SWARTZ CREEK AREA SENIOR CENTER

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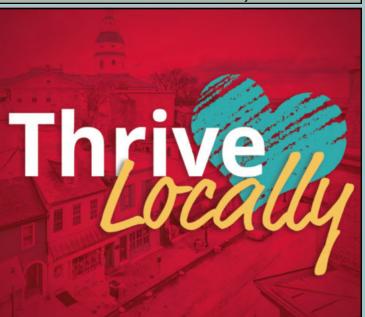


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Happening in our Community

MANNOR LAW SEMINAR

WHEN: February 15th, 2022 @ 3:00pm : WHERE: Swartz Creek Senior Center

RSVP @: (810) 694-9000

(limited seating available, so call today!)

Don't Allow Alzheimer's or Dementia To Devastate Your Family and Finances!

Certified Elder Law Attorney Bob Mannor of Mannor Law Group is hosting a powerful FREE seminar that will discuss:

- What is Dementia and how do you know if you or your loved one has Dementia and warning signs you need to know.
- Community resources, professionals, and Caregiver tips you need to know to contact for help.
- Answers to top questions about legal, tax, financial, and care concerns.
- How Dementia can "Devastate" your savings.
- Medicaid eligibility rules and government benefits are available to pay for your care.
- Action steps you need to take now!

Space for this workshop is limited. To save your seat, call (810) 694-9000.

Brr.... It's Coming.

Before venturing out in bad weather, be sure to call the center at (810)-635-4122 or tune in to the TV Station — ABC Channel 12. You can also check our Facebook page and website for updates concerning the center!

Please note: The Swartz Creek Area Senior Center's decision to close during inclement weather is independent of the school district or other senior centers.

Support Group for Caregivers Caring for Loved Ones with Memory Loss

This Support Group provides caregivers:

WHEN: Wednesday, CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Facilitated by the Alzheimer's Association

- An opportunity to gain support from others who are caring for a loved one with progressive memory loss.
- Information on how to cope. A listening ear and answers to questions about the diagnosis and its consequences.
- A connection to vital community resources.

BOOK CLUB

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 22nd @ 3:00pm

Are you looking for an opportunity to connect with **Book: More Than I Love** others who enjoy reading as much as you do?

New participants are always welcome!

Author: David Grossman



Hearing Screenings

Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022
PROVIDED BY: YOUR HEARING SOLUTION
Offered at the Center once a month.
Call the Center to make an appointment

- Do you often have to ask others to repeat themselves?
- Do others complain to you that the TV is too loud?
- Do you hear, but not always understand?

Free hearing evaluation available at the senior center.

- * Hearing aid cleaning and adjustments at no charge.
- * Fees apply for battery replacement.

Watercolor Painting Class

Time: 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Cost (2 Sessions): \$10

When: Thursday, February 3rd & 10th, 2022

Join Peggy Mattson as she teaches you how to paint with watercolors. Supplies are not provided. Ask for a sample copy of painting, an outline sketch, and supply list when signing up for the class.

Advanced sign up is required. Payment is required at the time of sign up. RESERVATIONS ARE NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED!

STILL LIFE PENCIL DRAWING

Time: 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Cost (2 Sessions): \$10

When: Thursday, February 17th & 24th Where: Swartz Creek Senior Center

Join Peggy Mattson as she teaches you how to draw with Pencil. Supplies are not provided. You will need a #2 Pencil, white paper and a gum eraser for this class.

Advanced sign up is required. Payment is required at the time of sign up.

RESERVATIONS ARE NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED!



Grief Support Group

Heartland Hospice provides, at no charge, on-going grief support for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. Our purpose is to provide education about normal grief reactions, as well as a safe environment where feelings are validated and accepted.

Where: Swartz Creek Senior Center

When: Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 @ 11:00 am



Friday Night Dances

The Senior Center is hosting bi-monthly dances on Friday nights. No need to sign up, just pay at the door!

Must be 50 and older to attend!

Dates: Friday, February 4th & 18th

Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 at door

50/50 RAFFLE AVAILABLE

Coffee and Water available!

**Music provided by Jim Hedrich!

Here's a Riddle (or Two) for You....

Riddle One: I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?

Riddle Two: What is seen in the middle of March and April that can't be seen at the beginning or end of either month?

Riddle Three: You see a boat filled with people. It has not sunk, but when you look again you don't see a single person on the boat. Why?

