

NEWS & EVENTS OCTOBER 2022

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Senior Center Hours: Monday 9:00—6:00 pm, Tuesday, Weds, Thursday 9:00—5:00 pm, Friday 9:00—1:00 pm

Stephanie Soucy, Senior Center Social Worker, is available to assist with concerns about food stamps, caregiving, financial assistance, Medicare, assistance at home & more. No question is too small. Call (860)747-5728.





Saturday, November 5, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Free Admission! Crafts! Vendors! Raffles! Bake Sale! Grandma's Cookie House! Lunch! The Holiday Craft Fair is back!! There are many ways you can help make the Fair a success!

**BAKE, BAKE!!!** We need a variety of baked goods for our bake sale...cakes, muffins, bars, breads, and sugar free items as well. Donations of baked goods can be brought to the Senior Center on November 4th between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. or November 5th before 10:00 a.m. Contribute new hand crafted items (slippers, dolls, stuffed animals, aprons, scarves, afghans, holiday decorations). Volunteers needed to work during the fair in the kitchen, at a booth & greeting visitors. Do you live on a well- traveled street? We are looking for individuals to put Craft Fair lawn signs on their lawn. Donations of non-perishable food items are now being accepted for the Fair's Food Raffle. **Call Sharon or Ronda if you can help!** 

## COVID VACCINE/BOOSTER SHOT CLINICS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC MONDAYS, OCTOBER 17 AND OCTOBER 24

Griffin Health will conduct a FREE COVID vaccine/booster shot clinic at the Plainville Senior Center on Monday, October 17 and Monday, October 24 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. This clinic is open to the public 6 months of age and up. Moderna & Pfizer available. All shots including 1st and 2nd vaccines and all boosters. Call the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, to make an appointment. Bring your photo ID, insurance card and COVID vaccine card. Walk-ins welcome!

#### **FLU SHOT INFORMATION**

At the time of printing, we did not have information about flu shots at the Senior Center. We suggest you check with your doctor or pharmacist to schedule your flu shot.

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR A MEET AND GREET WITH NEW TOWN MANAGER, MICHAEL PAULHUS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 at 9:30 A.M., PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER

This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet our new Town Manager, Michael Paulhus and talk about the great Town of Plainville all while enjoying a continental breakfast. Please call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to register by Wednesday, October 19th.

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### **CLASSES & PROGRAMS**

#### HAUNTINGS IN CONNECTICUT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 10:30 A.M. PROGRAM IS FREE!

INSTRUCTOR: JOE THE HISTORY GUY

A touch of the paranormal this month, where we find other worldly things happening. Moving objects, random noises, poltergeists and apparitions, perhaps of a time long ago. Our state has long claimed to have more hauntings than any other. If you are brave enough, join Joe to explore some of the locations and the influences upon their stories. This promises to be an unforgettable experience. SIGN-UP BEGINS OCTOBER 6 Call the Senior Center or register online at: www.schedulesplus.com/plainville

#### **NEW QUILTING CLASS!**

#### CARDINALS IN MY WINDOW WALL HANGING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 9, 16 and 30 9:30 A.M.—11:30 A.M. COST: \$6.00. INSTRUCTOR: DARLENE BACHAND.

This wall hanging is perfect for highlighting scenic fabric, flowers or your personal choice. Sample on display in showcase. **SIGN UP BEGINS OCTOBER 6** 

#### **BOWL COZY CLASS**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 10:00 A.M.

COST: \$2.00. CLASS SIZE

LIMITED TO 10. INSTRUCTOR: EVELYN MORIN. Have you ever taken a bowl of soup out of the microwave and burned your fingers as the bowl is so hot or sat down with a bowl of ice cream and as you were holding it your hands are freezing? Well, the bowl cozy is the answer! With a couple of pieces of fabric and a little bit of sewing, we can accomplish taking care of the burning/freezing hands. Use of a sewing machine is a must. Samples in showcase. **SIGN UP HAS BEGUN.** 

## BOOK BUDS OCTOBER BOOK: "THE GLASS HOTEL" by Emily St. John Mandel.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 10:00 A.M.
COST: FREE! FOR MEMBERS ONLY.
INSTRUCTOR: KATHLEEN MARSAN
A stunning crime mystery, perfect for
October, fills its pages with a hodgepodge story of ghosts, tragedy, drama, disasters and
life altering schemes. The ending just might leave
the reader with more questions than answers. Book
club meetings bring like-minded people together and
inspire interesting conversations which often
enhances one's reading experience. Please be sure
to register as there is limited space. The book is
available at the main desk at the library.
SIGN UP OCTOBER 6.

#### **IMPORTANCE OF CALLING 911**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2:00 P.M. PRESENTED BY KARA KEYWORTH, EMT

Learn why it is important to call 911 in an emergency and not wait. Join us for a very informative free presentation and be prepared for an emergency before you call. You will also take home a File of Life card which is used to list your medical diagnosis and medications. SIGN UP BEGINS OCTOBER 6



#### **CHRISTMAS CARD CLASS &**

A TREAT BAG

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1:00 P.M.— 3:00 P.M., INSTRUCTOR: SENIOR CENTER MEMBER, DIANE SPERRY COST: \$2.00

Join us in creating 4 Christmas Cards to enjoy this holiday season! **SIGN UP BEGINS OCTOBER 6.** 

#### POINSETTIA CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 & NOVEMBER 18, 9:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.
INSTRUCTOR: PENNY KINDBLOOM. COST: \$10.00 . INCLUDES ALL MATERIALS TO COMPLETE 1
ORNAMENT AND AN ORNAMENT STAND.

