

December 2024

HOWARD WESTON SENIOR CENTER

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“We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.”

Enjoy this special time with family and
friends. Please be safe.

The Weston Staff wishes you
and your family
a wonderful holiday season!

DINE-OUT CLUB

December's Dine-Out will be on
December 4, 2024 @ 4:30 p.m.

Portafino's

For those of you who are not familiar with
our “Dine-Out” program, we visit an area
restaurant on the first Wednesday of each
month. It is a great time to eat out with your
friends and for our singles, not having to eat
alone. Generally, the restaurant will give the
center a gift card to their restaurant to be
used in one of our many baskets we chance
off throughout the year!

NEW DATES-CHAIR MASSAGE

Chair Massage every Wednesday
From 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

10 Minutes-\$5.00

15 Minutes- \$10.00

30 Minutes- \$25.00

Donna will be scheduling services at
the front desk. Cash payment will be
required at the time of sign-up.

CHRISTMAS PARTY & FEAST Thursday, December 19, 2024

Party begins at 11:00 a.m.

Feast 12:00 noon

Cost-\$5.00

Tickets go on sale
Monday, December 2 , 2024

for our Christmas Feast.

Limit 2 per person.

MEMBERSHIP

The Weston Senior Center welcomes all persons 50 years of age and over.
All members and guests participating in activities and programs offered by the
center must be able to take care of their personal care needs
and make independent decisions.

MISSION

THE WESTON SENIOR CENTER WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1978
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE
FOR THE SENIOR POPULATION BY PROVIDING MUCH
NEEDED SERVICES AND PROGRAMS.



E-MAIL – WestonSrCenter@aol.com

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Facebook - Weston Senior Center

WESTON'S UNITED WAY number is 9336.

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ADVISORY COUNCIL – The Advisory Council meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Community Room. If you have concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact a staff member or a Council member. If you prefer, the suggestion box is always available for anonymous comments, etc.

WESTON ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Check out our NEW website: <http://www.westonadultdaycare.org/>

Weston has an Adult Day Care Center right in our building.

The Weston Adult Day Care Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and provides services to those still independent but in need of supervision and assistance in an effort to delay their placement in long term care facilities (outside their homes).



Programs: Socialization, as well as mental and physical stimulation, becomes even more important as we age. Our Director plans a variety of social, intellectual, cultural and educational group activities based on the individual interests of our participants.

Nutritious Meals: A Registered Dietitian oversees the daily menu, which includes a nutritious lunch, as well as snacks throughout the day.

Services: Licensed Nurse on staff who coordinates care with your physician. We provide professional nursing care, medication administration, wound care, assistance with activities of daily living, including toileting and assistance with meals.

Weston Adult Day Care is open Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Full days, half days and flexible schedules are available. Weston Adult Day Care is fully licensed by the State of Delaware. Contact Weston Adult Day Care: 302-328-6425



Weston's Social Adult Day Care Program is the perfect solution for seniors who need assistance but would like to continue living at home. Our program is designed to provide the high quality social, nutritional, and daily living services your loved one needs in a safe, supportive and stimulating environment. This allows you, the caretaker, to go to work or take a break from your care-giving responsibilities and have the peace of mind knowing that your loved one is being well taken care of.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP–Caregiver support is available in the Adult Day Care Center. If you know of anyone who would benefit from attending please contact us @ 302-328-6425

THE "ARTS" and THE "CRAFTS"



CRAFTS WITH BETSEY – Join our crafters daily from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Betsey is available Tuesdays thru Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Cemetery arrangements are available for \$15.00 (see Betsey).



CERAMICS – The Ceramics Room is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Join our talented painters as they create ceramic pieces for all occasions.



BEGINNER QUILTING CLASS– **Sara Walker is our Quilting Instructor.** The class is held on Fridays from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. All levels of skill are welcome!

BEGINNER KNITTING CLASS – Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. If you have ever wanted to learn how to knit, here is your chance! Join Betsey and friends to learn how to knit.



BEGINNER CROCHETING– Thursdays @ 1:00 p.m. Join Donna & her merry band of “Happy Hookers” every Thursday to learn a fun new skill. This class is limited to 8 students. See Donna to sign up.

CARDS AND GAMES ...



CANASTA - **Tuesdays @ 1:00 p.m.** in the Community Room. If you are interested in playing, leave your name with Donna at the front desk and you will be contacted.