YOU CAN FIND THE ANSWERS TO THESE RIDDLES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE LABELED, "INFORMATION/RIDDLE ANSWERS"

Upcoming Events/Information/Riddle Answers

MONTHLY BINGO WITH AMERICAN HOUSE

American House is hosting a monthly bingo event at the Swartz Creek Senior Center! No cost and all supplies are provided. Bring your own dobber if you so choose! Small prizes will be available to win! RSVP @ 810 635 4122

When: Thursday, February 3rd, 2022. Always the first Thursday of the month at 10:00am.

Woodcarvers Wanted!!

Are you a woodcarver? Come and join our woodcarvers at 1:00pm on Tuesdays! Call the center to let

us know you are interested: 810-635-4122



CANCELLED

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE APPOINTMENTS

Every other week on Friday there will be two one hour technology assistance appointments available at the Swartz Creek Senior Center. These appointments are generously provided by the Disability Network. Please call the senior center to reserve a spot: (810) 635-4122. You will be asked to tell us what device and specific issue you need assistance with.

When: These appointments will be available from 1:00pm-3:00pm on Friday, February 4th, February 18th canceled

ATTENTION ALL PARTICIPANTS!

Please sign-in on My Senior Center

every time you visit the center.

Our funding depends on it!

If you do not have a Key Tag,
please ask for one at the front desk.

Thank you!

ANSWER TO RIDDLES

Riddle One Answer: A map

Riddle Two Answer: The letter "R."

Riddle Three Answer: All the people

were married.

CLASS CANCELLATIONS

ZUMBA: Cancelled February 2nd & February 9th

YOGA: Cancelled February

22nd, and February 24th, and February 28th

Valentine's Flower Power Trivia!! With Oak Street Health

When: February 10th, 2022 @ 10:00am



Where: Swartz

Creek Senior Center

RSVP By: February 9th, 2022 @ 810-635-4122



Join us for some fun trivia with Oak Street Health and walk away with a gift at the end!

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Board Meeting Notice

The next board meeting will be

held on Wednesday February 9th, at 10:00am



Mission

The purpose of the Swartz Creek Area Senior Citizens, Inc. shall be to identify and meet the needs of senior citizens. This is achieved through programs designed to provide services in the areas of information and referral, education, nutrition, health screening, the arts, recreation, personal growth, leadership development, self-worth, and community involvement.

SUPPLY DONATIONS

Genesee County.

Our Center uses many supplies on a daily basis.
Donations of Paper Towel, Clorox, Tissues,
Bathroom Tissue, and Hand Soap are always
appreciated.

Thank you for your generous donations to our Senior Center!



Transportation

Transportation Services available to seniors residing within the Swartz Creek School District.
Contact the Senior Center for the Complete Schedule. Transportation Policy & Participant Requirements; including deadline dates for sign-up.

Transportation Services Include

<u>LUNCH</u> — (Daily — Monday through Friday)

Round-trip transportation from your home to, attend lunch at the center.

SHOPPING — (Weekly)

Round-trip transportation from your home on Tuesdays (subject to change). This trip alternates between Meijer and Kroger each week.

FOOD PANTRY — (Monthly)

Round-trip transportation from your home to the Swartz Creek Community Food Basket.

Available at the Senior Center Call (810) 635-4122 for an Appointment

Swartz Creek Area Senior Citizens, Inc.: Funding Sources

- ♦ Genesee County Senior Millage
- Community Development monies from the City of Swartz Creek, The Village of Gaines, & Gaines Twp.
- Senior fundraising
- Donations from individuals and community groups.

Membership & Participation Guidelines

- Open to all Genesee County residents over age 50.
- Completion of a "Membership / Participation Form" and update the information annually.
- A yearly donation of \$10 per person is requested.
- For more details, request a Membership Handbook.

Assistance for Veterans

Are you a veteran over age 60, or the spouse, widow, or widower of a veteran? Carrie, Service Officer, with the Genesee County Department of Veterans Services Office is available for appointments at the Senior Center one day per month. During your appointment, John can provide Information on benefit programs and assist you in completing applications for Veterans benefits. Please request a list of information to bring when you schedule your appointment.

Join us for Lunch!

Meals are served Monday — Friday at 12:00 noon at the senior center. Reservations for Tuesday—Friday <u>must</u> be made by noon on the day before.

Reservations for Mondays must be made by noon on the prior Friday. Call the center at (810) 635-4122.

(Note: Meals for special occasions may require up to two weeks advance reservations.)

A \$3.00 donation per meal is requested for anyone 60 years and older living in Genesee County and anyone under 60 years of age or living outside Genesee County is a \$6.00 charge.

Provided by Genesee County Community Action Resource Department (GCCARD)

AMAZON SMILE

Do you shop on Amazon? If so, there is a very simple way your purchases can benefit the Swartz Creek Senior Center.



2) Sign in and designate Swartz Creek Senior Center as your charity.

