# - the -BRRDDGEE CENTRAL BUCKS SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER



## - CALENDAR OF EVENTS -

## Covid again is affecting our activities... CALL AHEAD!

#### January

- 3 . Blood Pressure Screening 5. Executive & Members Meetings
- 17. CLOSED (MLK Day)
- 27. Lunch & Learn, Presentation on Wound Care

Bingo ~ Tentatively 10, 17, 24, 31

#### February

- 2. Executive & Members Meetings
- 7. Blood Pressure Screening
- 10 . Representative Shelby Labs Consumer Protection Forum
- 21. CLOSED (Presidents Day)

Bingo ~ Tentatively 7, 14, 21, 28

AARP -

Tax Prep ~ 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 28 \*

\* See inside for additional details

#### March

- 2 . Executive & Members Meetings
- 7. Blood Pressure Screening

Bingo ~ Tentatively 7, 14, 21, 28

AARP -Tax Prep ~ 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 28 \*

#### 1st Quarter 2022 — January through March

## -WELCOME-



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Manager (Pending) Darlene Fell, Assistant Manager

#### **OFFICERS**

President—Linda Currie Secretary—Christine Sablich Past President—Nancy Fratrik 1st VP— Jerry Fox 2nd VP—Steve Danatzko Treasurer – Rick Gaver Members at Large Marilyn Tori Arlene Fox BRIDGE STAFF VOLUNTEERS – Linda Currie – Steve Danatzko Custodian—Steve Helm

#### THE CENTRAL BUCKS SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

The Central Bucks Senior Activity Center (CBSAC) is one of four, fullservice senior centers operated by Bucks County Association for Retired and Senior Citizens, a not-for-profit corporation on Aging. This project is funded, in part, under a contract with the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and The County of Bucks. The BCARSC is an equalopportunity employer.

All programs and services provided at the four Senior Centers through the Area Agency on Aging are offered without regard to race, religion, political affiliation, income level, or personal background. The Central Bucks Senior Activity Center serves all senior citizens, aged 55 and over in the Central Bucks area including Doylestown Borough, Doylestown Township, New Britain Borough, New Britain Township, Chalfont Borough, Buckingham Township, Plumstead Township, Warrington Borough, and Warwick Borough, as well as neighboring communities. Geographic locations are not criteria for membership, and the Center draws members from as far as Perkasie, Warminster, Lansdale, New Hope and Solebury.

CBSAC is an activity Center, helping members to lead richer, fuller lives by providing a variety of programs to both entertain and stimulate. It has an elected executive board. There are monthly meetings at which members may express their support and concerns. This Center has been providing services to the Bucks area for over 30 years.

In case of inclement weather, the CBSAC follows the closing status as that of CB School District. Please watch channel 28 for updates.

We will also post the information on our Facebook page which is accessible from our center's website cbseniors.net.

#### AARP 2020 Driver Safety Course

Continues to be delayed due to the Pandemic

## **MESSAGES**

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S MESSAGE
Well, Hello to all, and Welcome back! It's been 5 months already that you have been back and you are getting used to the changeswell, some of you are anyway.
You know by now, our manager, Sheila is leaving us after being here for 8 years. It is a sad day for me she has been a great friend and coworker and I will miss her very much.
<ul><li>Anyway, people have been asking me if I am leaving. Not yet but who knows when? I will be the first to let you know.</li><li>THANK YOU for the kind words you have said to me.</li><li>There will be fund raising meals in the first quarter of 2022. Not sure at the moment what they will be, but STAY TUNED!</li></ul>
l hope you all had a nice Christmas  and a Happy New Year.
Take care! Hope to see you all soon! Darlene Fell, Assistant Manager

#### **CO-PILOT NEWS**

The CoPilot system is being re-evaluated. For safety reasons, members will temporarily no longer use the computer to check in. There will be a CBSAC volunteer to check members in as they enter the building through the front door. You may still swipe your Co-Pilot card if you have one.

You will be asked which activities you will be attending and if you would like to preregister for both lunch, Bingo and other activities.

We will have more than one CoPilot check in station at the front desk when needed so the process should go more smoothly.

In addition to checking in on CoPilot we will still maintain a check in list which is a safety requirement from the County. Before you leave the building please check out at the front desk to have your name crossed off the list.

