

# director's TALK

# Spring is coming, I can feel it!

Spring is such a great time of year around the agency. We are all prepping for our spring and summer events, which include the return of some of our most popular events, mark you calendars now! Medina County Senior Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at the Community Center at the Fairgrounds and the return of Picnics on the Patio start June 10, 2022. It will be so nice to see everyone out and about at events in the community.

If you haven't had a chance to stop by the Medina Center, please stop in! We have updated most of the center and have a kitchen remodel in the works for this year. This is the first major renovation of the center since its opening in 1982! Thanks to the support of Medina County residents through the passage of the Human Services Levy, we are able to bring some much needed updates.

The Levy
has also made
it possible for
additions in
services. Medina
County OOA is
taking on the
volunteer service that Faith



Laura Toti

in Action previously provided. As our volunteer services expand, we will do our best to continue the high level of service that Faith In Action is known for providing. We also plan to on adding additional services to help seniors in the community. If you are interested in volunteering or are in need of volunteer services, please contact Joanne at 330-723-9514. We are thankful to the Faith In Action Board and employee for all of their assistance during this transition.

Welcome Spring, it's time to grow! Laura



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#### **OUR MISSION**

Medina County Office for Older Adults will offer supports to older adults and adults with a disability to live independently within their own homes and community functioning at the highest level possible.

Supports include protection from abuse and neglect, meal, transportation and financial services, social and recreational activities, advocating for senior and adult needs, and educating and empowering individuals to seek opportunities to remain self-sufficient.

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#### May 18th: 11am-12pm • June 15th: 11am-12pm Medina Senior Center

Drawing on brain health and aging research, the Wits Workout program focuses on brain exercises for older adults to help with memory. This fun, interactive program provides increased socialization and promotes intellectual engagement, all of which complement current aging brain health research.

Erin Ruggiero, Family and Consumer Science Educator will be teaching this interactive program that comes to us from Illinois Extension.



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# bulletin board



# COMMUNITY MEAL

MEDINA COMMUNITY CHURCH 416 S BROADWAY MAY 21 & JUNE 18 6-7 PM • FREE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED



Want to learn to play the ukulele?

Classes Start May 3 Every Tuesday at 12:30 Sign up with Jenny

# Veterans Luncheon

Every Tuesday at 12:30 pm a group of friendly Veterans bring their lunch and shoot the breeze for about an hour. No need to sign up, just stop by and join them. They meet outside in the courtyard in nice weather, in the dining room otherwise



MAY 3 • 9:30am

**Double Elimination Doubles Tournament** 

Partners
randomly
picked, so you
have a different
partner every
game. Winners
receive trophy
and bragging
rights for a year.
Please sign up!





Living Hope Church 6288 Wooster Pike (Rt. 3)
Saturday, May 7 & June 4 • 8:00-9:30 am



Medina County Office for Older Adults offers:

- Loaned out for your personal use, Chromebooks will be signed out to use for 2 months at a time.
   Call Jenny to learn more and to sign one out.
  - Niche Academy-Check out this link: https://my.nicheacademy.com/ medinacountyofficeofaging

The link has easy to view videos to learn how to Zoom, Facebook and much more.

Call the OOA for more info.

Must have some basic computer knowledge

# THE AGING & DISABILITIES RESOURCE CENTER



The Aging and Disabilities Resource Center of Medina County Office for Older Adults is available to help those aged 18+ with a disability or 60 and over:

#### **INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE**

An information and Assistance Specialist can help you by providing unbiased information on services that support your independence.

#### **OPTIONS COUNSELING**

An options counselor is available to talk with you about community services and support to fit your needs and preferences.

#### **BENEFITS ASSISTANCE**

A Benefits Specialist can screen you for your eligibility for public benefits and assist you with the application process.

#### **MEDICARE COUNSELING**

Medicare Open Enrollment is Oct.15th through Dec. 7th. Do you need help picking the right plan for you? Call us for free, unbiased assistance.

#### **HEAP**

The ADRC department will be happy to answer any questions you have about the Winter Crisis Program and will help fill out applications for the Home energy Assistance Program (HEAP). Call us at 330-723-9514. Our office is open, appointments faceto-face (socially distanced) or by phone.