Each time you make a purchase, a portion will be donated back to Swartz Creek Senior Center!



Legal Services

Provided by Legal Services of Eastern Michigan

Where: Swartz Creek Area Senior Center 8095 Civic Drive, Swartz Creek

When: Appointments available on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

To schedule an appointment, see staff at the center or call 635-4122.

DO NOT OFFER: Trusts, Criminal Matters, Personal Injury, Financial or Business Advice.

Fitness Class Descriptions

Beginner Yoga

Katrina will slow it down and explain proper positioning to get you more comfortable with yoga poses. Yoga is a series of postures linked with movement that will open and cleanse your body, strengthen and lengthen your muscles, calm, soothe and open your mind. Make sure to bring your mat!

Yoga

Yoga is a series of postures linked with movement that will open and cleanse your body, strengthen and lengthen your muscles and calm soothe and open your mind. Make sure to bring your mat!

Toning

This class includes weights, bands and music to keep your heart rate up while toning the whole body. Bring a fun attitude, you don't need to be experienced for this class. If you question whether you can stand through the whole class, don't worry, you can sit and do these exercises in a chair also!

Tai Chi

A Chinese exercise system that uses slow, smooth body movements to achieve a state of relaxation of both body and mind. This class helps with balance and coordination and helps for arthritis also.

Sassy Exercise

Have fun playing games designed to help with hand-eye coordination; light exercises to help with balance and just have fun!

Arthritis Exercise—FREE

The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program is a low-impact physical activity program proven to reduce pain and decrease stiffness. The routines include gentle range-of-motion exercises that are suitable for every fitness level.

Zumba

For active older adults who are looking for a fitness program consisting of dance and aerobic exercise routines performed to popular, mainly Latin American, music.

Choreographed Ballroom Dancing

This class is for beginners! No experience necessary. You must have a partner to join this class. Jim teaches you the steps to round dancing/casual ballroom. Like square dancing Jim calls out steps.

Round Dancing

You must have a partner to join this class. Jim teaches you the steps to round dancing/casual ballroom. Like square dancing Jim calls out steps.

Square Dancing

Description: The dancers form a square of 8 dancers, and then a Caller will "call" out the movements that the dancers are to perform. No partner needed.

Basic Line Dancing

Have you always wanted to learn how to line dance? This class will teach you how. No partner needed. Good for physical and mental well being.

Improved Line Dancing

Medium impact dance exercise class to improve existing skills. No partner needed. Good for physical and mental well being.

Intermediate Line Dancing

Above medium impact dance exercise class to improve. No partner needed. Good for physical and mental well being.

All classes are \$2.00 a session unless noted. Arthritis Exercise is a free class offered by VAAA.

Game Definitions/Upcoming Event

Hand Knee and Foot

Similar to a card game named 'Canasta' the main difference is the number of cards that players need in order to start playing. Score more points than the other teams within four hands. Score points by forming melds of between 3-7 cards.

Euchre

The goal of the game is to win at least three tricks. If the side that fixed the trump fails to get three tricks, it is said to be "euchred." Winning all five tricks is called a "march."

American Mahjong

Mahjong is always played with four players seated around a table. Tiles are shuffled, die are cast, and rituals involving the allocation of tiles and then the exchange of tiles begin. The first person to match a hand of 14 tiles and thus "call mahjong" ends the game, whereupon tiles are scored and a winner is declared.

Five-Handed Euchre

Five-handed Euchre is a variation of the popular trick-taking game Euchre which adds an additional player and features a dynamic partner system. In five-handed Euchre, each player competes against all other players. Five-Handed Euchre is played essentially the same as Euchre with the game cycling through hands which consist of dealing, bidding, playing the hand and then scoring the hand until an ending to the game can be determined.

Dominoes

Each time a player places a domino on the table in Mexican Train, it must conforms to normal domino play. i.e. The domino must be placed so that one end is touching the end of a domino already on the table and such that the end of the new domino matches (shows the same number of dots) the end of domino it is adjacent to. Unless the tile is a double, the tile can be placed square in any one of the three directions as long as the two matching sides are touching fully.

Setback

A trick taking game similar to Spades. 2-8 players play either individually or in teams. Each player is dealt six cards, usually by dealing three at a time. Players first bid or pass, with the lowest possible bid being "2." If everyone passes, the dealer must bid "2." Whoever wins the bid starts the first trick. Whatever suit they play is trump for that round. Play proceeds as in most other trick-taking games (Spades, for example).

Pinochle

A card game for two or more players using a 48-card deck consisting of two of each card from nine to ace, the object being to score points for various combinations and to win tricks.

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