In this class you will paint a poinsettia flower on watercolor paper. We will use a pattern to accomplish this step. No experience is necessary. The flower layers will be cut out, glittered and then arranged and attached to the top of a round Christmas ball / ornament. Ribbons and a bow will be the finishing touch to complete your ornament. Sample on display in the Senior Center showcase. Please note.....the ornament used in the project may differ from the sample depending on availability. **SIGN UP BEGINS OCTOBER 6.** 

### FOODSHARE, SUPPORT GROUPS, PROGRAMS, ETC.

#### **CAREGIVING CONNECTIONS**

Join your caring friends on **Tuesday, October 11**, at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center as we support one another on our journeys and recognize the challenges and frustrations of 24/7 caregiving. You must register to attend. Call the Senior Center to register.

#### GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

If you are a grandparent or relative who is raising a grandchild, niece or nephew, you are not alone. Come to the support group on **Tuesday, October 18** at 10:30 a.m., at the Senior Center and share resources, ideas, struggles, joys and more with others who are raising their grandchildren. Funding for this program is made possible in part by the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging. You must register to attend. Call the Senior Center or go online at **www.schedulesplus.com/plainville** to register.

## FOOD SHARE PROGRAM - THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

This program is offered Wednesdays for Plainville residents needing assistance with food. For more information about eligibility and hours, contact: Laurie at (860) 747-5867. Drive up, and a volunteer will put the groceries in your car!

#### MEMORY CAFÉ AT THE SENIOR CENTER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2:00 P.M.
CALL THE SENIOR CENTER TO REGISTER. OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC.

Memory Cafés are safe and supportive social gatherings for people with changes in their memory along with their care partners. Relax and socialize with others experiencing similar life challenges. This program is funded in part by Title III of the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. & the CT State Unit on Aging.

# ARE YOU READY FOR MEDICARE'S OPEN ENROLLMENT?



Medicare's Open Enrollment runs

October 15 through December 7 and is the time of year when you can make certain changes to your Medicare coverage. Any changes you make will take effect on January 1. During this time, you can join a new Medicare Advantage Plan or Part D prescription drug plan, switch from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan or switch from a Medicare Advantage Plan to Original Medicare (with or without a Part D plan). It's always good to review your coverage each year to be sure it meets all your needs. Please call Stephanie at the Senior Center, 860-747-5728, with questions or to set up an appointment to review your options.

#### **ENERGY ASSISTANCE**

The State of CT Energy Assistance Program is available to income eligible residents to help assist in lowering winter heating costs. This year a family of one could possibly make \$39,791(gross) and a family of two could possibly make \$51,996(gross) and qualify for the program. Asset Limit for homeowners is \$15,000 and \$12,000 for renters. HRA is located at 55 South Street, Bristol. YOU MUST APPLY EVERY YEAR. Please call 860-356-2000 or go online to: <a href="https://hranb-">https://hranb-</a>

**portal.communityappointments.com** to schedule your appointment. Call Stephanie with any questions or to assist with making an appointment online.

#### MyHomeCT Helps Eligible Homeowners With Mortgage Difficulties Due to COVID-19

Connecticut has been awarded approximately \$123 million to establish MyHomeCT, a program funded by the Homeowner Assistance Fund. The goal of the program is to cure mortgage delinquencies and defaults, and prevent foreclosures among eligible homeowners that occurred as a result of the pandemic. The program also includes assistance for qualified non-mortgage expenses including, but not limited to, non-escrowed real estate taxes and insurance as well as condo or HOA fees. The CT Dept. of Housing has designated the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) to administer this. The program offers reinstatement, up to 12 months of forward payments or a combination of both, to eligible CT homeowners. For more information, call the MyHomeCT Call Center: (877)894-4111 Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

### **FITNESS PROGRAMS**

#### **POWER BURST**

MONDAYS, 1:30–2:30 P.M. INSTRUCTOR: CAROLINE DUBE

Class includes intervals of low-impact movement with walking, marching and other moves to benefit the heart. Strength training with light weights and bands are included to help maintain strength and bone density and tone the body. It is a great overall workout.

## BEGINNERS GENTLE CHAIR PILATES AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS

MONDAYS, 2:45–3:45 P.M. INSTRUCTOR: CAROLINE DUBE

Gentle Chair Pilates releases tensions, stress and calms the mind and also builds core strength in a safe and gentle way. Balance exercises will be included to help with fall prevention. Students exercise at their own pace. Bring a water bottle.

### **CARDIO CHAIR FITNESS**

#### **WITH NANCY**

TUESDAYS, 1:00–1:45 P.M.
INSTRUCTOR: NANCY PANDOLFO

Everything you can do standing, you can also do sitting! This class will include marching, knee lifts, kicking, light weights, abs, core and stretching.

#### **BALANCE CLASS**

TUESDAYS, 2:00–2:45 P.M. INSTRUCTOR: NANCY PANDOLFO

This 45-minute balance class works on balance with holding poses, adding movement, and sometimes one light free weight. Working on balance is perfect for keeping you from slipping and falling and helps work on core and leg strengthening.

#### **ZUMBA GOLD**

WEDNESDAYS, 9:30–10:30 A.M. INSTRUCTOR: AMY GRAY

Latin and international dance rhythms create a great cardio workout! Zumba Gold adjusts to accommodate participants of all ages and fitness levels.

## SILVER SNEAKERS & PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER YOGA/PILATES(YOGA-LATES)

FRIDAYS, 11:00–11:45 A.M.
INSTRUCTOR: NANCY PANDOLFO

Class is free if you have Silver Sneakers through your health insurance. IN-PERSON OR ON ZOOM.

This 45-minute class includes both chair and standing yoga poses, a lot of stretching and Pilates. In Pilates, you will target a specific muscle, squeeze it and work through a motion which also tones your lower body and core.

