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October 2020

We finally have the okay to start programming, but the list of rules and regulations are quite long. We are going to start with just a few programs in October and will expand every month as long as we all stay healthy. One way for us all to stay healthy is by getting a flu shot. We will be offering a Flu Shot Clinic on Oct. 7th. The details are in the newsletter. Also, almost every pharmacy has flu shots available. Reservations are not necessary for the Flu Shot Clinic but they are for other activities. Any significant time that is spent in the Senior Center must be documented in case the health department needs to do contact tracing. We are also limited to how many people can attend an activity. Reservations will insure that we have space for those planning on attending. If you don't see your favorite activity listed, we are sorry but we are working on it. Although some activities, like trips, will not happen until there is a vaccine for safety reasons. Welcome back everyone!

REMEMBER If you are sick or not feeling well or if you have been around someone who is showing symptoms of COVID 19 or if you are waiting on a COVID test or if you have been traveling out of state to a highly effected area, we ask that you refrain from coming into the Senior Center to help protect other members and the staff. THANK YOU

WATER BOTTLES

We recommend that if you plan to be in the Senior Center for any length of time that you bring your own water bottle as we have had to close off the drinking fountain.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

While we continue to live with the coronavirus, getting a flu shot becomes even more important. The Bluffton Senior Center will host a Flu Shot Clinic on Wed. October 7 from 10 a.m. till noon. Ohio Northern pharmacy students will be offering the clinic in the Senior Center and will have flu shots specifically for senior citizens. Please bring your Medicare or insurance card and wear a short sleeve shirt and a mask. We will need to limit the number of people in the building to fifteen at a time.

BOWLING

It may be a month late but we will start are bowling league on Thursday, October 1 at 9:30 a.m. Please arrive at Southgate Lanes a little early to get instructions and lanes. Everyone is welcome. Please follow COVID rules and stay home if you are not feeling well.

COMMUNITY MEALS

Community Meals are coming back but like everything else, it is going to be different. The meals will be drive thru/ take out only. The first meal will be on October 1 and is hosted by the English Lutheran Church. They prefer to do the meal at their church for convenience sake. The drive thru will be in their parking lot on Jackson St. and will start at 6 p.m. A donation bucket will be available with the proceeds going to the Food Pantry. The second meal will be on October 15 and served from the back of the Senior Center provided by the Bluffton Presbyterian Church. Please enter the parking lot from the Cherry St. side and come up behind the buildings. The exit will be on Elm St. Serving will begin at 6 p.m. A donation bucket will be available with the proceeds going to the Food Pantry. No drinks or silverware will be provided.

JAM SESSIONS

We are welcoming back the guitar players and friends to bring some live music into the Senior Center once again. The open music sessions will be Wednesday, October 7 and Wednesday, October 21 at 2 p.m. The participants are limited to ten people per state guidelines and masks are mandatory. Everyone participating will need to sign in with name, address and phone number for contact tracing. Social distancing will be maintained. Listeners will need to be on the far side of the room.

Addresses and Phone Numbers

When someone gets COVID 19, the local Health Department needs to be able to track down anyone who was in contact with that person to let them know. With this in mind, we need to make sure our records are up to date. If you have moved in the last year or changed your phone number, dropped your home phone or got a new cell number, please make sure we have the correct information in our records.

MOVIE TIME

We missed our summer movies but we are going to show them this fall. The first one will be "Harriet." It is the story of Harriet Tubman that came out last year. To keep our safe distance of six feet during the movie, only eight people may come to a showing. We will have showings on Fridays in October at 1:30 p.m. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** Please call 419-358-8971 to make your reservation. We will not be serving popcorn but you may bring your own snacks if you wish. Please use the hand sanitizer when you enter the building and please wear a mask or face covering. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before show time. Once the movie starts, the masks can be removed while seated.

BINGO

Bingo is back! But it will look a little different. We can only have ten players at a time so we are going to play on multiple days so everyone has a chance. Our first round will be October 12, 14 and 15 with prizes donated by Good Samaritan in Arlington. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** Please call 419-358-8971 to make your reservation. You will only be allowed to come on one of the dates listed so everyone has a chance to play. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before the game starts. Please wear a mask. Each seat will have four cards available. Players will choose two to play with. When the game is over, cards and markers will be left on the table for the staff to sanitize before putting away. If your friends who are not members wish to play, they will need reservations and will have to give us their address and phone number when they register for contact tracing purposes.

Our second round of Bingo will be October 26, 28 and 29 with prizes donated by Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio. All the same rules will apply, **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** Please call 419-358-8971 to make your reservation. You will only be allowed to come on one of the dates listed so everyone has a chance to play. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before the game starts. Please wear a mask. Each seat will have four cards available. Players will choose two to play with. When the game is over, cards and markers will be left on the table for the staff to sanitize before putting away.

