

# SIERRA SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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Hi Guys!

As we move into September, I hope you are staying cool and comfortable! Don't forget SSC is open for social hours from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. We're a perfect place to come enjoy some company, play a game, work on a puzzle, or just relax in the cool air. Please note: the center will be closed on Monday, September 1st for Labor Day.

We also want to remind you that our Senior Lunch Program is available Monday thru Friday. This program provides a healthy meal for little to no cost and is such a blessing for our senior community.



Looking ahead, we have a full and exciting calendar this month:

<u>Music of the Night Fundraiser Committee Meeting</u> – Tuesday, September 2 at 6:00 PM. If you'd like to help us prepare for this special October event, please join us!

<u>General Membership Meeting</u> – Thursday, September 4 at 11:00 AM. This is your chance to give input and stay informed about what's happening at the center.

<u>Senior Resource Fair</u> – Friday, September 12 at 1:30 PM. Door prizes, free sandwiches and chips, and lots of helpful information about living well in our mountain community.

Bunco – Sunday, September 14. Always a fun time! Come meet some new friends!

<u>Dance Class</u> – Thursday, September 18. Ballroom dance, Latin styles & more.

Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, September 20. Bring your friends and family for a delicious breakfast.

<u>Food Preservation Class</u> – Friday, September 19. Learn useful skills for keeping your harvest fresh.

Master Gardeners Meeting – Friday, Sept 26 at 1:00 PM. Come share ideas and plan our growing projects.

Potato Palooza – Sunday, September 28 at 4:00 PM. This was such a hit last year—don't miss it!

And don't forget, we have paint parties and creative classes coming up as well—check the calendar for details!

We love to see you here at the Senior Center. Whether you're attending a class, volunteering, sharing a meal, or just stopping in for a cool break and good company—you are part of what makes our community special.

Shannon Brimage

President

Sierra Senior Center

#### SEPTEMBER 2025 LUNCH

The <u>Senior Lunch Program</u> offers a different hot meal every weekday for adults 60 and older, regardless of income. Sierra Senior Center is one of the locations that provides a hot lunch at 11:30am Monday through Friday. You must reserve your meal by 11:30am PRIOR to the day you plan to attend; you can reserve it with our lovely SSC lunch rep Michelle, or contact EMRAP at <a href="mailto:emrap.seniorlunch@gmail.com">emrap.seniorlunch@gmail.com</a> or 559-460-3431.

This program is funded by the federal government via a grant to the counties. Madera County provides additional funds to support the program.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HAPPY LABOR DAY!	2 Beef Pepper Steak w/ Gravy Broccoli Mashed Potatoes Pineapple Tidbits	Hotdog Coleslaw Diced Peaches	4 Chicken Fajitas Onions & Bell Peppers Com Flour Tortilla Cantaloupe Chunks	5 Vegetable Chili Hi C Salad Wheat Dinner Roll Orange
Tandoori Chicken Thigh Broccoli Quinoa Tropical Fruit	9 Beef Meatloaf w/ Gravy California Mixed Veggies Egg Noodle Mandarin Oranges	Tuna Sandwich Hi C Salad Pineapple Tidbits	Beef Broccoli Sweet Potatoes Whole Grain Rice Orange	Beef Country Fried Steak w/ Gravy Green Beans w/ Peppers Mashed Potatoes Wheat Dinner Roll Cantaloupe Chunks
Chicken Thigh w/ Mushroom Sauce Italian Veggies Barley Mandarin Oranges	Swiss Beef Patty Hi C Salad Parsley Potatoes Wheat Dinner Roll Pineapple Tidbits	BBQ Pork Sandwich Broccoli Salad Cantaloupe Chunks	18 Ground Turkey Burrito Refried Beans Shredded Cheese Cabbage & Cilantro Honeydew Chunks	19 Chicken Meatballs w/ Gravy California Mixed Veggies Egg Noodles Orange
Chicken Patty w/ Gravy Broccoli Mashed Potatoes Wheat Dinner Roll Tropical Fruit	Pork Chili Verde Green Beans w/ Peppers Whole Grain Tortilla Cantaloupe Chunks	Orange Chicken Hi C Salad Wild Rice Mandarin Oranges	25 Meat Stuffed Bell Pepper Corn Wheat Dinner Roll Apricots	26 Baked Chicken Drumstick Italian Veggies Whole Grain Pasta w/ Marinara Orange
Beef Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy Green Beans & Peppers Wheat Dinner Roll Mandarin Oranges	30 Breaded Fish California Mixed Veggies Whole Grain Rice Blend Cantaloupe Chunks	Menu Is Subject To Change Without Notice	All Meals Include Low Fat Milk	High Sodium Meal