#### THE PEAK FITNESS CENTER IS OPEN! NO APPOINMENTS NEEDED!

Stop by the Senior Center for a tour of our Fitness Center and to pick up a membership packet. The PEAK Fitness Center offers a variety of cardiovascular and weight training equipment. Individuals must obtain a medical approval from their physician and attend a training session with our Fitness Trainer. Call the Senior Center for more information. The PEAK Center is open, and appointments are no longer needed! Work out when you want. PEAK Center hours are: Monday-Friday, 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

### **CLASS DESCRIPTIONS**

#### **ACRYLIC PAINTING**

MONDAYS, 10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

INSTRUCTOR: ABBE WADE

Instructor Abbe Wade teaches four unique techniques using acrylic paints. Students must provide their own

supplies.

#### **CERAMICS**

THURSDAYS, 9:30 —11:30 A.M. INSTRUCTOR: GLORIA CERNIGLIA

Cost includes instruction, glazes and firing. Students select and pay for their own greenware. Learn how to choose a piece of greenware, clean, paint it and glaze it. Beginners welcome! Students are responsible for their own greenware, brushes and specialty glazes/supplies.

#### KNITTING/CROCHET

THURSDAYS, 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. INSTRUCTOR: EVELYN MORIN

Here's your opportunity to enjoy the company of others while getting some help if you need it! Finish an old project that's been hanging around in your closet or start something new.

#### WATERCOLOR CLASS

FRIDAYS, 9:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M. INSTRUCTOR: PENNY KINDBLOM

Explore the world of watercolor painting. Penny will walk you through the preparation and painting process.

Supply list provided at sign up.

### CLASS SCHEDULE Class descriptions on pages 2, 4

<u>Please Note:</u> You can always register for a class, even if the session has begun. We are able to pro-rate classes for late sign-ups only. We cannot pro-rate or discount for anticipated missed classes due to vacations, doctor's appointments, etc. Members may sign up for new classes beginning on **Mega Sign-Up Day, October 6 between 9:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.** Non-members may sign up for classes that allow non-members starting **October 13** if there is still room in the class. The drop-in rate for any class that allows drop-ins is \$5.00 for Senior Center members and \$8.00 for non-members. Financial assistance is available to Plainville residents (60+) who have difficulty paying for classes. Please see Shawn or Ronda.

Class	Time	Current Session	Next Session Sign-Up Begins October 6 Payment Due Upon Registration.					
MONDAY								
Acrylic Painting	10:00-12:00	Sept. 26-Dec. 5, 10 weeks, \$20.00. No Class Oct. 10						
Power Burst	1:30-2:30	Aug. 29-Oct. 17, 6 weeks, \$12.00. <b>No Class Oct. 10</b>	Oct. 24—Dec. 19, 9 weeks, \$18.00					
Chair Pilates & Balance	2:45-3:45	Aug. 29—Oct 17 , 6 weeks \$12.00 <i>No class Oct.</i> 10	Oct. 24—Dec. 19, 9 weeks, \$18.00					
TUESDAY								
Cardio Chair Fitness w/ Nancy	1:00-1:45	Sept. 20—Oct 18, 5 weeks, \$10.00.	Nov. 8—Dec. 20, 7 weeks, \$14.00					
Balance Class	2:00-2:45		Nov. 8—Dec. 20, 7 weeks, \$14.00					
WEDNESDAY								
Zumba Gold	9:30 -10:30	Sept. 28—Nov. 16, 8 weeks, \$24.00	Nov. 30—Dec. 21, 4 weeks, \$12.00					
Quilting Classes! NEW!	9:30-11:30	SEE PAGE 2 FOR DESCRIPTIONS.						
THURSDAY								
Ceramics	9:30 – 11:30	Sept. 15—Nov. 17, 8 weeks, \$32.00, No Class Sept. 22 and Nov. 3	Dec. 1—Dec. 22, 4 weeks, \$16.00					
Knitting/Crochet	1:00-3:00	Sept. 15—Nov. 10, 8 weeks, \$16.00 <i>No Class Nov. 3</i>	Nov. 17—Dec. 22, 5 weeks, \$10.00					
FRIDAY								
Watercolor	9:30-11:30	Sept. 9—Oct. 28, 8 weeks, \$16.00						
Yoga-Lates	11:00-11:45	Sept. 30—Nov 18, 5 weeks, \$10.00 No Class Oct. 28, Nov. 4, Nov. 11 Free if you have Silver Sneakers	Dec. 2—Dec. 16, 3 weeks, \$6.00 Free it you have Silver Sneakers					

#### **HOW TO REGISTER FOR A FREE CLASS OR PROGRAM ONLINE**

- Go to www.schedulesplus.com/plainville & log in using your phone number.
- Select your class(es) and/or program(s) you want to register for. Hit **Add**. Then click on **View Cart** to see the classes or programs you have selected. Then hit **Checkout** and **Proceed to Final Review**. Press **COMPLETE MY ORDER** to finish. You can also hit **Email Receipt** so you can have a record of your registration e-mailed to you.
- PLEASE NOTE: You can only register for FREE programs & classes online. You must register in person for all paid programs & classes. Pay by cash or check made out to the Plainville Senior Center.
- If you have trouble registering online, you can call us here at the Senior Center (860)747-5728 so we can register you.

### **VETERANS' NEWS & ACTIVITIES**

## INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS FOR VETERANS WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE WITH JASON COPPOLA AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Jason Coppola, from the Connecticut State Department of Veteran's Affairs, Office of Advocacy and Assistance, has accepted a new job with the VA and will no longer be available at the Senior Center to help with Veteran benefits. Check upcoming newsletters to see who his replacement will be.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

The **PLAINVILLE WIND ENSEMBLE** will present their annual Veterans Concert on **SUNDAY**, **NOVEMBER 13** at Central CT State University, Welte Hall. Local Marines will be present at the door for donations of new, unwrapped toys for their "Toys For Tots" program. The concert is free, family friendly and accessible.



