# Charles County's Senior Center News

Happy Thanksgiving



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## Welcome to the Charles County Senior Centers!

The Charles County Senior Center Mission is to connect older adults to an inclusive community that fosters healthy aging through programs that support independence, wellbeing, and self-expression.

## **Meet the Team!**

Director of Community Services, Dina Barclay Deputy Director of Community Services, Laura Gustafson Chief of Aging, Lisa Furlow Centers Administrator, Elizabeth Phipps Senior Center Supervisor, Rachel Gould Health Promotion and Physical Fitness Coordinator, Deborah Shanks Aging & Disability Resource Center Manager, Ruth Anderson-Cole Aging & Disability Resource Center Coordinator, Desiree Hodgson Williams Nutritionist, Brittney Bolin

## **Come Visit!**

#### **Richard R. Clark Senior Center**

1210 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646 • 301-934-5423 Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays • Coordinator: Brittany Arbin

#### **Indian Head Senior Center**

100 Cornwallis Sq., Indian Head MD, 20640 • 301-743-2125 Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon./Wed./Fri • Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tues. & Thurs. Coordinator: Cynthia Simmons

#### Nanjemoy Senior & Community Center

4375 Port Tobacco Rd., Nanjemoy, MD 20662 • 301-246-9612 Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Senior Room open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. only), weekdays. Coordinator: Kimberly Wagner

#### **Waldorf Senior and Recreational Center**

90 Post Office Rd., Waldorf, MD 20602 • 240-448-2810, ext. 1 Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays • Coordinator: Ariana Shanks

## Senior Center Eligibility Requirements

In accordance with the Older Americans Act, participants must be a resident of Charles County aged 60 or over. Spouses of those aged 60 or over are eligible to participate. Participants must be able to exhibit independence and be self-sufficient in basic needs including: *Restroom use, Eating independently, Move safely and independently throughout the center, Providing and maintaining personal assistive devices and medications without assistance of Senior Center staff.* Each participant must complete an annual center registration form that provides basic information and allows the Aging and Senior Programs Division to document facility usage for funding purposes. Participants must sign in at the Senior Center during each visit and detail the activities they are participating in that day. Disruptive and inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated in the Senior Centers.

## **Council News for November** Sponsored/Hosted Activities & Events

 
 Clark Senior Center
 Indian Head Senior

 Sunset Memorial Bingo
 Center

 Special thanks to Mel Williams for woodwork.
 All Clubs, and Shibashi

 
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## **Credit Cards Now Accepted**

You've asked and we've listened! You can now pay for programs with a credit or debit card at the Senior Center!

## Like us on Facebook!!

## How to scan this QR code:

#### Never scanned a QR code before? Don't worry! Follow these simple steps!

- 1. Open the camera app on your phone.
- 2. Point the camera at the QR code.
- 3. Tap the banner/website that appear on the phone screen.



This will open the SCOOP webpage on your phone! The SCOOP is now at your finger tips!

## **Inclement Weather Postings**

As we get into the cooler weather, be on the look out to follow our inclement weather postings. Here's a helpful guide before travel to the center:

Schools CLOSED = Centers CLOSED

Schools **DELAYED** = Centers **OPEN ON TIME** 

Charles County Government **DELAYED** = Centers **DELAYED** 

#### To see if VanGo is delayed:

- Call VanGO at 301-609-7917
- Call PGM Transit Division at 301-645-0642

#### Inclement Weather Hotline:

- 301-934-9305
- 301-870-3388, ext. 5197



## **November Closures**

All Charles County Senior Centers will be closed on:

- Tuesday, November 5: Election Day
- Monday, November 11: Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 28: Thanksgiving Holiday
- Friday, November 29: Thanksgiving Holiday



## Caregivers Corner: Adapting Activities for People with Alzheimer's Disease

People with Alzheimer's need to be active and do things they enjoy. However, activities they used to enjoy may become challenging for them as the disease worsens. They may have trouble deciding what to do or starting tasks. As a caregiver, you can learn how to adapt activities to make them easier and more enjoyable. Over the next several issues of the SCOOP, follow along with us as we explore ways to make the activities we love most, more manageable for our loved ones.

#### Eating at a Restaurant:

Going out to eat can be a welcome change, but it also poses some challenges. Below are some tips for eating out with a person who has Alzheimer's:

- Choose a restaurant that the person likes, is quiet, and has quick service and an understanding staff.
- Visit restaurants during "off hours" when they're less likely to be crowded.
- Consider going to the restaurant earlier in the day so the person is not too tired. Bring supplies such as utensils, a towel, and wipes that the person uses at home.
- At the restaurant, ask for a table near the bathroom.
- Help the person choose their meal, if needed. Read parts of the menu or show the person a picture of the food. Suggest food you know the person likes.
- Ask the server to fill glasses half full or leave the drinks for you to serve.
- Order some finger food or appetizers before the main meal to hold the attention of the person with Alzheimer's.

Information from https://www.nia.nih. gov/health/alzheimers-caregiving/ adapting-activities-people-alzheimers-disease



## Native American Heritage Month:

#### The Indigenous Peoples of the Chesapeake Region

The Chesapeake Bay region was home to a great diversity of people, dating back over 10,000 years. By the 1600s, there were three major language groups in the area, the Algonquin, Iroquois, and Siouan. These language speaking communities were made up of multiple tribes. A fourth major group is the Powhatan Confederacy, which was a political alliance composed of Algonquin-speaking tribes spanning from Maryland to the Carolinas.

## Tribes present in the area that would later become Maryland include:

- Algonquin: Annemessex, Assateague, Chaptico (Cecomocomoco), Choptank, Transquaking, Delaware (Lenni-Lenape), Doeg, Matapeake, Mattapanient, Mattawomen, Nacotchtank (Anacostan), Ozinie, Patuxent, Piscataway, Moyaone, Nanjemoy, Potapoco, Shawnee, Tockwogh, and Yoacomaco
- **Powhatan Confederacy:** Accohannock, Nentego (Nanticoke), Manokin, Wicomico, Pamunkey, and Pocomoke
- Iroquois: Massawomeck, Susquehannock, and Tuscarora
- Siouan: Tupelo and Saponi

Today, the Chesapeake region is home to tens of thousands of people of Native descent. These individuals have diverse backgrounds and experiences; some are members of state or federally recognized tribes, while others are descendants of tribes that once lived in or migrated through the area.

