

INDIAN RIVER SENIOR CENTER

MARCH | APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER







YOUR HEALTH AT THE CENTER IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ

Please know that we care about your health and safety while at the Center. We follow the guidelines and mandates of the state of Delaware and Governor Carney. We have installed Reme halos on our HVAC units. They kill microbials in the air and on surfaces. They reduce air pollutants, mold, bacteria, and viruses. These units service rooms 1, 2, and 3. There is a plasma air filter on the HVAC unit that services the hall. This uses proactive air purification technology that deactivates airborne viruses safely. It uses bipolar ionization that creates millions of positive and negative ions, a proven method of virus destruction. These updated systems were paid for by grants during our shut down.



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DELAWARE'S PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG BAN BEGINS JULY 1, 2022

The Delaware General Assembly passed this law in June 2021. DNREC encourages customers to bring their own bag into stores so they have the bag they prefer to use. It is up to individual stores to decide what type of bag they will offer. They may offer reusable bags, or paper bags or they may decide not to provide bags for customers at all. Plastic film bags, regardless of thickness, are no longer allowed. All retail stores in Delaware are affected by the change. Restaurants are not subject to the ban. The law allows retail stores to charge a fee for the bags they provide at point of sale but does not require it.

Delaware's Plastic Carryout Bag Ban: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/waste-hazardous/recycling/plastic-bags/



REPORT FROM THE DIRCTOR AND THE BOARD PRESIDENT

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ABOUT IRSC

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*Hours for June/ July/ August Monday - Thursday | 8am - 4pm Friday | 8am-2pm

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FROM THE DIRECTOR & THE BOARD PRESIDNT

"A LITTLE PROGRESS EACH DAY ADDS UP TO BIG RESULTS"

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We will be going into a well welcomed new season and time change in March. Days will be getting longer with more daylight to enjoy each day. We are looking forward to all the wonderful changes that will be happening during the springtime. More of our members are returning to the activities and lunches at the Center. We continue to watch the Covid numbers and follow the state and CDC guidelines. Members are returning to the Center after a winter hiatus and the challenges that Covid brought to all of us. We are seeing new members and the returning members enjoying classes, activities and the homemade lunches that are served each Wednesday.

Please be sure to check in at the kiosk located near the offices. It is important to have a record of the number of member who are here

each day. Every person counts. The information is essential when requesting funding for the Center. All of the information helps when preparing the grant applications. A very special thank you to Suzanne Gordon, our new accountant, who has gone above and beyond her regular job over the last few months. Couldn't have done it without you Suzanne!

We would also like to thank our Board of Directors and our tremendous volunteers who have helped with public bingo each month and with many other activities for the Center.

*Tanet Laws*Executive Director

Ed Bishop
Board President

NIMBLE FINGERS

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MEETINGS

March 16th, 2022 | 9:30 am April 20th, 2022 | 9:30 am

The Indian River Senior Center is here to promote the wellbeing of anyone 50 and older. This is accomplished through social, mental, and physical activities as well as programs that are designed to keep seniors healthy and active.

WHAT THEY DO

Nimble Fingers is a local organization made of volunteers who knit, crochet, quilt, and sew for those in need. Their items go to the Boys and Girls Clubs, nursing homes, veterans, and so many other worthy causes. How can you help? Donate your hand made items!

You don't have to be a member of the IRSC and donations are accepted at the Center Monday through Friday, between 8am and 3pm. Not sure how to go about making donatable items? Look below and see what workshops we're offering here at the Center.

A total of 3,492 hand made items have been donated to various organizations!





WORKSHOP WITH A GUEST SPEAKER- MARCH 29

Beginning at 1pm and ending at 3pm, a guest speaker from Energize Delaware will be here to talk more about the organization and light refreshments will be served. Please call Bobbi Jo Tice @ 302-515-3020 to reserve your spot today!

SLEEPING MATS WORKSHOP- APRIL 21

This highly anticipated event with limited seating does require an RSVP. The workshop begins at 12pm and ends at 2:20pm. Supplies you can bring includes lots of plastic bags (single use only), scissors, and a size "N" crochet hook if you want to crochet. To RSVP, please call the Volunteer Delaware 50+ office at 302-515-3020.

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EXERCISE: 7 BENEFITS OF REGULAR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

- 1. Exercise controls weight
- 2. Exercise combats health conditions and diseases
- 3. Exercise improves mood
- 4. Exercise boosts energy
- 5. Exercise promotes better sleep
- 6. Exercise puts the spark back into your relationship
- 7. Exercise can be fun ... and social!

mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle.

