## THE SENIOR CONNECTION

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## JANUARY 2019



OFFICE HOURS 8:00am-4:00pm

PROGRAM HOURS
9:00am-3:00pm

## HEADLINE NEWS

Holidays behind us; leaden winter skies before of us; heating bills; treacherous roads; the sun seems to have gone to Florida for the month. No doubt about it, January is tough!

But you know there's something comforting about winter, something that makes us pause and take stock. Not just because a New Year has begun but because some days you have to force yourself out the door, it makes you look inside. The poet Edith Sitwell said, "Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is time for home."

Maybe a good book from the library, a laugh with friends and some nice comfort food...it always comes back to food. The hush of January is a good time to explore a new hobby or take an exercise class (they're free this month, no donation requested!). There are lots of activities and programs that we would love to share with you. Maybe you've gotten into a rut and need to do something different.

I know; volunteer! There's reassurance calling, greeting visitors and helping in the kitchen, delivering meals (I told you ... food!), the newsletter and opportunities that we haven't even thought of yet.

There are ways to be involved however you want.

So you see, January doesn't have to be bleak. Come on home and let's explore new things together. The Neptune Senior Center has the fire going and lunch is cooking in the kitchen...it's the food again! Let's have a great New Year, together.

Randy

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## All Municipal Offices and Senior Center will be closed on Tuesday, January 1 for New Year's



### From the Desk of Deputy Mayor Robert Lane, Senior Center Liaison

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year! If you made a New Year's resolution I hope you are striving to reach your goal. On another positive note the Pancreatic Committee raised \$50,000.00 this past year for the Lustgarten Foundation. On the move in Neptune, we just had our groundbreaking for our skateboard park in Sunshine Village Park and Neptune Township has signed an agreement with Ocean Grove for the North End Development.

On January 21 we recognize the life of Martin Luther King. I want to share one my favorite of Dr. King's quotes: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that." Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Words we should live by every day.

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATIONS

For inclement weather notices, cancellations, and closings, tune to radio stations 94.3FM The Point, 92.7 WOBM FM, 1160 WOBM AM, or 101.5FM. You can also go online at www.neptunetownship.org or go to 943thepoint.com and go to Storm Watch.

## WORLD CHANGERS APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The World Changers will be returning to Neptune in July, 2019. World Changers volunteers provide painting and rehab services for low to moderate-income households. For applications or for further info, contact Ryan or Kris at the Center. Applications will also available online at www.neptunetownship.org.

## NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION COMING IN FEBRUARY!

GO TO

WWW.NEPTUNETOWNSHIP.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION





## All Municipal Offices and Senior Center will be closed on Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## MANY THANKS TO OUR DONORS ▼ THANK YOU FOR THE MONETARY

**DONATIONS:** Winifred Magaw, Patricia Normington, Eleonore Schussman, Carol Wilson, and Elizabeth Wolny.

▼ THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPLIES

AND GOODIES: Sandy Barberio,
Elizabeth Beicht, Jacqueline
Calvino, Catholic Men for
Jesus Christ, Ellen Condello,
Helen Haugabrook, Julie
Henderson, Marie Lee, Terry
Scalcione, Shark River Hills
First Aid Squad, ShopRite,
Veronica Vivino, Wegmans, and
Carol Ann Winder.



In Memory of Ann Duffy

LEGAL HELP OFFERED

AT THE CENTER

Free legal assistance provided by South Jersey Legal Services is available for seniors. If you have a legal issue and want to discuss the matter with our attorney, call the Center to schedule your appointment. Complex matters may need to be referred elsewhere.



## SOCIAL WORKER AVAILABLE MONTHLY AT SENIOR CENTER

If you need assistance from a Licensed Social Worker, Prem Singh, from the Monmouth County Division of Social Services, is available at our Center monthly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 10-12noon. Call Ryan for an appointment.

## LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Applications are now being accepted for the Home Energy
Assistance Program (HEAP). HEAP is designed to help low-income
households and/or individuals, 60 years of age or older, meet
their home heating and medically necessary cooling costs. The
application period is October 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019.
For applications or info, contact Ryan or Kris at the Center.



The monthly income limit for 2018-2019 is: Single - \$2,024.00 and Married - \$2,744.00

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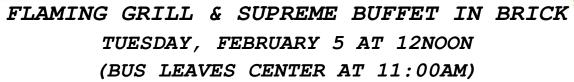
## TRIP TO ZIMMERLI ART MUSEUM AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 — BUS LEAVES CENTER AT 9:30AM

The Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University is one of the largest and most distinguished university-based museums in the country. It collects, preserves, researches, and exhibits world class works of art. The museum houses more than 60,000 works, including Russian and Soviet Art, American Art from the 18th century to the present, and six centuries of European Art. The Zimmerli is also noted for it's works on paper, photographs, and original illustrations for numerous books. Donation is \$14.00pp (for the trip and a boxed lunch to enjoy) and is due at the time of reservation. Bring exact change, please.

Register in-person with Lindsay. Reservations will begin on Wednesday, January 2 at 9:30am. Seating is limited.