POKENO – Pokeno is coming back in January 2025! We have secured a volunteer to run the event. Spread the word! First date in Tuesday, January 28, 2025 @ 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.



BINGO – We would like to welcome everyone to play Bingo on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We have new and exciting games, plus an extra money pot on certain games played. Please join us – it’s lots of fun and be sure to bring your pennies!

NICKEL/NICKEL – If Nickel/Nickel is your game, join one of the games going on in the Community Room every day. If you are interested in learning how to play stop by and we will teach you!



SHUFFLEBOARD – The Fall Shuffleboard League has begun. If you are interested in joining the league, please see Beverly. We are always looking for substitutes. The shuffleboard tables are available for anyone to use everyday, except on Tuesdays.

BILLIARDS – Monday-Friday. We have four billiard tables so there is always room for you to play.



PUZZLE CORNER – If you like to do jigsaw puzzles, check out our puzzle corner in the Shuffleboard Room. We have a great selection of puzzles from which to choose. There are usually two or three puzzles in the process of being completed. Stop by and take a look. You just might find a piece or two.



PINOCHLE - Join us on Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. in the Dining Room. We will be playing double deck and it is open to everyone.



Wii BOWLING LEAGUE UPDATE– Our first session is almost over. The last day is on Friday December 13, 2024. The second session will begin on Monday, January 6, 2025. Make sure you are all bowling your reserved scores before we begin the 2nd session. We are always looking for substitutes, so if you are interested, please see Beverly.



CORNHOLE – Thursdays beginning @ 9:30 a.m. Show up and have fun! This is a drop in game, everyone is welcome!



RED HATS– The “Red Hot Mamas” meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 11:30 a.m. If you are interested in joining, stop by, they are always happy to welcome new members. See Dutchie Jensen to join the group or for additional information.



WOMEN'S CLUB DELAWARE– These ladies are so much fun! Their group runs from September–May. They meet on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and do crafts and play games. If you are interested in joining in the fun, leave your name with Donna at the front desk.



VIRTUAL CLASSES

Attention all members-

If you are interested in joining one of our virtual classes but you do not own a laptop or iPad please see Beverly.

We have purchased 25 iPads that we can lend out to members for virtual classes. If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass along the information.

How to Join a Virtual Class

- First you must go to our Website- www.westonseniorcenter.org
- On the front page of our website you will see an icon called "Virtual Classes & Activities"
- Click the "Learn More" Button

You will see-

- A list of virtual classes.
- Click the register button.
- Click on the date.
- Click on the time .
- This will take you to the registration form, just fill it out and click confirm booking.
- On the day of your class you will receive a reminder email. Click the link and it will take you to the Zoom web site.
- If you do not have zoom on your PC/tablet/phone it will prompt you to download it.
- You will need to do this one time only.
- When finished you will be asked to join the meeting.

ON-GOING VIRTUAL CLASSES

Virtual & In-Person Chair Yoga w/ Gale

Mondays from 10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

Non-Denominational Bible Study Virtual & In-Person

Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Virtual Bingo!

This virtual class has resumed.
Wednesday's from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.



DELAWARE HEALTH FOR ALL

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

9:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screenings

Weston will be partnering with the University of Delaware's HEALTH for All (Health, Empowerment, Access, Learning, Teaching, Humanity) program (formerly Mobile Health) this year.

This program will provide education and outreach initiatives, as well as health screenings. Screenings would include but are not limited to, stroke, blood sugar, balance and blood pressure.

The students will engage in education and outreach opportunities here at Weston on Tuesdays and Thursdays and we will post the dates and times on the bulletin board as they become available.

FUNDRAISING

10 WEEK CLUB

Tickets on sale now!

Cost- \$5.00

Tickets will be drawn every

Wednesday from

October 16, 2024-

December 18, 2024

Weeks 1-9

\$15.00, \$10.00 & \$5.00

Week 10

\$150.00, \$100.00 & \$50.00

Tickets are on sale @ the 50/50 Table

December's Raffle

Old World Santa

Hand sculpted with handmade clothing

Created & donated

by Phyllis Stawicki

\$1.00 or 6- \$5.00

Drawing to be held on

Thursday, December 19, 2024

FUNDRAISING

FUNDRAISING – OCTOBER 2024



Below is our fundraising status
(July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025).