For more information and to see this map in larger scale, please visit the source website:

https://towson.libguides.com/indigenous-peoples/maryland

Map of Chesapeake Bay area from Native Land Digital, highlighting territories of native tribes and bands.



## Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Charles County Fair

#### Senior Room was a HUGE SUCCESS!

The Charles County Fair celebrated 100 years in September, and our Seniors were exceptional! The Senior room was FULL of the talented artwork that our seniors have created over the past year. Knitted blankets, charcoal drawings, photos of animals, nature, and people, applique pillows, rolled paper doll families, cowgirl boot themed jewelry, adults clothing, wood crafted sword storage box, flower arrangements, stained glass flying pigs, and SO MUCH MORE! We thank each and every senior who submitted work into the Senior Room. We could not have had the best room at the fair without it.

Congratulations to all of our winners, and a special congratulations to our two Best in Show winners:

#### Crochet Blanket – Debra Harding Stained Glass – Beverly Payne

A special thank you goes to the volunteers and staff who helped run the Senior Room.

Beth Fiske, Norma Baretincic, Sandy Rhode, Carol Facey, Tayloni Ricks, Kaci Hernandez, Taliyah Ricks, Amranda Mikell, Deb Hoefert, Cecelia Keller, John Keller, Brenda Williams, Debra Harding, Darlene Lutrell, Ed Lutrell, Carol Greenan, Allen Higgs, Carolyn Savoy, Debbie Butler-Penny, Lynn Moore, Sabrina Tanner, JT Willett, Stephanie Benjamin, and Melon Spriggs.

It takes a village to make this Fair a success and we are so thankful for all of you being a part of ours.

It's never too early to start crafting for the 2025 Charles County Fair! Happy Crafting!



## Southern Maryland Stuffed Ham

Dishes don't stick around virtually unchanged for three centuries unless they are something truly special, and this Southern Maryland favorite certainly fits the bill. From the founders of the Maryland colony to the tables of today, Southern Maryland Stuffed Ham remains the hallmark of an unforgettable holiday feast.

Total time: 6 Hours Serves: 18

#### Ingredients:

- One 20- to 22-pound corned ham, boned
- 10 pounds cabbage
- 1 1/2 pounds kale
- 3 pounds onion3 tablespoons crushed red pepper
- 2 tablespoons black pepper
- 1 package cheesecloth

**Step 1:** Making your first Southern Maryland Stuffed Ham can be intimidating, but each step is easy, the actual active prep time is really only about a half hour, and the results are simply stunning. So take your time and go for it! The first step, trim the excess fat from the ham and preheat the oven to 400°.

**Step 2:** To make the stuffing, wash the cabbage, kale and onions in cold water, then chop the vegetables and mix thoroughly in a large bowl with the red and black pepper.

**Step 3:** Cut slits all over the ham about 2 inches deep and the same across. Generously fill the slits and the cavity where the bone was with your stuffing. There are great videos online showing some techniques.

**Step 4:** Tie the ham with a string back in its original shape, wrap with cheese cloth and tie again. Cover the ham with aluminum foil and bake for five hours.

**Step 5:** Drain the ham and cool overnight in the refrigerator. Serve cold.

Reference: https://www.visitmaryland.org/article/ southern-maryland-stuffed-ham-recipe



## **SENIOR NEWS**

## **Ask SHIP:**

## I am a State of Maryland Retiree, do I need to enroll in a Medicare Drug Plan?

The State of Maryland's prescription drug plan for Medicare-eligible retirees will end on December 31, 2024. Retirees **must** enroll in a Medicare Part D plan to have prescription coverage on January 1, 2025. If you are currently enrolled in the State's prescription drug plan, you have a Special Enrollment Period October 1st – December 31st. If you **do not** currently have the State's prescription drug plan, you need to enroll during the Medicare Open Enrollment Period October 15th – December 7th. This change can also affect Medicare-eligible spouses, surviving spouses, and Medicare-eligible dependent children of a state retiree.

The State has partnered with contractor Via Benefits to provide retirees with one-on-one counseling for the enrollment period. These counselors will review your current medications with you, help you understand your options, and assist you with selecting a new prescription plan under Medicare. In addition, both virtual and in-person information sessions are being offered.

For the most up-to-date information on the transition for State of Maryland Retirees please visit: www.dbm.maryland.gov/Benefits or contact the Department of Budget Management at 410-767-4775.

Retirees may contact Via Benefits to schedule an enrollment appointment by calling 1-855-556-4419.



## Self-Enrollment Assistance Labs

Do you need help searching for a 2024 Part D drug plan or considering a Medicare Advantage plan? Join us and we will show you how to create your Medicare.gov account, research your plan options and enroll for 2024. Please bring your Medicare card and list of prescriptions. **\*Must be able to use the computer independently**\* Appointments are encouraged to secure your spot, but walk-ins are welcome. Check with your library or senior center for a sign-up list or call SHIP at 301-609-5712.

**Charles County Public Libraries (9am -12pm):** Nov 19, 2024 ---Waldorf West Library

Senior Centers (9am – 12pm):

Nov 13, 2024 --- Waldorf Senior & Recreation Center Dec 4, 2024--- Richard R. Clark Senior Center



## AARP Tax-Aide AARP Volunteers & Training

Preparation for tax season is underway and once again the Senior Information and Assistance Office is partnering with AARP to assist seniors and moderate to low-income adults with income tax preparation. This is a FREE service through the AARP Foundation.

We are currently accepting <u>Volunteers</u> to assist in Tax coordination and preparation!! Training will take place the month of January. Individuals wishing to enroll in the AARP Income Tax Training Program for 2025 should apply directly to https://www.aarp.org/volunteer/programs/tax-aide/

Click "Volunteer Now" then "Create Account". Once submitted, your application will be routed to the volunteer program coordinator in your jurisdiction.



### **Legal Aid** Legal Aid: Nov 4th and Dec 9th By appointment <u>only</u> at the Richard Clark

Senior Center, contact 301-609-5712 to schedule.