Home PRE-registration: If you are comfortable with using a computer at home, you can now PreRegister from home for Bingo, Applegate distribution (when it's available), and even for lunch. Go to www.copilotcommunity.com, supply an email address, and have the number on the back of your CoPilot bar code card handy instead of a password. If you do not see the Centtral Bucks Senior Center at top, use the CHANGE CENTER box to get there. You can then use the menu at the top of the page to select PREREGISTRATION to do so for Bingo, Applegate and Lunch. Use the NEXT button top/right to move through the weeks available. It's pretty intuitive, so explore as necessary. You can't do any damage to your account, so, please, CHECK IT OUT.

## **CENTER NEWS**



#### AARP Tax Preparation (Free)

<u>AARP Foundation Tax-Aide</u> offers free tax preparation help to anyone and if you're 50 and older, and can't afford a

tax preparation service, we were made especially for you. We understand that retirement or other life changes may mean your taxes are a little more complicated now. With the help of our team of IRS certified volunteers we make it easy for you.

Call Representative Shelby Labs office to make an appointment for your taxes! Mondays & Fridays - 2/4/20 thru 4/11/20 215-489-2126

#### **Applegate Food Distribution**

Applegate Distributions, when available, have returned as in-person pickup. You no longer have to wait in your car in the parking lot.

Preregistration is required so we can properly allocate appropriate portions for all interested member. This can be accomplished by notifying CBSAC by calling 215-348-0565 and the CoPilot clerk will Pre -Register those who want Applegate. \*\*It is the consumer's responsibility to call to see if we are having an Applegate distribution, and to make sure they are preregistered. Darlene will no longer make telephone calls, unless the Applegate distribution is cancelled.

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## **MORE CENTER NEWS AND UPDATES**

#### Welcome Back, Our new(?) Treasurer, Rick Gaver

Just a short note to let everyone know that while Sheila is starting a new aspect of her life, Rick Gaver has returned as our Treasurer for the center. We WELCOME Rick back as an active member of the Board.



## Featured Volunteer Barb Metwally

Joined the center 2015, Served on Board 2018 through 2021

Served as Secretary, then 1st Vice President

Other support includes Holly Fair, Kitchen Volunteer and Gardener

When Barb first joined the center she carried with her an enthusiasm for which she has become well known. She initiates personal participation in many of the events, activities and procedures here at the center with a cheerful, helpful attitude. She brings the same happy and smiling face to activities she is then **asked** to add to her list of support activities for the center. She has a talent for knowing just when to "break the monotony" with her entertaining stories and anecdotes. She is constantly donating time, supplies and plant life to enhance every aspect of the goings on here at the CBSAC.

So, it is with great honor, and appropriate admiration that she be recognized as our initial **Featured Volunteer.** Please say a quick, extra "Thank You" when you see her... serving lunch, helping with other activities or sweating in the garden.

#### CBSAC Gift Shop

Our newest addition at the center is our Gift Shop. It is open Mondays and Thursdays from 11:00AM to 1:00PM.

We have a sizable inventory including decorative items, recipe

books, jewelry, card holders, greeting cards, framed paintings, and more. Some items are new, some gently used, but all are clean and safe.

Besides buying some of our items, if you have usable donations, we'll take'em.

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#### FLAG RETIREMENT

Like many of us, United States Flags are also destined for retirement. Doylestown's Albert R.Atkinson, Jr. American Legion Post 210, performs a ceremony several times during the year to cremate tired, torn and worn Flags. As a convenience for Central Bucks Senior Center and its members, the Post has placed a smaller receptacle in the lobby of the CBSC to deposit flags for retirement. If the flag is a smaller one with an attached stick, please remove the stick and deposit in the trash. Members of the Post will remove the flags for proper retirement.

United States Flag Code, Title 4, Section 8k states-"The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

This past Fall, over 2300 flags from local cemeteries were "retired" along with flags from community residents. Post members were assisted by Cadets of the Doylestown Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.

#### **CBSAC Book Club**

Our book club meets in the Library on the second Thursday of the month at 10:30. First quarter meetings are January 6, February 10 and March 19.

We are currently reading The Bully of Order by Brian Hart. Our new book will be Mostly Sunny: How I Learned to Keep Smiling Through the Rainiest Days by Janice Dean

The January meeting will be held on the 6th at The Plumsteadville Inn. Luncheon details will be posted at the front desk.

#### **WE ARE SADDENED**

BY THE LOSS OF SEVERAL OF OUR MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILY OR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND ASSOCIATES WHO MAY BECOME ILL, OR WORSE, DURING THIS Covid-19 CRISIS.

Members who have recently passed away:



Ann Fraser Betty Reiter Lois Lentine Rose Fusco Margaret Czerniak **Richard Martin** Lois Trauger Chung Lee





## Pandemic Information

#### Help Us to Maintain a Safe and Healthy Return to Indoor Activities at the CBSAC

In-person activities will follow PA Department of Health & Area Agency on Aging recommendations.