50/50s	\$489.00	
Donations-General	\$225.00	
October 2024	\$714.00	\$714.00
September 2024		\$2,192.98
August 2024		\$912.00
July 2024		\$1,038.28
Total		\$4,857.26

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

United Way donations can be made to the center. Please tell your family and friends working in Delaware to designate the HOWARD WESTON SENIOR CENTER as the recipient of their United Way donation. WESTON'S UNITED WAY number is 9336. If someone is already a contributor, it is easy for them to change their designation to WESTON by calling the Donor Choice Coordinator at 1-866-892-9335 or 302-573-3200 and giving them our number (9336). See Sandy or Vicki if you have questions or need more information.

Thank you for your support!!

WEEKLY 50/50 DRAWING

Each ticket is \$1.00
or 6 for \$5.00. Drawings are held on
Fridays @ 12:00 noon.

November 2024 Winners

50-50 Winners

Dutchie Jensen - 10/25/2024 - \$122
Dot Chicosky - 11/1/2024 - \$123
Ann Krzanowski - 11/8/2024 - \$107
Jeannette Henretty - 11/15/2024 - \$123
Jimmy Backus - 11/22/2024 - \$158

Raise Right Gift Cards

This is our Gift Card Fundraiser.
There is an amazing selection of gift cards to
choose from. See Donna for an order form.

Turn around time should be
approximately 1 week.

**We will be placing our next order on
Friday, December 13, 2024.**

**This will be the last order placed
before Christmas.**

Thank you!
(We need to have \$1,000.00 in card
orders to place an order.)



Goodbye Pop Tabs

As our Spoonful of Hope and Lunches with Love programs grow, we're constantly evaluating how to best serve our families. As we refine our efforts, we're prioritizing programs that have a high impact on families with sick children. Because of this, we have made the decision to retire our pop tab program starting **January 1st, 2025. We will be accepting pop tab donations until December 31st, 2024.**

We understand that many have enjoyed collecting tabs over the years and that this has been a beloved fundraiser for our community. We are incredibly grateful for your longstanding dedication to this program and we hope that you'll explore other ways to continue your support of vital initiatives to help families in need.

What you can do:

Last Call for Pop Tabs: To ensure a smooth transition, we'll be accepting pop tab donations until the end of the year. This gives you time to wrap up any fundraisers and drop off your collected tabs. You can bring them to 1901 Rockland Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803

CLOTHES CLOSET -

Weston has a clothes closet set up for our members. It is filled with new and gently used clothes in sizes 10-3x. Each item is \$3.00.

The closet is open for business every day
9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Special thanks to Juliet and Joe Michaelian
for all their hard work keeping
things organized.**

INK CARTRIDGES

Thanks to everyone who donates their used ink cartridges to the center. We use them to earn credits for purchases that will benefit the center. Your donations are helping to reduce our supply costs. Keep them coming!

WELLNESS AND PHYSICAL FITNESS ...

CHAIR YOGA W/GALE-Mondays from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Join Gale on Mondays from 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. The charge for this class will be \$4.00 per person. Stop by and check it out!

CARDIO DRUMMING-Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. The next 6 week class will begin on Tuesday, January 7, 2025– Tuesday, February 11, 2025. The cost is \$25.00. Please sign-up with Donna @ the front desk.

LINE DANCE CLASS – Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m. Our dance instructor, Joanne Brady, is keeping us “moving and grooving”. Join us on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. You are guaranteed to get some great exercise while having lots of fun. The charge for this class will be \$4.00 per person.

LOW IMPACT CARDIO CLASS– Thursdays @ 1:00 p.m. Join Mary Ellen Louise for a wonderful workout utilizing bands, weights and balls to improve your cardio functions. The class is \$4.00.

NEW EXERCISE CLASS! STRENGTH TRAINING w/ GALE– Fridays @ 2:10 p.m. Cost: \$25.00 for 6 Weeks January 10, 2025–February 14, 2025 . One of the best ways to keep muscles healthy and strong is through exercises called strength training—sometimes known as weight lifting or resistance training.

WALK, WALK, WALK - Watch out in the hallways! Our “walkers” are off and walking!! Walking will enhance your health and make you feel better. Did you know that 5 times around the “U” equals 1 mile?

HEALTH SERVICES

GOOD RX – Did you know you may be able to get a price break on your prescriptions? Visit GoodRX.com, enter your prescriptions and check the prices. If your prescription is available at a cheaper price, you simply print a coupon and take it to your pharmacy. If you have questions or need help navigating the website, please see Beverly.

ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE – It is important for you to have an Advance Health Care Directive, more commonly referred to as a “living will”. If you have never completed a “living will”, see Donna for a form. For those who already have a “living will”, you may want to review it periodically to see that it still does what you want.

NEMOURS HEALTH CLINIC – Provides comprehensive dental care, eye examinations, eyeglasses, hearing tests and hearing aids to those who qualify. To qualify, you must be 65 years of age or older, a resident of Delaware and a United States Citizen. Income levels are \$23,800 for a single person and \$36,600 for a married couple after Medicare Part B is taken out. For more information, please contact the clinic at (800) 292-9538 .

CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTER – The Howard Weston Senior Center is a “Caregiver Resource Center” site location. If you are a caregiver and in need of information on services available to you, please feel free to visit our display in the lobby by the fireplace.

DMOST provides a single document that functions as an actionable medical order and transitions with a patient through all health care settings in order that their wishes for life-sustaining treatment and CPR will be clearly indicated. The Delaware Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (DMOST) program is designed to improve the quality of care people receive at the end of life by translating patient/resident goals and preferences into medical orders. See Beverly for the form!

SENIOR ROLL CALL – Senior Roll Call is a program provided by the New Castle County Police. This telephone reassurance program calls senior citizens on a daily basis with a prerecorded safety message. To enroll in this program, call 302-395-8159. Senior Roll Call is looking for volunteers. If you have questions, please see Vicki or Beverly.



Delaware Medical Orders For Scope Of Treatment



SERVICES

BOOK AND VIDEO LENDING LIBRARY – Our Book and Video Lending Library has a great selection of books and videos for you to borrow. If you find something you would like to view, please check your videos out with Donna and let her know when they are returned.



GIFT CERTIFICATES – The Weston Senior Center has GIFT CERTIFICATES (and Lunch Tickets) available throughout the year in whatever denomination you desire. They are redeemable for anything available at the center and they make great gifts. Be sure to tell your family and friends that you want a gift certificate from the Weston Senior Center. You may want to give one to a friend.



DELAWARE VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES - Jacquelyn Chicono can assist you with more complex legal issues if you qualify for this program. For more information please call 302-478-8680.



LEGAL AID – The Elder Law Program (ELP) of Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. provides limited legal assistance to Delawareans aged 60 years or older. The services provided by ELP are free of charge. What problems are handled by the elder law program? Powers of Attorney and Advance Health Care Directives (formerly known as Living Wills); Consumer problems such as debt collection and home repair cases; Housing problems such as evictions; Benefits issues such as Medicaid and Social Security. Note: The Elder Law Program does not do simple wills. If you need assistance please call Michelle McLean @ 302-575-0666.



DELAWARE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – The Delaware Energy Assistance Program provides assistance with the payment of energy bills for low-income households. You will need to supply documents verifying your income if you wish to apply for participation in this program. While the income limits change each year, we understand that the figures for this year are \$34,903 for a single person and \$45,042 for a couple. If you believe you qualify and want to apply or if you need more information, call 654-9295 or 654-6474.



AARP DRIVERS SAFETY CLASS –The next date for our AARP Driver Safety Refresher class is scheduled for Tuesday, January, 14, 2025. The cost is \$20.00 for AARP members and \$25.00 for non-members. Please make checks payable to AARP. See Donna for more information.



STAND BY ME 50+ - Stand by Me 50+ will be here on the last Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. This program provides information, resources and support to increase the economic stability of Delawareans age 50 and older who are planning for, or in, retirement. For more information or to schedule an appointment please call Karen Summa @ 302-565-9636 .



SENIOR LEGAL HOTLINE – There is a resource available for Delawareans who are age 60 and older. The Senior Legal Hotline is now up and running. The hotline hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Thursday. The phone numbers are 302-478-8850 in New Castle County. Callers can receive free legal advice on a variety of issues. There are no income requirements for the hotline. The advice will be provided by either a DVLS staff attorney or a volunteer attorney.



THE VIAL OF LIFE– The Vial of L.I.F.E program is a medical information form that the owner completes, then places in the provided medication bottle that is labeled “Vial of L.I.F.E” and placed in your refrigerator. The form includes your medical history, daily medications, demographics, doctor, hospital preference and an emergency contact. The medication bottle is kept in your refrigerator in direct view. The kit also comes with a Vial of L.I.F.E magnet to place on the refrigerator that signifies your participation in this program. *** Make sure to up-date this information as your medications change.** See Beverly for your Vial of Life. **(We are waiting on a new supply)**



NOTARY SERVICES – Sandy, Vicki and Beverly provide these services should you need to have papers notarized. You must bring identification with you and sign the document in the presence of the notary.



NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY...



DONATIONS FOR THE LION'S CLUB – Do you have any old eyeglasses or hearing aids lying around the house? Please donate them to someone who needs them. Bring them to the center and put them in the Lion's Club donation box.

PLEASE READ!



RESERVING SEATS/MOVING RESERVED SEATS – Our dining room is a very popular place – used for more than just dining. Seats can only be reserved daily when you arrive at the center. Please feel free to place a name tag at your seat. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



SAFETY FIRST! -Please help us keep the center and our members safe by hanging your coats/sweaters in the closets. Do not put them on the back of your chair. Also, please do not put your pocketbooks, bags or canes on the tables. Thank you!

PARKING LOT SAFETY



PLEASE FOLLOW THE ARROWS WHEN ENTERING AND EXITING THE SENIOR CENTER. We have had several “close calls.” Please stay to the right when entering. The few additional seconds it takes you to follow the arrows may save someone’s life or an increase in your insurance rates. PLEASE BE SAFE!

DONATIONS



Donations are welcome at any time. We are currently collecting donations to help offset the cost of maintaining our building. Please support the center if you can! Special thanks to those that have made such generous contributions so far!

iPhone & iPad Help is Available!

Do you have an iPhone or iPad and are tired of asking your children & grandchildren to help you with it? Ron Pierce has generously offered his services to answer questions

about your iPhones and iPads

He will be here every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

COMPUTER LAB

If you have computer skills, please feel free to visit the lab to work on your computer skills, check your e-mail, send e-mail messages, surf the internet, play games, etc.

<u>December 2024</u>		
5th: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	12th: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	19th: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



NEW MEMBERS

Please take time to meet and welcome the newest members of the Weston Senior Center family. A BIG WELCOME to the following new members who joined our center from October 16, 2024 to November 15, 2024:

Betty Jean Bates	Ann Bosman	Lillie Boulden	Dawn Pierce-Buchanan	Sharon Coyle
Vanessa Dolley	Cheryl Edwards	Nichelle Evans	Renonia Lowery	William Mattes
Carol Mattes	Carrie Miller	Victoria Moore	Janet Morecroft	Charles Pita
Catherine Rhymes	Kim Scully	Joseph Scully	Sandra Shusta	Michele Weiner



CROCHET SOCIAL GROUP– Thursdays 1:00 p.m. Now that you've refreshed your crochet skills, it's time to set you free! A new Crochet Social Group will be meeting in the Arts & Crafts Room Thursdays beginning at 1:00pm. Bring your project to work on, share patterns, teach your fellow crocheters a new stitch and just spend time hanging out with friends! Donna will pop in from time to time to see what you're working on and answer any questions you may have.

BLANKETS FOR CHRISTIANA CARE- Calling all knitters, crocheters and quilters! We are looking for people who can knit, crochet or quilt lap blankets for adults or baby blankets for the NICU to be donated during the winter months. Please see Donna or Betsey for details on materials to be used and sizes.

MAHJONG– A few of our members are interested in starting up a Mahjong group. Mahjong or mah-jongg is a tile-based game that was developed in the 19th century in China and has spread throughout the world since the early 20th century. It is played by four players. If you are interested please leave your name with Donna @ the front desk. **We are looking for a volunteer instructor.**

VETERANS SOCIAL CLUB – One of our members is interested in starting up a Veterans Social Group. If you are a Veteran and you might be interested, please join us on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.** for a short meeting. If you are interested but can't make the meeting, please leave your name with Donna @ the front desk.

MEDICARE PART D ASSISTANCE APPOINTMENTS-Beginning Tuesday, October 15–Saturday, December 7, 2024.Each year it is recommended that you review your Part D plan. Please see Donna to sign-up.

- Please bring your: Social Security & Medicare Cards
- List of all prescriptions with quantity and how often you take them
- Verification of monthly income
- Letter from Delaware Prescription Assistance program (if this applies)

WESTON'S HOLIDAY GIVE BACK 2024

Every year Weston chooses a worthy cause and gathers donations for our annual "Give Back to the Community". One year we chose our armed servicemen and women, we donated pet supplies to a local no-kill shelter, we have sent gloves and hats to our pen pals and have made care packages for the homeless. Last year we made gift bags for caregivers who had a loved one in Hospice.

