

Newburgh Senior Center

November 2023 Newsletter

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NSC Manager retires

Our manager, Michelle Wedding, has announced her retirement. Michelle has served as the Newburgh Senior Center Manager since October 2021, joining us during the difficult COVID

times. We thank Michelle for her creativity, sensitivity, compassion, administrative skills, and organization skills that have had a positive impact on the NSC. Have fun in your retirement!

Porkapalooza final report: Good news and thanks

Our faithful leader, Colleen Martin, said Porkapalooza 2023 was the second best we've ever had, with a respectable \$14,127.51 net! Thanks again to all who volunteered, sponsored and participated.

We are especially grateful to Teresa O'Rourke, Jane Dann, JoAnn Krantz, Teresa Lawhead, Joe Siebert, Linda Nottoli, Jack and Agnes Spillman, Judy Lopez, Gail Moran, Martha Dobos, Colleen McLaughlin, Ed Butch, Ron Aders,

Dennis and Colleen Martin, Keith Gander, Jane Ann Fleener, Tanner Ringhon, Nancy Lybarger and Kathy Tretter (If I missed anyone, I am sorry).

Our 12-year total is an amazing \$128,937.

We are so lucky to have a community that supports the Newburgh Senior Center!

We are looking forward to next year! Mark your calendars for September 27 and 28, 2024.



It's time to fall back. Remember to set your clocks back when you go to bed on Saturday, November 4. Standard Time goes in to effect November 5 at 2 a.m.

Savor that extra hour of sleep on

November birthdays

Susan Crawley	November 3
Nancy Norman	November 3
Phyllis Perkins	November 6
David Schaefer	November 9
Adrian Smith	November 9
Jayne Christian	November 15
Michelle Wedding	November 16
Donna Ahlers Rowlett	November 21
Katie Rushe	November 21
Ella Van Atta	November 22
Shirley Jorgensen	November 23
Diane Kittinger	November 29
Shannon Lafferty	November 30

Thanksgiving news of note

The Senior Center will be closed both Thanksgiving and the Friday after, November 23 and 24. We hope everyone has a blessed holiday.

For our First Friday Free Lunch Carry-In, we are planning a Thanksgiving theme, with turkey as the main dish. Please sign up to participate and plan to bring a side dish to share.

If you would rather not bring a dish, you can give Diane a donation towards the cost of the turkey. Make sure she knows the purpose of your gift.

We have received a lot of positive feedback about our carry-in lunches, so we plan to continue them each first Friday.

If you have ideas, please talk to Diane.



We are blessed to have faithful day sponsors

We appreciate our Day Sponsors for November.

November 4 is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, in celebration of their annual Vendor Fair.

Do your early holiday shopping at the Kapperman Post, November 4, from 9 am to 2 pm. There will be a Souper Lunch available, plus Half Pot, raffles, and vendor door prizes. What a great way to kick off the holiday season and support veterans.

November 11 is sponsored by the American Legion, Kapperman Post 44, in honor of all those who have served to preserve our freedoms. Thank you, American Legion, for all you do for veterans. We join you in honoring veterans on this special day. Semper Fi.



Thanks to our Community for supporting the Center

THANK YOU

Town of Newburgh—Provides our building, grounds, maintenance, supplies, and services.

Bayer's Plumbing (812) 853-2305—Sponsors our monthly birthday celebrations.

Titzer Family Funeral Homes (812) 853-8314—Sponsors our monthly newsletter and activities calendar.

Marsha & Dave Lambert and Bill & Suzie Byers—Activities sponsors

King Mechanical Specialty/Zion United Church of Christ—Hospitality sponsors

We greatly appreciate the commitment of those in our community who

sponsor our projects and programs.

If you would like to support the efforts of the Newburgh Senior Center, please call (812) 853-5627 or email manageratnsc@gmail.com. You may have special days that you would like to share with the community by being a day sponsor. Kill two birds with one stone: Celebrate and support. Feels good already, doesn't it?

AARP returning to Newburgh for 2023 tax preparation assistance

Here's some good news. The AARP tax preparation assistance program will be returning to the Newburgh Public Library on Bell Road on Fridays, February 9–April 12, 2024.

Volunteers will be at the ready to help tax filers. You're going to need to reserve a time, so you don't have to show up and sit around waiting for your turn. More on that later.