- Please only come to the center when healthy. Stay home if you have had any COVID symptoms or have been in contact with anyone testing positive for COVID.

- No gathering or congregating IN THE BUILDING prior to or after activities.
- Face masks must be worn appropriately at all times and temperatures will be checked upon arrival at the center.
- Frequent hand washing is encouraged.
- Pre-registrations must be made for meals, activities & programs.

Activity Instructors will be contacting their group(s). Participants will be required to register in this manner.

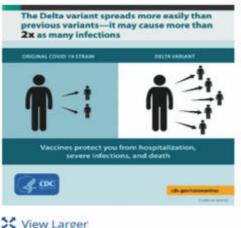
- Plan to arrive and depart promptly for activities.
- Sanitize your space prior to leaving and make it just as clean for the next person. Look for the sanitizers that are placed in each room.
- Please maintain 6 feet of distance from others.

The Center will maintain a check list which is a safety requirement from the County. Before you leave the building, please check out at the front desk to have your name crossed off the list.

## Infections and Spread

The Delta variant causes more infections and spreads faster than early forms of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19

- · The Delta variant is more contagious: The Delta variant is highly contagious, more than 2x as contagious as previous variants.
- Some data suggest the Delta variant might cause more severe illness than previous variants in unvaccinated people. In two different studies from Canada and Scotland, patients infected with the Delta variant were more likely to be hospitalized than patients infected with Alpha or the original virus that causes COVID-19. Even so, the vast majority of hospitalization and death caused by COVID-19 are in unvaccinated people.
- Unvaccinated people remain the greatest concern: The greatest risk of transmission is among unvaccinated people who are much more likely to get infected, and therefore transmit the virus. Fully vaccinated people get COVID-19 (known as breakthrough infections) less often than unvaccinated people. People infected with the Delta variant, including fully vaccinated people with symptomatic breakthrough infections, can transmit the virus to others. CDC is continuing to assess data on whether



fully vaccinated people with asymptomatic breakthrough infections can transmit the virus.

 Fully vaccinated people with Delta variant breakthrough infections can spread the virus to others. However, vaccinated people appear to spread the virus for a shorter time: For prior variants, lower amounts of viral genetic material were found in samples taken from fully vaccinated people who had breakthrough infections than from unvaccinated people with COVID-19. For people infected with the Delta variant, similar amounts of viral genetic material have been found among both unvaccinated and fully vaccinated people. However, like prior variants, the amount of viral genetic material may go down faster in fully vaccinated people when compared to unvaccinated people. This means fully vaccinated people will likely spread the virus for less time than unvaccinated people.

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE CRAFTER'S GROUP!

Since our return to the Senior Center, we have had 3 new members join our group: Dianna Dell Angelo, Dianne Lecco, and Cristina D'Onofrio. They were very helpful in getting ready for the Holly Fair.

Also regarding the Holly Fair, I would like to thank Linda, Martha, Susan, Dolores, Maria, Gay, Karen, Ann and Shirley. With all their hard work, after the two day fair, we made a \$401 donation The Center.



We also have some exciting news that 4 new people will be joining us on Thursdays.

We look forward to an exciting 2022... hope you can join us!



Winners of the Holly Fair Gift Baskets

Mary Ann Aust

st Mary Beth Otto Anne McGinnis Sue Haas Chris Meyers



## RENTALS

The Plumstead Room is a beautiful hall that provides seating for up to 175 people. This room has been rented for weddings, banquets, parties, showers, sweet 16 parties, graduations, business meetings, and other events. We have a full commercial kitchen available. Our restrooms are conveniently located near the hall.

For smaller affairs or meetings we have the Bucks County Room which can accommodate up to 40 people.

Please contact the center for further information at Phone 215-348-0565 or 215-348-0566

#### **VETERANS DAY**

On November 12, 2021, CBSC hosted a Veterans Day Program and luncheon for Veterans. In attendance were Korea, Vietnam and Vietnam-Era and War on Terrorism Veterans. The program began with the presentation of the colors by SSgt Carl Byington from the Doylestown US Army Recruiting office and CBSC member Jerry Fox (Vietnam-era Vet). A video of the 2019 Bucks County Tour of Honor trip was shown. Several Veterans in attendance had been on that trip. A luncheon following the video was sponsored by American Legion Post 210 as part of their Veterans Outreach program.



The next Bucks County Tour of Honor trip for WWII, Korea and Vietnam And Vietnam-Era Veterans is scheduled for April, 2022.