#### **SEPTEMBER 2025 Activities Calendar**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	CLOSED	10am – 2pm	10am – 2pm	10am	_	11am
	<b>FOR LABOR</b>	Open Hours	Open Hours	Exercise		Bingo
	DAY		10am-12pm	11am		
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	** DAY **		Meeting	Member Mtg		
			_	11:30am		
				Bingo		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	10am – 2pm	10am – 2pm	10am – 2pm	10am – 12pm	1:30pm – 4:30pm	11am
Mountain	Open Hours	Open Hours	Open Hours	Food Bank	Senior Resource	Bingo &
Unitarian		10am-12pm	-	Distribution	Fair	\$5 Lunch
Universalist		SSC Event		10am	6pm – 8pm	
<b>Church Svc</b>		Committee		Exercise	Sunflower Paint	
				11:30am	Party	
				Bingo		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
12pm	10am – 2pm	10am – 2pm	10am – 2pm	10am	2pm	9am
Mountain	Open Hours	Open Hours	Open Hours	Exercise	Food	Pancake
Unitarian	Open nours	10am – 12pm	1pm – 3pm	11am	Preservation	Breakfast
Universalist		Brown Bag	Kaiser	Bingo	Class -	Dieakiast
Church Svc		Tuesday	Meeting	6pm – 7pm	Refrigerator	
2pm – 4pm		Tuesday	Mooting	Dance Class	Pickles!	
Bunco!					FICKIES:	
21	22	23	24	<u>25</u>	26	27
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Universalist		SSC Event		Bingo	Meeting	Lunch
Church Svc		Committee		7pm – 9pm	5pm	Lanon
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				Amateur	Party	
				Radio Club	1	
28	29	30				
12pm	10am – 2pm	10am – 2pm				
Mountain	Open Hours	Open Hours				
Unitarian	'	·				
Universalist						
Church Svc						
4pm – 6pm						
Potato						
Palooza						

#### SEPTEMBER 2025 Events & Activities



SSC is CLOSED on Monday, Sept 1<sup>st -</sup> Safe celebrations!









#### Sierra Senior Center



Bingo sales close at 11:30am. Bingo begins promptly at 12:00pm. Play will not be delayed due to late arrival. Open to the public; must be 18 yrs old to play.

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#### Sierra Senior Center SEPT 6, 2025



SSC hosts Bingo every Thursday & the 1st, 2nd & 4th Saturday of every month.

· Bingo begins at 12pm sharp. Play will not be delayed due to late arrival. ·

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#### · Bingo sales close at 11:30am; arrive early to purchase your games. · FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION



39800 Road 425B, Oakhurst

2nd Thursday Every Month 10:00am - 12:00pm

For more information contact: Michelle Ruiz: 559-674-1482

# SENIOR RESOURCE



SEPTEMBER 12th 1:30pm - 3:30pm Fair 3:30pm - 4:30pm Financial Abuse Workshop

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- Mariposa Gazette
- Mobile Health Van blood pressure, sugar levels and BMI tests
- HiCAP (insurance advocacy)
- Social Services
- Sierra Ambulance
- Canines for Christ

- Area Agency on Aging
- .Clearsafe California
- Yosemite Art Group
- Visitors Center
- Camarena Health
- Sierra News Online
- Cal-Fire
- TOPS
- Kaiser

FREE ENTRY AND RAFFLE PRIZES!