# **2021 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)**

Assistance is available to help with home energy bills. The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps Ohioans at or below 175% of the federal poverty guidelines pay their heating bills. Applied directly to the customer's utility or bulk fuel bill, the benefit can help manage heating and cooling costs. HEAP benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after January 1st. The deadline for this program is May 31, 2022. This is not an emergency program. When applying be ready to provide the following documents:

- Most recent utility bills.
- A list of all household members (including birth dates and Social

- Security numbers, and proof of income for the past 30 days, 12 months for certain income types).
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members.
- Proof of disability (if applicable).

If eligible you will receive assistance toward your home energy bills. This program is made possible through a grant from the Ohio Department of Aging and the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging. If you would like more information, applications, or to sign up, please contact the Medina County Office for Older Adults/ADRC Department at 330-723-9514.

# **Medicare Savings Programs**

You can get help from your state paying your Medicare premiums. In some cases, Medicare Savings Programs may also pay Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) deductibles, coinsurance, and co-payments if you meet certain conditions. Check with the OOA's ADRC deptartment for more information and to determine if you qualify. 330-723-9514.

### Sit down with Sean

MCOOA offers on-site benefits counseling services with ADRC Supervisor Sean Parker at the Brunswick Rec Center every third



Sean Parker

Wednesday from 1-2pm in increments of 20 minutes. Call Jenny to make your appointment.

# Medicare offers *Extra Help* for prescription drug plan

Medicare beneficiaries can qualify for the *Extra Help* with their Medicare prescription drug plan costs. *Extra Help* is estimated to be worth about \$4,900 per year.

To qualify for *Extra Help*, a person must be receiving Medicare and have limited resources and income. Call the ADRC at 330-723-9514 for assistance in applying.

# **Put your compassion into action**

If you have a desire to make a difference in the life of our area's seniors, Medina County Office for Older Adults (MCOOA) may have just the program you are looking for. MCOOA recently began administering Faith in Action's volunteer program and have dubbed the new group "Compassion in Action."

There are seniors in our community who are struggling every day to maintain their independence. They are our neighbors: our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and friends. But all too often, their simple needs are not met, and the ability to stay in their own homes is jeopardized.

Compassion in Action has an answer to meet these needs. And the answer is you!

We're looking for more volunteers to help our neighbors. Our efforts help people maintain their independence for as long as possible. How is this done? By providing non-medical assistance with daily activities, volunteers make the difference in the lives of our neighbors right here in this community.

Volunteer activities may include shopping for groceries, providing rides to medical appointments,



doing light housework or yardwork, running errands, and providing companionship through visits or phoning.

So many of our volunteers tell us that they get more out of volunteering than the people they help. We've seen some wonderful relationships develop, and we're looking for more people to put their compassion into action. Only a few hours a week can make a world of difference.

To learn more about the possibilities provided through this program call 330-723-9514.

# We've got your ticket to ride

# Medina County Public Transit

MCPT buses can be boarded at all scheduled stops and anywhere along the routes by hailing the drivers. All buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts and locks for access by persons with disabilities.



**Medina County Public Transit** 

Free for senior citizens and disabled who are registered with OOA. Home pick-up can be arranged with notice. Call 330-723-9514.

## **HELP WANTED**

# Meal Delivery Driver (Part-Time)

Medina County Commissioners seek position for the Office for Older Adults. Part time meal delivery driver to work on routes within Medina County four days per



week. High School Education or GED and valid Ohio driver's license and insurance required. The successful candidate must pass a background check and drug screen.

For more information call Sean Parker 330-723-9520.

# **Ask an Attorney**

Need legal advice? Ashley Sorgan, an Elder Law Attorney with the Marie Edmonds Law Firm will be here on Weds. May 11 and Weds. June 8 from 1:00-3:00.

You must call our office to reserve your 30 minute appointment.

Elder Law questions only!

# **Let's Do Lunch!**

### **MCOOA Congregate Meals**

Congregate meals are served at 11:30 on Tues. & Thurs. To enroll in the program contact OOA Outreach Dept at 330-723-9514. Spaces are limited so reservations must be made for each meal. To do that, contact OOA at 330-723-9514. All are welcome, this program is not income-based.

# classes, fun & games



### **Pool Tables**

Are available for use for everyone age 60 and over 8:00 to 4:30.

Join the rest of the pool sharks mornings from 8 am to 12 pm for tips or just for fun.