This year we have chosen to adopt 2 families from Wilmington Manor Elementary School.

The first family is a single mother on disability whose husband has left the state.

She is raising 4 children ages 7, 8, 11 & 16.

The second family is a grandmother raising 3 grandchildren, ages 9, 10 & 11.

At this time of year our hearts go out to these 2 families as they struggle to make Christmas a happy time for these children.

What we have decided to do is to ask for monetary donations so we may purchase toys and clothes for these families.

We will have a donation jar at the front desk.

As always, we thank you for your support!



December 2024

CHRISTMAS MAILBOX– The center will provide a Christmas mailbox again this year for those wishing to exchange cards with other members. Cards can be deposited beginning Monday, December 2, 2024. With the cost of postage, this is a great way to save. PLEASE address cards to persons who regularly attend our center. Each year we have a pile of undelivered cards addressed to those who rarely come to the center.

SECRET SANTA– This year we will be hosting a Secret Santa Gift Exchange. Anyone who would like to participate will need to sign up with Donna at the front desk by Monday, December 2, 2024. You will be asked to write your name and 3 suggestions of what kind of gift you would like. All gifts have a \$5.00 limit. Names will be drawn on Monday, December 9, 2024. Please bring your wrapped gift on Monday, December 16, 2024 for our exchange on Thursday, December 19, 2024.. Half the fun is guessing who your Secret Santa is.

WINTER LINE DANCE PARTY– **Friday, December 6, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Cost- \$15.00**

BINGO & LUNCH–**Friday, December 13, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$5.00** The theme is “National Mitten Day” We will be collecting mittens and gloves for our pen pals. We will be playing in the Dining Room. (Cash Prizes and Door Prizes) cost is \$5.00.

CERAMICS, CRAFTING & QUILTING POT LUCK PARTY– **Tuesday, December 17, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.** If you participate in any of these 3 rooms, we would like to invite you to our Holiday Pot Luck. Each room will be responsible for providing a dish that will feed 8. Please sign-up in your rooms. We are also asking each person to bring a wrapped gift worth \$5-\$10. We will be playing a game with the gifts.

HOLIDAY PARTY & FEAST– **Thursday, December 19, 2024, 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$5.00.** Tickets go on sale Monday December 2, 2024. Limit 2 per person.

CENTER CLOSED TO OBSERVE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY– Tuesday, December 24, Wednesday, December 25 & Thursday, December 26, 2024.

JANUARY 2025

CENTER CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING - **Wednesday, January 8, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.** Our open Council Meeting is open to all members. Please plan on attending. The meeting will be held in the Dining Room.

BINGO & LUNCH– **Friday, January 3, 2025, @ 10:00 a.m.** Cost-\$5.00. This month's theme is “Winter Wonderland”. Cash Prizes & Door Prizes.

TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE– At this time we are waiting on confirmation of days, times and procedures. As soon as we have confirmation we will be posting the information at the center, on Facebook and our website. We will be utilizing a special voicemail system. If you need an appointment please call 302-328-6626 Ext. 7 and leave a message. We will return your call.

MAMMOGRAMS– **Monday, January 6, 2025 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Join us for our 33rd year of this important screening. The Helen Graham Center is working with us to make this event run as efficiently as possible. We have a conference room reserved where we can relax and enjoy Bingo while we wait. See the credenza in the lobby to sign up and be sure to see Donna for your paperwork.



WESTON WANDERERS GET READY!!

Extended Trips 2024

All flyers are available at the front desk and on our Website.

A \$100 deposit per person per extended trip is required to secure your place.

- ⇒ Savannah, Georgia, New Year's Celebration– December 29, 2024– January 2, 2025
(Wait List Only) \$925 pp double occupancy, \$ 1,175 single occupancy.

Day Trip 2024

(Day trips must be paid in full at time of sign-up)

- ⇒ Tropicana “Rat Pack Holiday”- Thursday, December 5, 2024 \$140 pp. (Waitlist Only)

2025

*We are working on new trips (both day and extended)for 2025.
If you have any suggestions on where you would like to travel to,
please see Vicki or let one of the Advisory Council know and
they will share it with the staff.*

*****SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE AREN'T FORCED TO CANCEL TRIPS.*****

To better understand the way trips work: The Center must submit payment to the tour companies in advance to book our trips. This is why payment is required ahead of time. When travelling with the center, please be sure to carry your identification and insurance cards with you. The information on these cards will prove invaluable in case of emergency.