Call or email, 510–499–4973 or <u>georgiakopelssc@gmail.com</u> for questions or info.

FRIDAY 6:00-8:00PM

## 12 SEPTEMBER

# Paint Party!

\*\$5 Discount for Senior Center Members





#### Sunflower Night

14x11 Canvas

Instructor: Rhiana Jones rhianajones@handmadejoybyrhi.com Facebook.com/rhianajones

Location: Sierra Senior Ctr 49111 Cinder Ln, Oakhurst, CA \$25

SIGN UP HERE Member Price \$20: <a href="https://square.link/u/8mniFc80">https://square.link/u/8mniFc80</a>
Non-Member Price \$25: <a href="https://square.link/u/osQsik0w">https://square.link/u/osQsik0w</a>

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### Sierra Senior Center Presents

# Sunco

September 14, 2025

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!!

of the Month
2pm - 4pm

payathe don! \$15

> RSVP to Kathy Chisum 530-440-2213

**CASH PRIZES!** 

Must be 18 to play.

49111 Cinder Lane Oakhurst





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NO
PARTNER
NO
PROBLEM



## DANCE CLASSES

Teaching both American and Latin styles: Swing, Fox Trot, Cha Cha and salsa.!

EVERY TWO WEEKS ON THURSDAY
STARTING SEPTEMBER 18TH
AT 6PM

**INSTRUCTOR: ED BAILEY** 

FREE for Members/ \$5 non-members

Pay at the door or via the link below:

<a href="https://tinyurl.com/sscdanceclass">https://tinyurl.com/sscdanceclass</a>



## Sierra Senior Center



# **Brown Bag** Program

2025 Schedule

January 21 February 18 May 20 March 18

April 22 June 17

July 22 August 19 September 16

October 21 November 18 December 16



# UC Master Food Preservers of Fresno, Madera and Merced Counties Present: Quick Refrigerator Pickles

In this hands-on workshop you will make and take zucchini refrigerator pickles.

Friday, September 19, 2025
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
\$20 per person
Pre-Reservations required
(Click QR Code for Payment & Registration)



**\***On the day of workshop**\*** wear apron and closed toe shoes





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Visit our website: https://ucanr.edu/site/ucce-master-food-preservers-fresno-madera-and-merced



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# Pancake Breakfast

Save some money on eating out by joining us at the Sierra Senior Center for a delicious stack of pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, fruit, orange juice, and coffee for only \$10!

September 20, 2025 <u>9am - 10:30am</u>

tinyurl.com/SSCPancakeBfast



#### Sierra Senior Center



Radio Club Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month (except November & December) from 7-9:00pm at Sierra Senior Center.

Contact President Terry Burley, W6HRY or revcab@sti.net with questions.

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## SEED SAVING AND BECOMING A MASTER GARDENER

What does it mean to be a Master Gardener? Find out what the UC Master Gardener Program is all about, and the many free resources available. Something valuable for any level gardener, or wanna-be gardener!!



#### Presented by Local Master Gardeners

UC Master Gardeners are trained representatives of the University of California Cooperative Extension who provide research-based information.

> 1:00p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (NO COST TO ATTEND WORKSHOP)

Location: Sierra Senior Center 49111 Cinder Lane, Oakhurst, CA 93644



For more info contact Barbara Mattice - Text or Voicemail: 559-448-7178

Join us at: facebook.com/MaderaMasterGardeners





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## Sierra Senior Center



BINGO & PIZZA\*

4th SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH

\*free pizza for bingo players served at 11am

SATURDAY September 27, 2025

Bingo sales end at 11:30amarrive early to purchase your games

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#### Sierra Senior Center Fundraiser

Please join us for our fundraising baked potato luncheon! We will have tickets for an opportunity drawing available at the luncheon!

