

MT. MORRIS SENIOR CENTER

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY-MARCH
2022

MOVIE AND LUNCH AT THE MT. MORRIS SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER

Join us for Pizza and a Movie.
The cost for each time is \$5,
and all ages are welcome
February 24th at 11:30
March 10th at 11:30

The Senior Center will be closed on February 21st for President's Day.

A LITTLE BIT OF KINDNESS

As we get into the month of February and move into spring I have a challenge for you all. Share a little kindness in every way you can. Your attitude is a choice, and if you share a smile instead of just walking by or give a compliment instead of a complaint it can change your entire day and someone else's. You can even go a little further because you never know what someone is going through. Take these months where we are still dealing with COVID and winter and who knows what

else and bring a little sunshine in. Pay for someone's meal. Give a gift to a neighbor. Invite someone for lunch. Step outside of your comfort zone and get to know someone new. Do what you can to brighten someone's day, and you may just brighten your own at the same time. I challenge you to do what you can to share a little love every single day. In April I will plan a kindness potluck where we can share any stories from our months of kindness. Have a great day!

TRY SOMETHING NEW!

WELCOME!

You are amazing. You are important. You are special. You are unique. You are kind. You are precious. You are loved. Have a great day!



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SPECIAL MEALS AT THE MMSC

Wednesday, February 2nd at noon—Lunch at Jen's Artisan Breads

Thursday, February 10th at noon—Soup Potluck, Bread and Crackers will be provided

Tuesday, March 29th at noon—Potluck and a Program

LUNCH BUNCH

On the second and fourth Fridays of each month we will have our lunch bunch. Here is our schedule for February and March.

February 11—Hazel's Café, Oregon, IL

February 25—La Esmerelda Mexican Restaurant, Polo, IL

March 11—Somkit, Dixon, IL

March 25—Johnny Pancakes, Rockford, IL

We will carpool for these outings, and we will leave the Senior Center at 11:00 am. Lunch will be on your own. Please let Melissa know if you plan to carpool to lunch or meet us there by calling 815-734-6335.

SUPPER CLUB

On the third Tuesday of each month we will be enjoying Supper together at a local restaurant. We will meet at the Senior Center at 4:00 pm and carpool to dinner together.

February 15—Ogle County Brewery, Oregon, IL

March 15—Maria's Pizza, Amboy, IL

SIGN UP TODAY!

Name(s) _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

What are you signing up for?

◇ Lunch at Jen's (2/2/22)

◇ Birthday Lunch and Free Bingo (\$8 each)

◇ Jam Session Lunch (\$5 each)

Please return this form and payment to the Mt. Morris Senior Center at 9 East Front Street, Mt. Morris, IL 61054

THURSDAY \$2.00 TRIVIA & TACOS!

February 17th and March 17th
Come out for a night of fun, food, and fellowship at the Mt. Morris Senior Center. On the third Thursday of each month we will be hosting a trivia night at the Senior Center for everyone in the community. **Bring your own beverages** and be ready for fun. There will be tacos for \$2 each. Each month our trivia will have a theme. We will play 5 rounds with

ten questions per round. Teams will be made up of up to six people. You can bring your own team or join a team when you arrive. The cost will be \$2.00 each, and we will begin at 6:00 pm. There will be a prize for the winning team. To sign up your team email mmsrcenter@gmail.com or call 815-734-6335. All ages and abilities are welcome!



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Second & Fourth Thursday of Each Month

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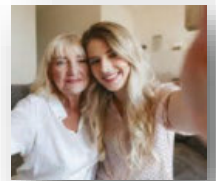
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TEA FOR YOU

Date: Monday, February 14th

Time: 5:30 pm Cost: \$20

Place: Mt. Morris Senior Center

Activities: Tea, Music by Fred and Ginger, Finger Foods, and Fun!

R.S.V.P. to Melissa by Friday, February, 11th at

mmsrcenter@gmail.com or 815-734-6335

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR A TEA FOR YOU!

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KEEP YOURSELF HEALTHY



ENJOY EVERY DAY



STAY ACTIVE

BINGO BIRTHDAY AND JAM SESSION!

On Wednesday, February 16th (Shepherd's Pie) and Wednesday, March 16th (Fettuccini Alfredo) we will celebrate the birthdays in February and March. We hope you can join us for a \$8.00 lunch and some free bingo. Bingo will start at 10:30 am and lunch will be served at 11:30 am. See you then!

If you enjoy music you will love the Jam Sessions at the Mt. Morris Senior Center. Local musicians stop by the 4th

Wednesday of each month to play beautiful music starting at 10:30 am. Join us on February 23rd and March 23rd. A \$5 lunch will be served at noon after each Jam Session. We would love to have you, but we have to plan ahead to make sure we have enough food and space for everyone. If you would like to join us for either of these meals please sign up by the Monday before by calling 815-734-6335.

Thanks to Nancy from Serenity Hospice for calling Bingo and to Mike, Denny, and more for the beautiful music!

