUESDAY 14. 7. 21. 28 *Broccoli Normandy Mixed Vegetables Chicken Marsala Italian Vegetables Roasted Potatoes Peas and Carrots Pasta Alfredo with Roasted Turkey Valentine's Day Spaghetti with ♦ W. W. Roll ♦W. W. Roll Green Salad Green Salad Egg Noodles Mixed Fruit Green Salad Baked Fish WEDNESDAY ♦W. W. Roli Meat Sauce Orzo Pasta Coleslaw Apricots Apricots Apple PERKUARY 21ST R Eli 29. 13 5 90 Squash -Green Salad Zucchini and Yellow *Broccoli Normandy *Mandarin Oranges Confetti Brown Rice Turkey with Gravy Brown Rice Pilaf Shepherd's Pie ♦ W. W. Roll ♦ W. W. Roll ♦ W. W. Roll Mashed Potato ♦ W. W. Roll Spinach Salad W. W. Roll Green Salad Spanish Rice Diced Pears GreenSalad Green Beans Green Salad Green Beans Chili Verde Baked Fish Banana Banana Pot Roast THURSDAY Apple 16. Pulled Pork Sandwich 9 ♦W. W. Hamburger Bun Chicken w/ Spanish Rice California Vegetables California Vegetables California Vegetables *Mandarin Oranges Italian Carrot Salad Red Potatoes ♦ W. W. Bun Roasted Yams BBQ Chicken Arroz con Pollo ♦W. W. Bread Spinach Salad Beef Barley ♦ W. W. Roll Sandwich *Oranges Coleslaw Cherries Coleslaw Casserole Cherries Peas

Menu Subject to Change

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 – February 2024

Weekly Classes

<u> Play</u>

Pool - Everyday 8:30am

Chess - Tuesdays

9:00am - 12:00pm

Duplicate Bridge - Tuesdays

12:00pm - 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

Spice of Life Social Club - Wednesdays

3:00pm - 4:00pm

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 - 12:00pm

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

Knitting/ Crocheting Club - Tuesdays 9:00am - 11:30am

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

Body

Line Dancing - Mondays & Thursdays 8:30am - 10:00am

> Folk Dancing - Mondays 1:00pm - 2:00pm

NO FOLK DANCE FEB. 19

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 FEB. 29

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

Beginning Line Dancing - Wednesdays 10:00am - 11:00am - beginner

11:00am - 12:00pm - new beginner

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

Meditation - Thursdays 12:30pm - 1:30pm