DANCE AND EXERCISE PROGRAMS

AEROBICS

8:30am - 9:30am Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Instructor - Theresa McDuffie 240-338-0720

PRICE - \$3 PER CLASS

STRETCH & BALANCE

9:30am - 10:30am Tuesday and Thursday

Instructor - Theresa McDuffie 240-338-0720

PRICE - \$3 PER CLASS

WALKING

9:00am - 9:30am Thursday and Friday

Indian River Senior Center 302-934-8839

PRICE - FREE

LINE DANCING - BEGINNER

9:00am - 10:00am Wednesday

Instructor - Marian Fetherolf 302-249-1586

PRICE - \$5 PER CLASS

TAI CHI

9:45am - 10:45am Monday

Instructor - John Clancy 609-617-2326

PRICE - \$3 PER CLASS

LINE DANCING - INTERMEDIATE

10:15ам - 11:15ам Wednesday

Instructor - Marian Fetherolf 302-249-1586

PRICE - \$5 PER CLASS

TAI CHI (VIRTUAL)

10:00am - 11:00am Tuesday

10:30am - 11:30am Thursday

Instructor - Joanne Howell Gojoanne@gmail.com

PRICE - \$3-\$5 PER CLASS



LUNCH AT IRSC

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Our menu is subject to change.

MARCH 2022

2ND - SUBS (ITALIAN, HAM OR TUNA), CHIPS, BIRTHDAY CAKE

9th - Bacon & Corn Chowder, Mixed Salad, Dessert

16th - Baked Chicken Bites, Perogies, Vegetable, Dessert

23rd - Kielbasa with Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Harvard Beets, Dessert

30th - Baked Fish, Mac n Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Dessert

APRIL 2022

6th - Subs (Italian, Ham, or Tuna), Chips, Birthday Cake

13th - Pasta in Meat Sauce, Mixed Salad, Dessert

20th - Chicken Tortellini Soup, Dessert

27th - Three Amigos Salad (Tuna, Egg, Chicken), Tortilla Chips, Homemade Salsa, Dessert

Come Out and Play!

Stick around each **Wednesday** for some game day fun with our favorites! Come early for line dancing and games like giant Checkers and Chess, Jenga, Battleship, and Yahtzee. Stay for lunch at 11:30 and Social Bingo from 1:00 to 3:00. Bring a friend and make a day of it! Be sure to check your IRSC calendar for dancing, lunch, and bingo events!

HOMEMADE MEALS!

IRSC is back to serving meals. We are excited to offer delicious, homemade lunches at 11:30am on Wednesdays. All lunches, unless otherwise indicated, are \$5, with the exception of subs, which are \$6.

We want to make sure we have enough for everyone. Members and non-members alike are welcome so feel free to bring a friend! So we are highly encouraging people to sign up for their meal in advance, preferably by the Monday before. Sign up sheets are located in the hall or you can call the center to order. Dine in and take outs are available. Please indicate your preference when you call.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with lunches on Wednesday, please call the Center. It takes people to make this happen!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!



Come join us for lunch and celebrate all March and April birthdays on March 2nd!



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TRAVEL

HARRINGTON CASINO

Watch for more information in the coming months.

HAPPY WANDERER TRIPS

Watch for more information in the coming months.

PROGRAMS THAT GET YOU OUT AND ABOUT

BILLIARD LEAGUES

Pool is a popular activity at the Indian River Senior Center. Over 15,000 games are played in a year. The center is host to four leagues each week. New players are always welcome. Although competitive, everyone is there to have a fun time. You'll hear lots of laughter, cheers when someone makes a good shot, and groans when they miss.

Singles Competition 8-ball leagues are played on Monday and Tuesday mornings. The leagues employ a handicap system that allows less skilled players to compete against the best players.

Traditionally, 8-ball is the game of choice at IRSC. New to Thursdays is a competitive 9-ball league. In the next session, we hope to employ a handicap system to even the playing field.

Fridays is a travel league. Millsboro has

three teams that compete against teams from other senior centers/ communities. The league is expanding to ten teams early in 2022. Including an all-ladies' team. A handful of openings are expected to be available.

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons are available for open play. Wednesdays are set aside for open pool all day.

A small nominal fee is associated with each league. Monies collected are used for table maintenance, a tournament and pizza party at the end of each session. None of us are or ever will be professional pool players. At no time is gambling allowed.