### **BINGO!**

Wednesdays 10:00 am
Fridays 9:30 am • Dining Room

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#### Grocery Bingo: Friday 5-6 & 6-3

Bring an item from the grocery store to give away! A big thank you to our Bingo caller/ computer guru Doug! We also Zoom Bingo on Wednesday and Friday

# **Movie Day**

Once a month • 12:30

May 24

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## **Leo's Jolly Jammers**

May 19 • 1:00 pm Practice
May 20 • 11:00 am
Memorial Day Concert
June 16 • 11:00 am Practice
June 17 • 11:00am Concert

Everyone is welcome to come listen to Leo's Jolly Jammers & enjoy the band. Always welcoming new members too! See Jenny for details.

# **Pinochle Party**

Wednesdays &
Fridays • 12:00 pm
Rec Room

More players needed. Stop by, friendly instructors available!

### **Hand & Foot**

Thursdays • 10:00 am Rec Room

If you like Canasta, try this fun form of Canasta: Hand & Foot.
Join us! See Jenny if interested.

### **Euchre**

Thursdays • 12:30 pm Various Rooms

The faster version of Bridge. More players are needed! See Jenny if interested.

# **Bridge**

Mondays • 11:30-2 pm Rec Room

More players are welcome! Call or stop in to sign up.



Follow us on Facebook for announcements about new classes and activities. We're always trying something new! www.facebook.com/ 14

#### Tuesdays • 12:30pm Rec Room

A new, easy and fun card game.
There is room for more. Get to know
these friendly ladies and join the
fun

# **Mah Jongg**

Mondays • 1:00 pm Rec Room

New players are always welcome and lessons are available. If you have never played and would like to learn, stop on in!

### **Hook Nook**

Tuesdays • 1:00 pm Craft Room



If you like to knit or crochet, this group is for you. Our friendly group leader, Pat, can teach if you would like to learn or just need a refresher.

## **Wednesday Painters**

Wednesdays • 10:00 am
Craft Room

Bring your supplies and learn different techniques. Not for beginners.

# **NEW!** Beginner Watercolor Class

Thursdays starting June 2 • 1:00 pm
Craft Room

Barbara Johns will be teaching a new Beginner Watercolor class. \$5 per person, per class. Call Jenny if interested.



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# health & fitness

# Balloflex Fitness Class

Every Monday • 10:30 am
Every Thursday • 2:30 pm
Dining Room

BalloFlex Fitness is a seated dance exercise program that combines fitness, dance, positive upbeat energy and music, and camaraderie. Taught by Certified BalloFlex Instructor Jani Ott. Only \$2 per class!

#### **Edwina's Exercise**

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 am & 10:00 am Healthy Corner Room

This group uses dynabands and light weights to strengthen muscles.

No charge!

# **Line Dancing**

Every Monday • 1:00 pm
Dining Room

Come and join us on Mondays!



## **Tai Chi Classes**

Every Wednesday • 1:30-2:30 pm Dining room

The cost is \$40 for an 8 week session or \$5 every class.
First class is free. Free for Silver Sneakers members or Renew Active Members! This class is also being Zoomed, see page 8!

# Let's Get Strong: NEW! Brain & Body

Fridays Starting May 6 • 10:45 am

Strength training with light weights to improve muscle mass, coordination and balance. \$3 or free for Silver Sneaker or Renew Active Members.

# Lisa's Chair Yoga

Wednesday • 1:00-2:00 pm Healthy Corner Room

\$3 per class or Free for Silver Sneakers or Renew Active Members. This class is great for beginners or experienced yogis.

# **Jackie's Chair Yoga**

Monday • 9:30-10:15 am Healthy Corner Room

Try this free yoga class led by our newest yoga teacher, Jackie. Come on over and check it out!

### **LIMITED TIME CLASS**

# **Community Nutrition**

Shopping & Cooking Made Simple

Every Thursday in June FREE 10:45 am- 11:30 am pm

Join Jennifer Wetzel from OSU Extension for nutrition info, food sampling and games! Contact Jenny for details.

Attend all 4 classes to receive an incentive!

# Parkinson's Support Group

1st Thurs. Every month • 1:00 pm

If you would like to join the group please contact Lalitha at Right at Home: 330-721-7590





Wed May 11 is the last SENIOR DAY at the Medina County Career Center until Fall.

