

# Friendship

**JUNE 2020** 

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Hours: Mon-Fri: 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Sat: 8:30 am—12 Noon

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#### **President's Message**



I know everyone was hoping to get back to the Center in early June, and I wish I had better news for you. On Monday, May 11, the Board of Directors met to discuss the how and when we might safely get back to joining our friends at the Center. We looked at many different scenarios and phase-in options, but in the end, everyone on the board felt there was no way we could safely open the Center in the June timeframe.

We were able, however to define several benchmarks that we feel need to be met prior to opening (see Board Meeting Review on Page 2). We will continue monitoring what is happening in the state and the county and if anything changes, you can be sure we will notify you as soon as possible.

There are good things to report, however:

- The Board voted to allow Shuffleboard to begin practicing on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. The team has put together a safe distancing plan which they will follow, but they will not have any access to the building itself. See Page 2 of the newsletter for more details.
- The duplicate bridge group got very creative and found a way to continue bridge in an online fashion with ACBL's Virtual online game. They play 3 times a week and ACBL Masterpoints are awarded just as in regular club games. See Page 5 of the newsletter for additional information.
- Your Board is continuing to make good use of this off time to get some much needed work done at the center including new fire alarm installation, touch-up painting, new blinds installed in the main room, cleaning of the storage areas and a deep-clean of every room. The new A/C chiller is scheduled to ship on May 21 and we are hoping to have that installed in early June.

Our next Board Meeting will be on Monday, June 8 and we will assess where things stand and discuss any possible changes for July and beyond.

Please stay safe—we miss your smiling faces and look forward to seeing everyone soon.

#### **Mission Statement**

Our Mission is to provide a congenial and happy environment for seniors to enjoy activities, meet new friends, and attend educational programs. Furthermore, to provide a resource for obtaining assistance and guidance in times of need.

"There are no strangers here, only friends you have yet to meet!"

#### **IMPORTANT NEWS**

#### **Board Meeting Review**

Your Board of Directors held the May meeting on Monday, May 11 to begin planning for when we might reopen the Center. Below is a synopsis of what happened at that meeting.

- The Board authorized the reopening of the <u>outdoor</u> shuffleboard courts effective Monday, May 14. No access will be permitted to the Senior Center building and participants must follow the new COVID-19 guidelines put together by the Shuffleboard team.
- The Board authorized payment of the janitorial staff through June. They will be asked to add on various cleaning activities that are not normally in their contract.
- After considerable discussion, the Board agreed they could not safely recommend opening the Center for any in-house programs beginning in June.
- The Board did agree on several benchmarks they will need to see met before reopening the center:
  - Compliance with Governor Task Force phased reopening recommendations
  - Compliance with Brevard County Parks & Recreation recommendations
  - Do volunteers feel safe in returning?
  - Can we obtain the necessary sanitizing supplies to ensure safety (hand sanitizer, cleansing wipes, etc.).
  - Poll various program managers for recommendations on restarting each program.
- Next Board Meeting will be on Monday, June 8 at 9:30 am.

#### Wickham Park Shuffleboard Update

The Wickham Park Senior Center Board has authorized the re-opening of the shuffleboard courts effective Monday, May 14th. Scheduled open play for Senior Center members will resume on Thursday evenings at 6:30PM and Saturday mornings at 9:00AM. The summer schedule will remain in place until Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. The following are the new COVID-19 guidelines that must be followed to ensure the safety of players and Senior Center staff:

- Players must adhere to 6-foot social distancing guidelines.
- Avoid physical contact such as shaking hands or hugging.
- Face masks may or may not be worn.
- Players may not enter the shuffleboard supply room.
- Prior to play, a shuffleboard club officer will set up each court with discs, bench covers, chalk, erasers, and cue sticks as necessary.
- Games will be played on every other court.
- Players will be randomly assigned to courts.
- Cue sticks will be used to gather discs during play; avoid touching discs with your hands.
- After play, leave all discs, chalk, erasers and bench covers in place. A shuffleboard officer will collect, clean and return all equipment to the shuffleboard supply room.
- Restrooms will not be open until further notice. Please plan accordingly.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as the Senior Center begins resuming normal operations over the next few months.



#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Information pertaining to future openings and answers to your questions and messages are available on the voice mail system. Also, please check WPSC website for updates.

#### TRAVEL NEWS

The Travel Office is Closed until WPSC reopens. Please refer questions and reservation requests to Cindy/Footprints Travel 321-514-1576

Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit— June 3—<u>CANCELLED</u>

"A Grand Night for Singing"— Winter Park Playhouse August 13—<u>CANCELLED</u>

#### **Ireland**

Date: August 6-18

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#### Mt. Dora Craft Fair

Date: Saturday, October 24

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#### Jungle Queen, Ft. Lauderdale

Date: Wednesday, November 11

Cost: \$125 Per Person

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WICKHAM PARK SENIOR CENTER 2785 Leisure Way Melbourne, FL 32935