# **For Your Information**

## **Legacy Donations**

Please consider a gift to the CBSAC. It can be as simple as "I give the sum of \$\_\_\_ Or \_\_\_% of the residual of my estate to the Central Bucks Senior Center, a non-profit corporation on aging, located in Doylestown, PA, for general charitable purposes.

You can also name the Central Bucks Senior Center as the beneficiary of an insurance policy or retirement account.

A little planning today can make a big difference for the future.

If you are of a generous mind, and have the idea to make such an offering, please contact Sheila Rodney, Manager, at 215-348-0565.





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- 3. Scroll down when the page opens.
- 4. Type Bucks County Association for Retired and Senior Citizens" and click search.
- 5. Select Bucks County Association for Senior and Retired Senior Citizens
- 6. When you start shopping, make sure to go to smile.amazon.com for it to count.

## **Fundraisers**

#### Monthly Lunches

With Covid rising, and health concerns for prepared foods, at this time we do not have any fundraiser lunches scheduled. Check the web site or make a center visit to see if we've determined we can be safe and healthy with future possibilities.

THANK YOU for your patience!

F-Y-I ~ If you are a member and need additional income, this program may be helpful!

The Senior Community Service and Employment Program serves persons who are low income and age 55 years of age or older by placing them in part-time community service positions where they can gain skills and work experience to transition to employment.

The program has three main goals:

- Upgrade Job skills to help participants obtain job Placement
- Help the participant get involved in his/her community
- Provide participants with added income during training

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Sheila at the CBSAC or use the contact info below if you would like more information about the SCSEP

Linda Kahlert, T&E SCSEP 1200 Veterans Highway, Suite C-13 Office: 215-826-0150 E-Mail: <u>lkahlert@pathstone.org</u> Pathstone Corporation Bristol, PA 19007 Fax:215-826-0151

#### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We need volunteers to support our daily activities... Helping with food distribution, general chores like flyers, CoPilot recording and future program planning.

If you have a few hours a week and you would like to support the CBSAC please call 215-348-0566 to let us know of your interest.

#### **Knitting Group**

Hand knitted garments are available for sale in our lobby. We are looking for new members for our group. If you like to knit and would like to knit at home and donate your work to the Center, it would be very much appreciated.

#### Bun Bake - Still Being Researched

Yes, we are having problems with both the ingredients and volunteers. Because of the popularity and demand for our Buns, we have not given up yet. We THANK YOU for your patience

as this process moves forward. Please continue to check the web site, Facebook page or visit the center to check out the latest status of our Buns!

## - IMPORTANT INFORMATION-

#### Meals on Wheels (a private organization) now at CBSAC

Since 1972, Meals on Wheels (MoW) of Central Bucks County has been delivering fresh, nutritious meals to homebound people throughout our local community. To date, we have delivered over 1.3 millions meals.

Our meals are prepared fresh each day by a commercial catering service and delivered to the MoW facility within the CB Senior Activity Center in Doylestown. Each day, our volunteers package the prepared fresh food, individually sealing each one for extra safety, and put the meals in thermal bags for delivery. Our friendly volunteers deliver meals 5 days a week, Monday through Friday, providing far more than just food. They provide a kind word and a quick check in on those who live on their own.

There is lot of flexibility in the service we offer. You can sign up to receive meals 2–3 days a week if you don't need a 5 day per week plan. If you are recovering from an illness or surgery, we offer meal delivery for a limited time such as 4 –6 weeks. We'll work with you to meet your needs.

We deliver to the communities of Buckingham ,Chalfont, Doylestown, Dublin,, New Britain, New Hope, Nockamixon, Plumstead, Solebury, Tinicum, Warrington and Warrick.

If you are interested in Meal delivery, please call our office at 215-345-6065. STAY SAFE!!

#### FYI-This is not sponsored by the Area Agency of Aging, This is a private organization!

#### From the Board

The Board members of the Central Bucks Senior Activity Center would like to THANK Sheila for her contributions to the center over her 8 year tenure as Manager. Her diligence, hard work and dedication has been evident throughout all that time and the center has prospered under her management.

It is with a sad heart that we say "Good Bye" to Sheila, but it is with a sincere hope for happiness and success that we wish her as she starts this new chapter to her life!! THANKS, Sheila, and best of luck!

