

October
2015



Civic Park Senior Center

15218 Farmington Rd.

Livonia, MI 48154

(734) 466-2555

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm

All Programs Must End By 4:45pm

The Senior Bulletin

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RSVP SOCK DROP

October 1-31, 8:30am-5pm Drop box Located in Main Lobby

For the month of October, bring in new pairs of socks and drop them off in our RSVP Sock Bin. Socks will be collected and distributed to needy families this winter. RSVP = Retired Senior Volunteer Program. RSVP Volunteers donate their time at the Livonia Senior Center and Senior Centers in our area.



ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, October 1st 10:00am

Facilitators from Home Instead Senior Care are available beginning at 10:00am for an open discussion for Family, Friends and Loved Ones of those living with Alzheimer's or Dementia related issues. No reservations necessary. Just Drop in. Refreshments will be supplied.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Every Wednesday 9:30-10:30am Livonia Fire Department (Blood Pressure & Pulse Only)

Blood Sugar for known Diabetics Only (Upon Request)

Thursday, October 15th 9:30-10:30am Bright Star Healthcare

Thursday, October 22nd 9:30am-10:30am Walgreen's



LIVONIA TRAVEL DAY

Friday, October 2nd 1:30pm

Livonia Travel Club & Other Travel Companies will be at the Senior Center to present their upcoming trips to various destinations, local & extended.



READER'S THEATRE OF LIVONIA

Wednesdays - 10 am to Noon

Reader's Theatre of Livonia (formerly Diva and Drama Queens) is seeking a few good men and women who have always been interested in acting, but never tried it out or perhaps it has been years since you were on stage. Here's your opportunity to join the fun. This format allows for artistic expression without ever having to memorize the script. All performances are done with script in hand. This season we will be exploring some of the background activity that is involved in putting on a performance, as well as selecting and presenting a play or two. Join us at our informational meeting on Wednesday, October 7, at 10:00 am. See you there. Break a leg!

Superintendent Search Update: Board will re-post position in December



*Interim Superintendent
Andrea Oquist*

After interviewing four candidates for the position of superintendent, the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education voted to re-post the position at the end of the calendar year and resume the search during the winter months.

The board initially received 27 applications and narrowed the list to five candidates to be interviewed. One candidate withdrew, so four were interviewed on Sept. 8-9. During a special meeting on Sept. 10, the board decided it would like to learn more about one candidate, Sharon Irvine-Hawkins, who is Assistant Superintendent and Chief Human Resources Officer, Warren Consolidated Schools. The board will invite her to return for a second interview after the process resumes.

Over the past several weeks, the board held focus group meetings, heard from staff and community members at open forums and created a profile of characteristics and qualities the staff, students, parents and the community are seeking in the next superintendent.

According to the Michigan Leadership Institute, the firm hired by the district to conduct the search, the optimal time to open a superintendent search is during the December – January time frame. Dr. Randy Liepa, LPS superintendent for 12 years, left the district in August to become the superintendent at Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency (Wayne RESA). The search for a new superintendent began immediately.

The four interviews and board deliberations were video recorded and can be viewed on the Livonia Public Schools website, under the School Board tab, by clicking on Board Meeting Videos. The meetings are labeled as special meetings for September 8, 9 and 10.

During the interim, Andrea Oquist is assuming the responsibilities of superintendent. Mrs. Oquist is a 25-year LPS employee who has served as a classroom teacher, building principal, Director of Elementary and Special Programs and currently as Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Programs and District Services.

"During the coming months, our administrative Cabinet and I are fully committed and enthusiastic about continuing to move our district forward and we are eager to proceed with the collective commitment we share to providing outstanding opportunities for our students," said Oquist.

Mark your calendar!

Be sure to save the dates for these autumn events in our district! More information can be found on the school websites.

Franklin High School

<http://franklin.livoniapublicschools.org>

Band and Orchestra Fall Festival: Oct. 14, 2015

Fall Craft Show: Oct. 21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Stevenson High School

<http://stevenson.livoniapublicschools.org>

50th Anniversary Celebration

October 22-24, 2015, visit the Anniversary page under "Our School" at the SHS website

Churchill High School

<http://churchill.livoniapublicschools.org>

CAPA musical - Oliver: November 12, 13, 14,



OKTOBERFEST

Monday, October 12th 11:45am \$3.00 Residents, \$4.00 Non-Residents
It is that time of year again for our annual Oktoberfest! Enjoy Knackwurst, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad and other German treats. Don't forget to wear your lederhosen and other festive attire! Tickets will be sold until Friday, October 9th at the Volunteer Desk. Always a great time with plenty of Food, Fun & Beer Hall Music! Oompah Pah!