All the leagues are about meeting people, socializing, and having fun. For more information, contact Ed Bishop at 410-802-5016.

GOLF LEAGUES

Golf League Manager Ray Richard 301-802-8974

North Division Director Robert Brady rbradyjr53@gmail.com

South Division Director Monica Fleischmann 302-228-6912

East Division Director Dick Mullins 443-614-9347

West Division Director Bill Baydalla 302-644-1774

Central Division Director Jackie Hostelley 215-802-7691 Golf is a big part of the IRSC. We have four divisions that play on Mondays and another division that goes out on Thursdays. Each division's director, along with the Golf Manager, have been working tirelessly to organizing the 2022 Golf season. Courses were selected in December and golf began in mid-March.

We have filled most of our available spots, but our North Division still has space available for those who would like to play on Mondays.

Call Ray Richard, Golf League Manager with questions.

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Rooms are being used during highlighted times.

Room Availability																							
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BOOK CLUB

The Virtual Book Club was started in January 2021 and was a wonderful way to stay connected during the uncertainty of the pandemic. The book club members read nine books together and look forward to welcoming new members! The club meets at 2pm on the second Wednesday of each month from February 9th to October 12th. These meetings will be offered on Zoom and at the center if requested by IRSC members who would prefer that format. On March 9th the novel of discussion will be Jane Goodall and Douglas Carlton Abrams' "The book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times." On April 13th, Jodi Picoult's "Wish You Were Here" is on the docket. If you are interested in joining the book club, please contact Joanne Howell at gojoanne@gmail.com



GAMES

The Center has many games available for members to play. Games such as Bridge, Mah Jongg, Pinochle, Ping Pong, Shuffleboard, Social Bingo, Nickel Poker and others that people may like to play. Some of these games are on the calendar because we have groups that want to meet and play the same time each week. If you are interested in playing a game and want to get others together to join you in the fun, the center has times available for you to play. Please see the schedule for room availability and call the center to reserve a room.

LIBRARY

Indian River Senior Center has a library with a variety of genres. The library is open 8:30am to 3:30pm most week days. Books are available for members to take home, read, and return at our members' convenience. Donna McColgan volunteers her time in the library and keeps it neat and organized. Thank you Donna! If you have any questions please contact her at 302-927-0130.

CRAFTS AND HOBBIES

The Center has a room that is dedicated to crafts and hobbies. The closet in this room is filled with items that can be used to make things. There is fabric, yarn, needles and hooks to name a few. The center has times available for people to come use these supplies to make handmade items. Please check the schedule for available times and call the center to reserve the room.



ART CLASSES

We are so happy to report that Art Classes with Carolyn Wisniewski have returned to the Center! Classes will run 9:30am-11:30am every Thursday in Room 2. All are welcome! If you have any question, please call Carolyn at 302-846-2280.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Solf 8:00am - 1:00pm Billiards 8-Ball League 9:45am - 10:45am Tai Chi 12:30pm - 4:00pm Mah Jongg	8:00am - 1:00pm Billiards 8-Ball League 8:30am - 9:30am Aerobics 9:30am - 10:30am Stretch & Balance 10:00am - 11:00am Tai Chi (Virtual) 10:00am - 12 Noon Bible Study 1:00pm - 3:00pm Nickel Poker	9:00am - 10:00am Line Dancing Beginners 10:15am - 11:15am Line Dancing Intermediate 11:30am Lunch Served 11:30am - 1:00pm Lunch Time Activity 1:00pm - 3:00pm Social Bingo	8:00am - 1:00pm Billiards 9-Ball League 8:30am - 9:30am Aerobics 9:00am - 9:30am Walking 9:00am - 3:00pm Filled AARP Tax Prep 9:30am - 10:30am Stretch & Balance 9:30am - 11:30am Art Class 10:30am - 11:30am Tai Chi (Virtual)	8:00am - 1:00pm Billiards Travel League 9:00am - 9:30am Walking 12:30pm - 3:00pm Mah Jongg

MONTHLY SCHEDULE & SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH

- 03 Public Bingo Doors open at 6pm with games starting at 7pm
- 09 Meet & Greet with Representative Collins (Light Refreshments to be Served) 8:00am 9:00am
- 09 Book Club
- 13 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 16 Board Meeting 9:30am 11:30am
- 29 Nimble Fingers Workshop