## **CLARK SENIOR CENTER**

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#### **Program Highlights**

#### History of Veterans Day & Our Armed Forces

Join Debi Scoggins to learn more about the history of Veterans Day and the branches of the armed forces. Prior signup encouraged. Fee: FREE Tuesday, Nov. 7, 10:30 a.m. Movies

Join us for movies on Tuesdays during November. Titles include: Planes, Trains and Automobiles and Dutch. Space is limited. Prior signup required.

Tuesdays, Nov. 12-26 at 10 a.m. Fee: FREE **Center Tours** 

To accommodate increased demand, center tours will be scheduled in advance for new participants. Offered weekly on two different dates/times. Space is limited. Prior signup required.

Fee: FREE Tuesdays, Nov. 12 & 26 at 2 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 8 & 22 at 10 a.m.

#### Intro to Alzheimer's & Healthy Living for your Brain and Body

Learn the impact of Alzheimer's, risk factors, warning signs, and resources on how you can join the fight against this disease. Learn tips on healthy living to support mental and physical health. Fee: FREE Tuesday, Nov. 12, 10:30 a.m.

#### "Revive" Grief Counseling Program

A new six-week grief counseling program session to help learn coping skills for those who have lost a loved one.

Wednesdays, Nov. 13, 20, & 27, 11 a.m. Fee: FREE

#### **Veterans Day Celebration**

Celebrate our senior veterans with musical entertainment, lunch, and friends. Event is free to veterans, and \$5 for others. Signup is required to obtain a ticket. This event is sponsored in part by the Charles County Arts Alliance. Thursday, Nov. 14, 10:30 a.m. Fee: \$5

**OR FREE for Veterans** 

#### **Ceramic Coaster Decorating**

Decorate coasters just in time for Thanksgiving! Use in your home for your guests or as a host gift!! Space is limited and prior signup is required. Fee: FREE Tuesday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m.

**Ceramic Ornament Decorating** 

Trim up the tree with your custom ceramic Christmas ornament. Space is limited and prior signup is required. Thursday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. Fee: FREE

#### Save the Date

Let's Mingle and Jingle Christmas Party sponsored by the Clark Senior Center Council on Wednesday, Dec. 18th. Christmas carols, DJ, \$20 drawings, 50/50 raffle, and a raffle for a Christmas centerpiece with \$200 in gift cards.

#### **Ongoing Programs**

#### Widow to Widow Support Group

Women's group focusing on grief. Facilitated by Fran Bryner.

Monday, Nov. 4, 1 p.m. Fee: FREE

#### **Beginners Jewelry Class**

Mary Hemmingway will help you create beautiful pieces of beaded jewelry. No experience necessary. Class size limited, please sign up!

Wednesdays, Nov. 6 & 20, 10 a.m. Fee: FREE

#### **Book Club**

Led by Nancy Marquardt, Charles County Public Library. This month's book is "Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon. Please sign up for the timeslot of your choice.

Thursday, Nov. 7, 1 p.m. & 2:15 p.m. Fee: FREE

#### **Senior Council Bingo**

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Last call to purchase bingo card(s) at 10 a.m. Bingo games start at 10:30 a.m. One winner per game (high/ low draw). No bills over \$10. Rules subject to change with advance notice. Special thanks to the Waldorf Senior Center Council. Interested in lunch? Call the Clark Senior Center before 10 a.m. the day prior to reserve a meal. *Free* hotdogs and chips.

Fridays, Nov. 8, Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Fee: \$4= 3 Face Card, \$8 for 6 Face Card

#### **Charles County Mobile Library**

Visit the Charles County Mobile Library, located inside our building.

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m. Fee: FREE

#### Learn to Quilt

Quilting is a great way to unwind. Join Gale Cavella to learn new guilting techniques. Must provide your own supplies.

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.

#### Knit & Crochet Group

This is an open session for you to come together and work on your own projects. If you are new, we can teach you.

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.

Fee: FREE

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Karen Huffman & Gail Cavella, along with a group of volunteer members, come together to create and collect blankets to provide to children in their time of need.

Fridays, 9:30 a.m.

#### **Health & Fitness**

#### **Clark Center Fitness Room Orientation**

Mandatory before first use of fitness room. Sign up and payment required in the program office. Limited to 6.

Wednesday, Oct. 2 & 16, 10 a.m.

#### **Chair Yoga**

This class is a chair class aimed at improving strength, posture, balance, and freedom of movement. Breathing practices will also be included.

Mondays, 12 p.m.

Fee: Fitness Card

Fee: FREE

Fee: \$5

#### Tai Chi

This easy to follow, slow moving form of exercise is excellent for balance, and strengthening the entire body. All fitness levels are welcome in this moving meditation class.

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.	Fee: Fitness Card
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.	Fee: Fitness Card

#### **Yoga Flow**

NEW! Envision a journey of movement, breathwork, flexibility, and meditation in this mat-based yoga class. All fitness levels welcome.

Fee: Fitness Card Tuesdays, 3 p.m. Fee: Fitness Card Wednesdays, 12 p.m.

#### **Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program** (AFEP)

This class focuses on range of motion and gentle exercise for all types of arthritis. Seated and standing exercises done with the use of light weights and Thera bands.

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.	Fee: FREE
Fridays, 11:30 a.m.	Fee: FREE



join us at our Thanksgiving Luncheon featuring live guitar music provided by Will Yeckley. Prior signup is required no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 11:30 a.m. **Fee: Lunch Donation** 

## Get your Latest SCOOP online!

## **CLARK SENIOR CENTER**

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#### Hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday

Luncheon at Noon-Reservation/Registration Required Reserve lunch by 10 a.m. the preceding day.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Billiards	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards9:30
Sewing Room OPEN9:30	Quilting Class	Sewing Room OPEN	Sewing Room OPEN9:30	Project Linus9:30
Coloring & Puzzles	Coloring & Puzzles	Crochet/Knitting	Coloring & Puzzles	Coloring & Puzzles9:30
2N1 Social Club 10:00	Guitar	Coloring & Puzzles	Lunch	Open Paint Session 10:00
Duplicate Bridge10:00	Cards & Games	Mah Jong	Reflections 1:00	Guitar10:00
Fitness	Stained Glass	Cards & Games	Fitness	Lunch
Total Body Conditioning9:00	Lunch	Pokeno	Strength Training	Fitness
Pilates	Spiritual Enrichment 1:00	Lunch	Step Plus	Total Body Conditioning9:00
Chair Yoga 11:00	Fitness	Powder Puff Billiards1:00	Zumba11:30	Chair One Plus 10:00
African Dance12:00	Strength Training9:00	Gospel Choir	Pilates	AFEP
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## INDIAN HEAD SENIOR CENTER

100 Cornwallis Square (Village Green) • Indian Head, MD • 301-743-2125

#### **Program Highlights**

#### **Stress Awareness Day**

Everyone has stress, some stress is good for us. How we respond to stressors determines how stress harms our health. Join staff as we talk about tools to help with stress.