#### **VETERANS' SOCIAL HOUR**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 10:00 A.M.

This month, we will be hosting a guest speaker. Brock-Barnes, Post 33 Adjutant, James McAuliffe, American Legion-Department of CT will speak on current Post challenges and plans for the future of the Post, including membership and benefits. Jim will also mention memberships in the "Sons of American Legion" and the "American Legion Auxiliary. These monthly information and support meetings are conducted by Sherri Vogt, Veteran's Liaison for Hartford HealthCare at Home. FOR ALL VETERANS OVER 60 AND THEIR SPOUSES. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 to register.

### **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE**

#### WALKIN' FOOD SCHMOOZE!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, MEET AT PLAINVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY AT 10:15 A.M., LEADER: EILEEN CYR COST IS FREE TO REGISTER AND RIDE THE BUS. FOOD COST IS ON YOUR OWN. SPACE LIMITED TO 10 SIGN UP BEGINS OCTOBER 6

Join us for a walking adventure and lots of food!! Meet at the Plainville Public Library at 10:15 A.M. to take the CT FastTrak bus to Elmwood. The bus is currently FREE! We'll get off at the Elmwood station at the corner of New Britain Avenue and New Park Avenue. From there we will walk into Elmwood Center (we will be walking on busy New Britain Avenue and through some quieter residential streets). Our first stop will be at Nummy Restaurant for some Asian Fusion appetizers. After that, we'll walk to nearby Beachland Tayern for lunch. There are several dessert places to choose from including Elmwood Pastry, Taste by Spellbound and Rita's or maybe get a little treat from each one! Since people may choose to share food, please bring cash to cover the cost of shared items. Also, be prepared to walk at least 3 miles at a leisurely pace.

#### **CRESCENT LAKE HIKE**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 10:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M. LEADER: JARED SCOVILLE COST: \$3.00 SIGN UP BEGINS OCTOBER 6, SPACE LIMITED TO 10

Join us for one of the most classic hikes we have in Plainville/Southington! Our trail at Crescent Lake will take us over wooded trails of mild-moderate difficulty. Much of the trail will follow around the lake itself, though we may choose to hike up a wide, steeper gravel path to go to the summit to overlook the lake and the foliage this year (less than an eighth of a mile up and down to the summit)! This hike will be appropriate for anyone who regularly walks and remains physically active. Remember to wear warm fall clothes like a fleece or light jacket, and bring a water bottle! We will meet at the trail parking lot for Crescent Lake at 10a.m., located on Shuttle Meadow Road in Southington.

### **QUICK TRIP/TRIP GUIDELINES**

\*PLEASE NOTE: MASKS MUST BE WORN ON ALL SENIOR CENTER DIAL-A-RIDE & MOTORCOACH TRIPS ON THE BUS. DESTINATIONS—BOATS, RESTAURANTS, MUSEUMS, ETC. ARE BY VENDOR'S POLICY OR LOCAL RULES\*

**SIGN-UP**: Trip sign-ups take place during regular business hours (Mon.—Fri.). Cash or check is due at the time of sign-up.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Trips are open to the public one week (7 days) after member sign-up unless otherwise stated.

#### **QUICK TRIP/TRIP CANCELLATIONS:**

Call the Senior Center immediately so we can try and find a replacement for you from our waiting list (if we have one). If you must cancel the night before or the morning of the trip, please call Angela at (860) 839-7346 before 9:00 p.m. the night before the trip or before 9:00 a.m. the day of the trip. You may also call the Center after 9:00 a.m. and alert us so we can try to get a refund for you. We must pay for any number that we guarantee to the tour companies.

Once we pay, refunds are rarely given. We will always attempt to get a refund, and whatever we are refunded will be passed on to you.

PARKING: Parking for most trips is at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center (the former parish school) Parking Lot (19 South Canal St.). Enter Parish Center parking lot on the right as close to the dividing fence with the Rectory and park on your right. Please park one after the other in the lined areas.

**MEDICAL ID CARDS:** For your protection in the event of a medical emergency, you must have a medical ID card filled out. Please show the bus captain your ID when you board the bus. She does not need to read it. Please stop by the Senior Center to get one.

**DISCLAIMER:** The Plainville Senior Center is not responsible in whole or in part to trip participants for any loss, damage, injury or financial loss whatsoever, to persons or property however caused, during or in connection with any trip. Parking at Our Lady of Mercy and the Senior Center is at your own risk.

**SEAT ASSIGNMENTS:** Your seat assignment will be given to you before boarding the bus. *Be at your departure location 15 minutes prior to our departure time in order to board the bus. We cannot wait for latecomers.* 

**FYI:** We keep Reserve Lists for all trips including Quick Trips. If there is a cancellation, we always sign up members from the Reserve List first! Members who sign the Reserve List and want to bring a non-member friend should be aware that since we always sign up members first, we will skip over non-members until all members have been contacted.

#### **SENIOR CENTER QUICK TRIPS**

We use our Dial-A-Ride Bus which are handicapped accessible with wheelchair lifts. **Passengers must be able to get to and from the bus on their own.** If you need a wheelchair lifts, tell us at sign-up.

QUICK, CURRENT, NEW TRIPS



# MONTHLY SHOPPING TRIPS

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### BRISTOL WALMART, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11.

PICKUP AT SENIOR CENTER AT 9:00 A.M. HOME PICKUPS BEFORE 9:00 A.M. SHOP FROM 9:30 A.M.—1:00 P.M. SIGN-UP HAS BEGUN.