Students will help you with your laptop computer or smart phone issues by appointment only.
Call for an appointment at 330-725-917.

# **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**



10:00 am - 11:00 am

The 1st Thursday of every month provided by Life Care

The 3rd Thursday of every month provided by The Cleveland Clinic



### **MAY 2022**

MAY 4 • 11:00 am

Nurse Donna from Cleveland Clinic presents "Sepsis"

MAY 11 • 11:00 am

"Fall Prevention" by Brookdale

MAY 18 • 11:00 am

"Wits Workout, Part 1" OSU Extention Office

MAY 25 • 11:00 am

"Save the Bees" by Brookdale

# **JUNE 2022**

JUNE 1 • 11:00 am

"Talk about your vision"
Dr. Donald Kammer, D.O.

JUNE 8 • 11:00 am

"Everything you always wanted to know about History but were afraid to ask" by Jim Duffey

JUNE 15 • 11:00 am

"Wits Workout, Part 2" OSU Extention Office

JUNE 22 • 11:00 am

"Advanced Directives"
Baron's LAw

JUNE 29 • 11:00 am

"Secrets of the Mediterranean Diet" by Brookdale



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# ZOOM CLASSES

### **COMPUTER CLASSES**

Classes by Pieri from PC Computing
LAST CLASS UNTIL FALL

Thursday May 5 • 11:00 am

Travel Hacks

Come learn safe ways to search for travel information. Covers many websites and apps you should use.

If you are interested in these Zoom classes send your email address to Jenny at jakiousis@medinaco.org.



### **YOGA W/ LISA**

Lisa Wittman will be giving free
Zoom classes if you have Silver
Sneakers or Renew Active.
Chair Yoga Monday & Wednesday
Tuesday is Cardio and
Thursday is Ener-Chi

# ART CLASSES

May 9 • 10:00
Art w/Mishalene
Scrapbooking

May 23 10:30 **Paint Pouring** 

May 2710:30 Sip & Paint

June 17 • 10:00
Art w/Mishalene
4th of July Gnome

June 14 • 10:00
Lilly's Acrylic
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To find out how you can join us in supporting Medina County Seniors, contact 330-723-9514

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Information for Seniors on our website includes local senior services, senior activities, aging in place news and much more!

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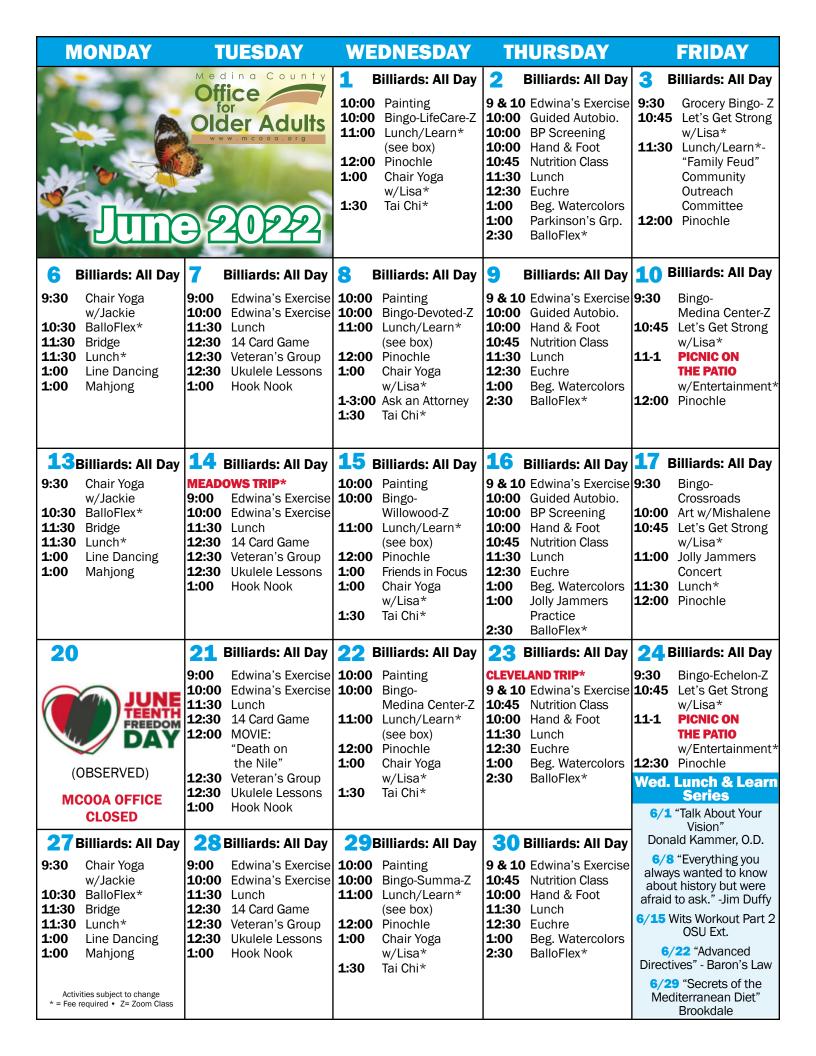