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m. Fee: FREE

#### Holiday Swaps w/ Brittney Bolin

November is diabetes awareness month, Join Nutritionist Brittney Bolin to learn how to make those healthy swaps as you enjoy the holidays.

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 10:30 a.m. Fee: FREE

#### **Meditation with Debi**

Join our Fitness and Health Coordinator, Debi Shanks as she guides us in meditation, a tools to relieve stress.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1 p.m. Fee: FREE

#### **Deck the Halls**

Christmas is right around the corner. Help us decorate the center for our Jazzy Christmas celebration.

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 11 a.m.

#### **Ongoing Programs**

#### Bingo

Fridays, Nov. 1 & 22, 9:30 a.m. Fee: 5<sup>c</sup> per card

#### **Choir Group**

Join us as we prepare for Day of Gratitude

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 1 p.m. Fee: FREE Tuesday, Nov. 12, 9:30 a.m.

#### Widow & Widower Support Group

Peer support group facilitated by Brenda Dubose.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. Fee: FREE

#### **Green Thumb Club**

Thin out the kale and replant for the spring.

Friday, Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m.

#### Information & Assistance w/Julie

Meet privately with Aging & Disability Resource Specialist, Julie Hammonds. Make an appointment by calling 301-934-6737

Tuesday, Nov.19, 9:30 a.m.

Fee: FREE

Fee: FREE

Fee: FREE

#### Book Club: Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers

In a society where age determines your visibility, 60-year-old Vera Wong uses her invisibility to catch a killer. Enjoy this cozy mystery with a cup of tea.

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1 p.m.

Fee: FREE

#### **Project Linus/ Sewing 101**

Make a difference in a child's life. No sewing experience necessary.

Monday, Nov. 18 & 25, 9:30 a.m. Fee: FREE

#### Tea Club

Learn about different herbal teas and the health benefits. Don't forget your notebook.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1 p.m.

Fee: FREE

#### Shibashi

Gentle, flowing movements and breathing techniques that help to improve health and balance the body, mind, and spirit.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 19, 3 p.m. Fee: Donation

**Health & Fitness Programs** 

#### Dance Fit w/ Sha'Meca

Dance your way into weight loss, strong bones, better posture, balance, and de stress!

Monday, 10:30 a.m. Fee: Fitness Card

#### Tai Chi for Arthritis: Beginner's Class

Tai Chi for Arthritis using Sun style Tai Chi, focusing on muscle control, stability, balance, and flexibility.

Mondays & Wednesdays, 1 p.m. Fee: FREE

#### Mobility & Balance w/Nieda

Join Nieda as she incorporates functional movement for every-body.

Tuesdays, 9:15 a.m. Fee: Fitness Card

## AFEP (Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program)

Low-impact exercise program focuses on range of motion while reducing stiffness.

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:15 a.m. Fee: FREE

#### Fitness w/Veronica

Exercise to promote strength with some laughter.

Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. Fee: Fitness Card

**Fitness Orientation** 

Required before using fitness equipment.

Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Fee: \$5

**Fitness Surprise** Games, drums, walks- it's a surprise!

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. Fee: Fitness Card

**Fitness w/Lamont** Cardio, circuit, and strength training.

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Thursdays, 1 p.m.

Fee: Fitness Card

#### Kettle Bell

Geared for all levels of fitness to stay strong and agile.

Thursdays, 2:15 p.m. Fee: Fitness Card

#### Chair Yoga

This gentle form of yoga is encouraged for those who have mobility challenges.

Fridays, 9 a.m. Fee: Fitness Card

#### **Community Programs**

#### Veterans Day Celebration

Annual Veterans Day celebration at the Village Green Pavilion. Open to the public. Hosted by the Town of Indian Head, local military and veteran organizations. For more information check the Town's website or email ALAUnit233md@gmail.com.

Friday, Nov. 8, 11 a.m.

Fee: FREE

# DAY OF GRATITUDE

Thanksgiving is more than the turkey, dressing, pumpkin pie and football. This is the day to be thankful and grateful for all our blessings. The air that we breathe, the knowing that the sun will rise when we do, the kindness of others. Join the Indian Head Choir group with songs and poems of gratitude as we celebrate a day of gratitude. Sponsored by the Indian Head Senior Center Council.

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Wednesday, Nov. 20, 10:45 a.m. • Fee: FREE



## Get your Latest SCOOP online!

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#### Hours: 9 a.m.–3 p.m., Mon./Wed./Fri 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tues. & Thurs.

Luncheon at Noon-Reservation/Registration Required Reserve lunch by 10 a.m. the preceding day.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fitness Room	Fitness Room	Fitness Room	Fitness Room	Card/Games9:00 Fitness Room10:15 Billiards
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## NANJEMOY SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER

4375 Port Tobacco Rd • Nanjemoy, MD 20662 • 301-246-9612

#### **Program Highlights**

#### **Senior Council Thanksgiving Luncheon**

The Nanjemoy Senior Council will host a Thanksgiving themed lunch. Please see the Nanjemoy Senior Council to register in advance.

Last day to register is Wednesday, Nov. 6. Fee: Donation

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m.

#### **Healthy Holiday Swap**

Come get some healthy ideas and tips to swap out some unhealthy options to get through the holidays with our nutritionist Brittney.

Fee: FREE Wednesday, Nov. 13, 11 a.m.

#### **Senior Council Bingo Fundraiser**

Evening nickel bingo with the Nanjemoy Senior Center Council. Food sales at the event to benefit the senior council on behalf of the Nanjemoy Senior and Community Center.

Friday, Nov. 15, 5-7 p.m. Fee: 5<sup>c</sup> per card

#### Let's Take a Trip

This month let's learn about India including historical, geographical, and other interesting facts. We will also sample some Indian cuisine. Prior signup is required.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1 p.m.