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TransNet 980 Harvest Drive, Ste 100 Blue Bell, PA 215-542-7433 <u>www.suburbantransit.org</u>

Senior Directory www.SeniorDirectory.com

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## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCMENT**

## **Casino Trips**

## **Casino Trips are currently on hold due to Covid-19**

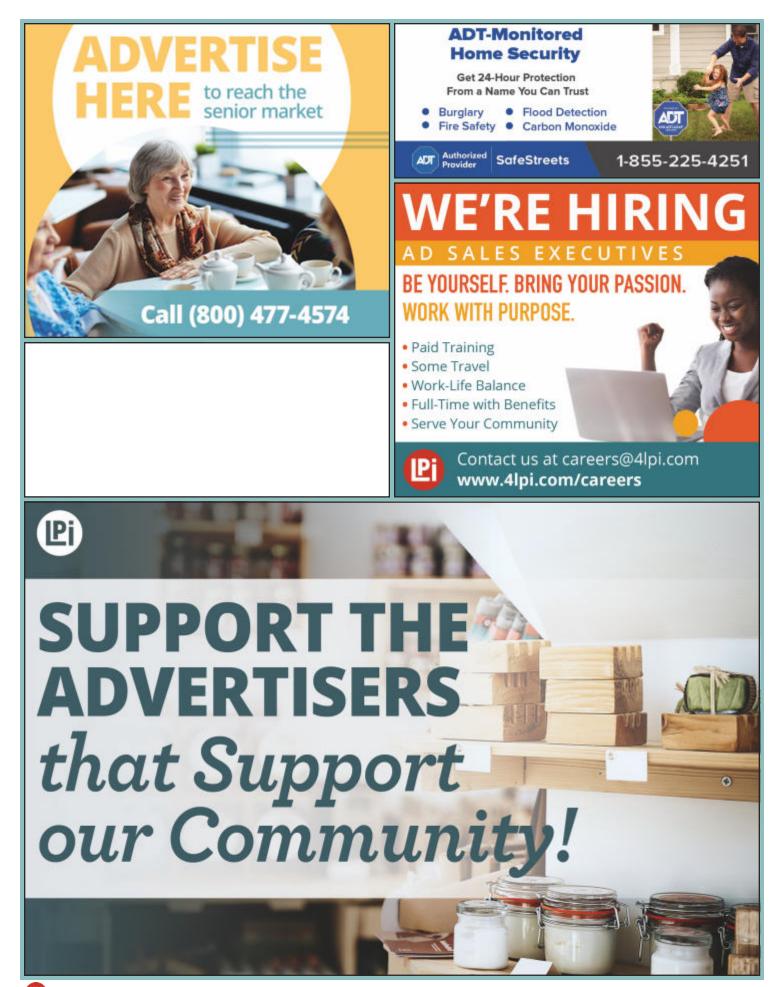




CBSAC 2021 Trips

Mystic, Foxwoods & the Newport Mansions trip was CANCELLED!

We hope Covid will let us plan some trips for 2022, STAY TUNED!



## **CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES**



Art > hopefully returning soon

- Bingo > Mondays , 1:00PM, Snacks \$1.00 per card
- Board Game Day > Wednesday, 1:00PM to 3:00pm
- Bridge > Mondays and Fridays 9:00 AM to 12:00PM
- Canasta > Every Tuesday, 12:00PM Every Thursday 12:00PM \$2
- Chair Yoga > Mondays, 10:30AM
- **Chorus** > hopefully returning soon
- Crafts > Thursday 10:00 AM to 3:00PM No Charge

Dance Exercise > \$3.00 Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 AM to 10:30AM

**Double Deck Pinochle >** \$2.00 Wednesday & Friday 12:00PM to 3:00PM

Fitness Fiesta > \$4.00 Monday & Wednesday 9:15AM to1 0:15AM

**Knitting >** Wednesday 12:45PM to 3:00PM No Charge Library > Monday thru Friday 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Line Dancing > \$4.00 Wednesday 10:45AM to 11:30AM

**Mah Jongg >** Tuesday & Thursday , Noon to 2:30PM \$2.00

Poker > hopefully returning soon

Pool (Billiards) > Daily 9:00AM to 3:00PM \$1.00

**Seated Exercise >** Tuesday & Thursday \$3.00 10:30 AM to 11:30AM

**Seated Fitness Fiesta >** Monday \$3.50 10:30AM to 11:30AM

**Single Deck Pinochle >** Wednesday \$2.00 12:30PM to 3:00PM

Table Tennis > Daily 9:00AM to 3:00PM \$1.00

Tai Chi > hopefully returning soon

Tap Dancing > Tuesday 12:45PM to 3:00PMIntermediate/Advanced\$3.00

Toe Tappers > Wednesday 12:45PM to 3:00PM Beginners \$3.00

Yoga > hopefully returning soon

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