**BRISTOL SHOPPING PLAZA, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15.** PICKUP AT SENIOR CENTER AT 9:00 A.M. HOME PICKUPS BEFORE 9:00 A.M. SHOP FROM 9:30 A.M.—1:00 P.M. SIGN-UP BEGINS OCTOBER 6.

BRISTOL WALMART, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6.

PICKUP AT SENIOR CENTER AT 9:00 A.M. HOME PICKUPS BEFORE 9:00 A.M. SHOP FROM 9:30 A.M.—1:00 P.M. SIGN-UP BEGINS OCTOBER 6.

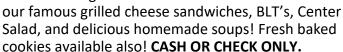
#### THE SENIOR CENTER LE PETIT CAFÉ -NOW OPEN!

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Join us for lunch in the café on

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11:30 - 1:00.

Enjoy a new special every week in addition to our regular menu which features



**OCTOBER 4 & 5:** Harvest Turkey Panini Soup: New England Clam Chowder

**OCTOBER 11 & 12:** Italian Panini Soup: Chicken Noodle

**OCTOBER 18 & 19:** Corned Beef Reuben Soup: Tomato Basil with Grilled Cheese Croutons

OCTOBER 25 & 26: BBQ Monster Meatloaf Sandwich

Soup: Pumpkin Soup

## TRIPS

#### CURRENT TRIPS

#### MADE IN VERMONT-COUNTRY SHOPPING plus THE **FAMOUS VERMONT COUNTRY STORE**

WED., OCT. 19. DEPART OLM: 8:00 A.M. ESTIMATED RETURN: 6:45 P.M. COST: \$112.00. (PROOF OF VAC-CINE REQUIRED BY THE MARINA RESTAURANT) SIGN UP HAS BEGUN. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.INVITE YOUR FRIENDS. TWO SEATS REMAIN.

**GRAFTON VILLAGE CHEESE**, artisan Vermont cheeses & specialty foods. Choose from Baked Haddock OR 9oz. Marinated Steak with onions & blue cheese topping OR VT Cheddar Half Pound Burger OR Marina Mac 'n Cheese and dessert. Entrée choice in advance. Also, ALLEN BROTHER'S FARM MARKET!

#### **NEW TRIPS**

"BOB HOPE" USO SHOW AT THE **AQUA TURF** SIGN UP BEGINS OCT 6 TUESDAY, NOV 15, 11:00 A.M.—3:30 P.M.COST: **\$47.00 PER PERSON** (DRIVE ON YOUR OWN) or \$51.00 (TAKE OUR BUS). Bill Johnson's performance brings Bob Hope's humor and entertainment alive! He may have a few surprise guests as well! Enjoy family style roast beef and pan seared salmon with sides, coffee & donuts upon arrival, glass of beer or wine and door prizes!



### **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE/QUICK TRIP**

THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW by Master Storyteller Jonathan Kruk plus SCARECROWS IN THE MEADOW all at Tapping Reeve Meadow, Litchfield, CT. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19. LEAVES OLM AT 3:00 P.M., RETURNS APPROXIMATELY 8:00 P.M. Visit more than 50 Scarecrows in the Meadow all created by businesses, non-profits and families and sponsored by the Litchfield Historical Society. Then... we all know of Washington Irving's classic tale of the Headless Horseman and Ichabod Crane but you don't know the whole story until you have experienced Jonathan Kruk's retelling. Jonathan is renowned for his dramatic solo shows of "Sleepy Hollow" and "Christmas Carol". He's been featured on CBC Sunday Morning, The TODAY Show, Good Morning America, The Travel Channel and The National Geographic Channel. According to the New York Time, "His spirited, candlelit one man show has become a fixture of Halloween. OUTDOOR ADVENTURE ALERT... You will be walking at your own risk in a meadow with uneven ground and stones and in the dark. You must bring and carry your own chair plus a flashlight. Dress warmly. We will not be stopping for dinner so eat before you go and bring a snack for the bus. SIGN UP BEGINS OCTOBER 6.

### **QUICK TRIPS!**

#### A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING TOUR

FRIDAY, OCT. 14, LEAVES SENIOR CENTER AT 9 A.M. RETURNS APPROXIMATELY 5:00 P.M.

COST: \$8 FOR TRANSPORTATION. SIGN-UP BEGINS OCTOBER 6.

Collinsville Antiques Company in New Hartford. Lunch on your own at New Hartford Diner, Six Spoons Chocolatier. Winsted's Whiting Mills voted the "Best of New England" by Yankee Magazine. The former hosiery mill is now home to artists, craftspeople and retail shops. Canton's Ocean State Job Lot. A real treat!

#### FLORENCE GRISWOLD MUSEUM AND THE WEE FAERIE VILLAGE, OLD LYME

presents TWINKLE POINT (an amusement park for the Wee Faerie Folk)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21. LEAVING THE SENIOR CENTER AT 10:00 A.M. PLEASE BE HERE AT 9:45 A.M.

COST: \$23.00 per person, includes 1 hour quided tour of Florence Griswold Museum plus the Wee Fairie Village. Transportation by Dial-A-Ride bus. SIGN UP BEGINS OCTOBER 6.

Our first stop will be at Lenny and Joe's in Westbrook, for an 11:15 lunch on your own with separate checks. Next, Florence Griswold Museum, the home of the Lyme Art Colony with the most noted names in American Impressionism. See how the artists lived and worked. One hour tour of **Dreams & Memories** (which includes items from the permanent collection not seen in a very long time), plus the **Griswold House**. Then on your own to view the Wee Faerie exhibit of almost 30 pint sized creations of imagination and whimsey. The artists work nearly year round to create the installations of Faerie sized roller coasters, carousels, arcades and shops...everything you might find at any amusement park... only tiny scattered throughout a number of acres. Walking required.