Before any of that happens, however, AARP needs volunteers to staff the Tax-Aide program. If you are interested, contact AARP at aarpfoundation.org/TaxaideVolunteer or call 888-227-7669.

Locally, you can contact Bill VanHorne for information. Call him at 812-401-6011 or email him at BRCWVH@aol.com.

AARP will train volunteer tax preparers in coordination with the current IRS tax code.

If you are not a tax preparer, there may be opportunities for people who can provide technical and communications assistance, interpreters and program leaders. All levels and types of experience are welcome.

During the 2022 tax year, AARP volunteers in Vanderburgh, Gibson and Warrick counties processed more than

1,750 federal and Indiana state returns. More than \$1.3 million was returned to taxpayers through this program, according to an AARP news release.

AARP said the majority of those who took advantage of the free program were folks over 60 years old. However, many people were turned away for the lack of volunteers.

Tax-Aide is the largest volunteer-based tax preparation service in the country.

You do not have to be an AARP member to volunteer or participate in the program.

Help bring Christmas joy to Cypress Grove residents through Angel Tree



Everybody needs a little Christmas, don't they? However, there are many assisted living/nursing home residents who don't have family to brighten their holidays.

To help bring some joy into the hearts of some of these folks, we are asking our members to provide some special attention through our Angel Tree program.

We have the names and wishes of four people who live at Cypress Grove. We would like to provide everything on their lists. You can help by signing up to bring something. We think \$10 is a reasonable request, but you can go together with other members and get the items on their lists.

We will have a meeting at 11:30 a.m.,

Thursday, November 16 to give you details. Here are the basics, as we know them right now: We will post angels on a tree with the residents' names and their gift lists. You can sign up for whatever portion of the list you feel comfortable donating and put that info on our list. You can also contribute cash if you and your friends don't want to shop. All items need to be new and unopened.

Some of the things they've asked for are good body wash, shampoo and conditioner, head bands, perfume and jewelry. Also mentioned were writing notebooks, pencils and pens, after-shave, snacks, sweat suits, nail polish, tissues, and veteran-related items.

Free Lunch Fridays are a big hit with Seniors

We instituted Free Lunch Fridays several years ago when SWIRCA lost a lot of federal financial support and had to cut back on lunch availability. Even when that funding was restored, we decided to continue offering Free Lunch Fridays as a service to our community. It was one of our most popular activities.

We had lunch sponsors who either provided funds or brought lunch to us. During the Covid-19 pandemic, we lost most of those sponsors.

Currently, we are blessed to have one of our original sponsors still with us. The Islamic Center of Evansville continues to surprise and delight us with meals on the third Friday each month. We are so grateful to them.

If you know of businesses who might be interested in sponsoring Free Lunch Fridays, either on a monthly basis or just once in a while, please give their contact information to Diane so she can get in touch.

You and your friends might want to volunteer to provide lunch for one of the non-sponsored Fridays.

If you have participated, you know the lunches don't have to be elaborate affairs. Simple fare is just as appreciated.

For November, the first Friday, we're going to celebrate our gratefulness with a carry-in with turkey as the star attraction. Please sign up to participate and if you have thoughts, tell us what you plan to bring. You don't have to bring food for everybody who shows up.

The second Friday will be more of that delicious pulled pork from Porkapalooza. Yes, there will be coleslaw to go with/on your sandwich.

The third Friday, lunch will be provided by our friends at the Islamic Center. Please sign up to participate in Free Lunch Fridays by the Wednesday before. We must have an idea of how many lunches we need.

Euchre days are changing

Beginning November 1, Euchre players are changing playing days from Wednesdays to Thursdays.

There is room for more players, if you know interested seniors (55 and older). The first shuffle starts at 11 a.m. Players meet in the Computer Room. You don't need to be good. We only play for fun.

If you don't know how, but want to learn, we'll schedule some lessons before you join us.

Invite your friends, neighbors

Word of mouth is our best recruiting tool. If you meet new seniors, ask them to visit us.

Find out if they are Clabber or Euchre players. Maybe they'd be interested in our stretching and balance exercises. They might be bingo enthusiasts. Could be they love hooking puzzles. They might just need a friendly chat. We are all that at Newburgh Senior Center.

You can't know unless you ask.