BISCUITS AND GRAVY

When: Every Wednesday 8-10 am

Where: Senior Center Dining Room

Who: everyone, until we run out!

Cost: \$2.00 for one biscuit, \$3.50 for two biscuits, and \$0.50 for coffee

We hope you can join us for this delicious meal. Bring your neighbors and invite your friends.



CRAFT WITH KERRI!

On Friday, February 18th and Friday, March 18th all are welcome to make a craft with Kerri from Liberty Village of Rochelle. This is a free craft! We will start at 11:00 am. Please let Melissa know if you will be attending by calling 815-734-6335.



COOKIE DECORATING

Everyone is welcome to join us on Thursday, February 10th for a cookie decorating evening! This fun night will take place 5:00-7:00 pm and the cost is \$1 per cookie. You will leave with delicious and beautiful cookies to help you celebrate Valentine's Day! Please bring your friends and something to take your cookies home in! This will be limited to 15 people, so get signed up!

A NEW GAME!

On the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 1:00 pm we will be playing Cribbage. Whether you know how to play or you want to learn a new card game, you are welcome to join us! The dates for February and March are the 8ths and 22nds. ALL ARE WELCOME!



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| | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 30 | 31 9:00 am: Fitness 12:30 pm: Hand & Foot Card Game | 1 1:00 Golf Card Game | 2 8-10 am B&G with the Mayor 9:00 am: Fitness 12:00: Lunch at Jen's 1:00 pm: Bridge | 3 National Carrot Cake Day! | 4 9:00 am: Fitness National Homemade Soup Day! | 5 World Nutella Day! | |
| 6 | 7 9:00 am: Fitness 11:00 am: Book Club 12:30 pm H&F | 8 1:00 pm: Cribbage | 9 8-10 am: B&G & 9:00 am: Fitness 1:00 pm: Bridge 5:00 pm: Pie Class | 10 12:00 Soup Potluck 5:00 pm: Cookie Decorating Class | 11 9:00 am: Fitness 11:00 am: Lunch Bunch @ Hazel's | 12 | |
| 13 | 14 9:00 am: Fitness 12:30 pm: H&F 5:30 pm: Tea for You with Fred & Ginger | 15 1:00 pm: Golf 4:00 pm: Supper Club at Ogle County Brewery | 16 8-10 am: B&G 9:00 am: Fitness 10:30 am: Bingo & Lunch 1:00 pm: Bridge 1:00 Highland Class | 17 8:30 am Board Meeting 6:00 pm Trivia and Tacos | 18 9:00 am: Fitness 11:00 am: Craft National Caregivers Day! | 19 | |
| 20 | 21 Closed for President's Day! | 22 1:00 pm Cribbage National Margarita Day! | 23 8-10 am: B&G 9:00 am: Fitness 10:30 : Music & Lunch 1:00 pm: Bridge | 24 11:30 am: Movie and Pizza | 25 11:am: Lunch Bunch at Esmerelda's | 26 National Pistachio Day! | |
| 27 | 28 9:00 am: Fitness 12:30 pm: H&F | 1 1:00 pm: Golf | 2 9:00 am: Fitness 1:00 pm: Bridge | 3 | 4 9LOO am: Fitness | 5 | |

MARCH 2022

| | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|-----------|---|--|---|---|-----------|---|---------------------------------|
| 27 | | 28 9:00 am: Fitness 12:30 pm: H&F | 1 1:00 pm: Golf Fat Tuesday! | 2 8-10 am: Breakfast with the Mayor 9:00 am: Fitness 1:00 pm: Bridge | 3 | 4 9:00 am: Fitness National Dress in Blue Day! | 5 |
| 6 | 7 9:00 am: Fitness 11:00 am: Book Club 12:30 pm: Hand & Foot | 8 1:00 pm: Cribbage International Women's Day! | 9 8-10 am: B&G 9:00 am: Fitness 1:00 pm: Bridge | 10 11:30 am: Movie and Pizza | 11 | 12 9:00 am: Fitness 11:00 Lunch Bunch at Somkit | National Plant a Flower Day! |
| 13 | 14 9:00 am: Fitness 12:30 pm: H&F National Pi Day! | 15 1:00 pm: Golf 4:00 pm: Supper Club at Maria's Pizza | 16 8-10 am: B&G 9:00 am: Fitness 10:30 am: Bingo & Lunch 1:00 pm: Bridge | 17 8:30: Board Meeting 6:00 pm: Trivia & Tacos Night! | 18 | 19 9:00 am: Fitness 11:00 am: Craft | National Quilting Day! |
| 20 | 21 9:00 am: Fitness 12:30 pm: H&F | 22 1:00 pm: Cribbage National Bavarian Crepes Day! | 23 8-10 am: B&G 9:00 am: Fitness 10:30 am: Music & Lunch 1:00 pm: Bridge | 24 National Cheesecake Day! | 25 | 26 11:00 Lunch Bunch at Johnny Pancakes | |
| 27 | 28 9:00 am: Fitness 2:30 pm: H&F | 29 | 30 8-10 am: B&G 9:00 am: Fitness 1:00 pm: Bridge | 31 National Crayon Day! | 1 | 2 9:00 am Fitness | |

THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

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PLAY CARDS WITH US!