### **NOTEWORTHY**



#### **SNAPPY SENIORS PHOTOGRAPHY**

GROUP MEETS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 10:30 A.M. CALL TO REGISTER (860)747-5728.

Share photos from anytime or place. Show us something you learned **OR** a special photo & why **OR** one of your all time favorites! Bring ideas for future classes, trips and lectures. For more information about joining the Snappy Seniors Photography Group, please call the Senior Center.

#### **RAINBOW LUNCH**

LGBT adults & allies can join the CT LGBT Moveable Senior Center via Zoom for Rainbow Lunch Hour. Pre-registration required. Bringing your own lunch is optional. For more information and the date and time please call Karen Green (860)589-6226, ext. 2226. **Register at:** 

www.cthealthyliving.org. To view the program here, call the Senior Center .

#### DAILY LUNCHES ARE BACK!

Lunches are available Monday-Friday by advance reservation only. Call Bonnie at the Senior Center (860)747-5728 between 10:00-10:30 a.m. to reserve your meals. If you do not reserve your meal in advance, you can try calling the day that you want a meal to see if there is a cancellation. Menu is available at the Senior Center.

## FREE NCAAA WORKSHOPS ON RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVES & CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN AGING

Wed., Jan. 25, 2023, 1 - 2 p.m. "Toward an Ethic of Multifaith Collaboration" virtual via Zoom. Free registration link: https:/www.hartfordinternationsl.edu/ncaaa-series. For more information, contact Eric Rodko at Eric.Rodko@ncaaact.org.

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

#### REMINDER TO RECORD ALL VOLUNTEER HOURS

Reminder to all volunteers to submit your volunteer hours. Every hour counts! We want to make sure we capture all hours for 2022 with a goal to exceed the volunteer hours listed for 2021. Volunteer slips are available at the greeter and front desk or instructions on how you can enter your time online can be requested at the front desk. Any questions, please see Sharon.

#### **PEAK CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

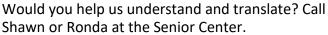
We are hoping to extend hours at the PEAK Center to 3 p.m., but we need volunteers. If you can commit to working one day of the week from 1-3 p.m., you will get a complimentary or reduced subscription to the PEAK Center. If you are interested, please see Sharon.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER AT THE SENIOR CENTER

We are looking for volunteers that can help us out on Thanksgiving Day for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. We are in need of help with cooking and serving. If you are able to help, please contact Sharon or Ronda.

# WE NEED YOUR HELP! DO YOU SPEAK SPANISH, POLISH, FRENCH OR RUSSIAN?

Once in a while, someone comes to us for help or calls and we cannot communicate because of language.



#### PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY FUND BASKET RAFFLE



Help support The Plainville Community Fund Basket Raffle being held at Gnazzo's Food Center, 73 East Street from Thursday, October 6th through Saturday, October 8th.Come and see all the unique themed baskets and purchase your raffle tickets for your favorite! Since its establishment, the fund has awarded over \$70,000 to Plainville programs and projects. These baskets could include themes such as travel, reading, gardening, cooking, beauty, health, kids, pets, and more! The holidays are coming and these would make great gifts!

### **HEALTH PROGRAMS AND INFORMATION**

#### **MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM (MSP) NEW INCOME LIMITS:**

Singles Range From: \$2,390 to \$2,786 Couples Range From: \$3,220 to \$3,754

There is No Asset Limit nor Estate Recovery Here is a general update on MSP (programs paying

for folks Part B premiums for Medicare/assistance

with co-pays and cost-share):

The State of CT offers financial assistance to eligible Medicare enrollees. They will pay the Medicare Part B and Medicare Part D premiums for qualifying enrollees. Some enrollees will also be covered for the Medicare deductibles and co-insurance. Additionally, qualifying enrollees are automatically enrolled in the Medicare Part D Low Income Subsidy (LIS). Stephanie can review your eligibility for MSP. Contact her at the Senior Center.

#### **AYUDA PARA LAS PERSONAS CON NECESIDADES**

El Departmento de Servios Sociales, junto con otras agencias y organizaciones de Connecticut proporcionan una amplia variedad de programas que pueden beneficiarle a usted y a su familia. Pase por el Centro para personas mayores para obtener un folleto o llame al Departamento de Servicios Sociales del Estado de CT al 1-800-626-6632.

#### THE NURSE IS IN!

GEORGIA STERPKA, APRN IS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT FOR:

#### **REGULAR AND DIABETIC FOOT CARE**

Cost is \$18.00 for Plainville resident members and \$28.00 for out-of-town members. EAR WAX REMOVAL: COST IS

\$5.00. CHOLESTEROL SCREENING -This type of test does not require fasting. Cost is \$12. FREE BLOOD

PRESSURE SCREENINGS Senior Center Members only.

#### **AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 12:30-4:30 P.M. COST IS \$20 - AARP MEMBERS. \$25- NON-AARP MEMBERS. SIGN-UP HAS BEGUN. NON-MEMBERS CAN SIGN UP. The AARP Smart Driver course teaches valuable defensive driving strategies & provides a refresher for the rules of the road. You may qualify for an auto insurance discount by completing the course (check with your auto insurance agent for details).

#### BEREAVEMENT GROUP—HOSPITAL OF CENTRAL **CONNECTICUT IN PERSON OR ON ZOOM:**

Registration is required. Please contact Nadine Toce, LCSW at 860-224-5463 or Nadine.Toce@hhchealth.org for more information.

#### **UCONN HEALTH CENTER RESEARCH STUDY**

Are you feeling sad or blue? Are you worried about your thinking or memory? Is it hard to keep up with everyday activities?