Fee: FREE

#### Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Learn to recognize common signs of the disease and next steps to take, including how to talk to your doctor.

Monday, Nov. 25, 10 a.m. Fee: FREE

#### Binaocize

Please join Laura for a new 10-week health promotion program that combines bingo with fun, inclusive exercises for everyone!

Mondays, 11 a.m.

Fee: FREE

#### **Ongoing Programs**

#### **Artistic Aesthetics**

Weekly project to express your creativity. Fee due at registration. Prior signup is required. Limited space availability.

Mondays, 1 p.m.,
Casual Crafting, Nov. 4,
Pressed Flower Frames, Nov. 18,

Casual Crafting, Nov. 25,

Fee: FREE
Fee: \$5
Fee: FREE

Fee: 5<sup>c</sup> per card

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#### **I&A Services**

Meet privately with Aging & Disability Resource Specialist, Julie Hammonds. See Staff or call 301-934-6737 for an appointment.

Thursday, Nov.14, 9:30 a.m.,	Fee: FREE
Nickel Bingo	
Join us for bingo every week!	

Thursdays, 12:45 p.m.

**Health & Fitness Programs** 

#### (AFEP)

Evidence-based exercise program. Gentle all go with cardio and strength training exercises. Designed to get a full body workout with consideration given to those with mobility impairments. Video may be used as needed.

Mondays & Fridays, 10 a.m.	Fee: FREE
Flex & Stretch	
Body movement, balance, s mobility.	stretching and
Tuesdays, 10 a.m.	Fee: FREE
Core Fitness	
Core work, muscle work, an	nd flexibility.
Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.	Fee: Fitness Pass
Tai Chi	

Yang Style Tai Chi 24 form. This style uses upright movements and covers 20 different

postures. Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Fee: Fitness Pass

#### **Total Body Conditioning**

Whole-body workout, standing and sitting, using free weights.

Thursdays, 11 a.m. Fee: FREE

#### **Community Programs** Age restrictions for drop-in use of

Community Rooms are 13-17 with adults 18+ independent use. Like us on Facebook!!

#### WIC Services

Fridays, Nov. 8 & 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Fee: FREE

#### **Mobile Library**

Borrow books, movies, tech every three weeks.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 10:30 a.m. Fee: FRFF

#### **Community Day**

The Southern Maryland Food Bank will be offering free giveaways of prepackaged meals and hygiene products.

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 12 p.m. Fee: FREE

#### **Mobile Food Market**

Maryland Food Bank is giving away free fresh and shelf-stable food distribution. Open to the public.

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 12-2 p.m. Fee: FREE



#### **Billiard/Game Room**

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fee: FREE

#### **Computer Lab**

Print, copy, fax services available.

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fee: 10<sup>c</sup> per side.

#### **Fitness Room**

Open to those who have already completed the Fitness Room Orientation.

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fee: FREE

**Narcotics Anonymous** Tuesdays, 3-4 p.m.

#### Fee: FREE

#### Shop the Rack – Community Closet

New and gently use clothing items for free. Tuesdays, 1-4:30 p.m. & Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Fee: FREE

#### **Pizza & Painting**

Pizza and Painting is back! Open to all ages. Activity will consist of a fall inspired presketched 8 x 10 canvas with painting supplies provided. Pizza meal consists of two slices of pizza, pepperoni or cheese, seasonal fruit and a bottle of water. Pizza selection made at signup with payment. Design will be shared on our Facebook page. Limited availability. Friday, Nov. 8, 12:30 p.m. Fee: \$8

**Recreation Programs** 

#### **Date Night Cuisine**

Hands on cooking class that will teach you how to make a meal that is Instagram worthy. Classes will cover a variety of cooking aspects. Best part, you get to eat what you cook. November's selection is Thanksgiving Show Stoppers. Register with the link below. Fee: \$40

Friday, Nov. 22, 12 p.m.

https://charlescountymd.myrec.com/info/ activities/program\_details.aspx?ProgramID=31015

#### **DIY Etching**

We will teach you how to take stencils and ordinary glasses and create two unique masterpieces. All supplies included or bring your own glassware.

\*\*No pyrex or plastic.

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 5 p.m. Fee: \$20 residents/\$25 non-residents



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Senior Center Hours: 9 a.m.–3 p.m., Mon–Friday Luncheon at Noon–Reservation/Registration Required Reserve lunch by 10 a.m. the preceding day. Community Center Hours: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Mon–Friday

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Billiards       8:30         Computer Lab       8:30         Fitness Room       8:30         Senior Tech Appts       8:30         Lunch       12:00         Dominos       1:00         Games/Puzzles       1:00         Fitness       AFEP         AFEP       10:00	Billiards.       8:30         Causal Crafting       8:30         Computer Lab       8:30         Fitness Room       8:30         Senior Tech Appts       8:30         Lunch       12:00         Dominos       1:00         Games/Puzzles       1:00         Shop the Rack       1:00         Narcotics Anonymous       3:00         Flex & Stretch       10:00         Pickleball       (weather permitting)       10:00         Core Fitness       11:15	Billiards.       8:30         Causal Crafting       8:30         Computer Lab       8:30         Fitness Room       8:30         Senior Tech Appts       8:30         Lunch       12:00         Dominos       1:00         Games/Puzzles       1:00         Fitness       Walking Club	Billiards       8:30         Causal Crafting       8:30         Computer Lab       8:30         Fitness Room       8:30         Senior Tech Appts       8:30         Lunch       12:00         Nickel Bingo       12:45         Dominos       1:00         Games/Puzzles       1:00         Fitness       Tai Chi         Total Body Conditioning       11:00	Billiards.       .8:30         Causal Crafting       .8:30         Computer Lab       .8:30         Fitness Room       .8:30         Shop the Rack       .8:30         Senior Tech Appts       .8:30         Lunch       .12:00         Dominos       .1:00         Games/Puzzles       .1:00         Fitness       AFEP         AFEP       .10:00         Walking Club       .1:00
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## **WALDORF SENIOR & RECREATIONAL CENTER**

Fee: FREE

Fee: FRFF

90 Post Office Road • Waldorf, MD 20602 • 240-448-2810

#### **Program Highlights**

#### Wills & Estates

Join Loraine Henessey, Register of Wills, to learn all you need to know about your Will(s) and Estate(s).