- ◆ **We will enforce a sign-up deadline for all trips.** If we do not have sufficient travelers by said date, the trip **will** be cancelled. The center is required to pay deposits on most trips. In order to get our deposit back, we must cancel by a date set by the travel company or the venue.
- ◆ For extended trips, a deposit must be paid. In addition, when balance due dates are posted, it means the center must pay for the trip in full. We, therefore, must have all trips paid in full by the balance due date. Thank you for your cooperation.
- ◆ Weston trips are open to the public.
- ◆ All emergency forms must be on file prior to departure.
- ◆ For all trips involving a casino you must be 21 or older.
- ◆ We will board the bus in the order in which you signed up. So sign up early!
- ◆ Front of the bus! If you have a legitimate reason to sit in the front of the bus, please let us know when you sign up for a trip. We will make every effort to accommodate your needs.
- ◆ Seat partners! If you want to sit with a friend on the bus, please let us know when you sign up for a trip. Again, we will make every effort to accommodate your requests.
- ◆ If you need to schedule a payment plan for any day trip, please see Vicki.

What's Cooking?

News from the Kitchen!

BRINGING FOOD INTO OUR CENTER

Our policy is that outside food is not permitted in the center. However, there are times that exceptions can be made. Examples are when someone has a food allergy and can't eat what's on the menu, medication requires eating frequently. Those needing an exception MUST get permission from a staff member. Your cooperation is appreciated.

SUGAR FREE DESSERT-For those of you who are Diabetic, we offer a sugar free pudding option. Please ask Mike when you are going through the lunch line.

LUNCH POLICY

We are asking that our members sign up for lunch the day before by 2:00 p.m. This will allow us to determine how much food needs to be prepared. You will be permitted to call in for lunches. You will also be allowed to order a week at a time.

TABLE CLEANING PROCEDURES

We have gone back to cleaning the tables with buckets and rags. Each person will be responsible for their own lunch space. Buckets with soapy water will be stationed at the end of each table.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ham Chowder

Ingredients

10 bacon strips, diced
1 large onion, chopped
1 cup diced carrots
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
3 cups whole milk
1-1/2 cups water
2-1/2 cups cubed potatoes
1 can (15-1/4 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained
2 teaspoons chicken bouillon granules
Pepper to taste
3 cups shredded cheddar cheese
2 cups cubed fully cooked ham
Minced fresh parsley, optional

Add the potatoes, corn, bouillon and pepper. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 20 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Add cheese and ham; heat until cheese is melted. Stir in bacon. If desired, garnish with parsley and additional bacon.



Directions

In a Dutch oven, cook the bacon over medium heat until crisp. Using a slotted spoon, remove to paper towels to drain. In the drippings, saute onion and carrots until tender. Stir in flour until blended. Gradually add milk and water. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened.

PRICE FOR LUNCH, FEASTS AND TAKE-OUT

The original definition of a "take-out" meal was to provide a noon-time meal for those who are homebound. Over the years, that has changed to a "take-out" meal for whoever wanted one. We must go back to the true definition of homebound and adjust the price of the three options for meals. Our lunch, feast and buffet donations will be as follows.

EAT-IN -

Regular Lunch - \$3.00
Feast - \$4.00
Holiday Feast - \$5.00

HOMEBOUND -

Regular Lunch - \$4.00
Feast - \$5.00
Holiday Feast - \$6.00

TAKE-OUT -

Regular Lunch - \$5.50
Feast - \$6.50
Holiday Feast - \$7.50

Name: _____ Date: _____

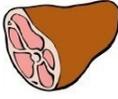


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PRESENTS
REINDEER
SANTA CLAUS
SLEIGH
SNOWFLAKE
SNOWMAN
STOCKING
TINSEL
UGLY SWEATER
WINTER
WREATH