There are many opportunities to get to know others and learn something new at the Mt. Morris Senior and Community Center, and all are welcome to join in on the fun! All of the groups who play cards are willing to teach you how to play. Enjoy some snacks and coffee while we play.

Mondays—Play Hand and Foot at 12:30 pm
1st and 3rd Tuesdays—Play the card game Golf at 1:00 pm
2nd and 4th Tuesdays—Play Cribbage at 1:00 pm
Wednesdays—Play Bridge at 1:00 pm.

ADULT EASTER EGG HUNT

Get ready! We will be hosting our annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt this year on Saturday, April 2nd. Purchase your tickets for \$10 each today! We are limiting the hunt to 100 people. We will begin registration at the Mt. Morris Bandshell at 7:30 pm, and the hunt will begin at 8:00 pm sharp! Each person will be allowed to find a certain

number of eggs with numbers on them. Certain numbers will be prize winners. We will also have golden eggs hidden for larger prizes. All are welcome to join us for this fundraiser. To purchase your tickets call 815-734-6335. Tickets will be available starting March 1st. Volunteers and donations are needed! Thank you!

SENIOR CENTER BOOK CLUB

We have a great group for the Mt. Morris Senior Center Book Club. We meet the first Monday of each month at 11:00 am, and all are welcome to join us.

On February 7th we will talk about the book *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni which is a story about a small town eye doctor facing a past tragedy. In February we will read *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid. It is the story of two young people from an unknown Muslim state who fell in love and decide to flee from the country plagued by war.

In March we will be reading a book written by local author, Dr. Plescia. Dr. Plescia will also be joining us for our book club discussion on April 4th.

**Join us to read a book today!
We would love to have you!**

BREAKFAST WITH THE MAYOR!

Join us for Biscuits and Gravy and Pancakes with the Mayor of Mt. Morris on the first Wednesday of every month. Please join us between 8:00 and 10:00 am on February 2nd, March 2nd, and April 6th as we learn what is going on in the village and ask the Mayor questions we have.

All are welcome!

DON'T LET TRANSPORTATION STOP YOU FROM PARTICIPATING IN AN EVENT...USE ROCK RIVER CENTER OR L.O.T.S. TRANSPORTATION

At the Rock River Center there is Transportation for anyone 60 years of age or older. Buses go to Rockford, Dixon, Sterling and all local locations including Polo. All they need is a couple of days notice so that they can get you on the route. Even people living in assisted living facilities can use this transportation. So if you need

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Rock River Center Transportation service is available in the following areas: Monday, Wednesday, Friday to Rockford. Monday - Friday all local areas in Ogle County. Tuesday to Freeport. Thursday to DeKalb and Sycamore. For trips to Dixon & Sterling call for availability. Suggested donation is \$4.00 for local service and \$15.00 for roundtrip transports out of county. To get a ride with LOTS just call 815-288-2117.

WE CAN HELP!

The Mt. Morris Senior Center is happy to provide several services. We can help you apply for a license plate discount, check on your Medicare part D plan and supplement through the Senior Health Insurance Program, deliver your groceries from Sullivans, help you make new friends through our programs, send a fax, make some copies, answer some questions about the community, or even help you with most technology issues. Just give us a call at 815-734-6335!

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HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Highland Community College Life- long Learning Classes at the Mt. Morris Senior Center!

We are excited to host a couple of Zoom classes for Highland, and we hope you can join us!

Comedy Gold on the Silver Screen

Course ID: 6843

February 16th 1:00-2:30 pm

Movie Music Romance III

Course ID: 6844

April 19th 1:00-2:30 pm

The fee for each of these classes is \$10.
Sign up through Highland.



Remember, if the Oregon School district is closed due to weather, the Mt. Morris Senior Center is also closed. If this is the case, please stay home and stay safe and warm. We love you, and we want you to take care of yourself, especially in inclement weather.

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Annual Level of Giving

Membership per individual

Supporting- - - - - \$25

Contributing- - - - - \$35

Sustaining- - - - - \$50

Sponsor per individual or Organization- - - \$100

Life membership levels

Silver- - - - - \$500

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SUPPORT THE MT. MORRIS SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER!

We would like to encourage everyone to renew your memberships for 2022 or become a member and support the Mt. Morris Senior Center, so that we can continue our work for the Seniors of the Mt. Morris area for many years to come. Thank you for all of your support and contributions to the Mt. Morris Senior Center!

We love you and want you to keep your mind sharp. Enjoy this valentine puzzle, and join us for a few activities this month. See you soon!

Valentine Words

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 - DEVOTION
 - FLOWERS
 - HONEY
 - LOVEBIRDS
 - ROMANCE
 - SWEETS
 - AMOROUS
 - BOUQUET
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 - DARLING
 - EMBRACE
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