Friday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m.

#### Showstoppers

After a 5-year hiatus, the South County Showstoppers are back in action and ready to give our members an amazing performance!

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 12 p.m. Fee: Veterans Free/Non-Veterans \$5 If interested in lunch, you must sign-up separately on the daily lunch sign-up sheet.

#### Self-Enrollment Assistance Labs

See pg. 5 for details.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m.

#### **Healthy Future Initiatives**

Join Equi Health Solutions for a series of wellness sessions focused on increasing awareness and protection against COVID-19, flu, and RSV. Learn how to protect yourself and your loved ones with valuable information and practical tips.

Friday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m.

#### **Jazz Appreciation**

Join fellow jazz enthusiasts in our multipurpose room to listen to some amazing Jazz. This will take place every third Friday of the month.

Friday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m.	Fee: FREE
Understanding Alzheimer's & I	Dementia
Learn the difference between Alz	zheimer's
and dementia, stages, risk factors	s, research
and FDA-approved treatments.	
Monday, Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m.	Fee: FREE

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**Exercise & The Diabetic** See pg. 14 for details

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Tuesday,	Nov.	19,	10	a.m.	

#### **Thanksgiving Party**

Let's be thankful for life, friends, and parties! Bring your dancing shoes and enjoy entertainment by DJ Rockin' Rogers.

If interested in lunch, you must sign-up separately on the daily lunch sign-up sheet.

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 10:30 a.m.

#### **Pop-Up Farmers Market**

Herbert Farms will be on site with locally grown, fresh produce! Stop in and shop local for ingredients for all your favorite Thanksgiving fishes. Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Coupons accepted.

Thursday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-12p.m. Fee: Your Purchase(s)

#### Senior Rangers

Learn more about the Senior Ranger program and what it offers. This program is geared toward senior citizens with an interest in learning more about our parks and nature so they can get active, visit their local state parks, and sharpen their sense of wonder!

Friday, Nov. 22, 10:30 a.m.

Fee: FREE

Gratitude Meditation w/ Debi Shanks This is the time to reflect on what you are thankful for while taking a moment to meditate and focus on your wellbeing.

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 11 a.m. Fee: FREE

#### **Ongoing Programs**

#### **Poetry Club**

Join the Poetry Club at the Waldorf Senior Center! Local poets come together to share their beautiful pieces of work with others.

Friday, Nov. 1, 11 a.m. Fee: FREE

#### **Prayer Group**

We are praying at the Center! All are invited to join our new Prayer Group. We will be meeting every first and second Tuesday of the month.

Fee: FREE Tuesday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.

#### Jewelry Club

You will make beautiful pieces of jewelry in this class. All supplies will be provided. Sign up and payment required at front desk.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. Fee: \$3/pp

#### **Bible Study**

Facilitated by Minister Yvonnde' Wilson. All are welcome!

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 11 a.m. Fee: FRFF

#### **Book Club**

This month's book "Still Life by Louise Penny." Please come prepared with your thoughts on this book and join in the discussions.

Thursday, Nov. 21, 1 p.m. Fee: FREE

#### Widow & Widower Support Group

Facilitated by Brenda Dubose.

Fee: FREE Monday, Nov. 25, 9:30 a.m.

#### **Basic Sewing**

Join instructor, Melon Spriggs, and learn basic sewing techniques. Please bring your own sewing supplies (fabrics, thread, etc.)

Mondays/Wednesdays, 1 p.m. Fee: FREE

#### **Guitar Club**

Bring your guitar/instrument to the center and play some tunes while learning new skills from peers.

Mondays, 10 a.m. & Thursdays, 1 p.m. Fee: FREE

#### Leather Crafting

Please bring your own materials, including a piece of leather suitable for your project and some general leather crafting tools. Any materials needed moving forward will be discussed during your first class.

Tuesdays, 12 p.m. Fee: FREE

#### **Gospel Chior**

Sing or listen, all are welcome. Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

Fee: FREE

#### **Crochet Club**

Join Vicki Eichhorn and learn about basic crochet techniques while working on projects.

Fridays, 11 a.m.

Fee: FREE

#### **BINGO**

How it Works: Players must purchase sheets the day of and can only be used on date of purchase. There are 25 games to play, winnings are determined by number of purchased players. Bingo card sales run from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Bingo cards will not be sold after 10:15 a.m. Bills used to purchase bingo cards must be \$10 or less. Bingo play begins at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays unless otherwise noted in the SCOOP.

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Fee: Your Purchase

#### **Paper Crafting**

Fellow paper crafter, Julia Benge, will be onsite to offer ideas to get you started in paper crafting. All paper crafting supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Fridays, 1 p.m. Fee: FREE

#### **Health & Fitness**

#### **Chair One Plus**

This dance-based workout comes unique with extra exercises that any fitness level can do.

Mondays, 11:30 a.m. Fee: Fitness Card

#### **Fitness Room Orientation**

Mandatory before first use of fitness room. Registration required.

Monday, Nov. 4 & 18, 11:30 a.m.	Fee: \$5
Wednesdays, Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m.	Fee: \$5

#### **Core & More**

This full-body workout emphasizes the abdominals and back, incorporating some floor exercises to engage all major muscle groups.

Fridays, 12:30 p.m.

Fee: Fitness Card

#### Dynamix Yoga

This yoga flow proceeds through calming movements to increase your practice, while renewing your mind. It also strengthens your flexibility, your balance, and resets your focus. Fridays, 3 p.m. Fee: Fitness Card