09/28/2025 4PM - 6PM FOOD WILL BE SERVED BETWEEN 4 - 4:30PM 49111 CINDER LN, OAKHURST

#### MENU

- \*\*Taco Tater- shredded cheese, lettuce and tomato with salsa
- \*\*Classic tater- butter, sour cream, bacon bits and green onion
- \*\*Texas two step tater- chili and shredded cheddar Salad, bread and dessert included!

\$15 PER INDIVIDUAL \$80 RESERVED TABLE OF 6

Register Here <a href="https://tinyurl.com/potatossc2025">https://tinyurl.com/potatossc2025</a>





## SUPPORT OUR SEMORS

Join us in making a meaningful difference in the lives of our community's seniors by donating to the Sierra Senior Center. Your generous contributions directly support programs and services that enhance the well-being and quality of life for our community members.

Your donation helps us maintain and expand services, ensuring that seniors have access to resources and support necessary to lead fulfilling and independent lives.

# DONATE TODAY-MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR SENIORS!

https://tinyurl.com/SSCSOS



The Sierra Senior Center would like to publicly thank our current members for their ongoing support of the Sierra Senior Center. With your help, we have worked to bring our center back to life and to present more one-time and on-going events.

Support your Senior Center by joining our community or renewing your membership. A single membership is \$20 annually; a couple membership is \$30 annually. Once you register or renew, our automated system will remind you when your membership is about to expire. How simple is that?

Scan the code or visit tinyurl.com/SSCMembershipSSC to join or renew.



Questions? Ask any board member or email us at OakhurstSierraSeniorCenter@gmail.com.

#### September 2025 - CHEERS TO YOU!

Welcome to a new column where YOU are spotlighted, treasured, and looked at in a whole new light! No longer are you the "invisible senior," but rather the whole person that came before the person we see today.

#### Cheers To You Phil Meadows

There is nothing very glamorous about being a number 2 (child that is), but Phil was the only boy surrounded by 3 sisters. Born in Oklahoma

City, Phil and family moved to the Northern California Napa/Vallejo region when he was eleven years old.

Phil had a decent childhood, but didn't thrive within the general public education system. He found that he was good with his hands and able to build and construct, but general education eluded him.

He found work for awhile after tenth grade, but floundered a bit until his father suggested he join the U.S. Army. Taking his father's advice, he did just that. Phil spent three years with the Army in France (oo-la la!), never picking up a taste for frog legs, escargot, or the language, but completing his service.

After the army, odd jobs and important personal times (the new television shows!) were carved out in his life. By chance,

Phil happened to meet his future wife (Pat) at the local Drive-Thru where she worked. It may have been "love at first sight," but when he asked if he could drive her home from work that day, she had to wait for him to come pick her up because he had to watch "The Rifleman" before he could come get her. (Writer's note: amazing...even without a VCR this marriage happened and is still working...)

So, marriage and two kids later, Phil worked 32 years in the Vallejo region at General Mills, 7Up, and the City of Vallejo Water District. He was able to complete his GED (to graduate from high school), buy a house and live there for 35 years, and provide well for his family.

Pat and Phil retired and moved to Oakhurst in 2001 (following a friend who also moved this way).

Hobbies vary from person to person... some people collect stamps, others coins... Phil collects old cars. One such car was a 55 Chevy that he built from the motor up! He sold it several years later, then had the chance to buy back again (at a

significantly higher price, but with a lot of work done on it). He has had the opportunity to buy and sell several other cars, and has given them safe haven in a large garage he built specifically for their care.

Phil and Pat are members of an old car club called Mountain Road Rattlers, which has been around the Eastern Madera County region for about 10 years.

At the age of 80+, on a hot August morning, Phil decided to climb a ladder onto the roof of his house to clear the drainpipe that flows backwards to the swamp cooler. I'm sure he had done it a thousand times before, but as he climbed to the top of the ladder, the bottom of the ladder shifted, and Phil found himself (and the ladder) falling in slow motion from the roof to the ground below.