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# trips & travel



# **PRESQUE ISLE**

Erie, PA
Monday May 23
\$45/per person
The casino is not currently
offering a gaming bonus.

Depart Medina: 8:00am Depart Brunswick: 8:30am Depart Casino: 3:45pm

#### **MEADOWS CASINO**

Meadowlands, PA Tue Jun. 14 \$48/per person

The casino is not currently offering a gaming bonus.

Depart Brunswick: 8:00am Depart Medina: 8:30am Depart Casino: 4:30pm



# DAY TRIPS

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 23**

\$98 person

# Sights Unseen in Cleveland A Guided Tour of "True Treasures"

Depart Medina 7:45am • Brunswick 8:15am • Return approx. 5:00

- Hay-McKinney Mansion, a large home built in the Italian Renaissance Revival style. This home was built in 1911 for Clara Hay, the daughter of railroad magnate Amasa Stone, and the wife of John Hay.
- "Where Cleveland starts" a visit to a
  museum that chronicles the many cars and
  trucks that were built right here in Northern
  Ohio and traveled streets of the city over the years.
- "Go back in time" with a ride or two on the historic Euclid Beach Grand Carousel.
- Lunch
- Cleveland Botanical Gardens, in University Circle, it traces its roots back to 1930. It's been known for its ever-changing outdoor gardens, a glasshouse and a butterfly-filled rainforest.
- **Cleveland Museum of Art.** If you've not been here in years, you will not recognize the Museum after all the capital investments that have taken place.



2022 Picnic on the Patio Schedule

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July 8 • July 22

August 5 · August 19

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Annette MarcotteMay 08	
Marge DorrelMay 09	JUNE
Louise (Alice) McAfee May 10	Barbara Sever Jun 02
Dottie HarperMay 10	John Wade Jun 04
Shirley KralovicMay 10	Beverly Fenske Jun 05
Randy Rowles May 10	Patricia Antos Jun 05
Rena McGee May 10	Elizabeth Corrao Jun 06
Dave Rynearson May 12	Ann Kachelein Jun 07
Joan NorrisMay 12	Mary Jane McKenzie Jun 07
Aggie SimmonsMay 16	Elke Pilney Jun 07
Ken FedererMay 16	Joan GrollJun 08
Gretchen DarnellMay 18	Helen Vickory Jun 08
Neal HowellMay 20	Richard Orton Jun 09
Theresa LaffeyMay 20	Lynne Faulstich Jun 10
Nancy GombertMay 21	Ruth Masterana Jun 10
Robert Alexander May 21	Verlaine Favri Jun 11
Betty ArthurMay 21	Barbara Johns Jun 12
Sandy Earhart May 21	Joan Jamerson Jun 13
Joan Schmoll	Anna Slepecky Jun 14
Geraldine Pucilowski May 24	Alice Cardillo Jun 18
Bonnie AnselMay 24	Jerry Kulwicki Jun 19
Anna Marie FedashMay 24	Helen Kulwicki Jun 19
Claudia McKenzieMay 25	Linda Murdock Jun 21
Judie TaborMay 26	Drema Riser Jun 23
Doug McClureMay 27	Gloria Kramer Jun 25
Piper Gibson May 27	Laura Stoltz Jun 26
Dennis GerspacherMay 28	Roger Ingraham Jun 26



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Steve & Beverly Fenski	<b>June 16</b>
Gary & Mary Summers	<b>June 16</b>
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