APRIL

- 06 Meet & Greet with Representative Collins 8:00am 9:00am
- 07 Public Bingo Doors open at 6pm with games starting at 7pm
- 12 Workshop "Protect Yourself from Scams"
- 13 Book Club
- 20 Board Meeting 9:30am 11:30am
- 21 Nimble Fingers Workshop (Please RSVP- Spaces are Limited)
- 22 AARP Driving Class (Light Refreshments to be Served, No Lunch Provided)

NEWS YOU CAN USE

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How Medicare Can Help Prevent Heart Disease



- **1. Heart Disease Screenings**: If you have Medicare, you can receive a free heart disease screening annually. (Possible copay depending on your coverage.) These screenings check your blood pressure and cholesterol and your doctor may provide you with tips to improve your health with some small lifestyle adjustments.
- **2. Diabetes Screening and Management**: Over time, high blood glucose from diabetes can damage your blood vessels and nerves, increasing your risk for heart disease. Some warning signs for diabetes include weight loss, increased urination, blurry vision, and increased fatigue, thirst, and hunger.
- **3. Chronic Disease Self- Management:** 80% of older adults have at least one chronic disease. Chronic Disease Self-Management Programs (CDSMP) are six week long interactive workshops that help attendees manage conditions. To find a CDSMP in your community, contact your local <u>Area Agency on Aging</u>.
- **4. Healthy Lifestyle Habits**: You know that saying, "Your body is a temple?" Well it is! Improving your diet and making small changes to your daily routine can drastically reduce your risk for heart disease. A great first step is to reduce your intake of processed foods and increase your fresh fruits and veggies!





"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference."
Winston Churchill

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 Lynnette Babb Paul Freedenburg John Zimmerman

3 Dena Ament Bob Fernekes Clover Simpler Richard Stacey

4 Robert Frost Gil Hofheimer Sheila Smith John Sosnoski

5 Robert Bosack Glenn Perrini Alfred Rinaudot Celeste Rush

6 Blair Calton Richard Cleary Larry Locklear Mike Walsh 7 Russell Hoover Jeff Tatnall Kim Jay Little George Marsden

8 Henry Giller Patricia Gusoff Theresa Zukowski

9 Dennis Claassen Glenn Coach Lois Mears

10 David Baker Thomas Cunningham

11 Mark Cuomo

12 Baird Brookhart Robert Kocher Denise Limmer Edwin Ramich 13 Alexander Krawchuk

14 Robert Thomas

15 Frederick Nunley Jerry Waggoner

16 Jerry Cranmer Alfred Taddeo

18 Coles Marsh Richard Sturcke

19 Joe Donhauser Bobbie Merrill Dave Rufft

20 Elizabeth Landi Tammy Rust Kathleen Stritzl

21 Leon Dudley Bob MacDonald

22 Butch Bucci Price Goldston Donna Musto

23 Mindy Goss Bruce Hackett

24 Ed Bishop Elaine Carmen 25 Gary Wagoner

26 John Cavanaugh Stephen Kolbe David Wheeler

27 Russell Clatts Kathy McGee Richard Stewart

28 Jerry Rosolie

29 Donald Baker Ray Mahr Skip Walls

30 Ken Emery Joan Yeaton

31 Thomas Taylor Stephen Horosky



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1 John Dolan Bob Vanderloo

2 James Durkin

3 Ski Siekierski

4 David Houck Ginny Morris Dennis Mushinski Dan Pyryt

5 Jay Abramson William Mahon Joseph Pyskaty Jill Uss

6 Richard Stork Larry Walton

7 Carole Aschenbach Trudy Fox Richard Goodman Ellin Marsh

8 Lisa Orem

Steve Adams



10 Chuck Lucas Carlene Russ Ted Sideras Larry Wilde

11
Pauline Gerheiser
Jack Henriksen
12
Steve Kempe
Lan Mershon
Anthony Rinaudo

13 Doug Tootell Leon Pfeiffenberger

14 Pete Hoerner Judith Maresca Bill Porreca

15 Sue Scaglione Mary Jane Tester Andrew Twarowski

17 Angelina Ager Miguel Izquierdo Alan Lowe

18 Phil Armstrong Sharon Klusek Dan Martin

19 Vinnie Dioguardi

20 Theresa Dymicki Janet Montague



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

21 Suzanne Lentz

22 Dennis Casey Timothy Hresko Joanne Kempton Michael Roach

23 William Colwill Thomas Herwig Raymond Richard

24 Mabel Bender Diana Hamilton

25 William Baker

26 Lee Bernhardt John Musto 27 Sam Caligiure Thomas Bernoski Barbara Grogan

28 Robert Bradley Robert Esposito Russell Taylor

29 Angela Nittoly

30 Sharon Mears

If we missed your March or April birthday, please accept our apologies and let us know about our error so we can make corrections. Thank you!

