



# Happenings

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## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE – ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR MSP REFERENDUM

The Town Clerk's Office would like to remind everyone Absentee Ballots are now available for the March 19th Referendum on the MSP renovate-like-new building project. Residents in need of voting by absentee ballot can contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-793-0221 ext.7153, or go to the Town Website for additional information at [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com).

## YOUTH SERVICES – 10 TIPS TO MANAGE STRESS

The Coalition will be hosting our first parenting workshop "10 Tips to Manage Stress" by Dr. Wendy Hurwitz. Whatever your age or situation, this presentation will teach techniques to minimize stress and maximize vitality. The event will be held on **March 18, 2024 from 6-7 pm at Plainville High School Learning Commons.**

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

For information on Library programs, including registration, call the Plainville Public Library at 860-793-1446 or visit [www.plainvillect.com/library](http://www.plainvillect.com/library).

- **Plainville Public Library Staff & Trustees have launched a survey** to help inform their strategic plan and their goals for the next three years. It is important for community members to share their thoughts on how they interact with the library, what they enjoy about the library, and what they hope for in the future.

The survey should take no longer than 5-7 minutes to complete. All answers are anonymous. **Surveys can be taken online at [www.plainvillect.com/library](http://www.plainvillect.com/library) or hard copies can be picked up at the library, Senior Center, Municipal Center, and YMCA.**

- **Father of Nuclear Power: Admiral Hyman G. Rickover** on Wednesday, March 6th at 6:00 pm. Admiral Hyman G. Rickover directed the original development of naval nuclear propulsion and controlled its operations for three decades as director of the U.S. Naval Reactors office. On January 21, 1954, the first nuclear-powered submarine was launched in Groton, CT. This program is presented by the Submarine Force Library and Museum Association of Groton, CT.

- **Radon 101** on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00 pm. Attendees will learn about the risks of Radon in the home and ways to test for this harmful colorless and odorless gas. Each household will receive a free Radon Test Kit from the South Central Health District, serving Southington, Plainville, and Middlefield. Space is limited. Registration is required.
- **Monthly Movie Matinee: Golda** on Thursday, March 14th at 1:00 pm. No registration is needed.
- **The Why and How of Solar Eclipses** on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 pm. Chris Markiewicz, from The Astronomical Society of Greater Hartford, will discuss the why and how of solar eclipses. Connecticut will experience a partial solar eclipse on Monday, April 8th. Each amateur astronomer will receive a pair of eclipse glasses.

## SENIOR CENTER

For information on Senior Center programs, call the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728. All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise indicated.

### Tulips & Windmills Trip Meeting

- March 8, 2024 at 9:30 AM
- Video and discussion. Plan ahead for 3/28—4/7, 2025. One of the premiere trips that Viking River Cruises does each year is a 9-night cruise of the Netherlands and Belgium.
- Flyers available at the Senior Center. Please call to sign up for the discussion.

### Caregiving Connections

- Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM
- Connect with other caregivers at the Senior Center to support one another on our journeys and recognize the challenges and frustrations of 24/7 caregiving.

### Chinese New Year Buffet Luncheon – Senior Center Members Only

- Tuesday, March 12, 12:00 PM COST: \$15.00 Please register and pay at the Senior Center.
- 2024 is the year of the Dragon, Celebrate with a delightful Chinese Buffet lunch.

### Line Dancing Trial Class

- Thursday, March 14, 1:30 PM—2:30 PM
- Learn the basics of line dancing with experienced instructor, Jim Gregory.
- Partners are not required.
- Sign up for this free trial class and if we have enough interest, we will add this as a regular weekly class.

### St. Patrick and Buzzards Dual Event – Senior Center Members Only

- Friday, March 15, 10:30 AM
- Celebrate the Buzzards returning to Hinckley, Ohio and St. Patrick's Day all in one morning. Compete in the Buzzard Olympics—Most Snazzily Dressed Leprechaun Contest for a prize.
- Enjoy delectable green treats and an Irish and Buzzard sing along.

**Easter & Spring Card Class – Senior Center Members Only**

- Monday, March 18, 1:30 PM COST: \$4.00 Includes all supplies
- Join us as we get ready for Springtime and Easter by creating 4 (four) of your own personalized cards.

**Help for Veterans**

- Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM by appointment – 203-805-6340
- Call Jason Coppola, Veterans Service Officer, to find out your status, needs and paperwork required to prepare for a face-to-face appointment at the Senior Center.

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**

- Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 10:30 AM
- Share resources, ideas, struggles, joys and more with others who are raising their grandchildren or other close relatives.