## **JUNE 2020**

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Ballroom Dancing		
	⋖	
Bingo	<b></b>	
Bone Makers Plus	⋖	
Blood Pressure	<b></b> ✓	
Bridge: Duplicate		Meets Virtually on Mon, Wed, and Fri @ 12:30P (per directions on page 5)
Chat	✓	
Rogue	<b>⋖</b>	
Rubber	<b></b>	
Bunco	<b></b>	
Chair Yoga	€	
China Painting	<b>√</b>	
Euchre	<b></b> ✓	
Financial Lunch & Learn	√	
Games: Hands & Foot	€	
Games Galore	<b></b>	
Greeting Cards	<b>√</b>	
Jazzercise Light	☑	
Line Dancing: Beginners	<b>√</b>	
Intermediate	<b>√</b>	
MahJongg: American	✓	
Chinese	<b></b> ✓	
Pinochle	<b>√</b>	
Poker: Dealers Choice	<b>√</b>	
Friendly	✓	
Pool (Billiards)	✓	
Senior Law	<b></b>	
Shuffleboard: League Play	₹	
League Practice	€	
Open Play		Thurs @ 6:30P & Sat @ 9:00A (Following COVID-19 Guidelines noted on page 2)
Sons of Confederate Veterans	⋖	. 5
Social Scrabble	<b>♂</b>	
Strength / Flexibility	₫	
TaiChi Class	<b>♂</b>	
Watercolor Instruct.	<b>♂</b>	
Zumba Gold	<b>♂</b>	

#### **NEW INFORMATION**

# **Bridge During Social Distancing**

As the world reels from coronavirus, bridge players across the globe have flocked to online games. WPSC Duplicate



Bridge Club is maintaining friendships, honing their bridge skills, earning masterpoints, AND generating revenue for the WPSC by taking their game online. The host platform is called Bridge Base Online, commonly known as BBO. The WPSC Duplicate Bridge Club has contracted with

BBO to help us keep our games up and running. For a small fee, they host our games, post scores, and collect fees. Monthly the collected fees are redistributed back to the hosting clubs minus a small percentage. The virus has changed how we play the game, but not our member's enthusiasm for the cards.

Currently, we are hosting three games per week. The games are being held on **Monday**, **Wednesday**, **and Friday at 12:30**. If you love the game of bridge and want to continue playing, please contact Pam Page at 321-537-0907. She will gladly help you through the registration process and get you into one of the games. The games cost \$5.00 per session.

#### Recognize • Protect • Report | COVID-19 Crime

#### FOR SECURE ONLINE SHOPPING

- DO NOT CLICK ON UNSOLICITED EMAILS OR TEXTS.
- ENSURE A SECURE BROWSER CONNECTION: HTTPS ONLY.
- VERIFY WEBSITE TRUST SEALS BEFORE PLACING AN ORDER.
- OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT WEBSITES END IN .GOV
- INSPECT THE URL OF THE WEBSITE AND VERIFY THE DESTINATION.

### FINANCIAL RED FLAGS RELATED TO COVID-19

- BEWARE OF E-MAILS, TEXT MESSAGES OR CALLS OFFERING GOODS, SERVICES, LOANS, OR DEBT RELIEF.
- BEWARE OF REQUESTS FOR UNUSUAL PAYMENT METHODS, SUCH AS CRYPTOCURRENCY, PREPAID DEBIT CARDS, GIFT CARDS, MONEY SERVICE BUSINESSES (MSB) TRANSFERS, OR WIRE TRANSFERS.
- GOVERNMENT AGENCIES DO NOT CALL, TEXT OR E-MAIL: CHECK YOUR MAIL, DO NOT FOLLOW LINKS ON SOCIAL MEDIA, AND USE GOVERNMENT WEBSITES DIRECTLY.
- GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WILL NOT CALL OR E-MAIL ABOUT ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS AND WILL NOT REFER TO IT AS "STIMULUS" DO NOT OPEN SUCH E-MAILS OR CLICK ON ATTACHMENTS.

# PROHIBITED PHARMACEUTICALS AND MEDICAL DEVICES RED FLAGS

- BEWARE OF WEBSITES OR INDIVIDUALS SELLING PRODUCTS CLAIMING TO PREVENT, TREAT, DIAGNOSE OR CURE COVID-19.
- BEWARE OF INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING PERSONAL OR BANKING INFORMATION IN EXCHANGE FOR COVID-19 PRODUCTS.
- BEWARE OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT INFORMATION WRITTEN IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE OR WITH MISSPELLINGS.
- DO NOT BUY PRESCRIPTION PHARMACEUTICALS FROM THIRD PARTY MARKETPLACES OR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.

#### DID YOU KNOW?



Bad actors often

Thousands of COVID-19 related web domains have been identified as fraudulent. Government agencies will not contact anyone to verify or expedite payments. Bad actors often advertise using photos stolen from legitimate websites to deceive consumers.

#### ONLINE SHOPPING TIPS

- IF A DEAL SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS.
- BE AWARE OF PRICE GOUGING.
- WERIFY PURCHASES ARE FROM LEGITIMATE, TRUSTED SOURCES.
- REPORT COVID-19 FRAUD TO COVID19FRAUD@DHS.GOV.

#### FINANCIAL TIP

\$ REACH OUT TO YOUR ELDERLY FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS AND WARN THEM ABOUT THESE SCAMS.

#### PROHIBITED ITEMS TIP

ENSURE YOUR ONLINE PHARMACY IS CERTIFIED BY CHECKING: WWW.SAFEMEDSONLINE.ORG.

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> > REPORT COVID-19 FRAUD TO COVID19FRAUD@DHS.GOV





#### **GENERAL NEWS**

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Deadline for copy submission to the newsletter is the **15th of each month**. Please email copy to: WPSCnews@cfl.rr.com

#### Front Desk Volunteers Needed

For: 8:30 am—12:30 pm OR 12:30 -4:30 pm

Volunteers are the backbone of the WPSC operation. If you are interested in volunteering, applications are available at the front desk.

#### Senior Center **Holiday Closures**

The Center will be closed on: Christmas Day, New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. The center will be closed at NOON on Christmas Eve.







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#### **GENERAL NEWS**

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