Instructor: Viola McRae

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Fee: FREE

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Hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fitness Room       .9:00         Racquetball       .9:00         Guitar Club       .10:00         Pinochle       .1:00         Lunch       .12:00         Basic Sewing       .1:00         Cornhole       .1:00         Table Tennis       .2:30         Fitness         Chair Dance Aerobics       .9:30         Stability Ball Fitness       .10:30         Chair One Plus       .11:30         Kettlebell Fitness       .12:30         Enhance Fitness       .1:30	Fitness Room       9:00         Racquetball       9:00         Cards & Games       10:30         Pokeno       10:30         Tech Time       10:30         Level 1 Pickleball       11:00         Leather Crafting       12:00         Lunch       12:00         Walking Club       12:30         Basketball       1:00         Crafter's Corner       1:00         Level 1 Pickleball       2:30         Fitness       Total Body Conditioning       9:30         Gentle Stretching       10:30       Line Dancing       11:30         Tai Chi for Health       1:00       11:30       13:00	Fitness Room       .9:00         Racquetball       .9:00         Basketball       .10:00         Bridge Club       .10:00         Lunch       .12:00         Basic Sewing       .1:00         Table Tennis       .2:30         Fitness         Chair Dance Aerobics       .9:30         AFEP       .10:30         Basic Fitness Training       .11:30         Enhance Fitness       .1:00	Fitness Room       9:00         Racquetball       9:00         Gospel Choir       9:30         Watercolors       10:30         Pinochle       11:00         Level 1 Pickleball       11:00         Lunch       12:00         Walking Club       12:30         Basketball       1:00         Guitar Club       1:00         Level 1 Pickleball       2:30         Fitness       1:00         Total Body Conditioning       9:30         Line Dancing       11:30         Tai Chi for Health       1:00	Fitness Room       .9:00         Racquetball       .9:00         Chess Club       .10:30         Crochet Club       .11:00         Lunch       .12:00         Crafter's Corner       .1:00         Cornhole       .1:00         Paper Crafting       .1:00         Fitness       Chair Dance Aerobics       .9:30         Gentle Stretching       .10:30         AFEP       .11:30         Core and More       .12:30         Dynamix Yoga       .3:00
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11 Closed for VETERANS DAY Veterans Day 18 WSC Council Meeting9:30 Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia10:30 Fitness Orientation11:30	Election Day         12         Mobile Library (Mini Koi Ponds)	Drop by and shoot some hoops	14         ACA Meeting	<b>15</b> Healthy Future Initiatives10:00         Jazz Appreciation2:00 <b>22</b> Senior Rangers10:30

## **FITNESS**

## **Exercise and Diabetes**

Learn how utilizing the muscles in your body can lower A1C numbers within the blood. Through basic exercise and movement, we will understand how strength can greatly help with diabetics and people with pre-diabetes. Lecture followed with exercises.



Waldorf Senior & Rec. Center: Tuesday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m.

## **Liturgical Dance**

This Christian dance group movement using flags for expression of adoration and thanks to celebrate life, love & God.

#### Thursdays, Nov. 7 & 21, 2 p.m., FREE Richard R. Clark Senior Center



## **Hand Dancing**

Learn the basics as Merv guides you through all the steps. All skill levels welcome to learn this fun partner dance.

Richard R. Clark Senior Center: Thursday, Nov. 14, 2 p.m., FREE

## **Alzheimer's Educational Series**

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia can be confusing. These workshop classes break everything down to help educate and create awareness when it comes to brain health.

#### **Intro to Alzheimer's & Healthy Living for brain & Body:** Richard R. Clark Senior Center: Tuesday, Nov. 12, 10:30 a.m.

Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia:

Waldorf Senior & Rec. Center: Monday, Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m.

#### 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's:

Nanjemoy Senior Center: Monday, Nov. 25, 10 a.m.

\*See full class description on center page



## **Body, Mind & Spirit**

In a holistic approach to wellness and health related issues, we want to make sure you not only take care of you body but also the brain and spirit. Finding joy in your day and keeping your brain healthy is crucial in healthy aging.

Our senior centers strive on centering our activities to accommodate all these approaches to keep older adults engaged and as healthy as possible. Join us for a class, come chat with us about your health goals.

## **Fitness Calendar's**

Important information regarding fitness alendars!

Fitness calendars will be on display to take a picture of with your phone for Waldorf and at the Clark center. Calendars will also be displayed on our Facebook page as well as last changes and cancellations. We will not be printing these calendars. Continue to check in for updates and changes in center.

## **River Clean Up!**

Attention Seniors! Join us on November 14, 10 a.m. for a river clean up at Chapel Point State Park. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. To sign up or for more information, contact Debi Shanks at 301-609-5711.

Thank you for your continued dedication to improving your health and fitness.

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## **SENIOR CENTER MENU**

#### 1% or skim Milk is offered with all meals All Juice is 100% Juice

Lunch Cancellation Policy

If you have a lunch reservation and cannot dine at the Center, please call the Senior Center PRIOR to the reservation day to cancel your meal. If the meal is not cancelled, the County must still pay for the meal.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	ovember			<b>1</b> Apple Juice Chicken Parmesan w/ Who Wheat Spaghetti Noodles Garlic Texas Toast Raw Veggies & Ranch Dip Jello
•	5	6	7	8
Grape Juice Honey Lime Chicken Roasted Red Potatoes Green Beans Dinner Roll Pineapple	Election Day	Pineapple Juice Turkey & Swiss on Rye Bread 3 Bean Salad Baked Chips Mandarin Oranges	Fruit Blend Juice Lemon Pepper Tilapia Fluffy Rice Dinner Roll Broccoli Peaches	Orange Juice Veggie Beef Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Apricots
11	12	13	14	15
Veterans Day	Grape Juice Seasoned Pork Chop Au Gratin Potatoes Collard Greens Corn Bread Pineapple Chunks	Fruit Blend Juice Seasoned Ground Turkey Spanish Rice Black Beans & Corn Jello Cup	Orange Juice Chicken Salad on Croissant Pasta Salad Creamy Cucumber Salad Mandarin Oranges	Pineapple Juice Chicken w/ Mushroom Gravy Brown Rice Malibu Veggie Blend Dinner Roll Peaches
18	19	<b>20</b> THANKSGIVING MEAL	21	22
Grape Juice Chicken Fajitas Tortilla (2) Fire Roasted Corn Tomato Salsa Fruit Cup	Apple Juice Cheese Omelet Turkey Sausage Links Cheesy Potato Casserole Roasted Tomatoes Banana	Pineapple Juice Roasted Turkey Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Stuffing Green Beans Cranberry Sauce Dinner Role Pumpkin Pie	Fruit Blend Juice Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Raw Veggies and Ranch Apple Slices	Orange Juice Fish Filet Sandwich w/ Cheese Roasted Carrots Mandarin Oranges
25	26	27	28	29
Fruit Blend Juice Ham & Cheese on Potato Roll Cole Slaw Baked Chips Pineapple Chunks	Birthday Celebration Orange Juice Beef Chili Served w/ Sour Cream & Cheese Cornbread Fire Roasted Corn Apple Slices Birthday Cake	Thanksgiving Holiday	Thanksgiving Holiday HAPPY Manksgiving Centers Closed	Thanksgiving Holiday HAPPY Centers Closed

#### **Charles County Luncheon Program**

Open to any Charles County resident, age 60 or older, for a donation. The suggested meal donation is \$6, actual cost is \$10.75 per person. All donations are used to provide meals for Charles County seniors. Guests (anyone age 59 or younger, or a non-county resident) may order lunch, but must pay the full price of \$10.75. Lunch reservations must be made by 10 a.m. the preceding day. We appreciate your assistance in keeping costs down. Party & special event meal prices may vary.