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MAH JONGG

Get those tiles moving here at IRSC every Monday and Friday beginning at 12:30pm!



BIBLE STUDY

Join Dale Argot, pastor of The Journey Church in Millsboro at the Indian River Senior Center on Tuesdays at 10am until 12pm. This class is open to IRSC members as well as nonmembers. Please call the Center if you have any questions 302-934-8839 (x1).

SOCIAL & PUBLIC BINGO

SOCIAL BINGO

BETWEEN 1PM AND 3PM EVERY WEDNESDAY. MEMBERS ONLY.

PUBLIC BINGO

MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS ARE WELCOME! ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, DOORS OPEN AT 6PM AND GAMES START AT 7PM.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please check Facebook, our Website, the radio or the television WBOC for any closings or delays at IRSC due to fog and inclement weather. The Center follows the Indian River School District's decisions about weather delays and cancelations.



AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASSES

The Indian River Senior Center will be holding an AARP Driving Safety Class. This class is scheduled for Friday, April 22 at the Center. It will be a 6 hour class and will run from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Registration fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. The class is for Delaware drivers only. No out of state registration. Please register by phone at 302-934-8839 ext. 1, email - indianriverseniorcenterinc@gmail.com or sign up in the Center. Class size is limited.

Our class will be put into the AARP database. If COVID cases increase in Sussex County, the class will not be presented. AARP makes this decision. Because of this factor, all classes have to be scheduled 30 days in advance. COVID vaccination is required to take this class in person. Please bring your vaccination card to class. If no vaccination card, then proof of a negative COVID test taken within a 24 hour period is required by AARP.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

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SPRING CLEANING AND ORGANIZING YOUR FINANCES

With spring coming, spring cleaning your personal finances will help you to manage your money.

Set Up a Filing System: Gather your credit card, phone, utility, insurance, mortgage, car loan and other payments and organize them in whatever way works for you. Keep them together in a safe place, like a filing cabinet, a desk drawer or a folder. When it's time to pay your bills, everything you need will be right in front of you.

Create a Budget and Stick to It: Budgeting is a critical step in getting your finances in order. Write down your monthly expenses, your debts, bills, discretionary spending, and your income sources. Cut back where necessary to ensure all your obligations are met.

Tracking your spending is a way to take account of what you are actually spending each month, which will help you stay within your budget. Review your budget frequently and adjust it as necessary. If you have tried to make a budget in the past, but it never works very well, make an appointment with a financial coach to help you put together a budget so you can get your finances in order.

Set Up Money Reminders or Automate Bill Payments: Add all of your billing dates to a calendar, your smartphone's calendar alerts, Google Calendar notifications, Alexa or a set up an alert to remind you of an upcoming bill payment. Set up automated transfers and payments through your online banking, which ensures that you'll never miss a payment.

Balance Your Payments with Income: Talk to your credit card company, lender, or utility company to change your billing cycle, so you can make all your payments without struggling financially for part of the month.

Evaluate and Pay Off Your Debt: Evaluate how much you owe, and how much you are paying in interest. Set up a plan to chip away at your debts. The "avalanche" approach focuses on paying off debt with the highest interest rate. Once you eliminate the balance with the highest interest rate, you move on to the balance with the next highest interest rate, and so on. The "snowball" approach involves tackling your smallest balance first, then moving on to the next smallest balance until everything is paid off.

Save Money: Saving money gives us peace of mind. Financial emergencies like an illness, vehicle or home repairs can strike at any time. Having cash on hand can prevent us from resorting to credit and racking up debt. The amount you save will grow with time, and the more savings you have, the less likely you are to resort to credit.

Spring cleaning your finances helps keep your life – and your finances – organized.

For FREE assistance in reaching your financial goals, call Stand By Me 50+ for FREE financial coaching: New Castle County 302-601-3896, Kent County 302-415-1542
Statewide 302-608-2705

A HUGE Thank You to the AARP Tax Aide Program! Special thanks to Ken Bowen and to William O'Conner. Thank you for providing the AARP Tax Prep again this year. This is a tremendous service to our community and we are so graeful for all of the volunteer services.



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