911 was called, and Phil is very lucky to be with us today, but even though Phil has always been in good health... it has been a long (recovery) haul!

I asked if he had any "pearls of wisdom" for others (over Medicare age) considering climbing a ladder. He simply said "Save your money and hire it out-DON'T CLIMB ON LADDERS!!!!! - Stay in good health."

I say, when you are 6'3" tall and you ask your 4'11" wife to spot you when you get on the roof, you are lucky she was there to call the paramedics!!! There may also be a reason that that humans were given two feet and no wings... something to think about next time you think about climbing a ladder.

If you know of someone who would be a great (local) senior to write about, let me know *Lori Howard (559) 683-7650.* 

#### **VOLUNTEER WITH THE SENIOR CENTER**



Volunteer Coordinator: Georgia Kopel georgiakopelssc@gmail.com 510-499-4973

#### Volunteer Application Please print clearly!

Personal Contact Information		
Date:	_ Name:	
Address:		
		e Phone:
Email:		
<b>Emergency Contact Information</b>	1	
Name:	Relationship	to you:
		e:
Email:		
Interests and Qualifications		
What areas are you interested in vol-	unteering for?	
Fundraising		Administrative Support
Event Planning		Social Media / Marketing
Baking for Events and/or Bingo		Yard Work
Phone calling		Teach classes (exercise, dance, art, etc)
Start a club (hiking, Scrabble, bicyc	cling, etc)	Event set-up / prep / clean-up
I recognize that the opportunity to participate as hereby agree to assume all risks that may be as	s a volunteer at the ssociated with my nay sustain from be	e Sierra Senior may carry a risk of personal injury and I participation. I hereby release, discharge, waive and odily injury, personal injury or property damage and hold
Volunteer Signature:		Date:
Print Name:		

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**



Please fill out Brown Bag Application and mail it in to our office. To ensure you receive your brown bag, please submit your application and fee by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. Here is the break down for **pro - rated** months.

Please note: Calendar dates are subject to change.

January – December	\$60.00	July – December	\$30.00
February – December	\$55.00	August – December	\$25.00
March – December	\$50.00	September – December	\$20.00
April – December	\$45.00	October – December	\$15.00
May – December	\$40.00	November – December	\$10.00
June – December	\$35.00	December	\$5.00

Calendar	Tuesday	2025
Month	Day	Year
January	21	2025
February	18	2025
March	18	2025
April	22	2025
May	20	2025
June	17	2025
July	22	2025
August	19	2025
September	16	2025
October	21	2025
November	18	2025
December	16	2025

For application, contact <u>mruiz.maderafoodbank@gmail.com</u> or call 559-674-1482.



#### CalFresh Program

#### Who is it for?

CalFresh is for people with low-income who meet federal income eligibility rules and want to add to their budget to



put healthy and nutritious food on the table.

Visit www.cdss.ca.gov/calfresh to apply online or call the CalFresh Benefits Hotline at 877-847-3663



Our Care Companions at Valley
Caregiver Resource Center want to
provide your senior residents an
opportunity to stay connected during
this time. We will reach out to them
by phone on a weekly basis

All it takes is an authorized referral and we can begin our conversation today!

Funding Provided by Fresho-Madera Agency on Aging

#### Our phone calls promote:

- Socialization
- Community
   Connection
- Companionship
- Enhanced Physcial
   & Cognitive Health
- Positivity & Self-Esteem
- Staying Active in their Unique Setting

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Meghan Velasquez 559-224-9121 mvelasquez@valleycrc.org



# Eastern Madera County SENIOR BUS



For Reservations Call

(559) 263-8080 or (800) 325-7433

www.maderacounty.com/government/ public-works/transit



#### MCDPH MOBILE HEALTH

## Wellness Checkups

# Services: Glucose Blood Pressure Pulse & Oxygen Temperature Body Mass Index (BMI)

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT MADERACOUNTY.COM/MOBILEHEALTH OR SCAN THE QR CODE.