#### Participation involves:

- Interviews and evaluations of thinking and memory at 3 in-person study visits
- Completion of monthly questionnaires (at home)
- Blood tests at each of the 3 study visits
- No cost for participation

Participant will be paid a total of up to \$180 over the course of the study.

Kevin Manning, PhD, Department of Psychiatry, UConn Health Center heads this study. "Apathy: An Early Manifestation of Frailty and Disability in Older Adults with Depression".

To learn more about this research study call (860) 679-2272.

#### **SALVATION ARMY KETTLE DRIVE IS ALMOST HERE!** AND WE NEED YOUR HELP

The donations from the Kettle Drive assist residents in need from the Town of Plainville all year long. We need bell ringers to donate their time and their smiles to make this event successful. Ring with a friend! This is a great way to bring in the joy and warm wishes of the holiday season. The ringing takes place at Gnazzo's Supermarket on Thursday December 8, Friday December 9 and Saturday December 10. Please see Stephanie Soucy for details to sign up.



### **Donations**

#### **AUGUST 22-SEPTEMBER 26**

The Senior Center has a Memorial Fund for people wishing to make a donation in memory of a friend or relative. Checks may be made out to the Plainville Senior Center. The deceased person's name will be listed in the Memorial Book displayed in our Lounge, along with the donor's name. Memorial donations are used to enhance the operation of the Senior Center.

#### **GENERAL DONATIONS**

Marlene Andrusia, Bernice Castonguay, Anonymous, Rena Albert, Kathy Knox, Marie Boccuzzi, Kay Evans and Richard Smith, Madeline Drake, Diane Chamberlain, Rosaleen Peters, Jeanette Schmidt, Donna Cook, Gabby Paciotti, Karen Orvis, Pat Delaney, Marilyn Fithian, Anne Wroboleski, Paula Maglio

#### **MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

#### **IN MEMORY OF: LEOSINA CELLI**

Rosaleen Peters, Boston Global Investors, Inc, Ana Covey

#### IN MEMORY OF: HELENE FABIAN

Norma Weisenburger

#### **DIAL-A-RIDE DONATIONS**

Bonnie Carilli, Barbara Barton, Marci Negro, Anonymous, Rosaleen Peters

Please note: When you bring donations to the Senior Center, please give us your name and what you are donating so that we may list your name in the Newsletter. If you wish your donation to remain anonymous, please let us know. We do our best not to leave any donor's name off the list, but if we do, please let us know so we can include it in the next Newsletter.

### **Cheer Report**

AUGUST 8—SEPTEMBER 22

The Plainville Senior Center makes every effort to send **cheer**, **get well** and **sympathy** cards to our members who could use a lift of their spirits. If **you** know of someone who is hospitalized, convalescing, ill or has just lost a loved one, please let us know by calling us at (860)747-5728. Cheer cards mean so much to our members and the info. helps us keep our records up to date. As always, many thanks to volunteer Carol Perry for sending out "cheer" on behalf of the Plainville Senior Center.

#### **GET WELL & THINKING OF YOU CARDS WERE SENT TO:**

Shawn and Alan Cohen, Faith Stewart, Norma Weisenburger, Ceal DiFrancesco, Hazel Decker, Beatrice Dumont, Mary Michaud, Joe Maitz, Helena Niziolek, Ellen Couture, Phyllis Gediman, Beverly Heslin, Barbara Wallace, Paula Harland, Lorraine Corsini, Gemma Croteau, Cathleen Macca, Shawn Cohen, Sandra Therrien, Meri Lowe, Dawn Dallas, Carol Wright, Kathleen Grieco, Juliana Rudolph, Cheryl and Fred Lesniewski, Richard Belden

#### SYMPATHY CARDS WERE SENT TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Leosina Celli, Dolores Joyce, Rose LeFemine, Stephen Bruno

#### **SYMPATHY CARDS WERE SENT TO:**

Stephanie and Brett Soucy, Martha Trask, Sandra Colello, John Parenti, Verna Pekrul, Huguette Veilleux, Lillian Ouellette, Diane Sperry

The Senior Center <u>ALWAYS</u> needs Sympathy, Get Well and Thinking of You Cards! We do not use religious cards or Mass cards. If you wish to donate cards, please drop them off at the Senior Center. We appreciate it!

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS

We would like to thank everyone for their Christmas card donations, but we have plenty and won't need anymore at this time. Thanks again!

## TRANSPORT WHEELCHAIRS NEEDED

The Senior Center is looking for another transport wheelchair or two to loan out. These are so popular, we can't keep up with the need for them. Compared to wheelchairs, transport chairs have smaller rear wheels that cannot be reached while sitting in the chair. Call us at (860)747-5728 to make arrangements to drop off the chair.

#### **AUGUST NEW MEMBERS**



Christina Adams, Jeff Adams, Janet Bouffard, Rhonda Carpenter, Rachel DeAngelo, Robert Drzata, Eva Duquette, Herman 'Don' Duquette, Joseph Kozalka, Patricia Mason, Dennis Maynard, Kathleen Maynard, Maryana Merzlyak, Cynthia Nevelos, Marylou Oshana, Linda Pader, Paul Skonieczny, Joseph Wiszniak and John Wright.

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### THIS AND THAT

#### **PUMPKIN TABLE RUNNER RAFFLE**

We will be raffling off a beautiful pumpkin table runner on October 14th! This beautiful runner was made and donated by Linda Altmeyer. The runner is on display at the Senior Center. Tickets are on sale now and are 3 for \$1.00.