SENIOR MATTERS WITH DR. WENDY

Tuesday, October 13th, 10:00am No Charge

Doctor Wendy Slinkard topic for the month of October: "Dizziness, Causes & Solutions". Join her for coffee, bagels and "Senior Matters". Register at the Volunteer Desk or call 734-466-2555 for more information.

JIFFY MIX PLANT TOUR PART 2: BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Wednesday, October 14th, 9:45am Departure \$6.00 & \$8.00 Non-Residents

Take a 1 hour tour of the "Jiffy" Mix Plant then enjoy lunch and shopping on your own in downtown Chelsea. Departs Civic Park Senior Center at 9:45am and will return at 3:30pm. Please register with payment at the Volunteer Desk or contact Carrie at 734-466-2557 for more information. **Please be advised that walking will be involved with this trip**



TAILGATE PARTY: "U OF M vs MSU" RIVALRY

Saturday, October 17th 11:00am \$7.00 residents, \$9.00 Non-residents

Join us for the Michigan vs. Michigan State Rivalry tailgate party. We'll have the grill fired up and the drinks on ice! For the low price of \$7.00 for residents and \$9.00 for non-residents, you can enjoy the food, folks, and fun of the BIG GAME!!! You must register with payment at the Volunteer desk or call 734-466-2555 for more information. "Bring A Lawn Chair If You Like!"



LUNCH BUNCH

Monday, October 19th "Bob Evans" 11:00am No Charge Transportation.

Join your friends or make some new friends at the Livonia Bob Evans. Departs from the Civic Park Senior Center. Cost of lunch & tip is on your own. Please register by calling (734) 466-2555 or stop by the Volunteer Desk at the Senior Center.

PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE DAY

Wednesday, October 21st 12pm No Charge

Enjoy a Fall Favorite! Celebrate National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day with Carrie and Jey in the lobby of the Senior Center at 12:00 noon!!! Limit one slice per person please. Unlimited coffee is always available for a .75 cent charge.

WALGREEN'S FLU, PNEUMONIA, & BOOSTER SHOTS CLINIC

Thursday, October 22nd 9:00am-1:00pm

Walgreen's of Livonia will host two other vaccination clinics this year. They will be held on Thursday, October 22nd. Payment options include Medicare, check, or cash. Price for shots are: \$25.00 for Flu shots and Pneumonia and Booster prices vary. This is a first-come, first-served event. For more information call 734-466-2555.

LEARN ACRYLIC LANDSCAPE PAINTING

Thursday, October 22nd 9:30am \$21.00 Resident & \$23.00 Non-Resident

Artist Steve Wood teaches step-by-step methods for successful painting. Classes are designed for beginning and intermediate levels. Please register with payment at the Volunteer Desk. Space is limited. Bring a table top easel. Make checks payable to: Steve Wood.

MEDICARE ENROLLMENT EVENT

Friday, October 23rd and Thursday, November 19th 10:00am-4:00pm No Charge

The Senior Alliance will be having open enrollment for Medicare for those who will need it. The event will run from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Please call 734-466-2555 for more details.



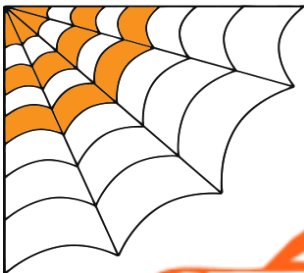
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BIRTHDAY BINGO

Friday, October 23rd 12:45pm

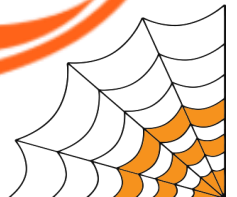
Join us for cake, ice cream, and of course...BINGO! We are celebrating one week earlier due to our Halloween Party! Be sure to join us during your Birth Month, and EVERY month to celebrate everyone else's Birthday! Reservations are not necessary. Sponsored by Villa Marie Livonia, Independence Village of Plymouth and Attorney Jack McLean.



BOOOOOOO BASH !!!

Friday, October 30th 10:30am-2:30pm \$3.00 & \$4.00 non-resident

Calling all Witches, Ghosts, Ghouls, and Goblins!!! Join us for a special Spook-tacular Halloween event! Wear your favorite costumes and be prepared to play "Let's Make a Deal" to see if you could win terrific treats or be zonked. Don't worry, you'll still get a treat! Live music will be provided by the Mike Wolverton Band. You must purchase your tickets IN ADVANCE at the Volunteer Desk . You may also call 734-466-2555 for more information. Tickets go on sale Monday, October 5th 8:30am \$3.00 & \$4.00 non-resident