WORD SEARCH DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
9:00– Tickets go on sale for Christmas Feast 9:00– Wii Bowling 9:30- Bingo 10:30–Chair Yoga	9:00– Wii Bowling 9:00– iPhone & iPad help w/ Ron Pierce 9:30–Shuffleboard 10:30– Bible Study 12:45– Canasta 1:00-Cardio Drumming	9:00– Wii Bowling 9:30– Chair Massage 9:30- Bingo 9:30– Women’s Club 10:00– Line Dance w/Joanne 4:30– Dine Out– The Portofino’s	9:00– Wii Bowling 9:00– Cornhole 9:30-Pinochle 9:30- Bingo 12:45– Beginner Crocheting 1:00– Crochet Social 1:00–Low Impact Cardio	9:00– Wii Bowling 9:30- Beginner Quilting 9:30– Line Dance Party!! 2:10– NEW CLASS STRENGTH TRAINING w/GALE
9	10	11	12	13
9:00– Wii Bowling 9:30- Bingo 10:30–Chair Yoga 	9:00– Wii Bowling 9:00– iPhone & iPad help w/ Ron Pierce 9:00-Stand by Me 50+ 9:30–Shuffleboard 10:30– Bible Study 11:00-Veterans Meeting 12:45– Canasta 1:00-Cardio Drumming	9:00– Wii Bowling 9:30– Chair Massage 9:30- Bingo 9:30– Women’s Club 10:00– Line Dance w/Joanne 	9:00– Wii Bowling 9:00– Cornhole 9:30-Pinochle 9:30- Bingo 12:45– Beginner Crocheting 1:00– Crochet Social 1:00–Low Impact Cardio	9:00– Wii Bowling 9:30- Beginner Quilting 10:00– “National Mitten” Lunch and Bingo
16	17	18	19	20
9:00–Wii Bowling 9:30- Bingo 10:30–Chair Yoga 11:30– Red Hats 	9:00– Wii Bowling 9:00– iPhone & iPad help w/ Ron Pierce 9:30–Shuffleboard 10:30– Bible Study 11:00– Ceramic, Crafting & Quilting Room pot luck 12:45– Canasta 1:00-Cardio Drumming	9:00– Wii Bowling 9:30– Chair Massage 9:30- Bingo 9:30– Women’s Club 10:00–_Line Dance w/Joanne 	9:00– Wii Bowling 9:00– NO Cornhole 9:30-Pinochle 9:30- Bingo 11:00-Christmas Party 12:45– Beginner Crocheting 1:00– Crochet Social 1:00–Low Impact Cardio	9:00– Wii Bowling 9:30- Beginner Quilting 2:10– NEW CLASS STRENGTH TRAINING w/GALE 
23	24	25	26	27
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>2</u>  Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Cookies	<u>3</u>  Fish & Chips Salad Fruit	<u>4</u>  Fried Chicken Mac & Cheese Broccoli Pie	<u>5</u>  Ham Rice Chef's Choice Veggie Corn Bread Cake	<u>6</u>  Sub Soup Chips Cookies
<u>9</u>  Chicken Parmesan Spaghetti Peas Cake	<u>10</u>  Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Cobbler	<u>11</u>  Stuffed Cabbage Rice Chef's Choice Vegetable Cake	<u>12</u>  Italian Sausage Tater Tots Caesar Salad Fruit	<u>13</u>  Beef Stroganoff Egg Noodles Green Beans Brownies
<u>16</u>  Sloppy Joe Chef's Choice Vegetable Chips Cookies	<u>17</u>  BBQ Pork Rice Green Beans Pie	<u>18</u>  Chicken & Dumplings Peas & Carrots Fruit	<u>19</u> <u>CHRISTMAS FEAST</u> Pot Roast Roasted Potatoes Carrots Green Beans Cake	<u>20</u>  Hot Dog Baked Beans Chili Fruit
<u>23</u>  Cheeseburger Chips Chef's Choice Vegetables Brownies	<u>24</u>  <u>CENTER CLOSED</u> <u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</u>	<u>25</u>  <u>CENTER CLOSED</u> <u>CHRISTMAS</u>	<u>26</u>  <u>CENTER CLOSED</u> <u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</u>	<u>27</u>  Tuna Tomato-Basil Soup Chips Fruit
<u>30</u>  Pizza Salad Cookies	<u>31</u>  Open Face Turkey Stuffing Capri Veggies Cake	<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> The Howard J. Weston Community and Senior Center, Inc. Nutrition Program does not discriminate on the basis of sex, creed, national origin, race or handicap.	<u>KITCHEN STAFF</u> Mike Tedeschi Cook 	<u>MENU</u>  <u>FOR</u> <u>DECEMBER</u> <u>2024</u>

Although every effort will be made to serve the meals as indicated, the menu is, however, subject to change.