LINE DANCE CLASS

Bonnie will be back to start Line Dance Class on Tuesday, October 13 at 10:30 a.m. The class is limited to 10 people. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** Please call 419-358-8971 to make your reservation. Masks must be worn into the building but can be removed for the dancing. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before the class starts. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members. Classes will continue the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

TOENAIL CLINIC

Our next toenail clinic is set for Monday, October 26, at 10 a.m. If you want an appointment for October, call 419-358-8971. You **must have an appointment** to be seen on that day. Cost of the clinic is \$10 due the day of the clinic. Please do not come more than 10 minutes ahead of time and please wear a mask if you can.

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Do you wish to vote by mail this year? You can download a request for an absentee ballot from the Board of Elections by going to their website or pick up a form at the Senior Center during regular business hours. The ballots will be mailed out starting October 6 and in person voting starts the same day at the Board of Elections. You may send your request for a ballot now!

If you need to register to vote, you can also do that at the Senior Center. Deadline to register is October 5th. Please remember, if you have moved since the last time you voted, you need to inform the Board of Elections.

HOBBY CENTER

Thank you, Barb Deeds, for letting us keep your dairy display so long. I hope you all had a chance to see it. In October, we received a collection of paper doll books. We are going to display them before putting them out for sale. If you have a collection, artwork or hobby that you would be willing to share, please let Tonya know.

50th ANNIVERSARY

With all that has been happening in the world, many people may have forgotten that 2020 is the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Bluffton Senior Center. We have not forgotten but all our plans have had to change. At this time, we are planning on celebrating in December with a combined Christmas/Anniversary/Annual Meeting Party. Watch here for details.

DULCIMERS

The Rainbow Dulcimers used to practice weekly at the Bluffton Public Library. That is not an option right now so they will be practicing at the Bluffton Senior Center until further notice. Please be respectful and try not to disturb them when you visit, but you are welcome to stop and listen.

TRIPS

The state mandate says we cannot do any trips at this time. We hope to resume travel as soon as there is a vaccine for COVID-19. Meanwhile, we are still making plans for the coming year hoping that we will be able to travel in 2021.

BUS TRIP WITH DEBBIE

Washington D.C. Rescheduled! New Date will be April 9-12, 2021! New brochures are in the Senior Center for this trip and we are taking standby as the trip is full.

COACH TRIPS WITH TONYA

Wisconsin's Northwoods Aug 28 – Sept 3, 2021 Join us on a trip to find the hidden treasures of the famed Northwoods. We will visit a ginseng farm, a cranberry bog and will have supper where John Dillinger's gang had a shootout. Prices start at \$1777. Brochures available at the Senior Center.

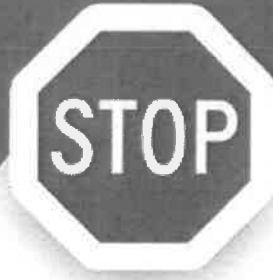
New England Rails and Resorts October 3-11, 2021 The new brochures are in at the Senior Center and we have a few openings for this trip. A \$250.00 deposit is due at the time of sign up.

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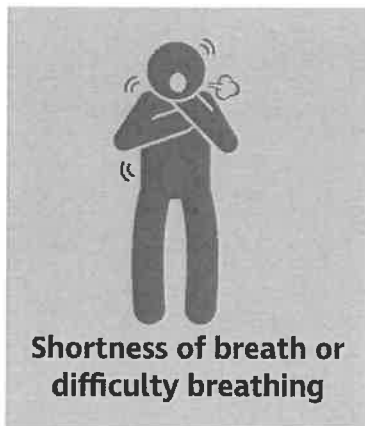
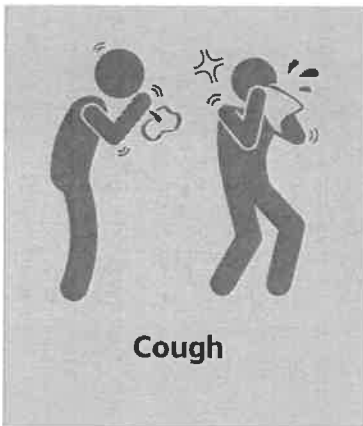
2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bowling 9:30 a.m. Community Meal @ Lutheran Church 6	2 Movie 1:30 p.m.	3
4	5 Dulcimers 1 p.m.	6 Flu Shot Clinic 10 a.m. to Noon Jam Session 2 p.m.	7	8 Bowling 9:30 a.m.	9 Movie 1:30 p.m.	10
11	12 Bingo 2 p.m. With Good Sam	13 Line Dance 10:30 a.m. Dulcimers 1 p.m.	14 Bingo 2 p.m. With Good Sam	15 Bowling 9:30 a.m. Bingo 2 p.m. Community Meal 6	16 Movie 1:30 p.m.	17
18	19 Dulcimers 1 p.m.	20 Dulcimers 1 p.m.	21 Jam Session 2 p.m.	22 Bowling 9:30 a.m.	23 Movie 1:30 p.m.	24
25	26 Toenail Clinic 10 a.m. Bingo 2 p.m. With MHCO	27 Line Dance 10:30 a.m. Dulcimers 1 p.m.	28 Bingo 2 p.m. With MHCO	29 Bowling 9:30 a.m. Bingo 2 p.m. With MHCO	30 Happy Halloween	31



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