COMPUTERS MADE EASY

Beginning Tuesday, November 3rd 11am No Charge

Senior computer guru, Mark Rodemeyer, will teach a series of computer classes specifically designed for seniors. There will be a variety of topics in this series to choose from. Seating is limited so you must sign up at the Volunteer Desk in advance. Call 734-466-2555 for more information. Topics include:



November 3rd- Wi-Fi & Security

November 10th- Photo Play: Editing, Resizing, Uploading

November 17th- Basic Microsoft Functions and Alternative Software

November 24th- Tablets and Cell Phones

VETERANS SEMINAR

Tuesday, November 3rd 12:30pm No Charge

Michigan Veterans will host a seminar explaining the multiple pension and non-pensioned benefits available to both veterans and spouses. This will be an informative discussion that will be beneficial to those persons that are either spouses of, or actual veterans themselves.

Register at the Volunteer Desk or call 734-466-2555 for more information.

LIVONIA TRAVEL DAY

Friday, November 6th 1:30pm

Livonia Travel Club & Other Travel Companies will be at the Senior Center to present their upcoming trips to various destinations, Local & Extended.

VETERAN'S DAY - SENIOR CENTER CLOSED

Wednesday, November 11th



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PARADE COMPANY AND LUNCH EXCURSION

Monday, November 9th 9:30am Departure \$15 Residents, \$17 Non-Residents
We are going BACK to the Parade Company this year!!! Come take an AMAZING tour of America's Thanksgiving Day Parade's facility to get a behind-the-scenes look at how it's all done; from conception to creation. We will also have lunch at Starter's Bar and Grill to top off the trip! Seating is limited so sign up with payment at the Volunteer Desk or call 734-466-2555 for more information.

PARMENTER'S CIDER MILL VOYAGE

Friday, November 13th 9:30am departure \$2.00 Residents, \$3 Non-Residents

Fall is here and the Cider Mill is JUST what Mother Nature ordered. Come along and enjoy fresh apple cider, piping hot doughnuts and the crisp fall surroundings that will make this trip the perfect fall remedy! Seating is limited so register with payment at the Volunteer Desk or call 734-466-2555 for more information.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Friday, December 4th 9:30am-2:00pm

Spend the day looking at treasures and handmade items in a holiday atmosphere. Refreshments will be available: Coffee, Donuts, Hot Dogs, Chips, Pop and Home-Made Treats, Breads and Cookies will be available for purchase. Always a fun day and a great way to kick off the Holidays. No cost for admission.



LIVONIA TRAVEL DAY

Friday, December 4th 1:30pm

Livonia Travel Club & Other Travel Companies will be at the Senior Center to present their upcoming trips to various destinations, local & extended. Don't forget to come in early for our Holiday Craft Show!

LADIES HOLIDAY "ACCESSORY" FASHION SHOW & TEA PARTY

Thursday, December 10th 2015 2:00pm



You are cordially invited to an afternoon Tea & Fashion Show. Come enjoy savory, bite-sized sandwiches, sweets and of course a good pot of tea! Cost is \$7.00 (\$9.00 for non-residents) and tickets will be available at the Volunteer Desk starting Monday, October 26th. Sign Up Early! This activity fills up *F-A-S-T...*

Your Senior Center Staff

Program Supervisor: Karl W Peters (734) 466-2556
Recreation Supervisor: Jeron R Howie (734) 466-2551
Recreation Supervisor: Carrie Jo Soroka (734) 466-2557
Senior Center Clerk: Kim O'Loughlin (734) 466-2553



“FOREVER FIT PERSONAL TRAINING” WITH JEREMY DAUM

Every Wednesday & Friday at 1:00pm



Join Personal Trainer, Jeremy Daum, NASM Certified, at our Strength Training Class every Wednesday & Friday. Jeremy brings a new approach to weight training. Register with payment at your first class. Call the Senior Center at (734) 466-2555 or Jeremy at (248) 747-3037 for more information. Cost for each class is \$4.00 (\$4.25 non-residents) unless you register with advance payment of 12 classes for \$24.00 or \$27.00 non-residents. First Visit Is Free!

ARTHRITIS EXERCISE CLASS

Tuesdays & Thursdays 1:00pm & Wednesdays 2:30pm

\$1.00 per class \$1.25 non-residents

Exercise is one part of a comprehensive arthritis treatment plan. Marsha has been trained by the Arthritis Foundation in the types of exercise that is most suitable for persons experiencing arthritis. Come in and experience this “Exercise Class”. All Are Welcome. Fee payable to the instructor.



YOGA

Wednesday 9:30am & Friday 9:15am

Tuesday (Beginner) 2:30pm

\$3.00 per class \$3.25 non-resident



Sharon Brand is teaching “Gentle Yoga” on Wednesday & Friday mornings. Please bring a blanket or yoga mat, small pillow, and wear comfortable clothing. Sharon has been a yoga instructor for over 8 years. Fee payable to the instructor.