#### **SETBACK WEEKLY TOURNAMENT WINNERS**

Aug. 22: 1st: Alyce Lembo/Judy Laprise, 2nd: Elaine Chartier/Charlie

Stepney, 3rd: Sally Miller/Gail Kreneck

Aug. 29: 1st: Alyce Lembo/Judy Laprise, 2nd: Gail Kreneck/ Sally Miller, 3rd: Sandy Robinson/Butch Gudat

**Sept. 12:** 1st: Gail Kreneck/Sally Miller, 2nd: Ann Testa/Iva Dube,

3rd: Judy Laprise/Alyce Lembo

**Sept. 19:** 1st: Gail Kreneck/Sally Miller, 2nd: Verna Pekrul/Bernie

Grabeck

#### **WEEKLY POOL TOURNAMENT WINNERS**

Aug. 25: 1st: Bob Korpita/Joe Babin, 2nd: John Gasparini/Val Dumais

Sept. 1: 1st: John Gasparini, 2nd: Bob Korpita Sept. 8: 1st: Joe Babin 2nd: Stan Funk

Sept. 15: 1st: John Gasparini, 2nd: Stan Funk

#### **DIAL-A-RIDE DRIVERS NEEDED!**

The Plainville Senior Center is looking for on-call drivers for our Dial-a-Ride Program. Drivers must have a CDL or F-endorsement in order to drive our wheelchair lift-equipped bus. Training and hourly wage provided. Hourly wage between \$15.50—\$16.61. Hours are on-call to assist when regularly scheduled drivers are out or when the schedule is busy and more drivers are needed. F-endorsement is now easier to obtain and can be done without going to DMV and can be completed in two weeks. Contact Shawn or Ronda at the Senior Center for more information or visit www.plainvillect.com for an application.

#### SIGN UP TO DISPLAY YOUR COLLECTION, HOBBY!

If you have a collection or hobby that you'd like to display in our showcase, please call us at the Senior Center to let us know. Displays are typically in the locked showcase for a month at a time.



#### **MEGA SIGN-UP DAY OCTOBER 6,** 9:15 A.M. - 4:45 P.M.

Members may sign up for new classes, trips and programs. If an event is free, call the Senior Center to register or register online. If payment is due, you must come in to register. We accept cash and checks made out to Plainville Senior Center only.

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## Transportation

## Dial-A-Ride

If you need a ride to a doctor's appointment, grocery store, pharmacy or bank, call HRA at (860)589-6968, ext. 1 or 3, to schedule a ride.

Our Dial-A-Ride operates on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Friday 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. You must wear a mask on the bus and we cannot transport anyone who is feeling ill. We ask that you be ready on time for your ride.

Plainville Dial-a-Ride can bring persons to medical appointments in Plainville, Bristol, Southington, New Britain, the Newington VA Hospital and some locations in Farmington. All other destinations are limited to Plainville only.

## **SENIOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

## ANOTHER OPTION FOR RIDES TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Senior Transportation Services, Inc. (STS) is available to provide affordable transportation to medical appointments for Plainville residents age 55 and over. STS relies



on trained volunteer drivers to take riders to medical appointments as far as 20 miles from Plainville, starting as early as 6:00 a.m. There is an annual membership fee and cost (based on mileage) to use the service. Financial assistance is available for individuals who cannot afford the fees. For help in paying for the service call Stephanie or Ronda at (860)747-5728. To discuss riding or volunteering with Senior Transportation Services, please call (860)224-7117.

## ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

#### **ENCOMPASS**

Encompass is an on-demand transportation program for seniors and individuals with disabilities in the

Greater Hartford area. Eligible persons can use this service to travel anywhere, anytime, 24/7, 365 without restrictions.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants must be at least 60 years of age or have a disability.

**Trip Cost:** Trips are discounted. Passenger pays \$5.00 for the first 8 miles traveled and \$2.00 per additional mile after that.

Call Encompass at (860)444-4444 or visit online at Encompass.M7Ride.com.

## **ADA Paratransit**



#### ANOTHER OPTION WITH MORE HOURS

#### & **DESTINATIONS**

The Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Paratransit Service provides more hours and more destinations than the Senior Center's Dial-A-Ride service and

even runs on Sunday! It is another option for seniors and persons with a disability who cannot drive.

ADA Paratransit travels for any reason to parts of Avon, Berlin, Bloomfield, Bristol, Cromwell, East Hartford, Ellington, Farmington, Glastonbury, Hartford, Manchester, Meriden, Middletown, New Britain, Newington, Plainville, Rocky Hill, South Windsor, Tolland, Vernon/Rockville, West Hartford,

Wethersfield, Windsor and Windsor Locks. Not all parts of Plainville are covered by ADA, but you may be able to use ADA with the help of Dial-a-Ride.

Plainville hours, except for major holidays, are

Monday-Friday, 5:35 a.m.—midnight, Saturdays, 6:35 a.m.-midnight and Sundays, 7:50 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Each ride is just \$3.50 and discount ticket books can be purchased at Stop & Shop in a book of ten for \$28 (only \$2.80 each). There is a wheelchair lift, if needed. A personal care assistant can accompany you for free if approved.

You Must be Pre-Approved — How to Apply:

The online application can be found at <a href="www.ctada.com">www.ctada.com</a>. You can also call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 for an appointment with

Stephanie who can assist with the online application process. Applications are available at the Senior Center. An application can be sent to you by calling (860)247-5329, X3100. The same number can be called to get an updated ID number, if you are already an ADA Para-Transit rider.

#### **FREEDOM RIDE**

Freedom Ride is a prepaid reduced fare voucher program, which offers a 50% discount from the normal taxicab rate, with a minimum purchase of \$25 initially. It is available to ADA eligible passengers who need transportation beyond the traditional ADA paratransit service area and hours or for same-day service.

For more information about the Freedom Ride Taxi Voucher program, call (860)247-5329, extension 3086.