Clark Senior Center.....Tuesday-Friday Indian Head Senior Center.....Monday-Friday

Nanjemoy Senior Center ..... Monday-Friday Waldorf Senior Center ..... Monday–Friday

For those da s where potatoes, corn, beans, and/ or peas are used for the starch component of the meal, an additional starch such as bread, crackers, or muffins will be available for those participating in the CACFP program.

# The SCOOP

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#### **About Charles County Government**

The mission of Charles County Government is to provide our citizens the highest quality service possible in a timely, efficient and courteous manner. To achieve this goal, our government must be operated in an open and accessible atmosphere, be based on comprehensive long- and short-term planning and have an appropriate managerial organization tempered by fiscal responsibility. We support and encourage efforts to grow a diverse workplace. Charles County is a place where all people thrive and businesses grow and prosper; where the preservation of our heritage and environment is paramount; where government services to its citizens are provided at the highest level of excellence; and where the quality of life is the best in the nation.

It is the policy of Charles County to provide equal employment opportunity to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, age, national origin, religious or political affiliation or opinion, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, gender identity or expression, or any other status protected by law.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES – The Department of Community Services welcomes the participation of individuals with disabilities. As with all County Government, we comply fully with the Americans With Disabilities Act in making reasonable accommodations to encourage involvement. If you require special assistance and would like to participate in our programs, please contact the Department of Community Services.

#### **Publication Changes & Cancellations**

Programs and activities have been confirmed at the time this publication goes to press. However, changes or cancellations can occur. For information, check with the Senior Center that has scheduled the program.

#### **Senior Center Inclement Weather Policy**

When Charles County Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, Charles County's Senior Centers will also be closed. Senior Centers do not necessarily open late or close early as with Charles County Public Schools. Please tune your radio to 1560AM or 98.3FM for closing announcements. Community Services will also provide closing information as soon as possible through the Inclement Weather Hotline and Charles County Senior Center Facebook Page. Call 301-934-9305 or 301-870-3388 and immediately press extension 5197 for delays and cancellation listings.

## **Travel Bucket List!**

#### Trips sponsored by Action Travels Tours 301-645-1770.

With the Summer in our rear view mirror and a mug of apple cider in our hand....It's time to turn our thoughts to last minute holiday trips and our 2025 travel bucket list. Call or email the office for pricing and detailed itineraries.

If a trip is cancelled by Action Travel or the vendor, a refund or future credit will always be issued. Trip cancellations are usually 60-45 days prior to travel based on the number of people signed up. The below listed trips were all scheduled with availability at the time this list was sent for publication. All tours are on a first come basis. Please call to verify trip dates, prices and stated details.

#### **December 5, 2024 - Christmas Tea and Tour at the Hillwood Estate and DC Christmas Lights:** Welcome to the home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, where every guest is greeted with an experience inspired by the life of its founder and her passion for excellence, gracious hospitality, art, history and gardens. We will be treated to a delicious Christmas Tea and private tour of the mansion, showcasing her amazing French and Russian collections. As we leave Hillwood, we will tour our Nation's Capital

Christmas Tree and Light Display. I can't think of a better way to spend a day around

#### December 11-13, 2024: 2 Night NYC Christmas

the holidays.

**Spectacular.** This has become a holiday tradition for Action Travel. We spend two nights in the heart of the action at the Hotel Edison on the edge of Time Square and a couple of blocks from Rockefeller Center. You will have time to take in the city sights, shop till you drop and book tickets for two Broadway shows if you would like. Call to see if we have any space remaining for the best Christmas Show on the planet.

#### March 20-27, 2025: American Music Cities.

Collette Vacations presents America's music capitals of New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville. New Orleans is the Jazz Capital of the world. Visit the French Quarter and the Grammy Museum. Memphis is the birthplace of the Blues, Rock n Roll and Soul. Tour Graceland and follow the route of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last march with several stops and a visit to the Civil Rights Museum. Then on to the Country Music Capital with a visit to the Ryman and the Country Music Hall of Fame.

#### April 5-16, 2025: Netherlands, Belgium and

**France.** Spring has sprung in Europe...experience the tulip fields in all their glory. Cruise the Amsterdam canals, tour the storied Holland Windmills, visit Keukenhof Tulip Gardens, visit Bruges, Reims and Route du Champagne and dine in the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

May 8, 2025: Spring Blooms at Nemours Mansion and Longwood Gardens. A great daytrip for Mom. Resembling a French chateau, the Nemours Estate includes a 47,000 square-foot home – with 77 rooms –

and is quite grand, incorporating many European design elements as well as furnishings. The grounds and gardens are just as magnificent. Then on to Longwood gardens to embrace the season of renewal as their gardens awaken. Walk through sweeping blankets of color of brilliant tulips, fragrant wisteria, bleeding hearts, and lilies that will delight as they sway in time with the sun.

## SAVE THE DATE – June 9-13, 2025: 38th Annual Mystery Trip. Travel with new friends and old to destinations unknown but guaranteed to be fun.

August 7-20, 2025: The Plains of Africa. Book before January 8 to save \$200 per person. Clients call trips to Africa, "Life Changing". Enjoy Kenya's scenic vistas and magnificent wildlife as you traverse the African plains on an intimate safari adventure. In Swahili, "Safari" means Journey; to you, it will mean that – and so much more. Tour Highlights: Nairobi, Shaba National reserve, Samburu National Reserve, Sundowner, Lake Nakuru, Masai Mara, Karen Blixen Home, Amboseli National Park, 13 Game Drives, seeing Africa's.