MEDITATION

Friday 10:45am

\$3.00 per class \$3.25 non-residents

Learn simple techniques for practicing meditation, experience more tranquility and inner peace, release stress & tension, refresh your spirit, recharge your energy, enjoy life in the present moment. Join Kathy Henning for her weekly Meditation class. Fee payable to the instructor.

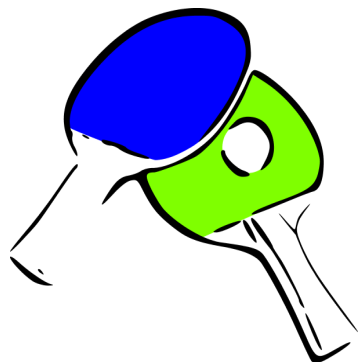


TABLE TENNIS

Men's, Women's, Singles & Co-Ed 8:30am

Mondays-All Skill Levels, Wednesdays (Singles-Competitive) &

Thursdays-All Skill levels. No Charge



Come in and enjoy this fun and friendly group of Table Tennis players. Get some exercise and have fun at the same time. No cost to participate and reservations are not necessary. “Just Drop In”!

GRAB YOUR
LEDERHOSEN AND
OTHER
FESTIVE ATTIRE...

IT'S



MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH 11:45AM

COME ENJOY KNACKWURST,

SAUERKRAUT, GERMAN POTATO SALAD &

OTHER GERMAN TREATS!

COST— \$3.00 (\$4.00 NON-RESIDENT)

TICKETS GO ON SALE AT THE VOLUNTEER DESK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

DEADLINE TO BUY YOUR TICKET IS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH!



Civic Park Senior Center

15218 Farmington Rd, Livonia



Join Heartland of Livonia, Carrie,
and Jey for Pumpkin Cheese cake
Day.

Wednesday, October 21st at 12pm.

Limit 1 serving per person



HALLOWEEN BOO BASH!

Friday, October 30th

10:30am-11:30am

**For those in Costume come play
“LET’S MAKE A DEAL”**

**You may win a fabulous prize
or get a “ZONK”**

11:45am - 1:00pm

**Hot Dogs, Apples with
Carmel Dipping Sauce,
Cider & Donuts,**

Treats Bags & Raffles

****Best Costume Contest****

1:00pm-2:30pm

Mike Wolverton Band performing

Cost \$3.00 (\$4.00 non-resident)

**Tickets available at the Volunteer
Desk. For more information
please call 734-466-2555.**

You MUST HAVE A TICKET!!



SCHOOL NEWS *for Senior Citizens*

LPS NEWS & EVENTS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN OUR COMMUNITY

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Students, staff impressed by school renovation projects



Students at five LPS schools noticed a big difference as they entered their schools on the first day.

"It was very different from last year," said Adam Heard, a sixth grader at Riley Upper Elementary. "It's a lot nicer."

Riley, along with Hayes, Kennedy and Roosevelt elementaries and Emerson Middle School were completely renovated during the summer months, through the \$195 million bond issue was approved by voters in 2013. Franklin High School's 18-month renovation began, as well.

The first thing Riley student Emily Ericson noticed was that "new school smell" and fresh paint on the walls. She was happy to see the new Riley arched sign in front of the school. The new arched entry signs are consistent at the renovated schools throughout the district.

Riley teacher Sherri Brown was amazed by the transformation in her classroom.

"When I walked in, I didn't even know what to do!" she said. "It's a complete transformation. It looks beautiful."

All of the renovated schools have many original features that are 40-60 years old.

Overview of projects:

- Classroom renovations (new floors, ceilings with acoustic ceiling tiles, air handling systems, lights,

- windows, window treatments, paint and new doors)
- Classroom technology
- Security enhancements
- New lockers, where applicable
- Music room enhancements
- Cafeteria upgrades (where applicable)
- Restroom upgrades, where needed
- New exterior entrance ways
- Renovated main offices
- New science equipment, where applicable
- Infrastructure improvements (plumbing, electrical, etc).

At Franklin, classrooms were renovated in two of the four halls; site work and parking lot reconfiguration; foundation work for summer 2016 new auditorium addition; classroom technology; new computers for labs; mobile media carts. Wireless network and a newly constructed press box at the football stadium were completed earlier this year. The project will continue next summer, with the completion of the classrooms, cafeterias, lockers, new performing arts center and performing arts classrooms.

The summer 2016 bond projects include Grant, Hoover and Randolph elementary schools; Johnson Upper Elementary; Holmes Middle School, Stevenson High School and the completion of Franklin High School.