## CHINESE NEW YEAR LUNCH OUTING "THE YEAR OF THE PIG"



Join us to celebrate the year of the Pig. Enjoy lunch on your own and choose from a large selection of Chinese American dishes. Reservations begin on Wednesday, January 16 and can be made between the hours of 9:30-11:30 and 2:00-3:30.

Seating is limited.









## WE HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY! STOP BY THE CENTER ON OR NEAR YOUR BIRTHDAY AND LET US HELP YOU CELEBRATE!!!

# MEN'S BREAKFAST WITH RANDY BISHOP, SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 17 AT 10AM

This month will be an open discussion. Randy will be discussing upcoming events and we would like to hear your ideas for breakfast topics. Enjoy breakfast at 10am followed by our discussion at 11am. Contact Lindsay for reservations.

# LADIES WHO BRUNCH WITH LINDSAY OKUSZKI, RECREATION COORDINATOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 24 AT 10AM

This month will be an open discussion. Lindsay will discuss upcoming events and we would like to hear your ideas for breakfast topics. Enjoy breakfast at 10am followed by our discussion at 11am. Contact Lindsay for reservations.

#### "ASK THE NURSE"

## PRESENTED BY: DR. KLEIN AND ANNETTE SCOTT, RN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16 AT 11AM

Dr. Klein will be discussing chronic lower back pain. If you have sciatic pain, lower back pain, or any type back of pain, Dr. Klein will instruct you on how to do exercises that will help increase strength in your lower back.

Bring your questions and your answers.



## JEOPARDY WITH JENNIFER HENNESSEY TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 AT 11:00AM



Enjoy an interactive and educational game of Jeopardy in a game show format, just like the TV show. There will be trivia questions about a lot of different categories. Enjoy a morning of fun and refreshments for everyone. No reservations needed.

## JANUARY IS CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



## HEALTH, WELLNESS AND FUN FOR ALL DON'T MISS THE ACTION!!



## "THE NURSE IS IN" THURSDAY, JANUARY 10 9AM - 12NOON

Our Board of Health nurse will be at our Center to check blood pressures, discuss medications, and chat with anyone who would like to meet with her about particular medical concerns.



## OIGONG AND YOGA CLASS WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY AT 10:30AM

This four-week class combines meditative and gentle, yet powerful, energy movements with gentle yoga poses and stretches. Qigong (Chi Kung) is beneficial for stress release, muscle stiffness, cardio, bone and brain health, and help with recovery. Exercises can be done standing or in a chair. No Qigong or yoga experience is needed. Reservations required. Call Lindsay to reserve your seat. There is a \$4.00 donation requested per class.



## FREE FITNESS CLASSES IN JANUARY

We are offering FREE fitness classes during the month of January. We are encouraging you to take one of our wonderful classes. We have excellent instructors. Contact Lindsay for further information.

> ALL CLASSES REQUIRE REGISTRATION AND FITNESS WAIVERS.



REFER TO OUR CALENDAR PAGES FOR CLASS SCHEDULES AND INSTUCTORS.

## FITNESS CLASSES LISTING FOR ALL LEVELS Participants must pre-register, sign fitness waivers and wear proper attire and shoes.

#### PUMP IT UP WITH SUZANNE OR MARIA

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 9:00am

Donation - Free for January

Dance, exercise and tone with movements that are easy and repetitive. Get your heart rate up and burn calories with interval training techniques that include light weights for improving bone mass/strengthening muscles. Enjoy a wide variety of music while you get fit.

#### SHAPING UP - SITTING DOWN WITH SUZANNE

Mondays & Fridays at 10:30am - Donation - Free for January A gentle fun way to improve strength and stamina. A great approach to good health, exercise and wellness. Great for those who want gentle exercise or those who are "on the mend" and looking to increase fitness.

#### T'AI CHI CHIH WITH DAN

Tuesdays 9:30am & Thursdays 10:30am Donation - Free for January

The benefits of T'ai Chi Chih are proven...better blood pressure, better relaxation, less stress, better body mechanics. TRY IT NOW!

#### TOTAL BODY SOLUTIONS WITH SUZANNE

Wednesdays & Fridays at 1:00pm

Donation - Free for January

An educational, active, enjoyable approach to living with arthritis. For best results, participants should try to attend twice weekly. Books and bands will be provided.

#### ZUMBA GOLD WITH SUZANNE

Tuesdays at 1:00pm - Donation - Free for January

Have fun in a dance party atmosphere. Music from around the world. Make the dance your own by slowing down or speeding up movements. Burn calories and have fun.

#### YOGA WITH MARIA

Thursdays at 9:00am - Donation - Free for January
Proven benefits - stress reduction, relaxation,
lower blood pressure, improved mobility and flexibility.





#### JANUARY 2019





We are so happy that you are a part of our Senior Center Family.

If we can be of assistance to you and/or your family,

please contact us at anytime. We look forward to having you

visit us in the near future.

Randy Bishop, Director Kristina Torres, Deputy Director

Recreation/Programming

Lindsay Okuszki - Coordinator

Transportation Services
John Lalanas - Driver
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