

Happy May!!

Well, we are now in the “Safer at Home” phase. Some of you may be wondering, what does that mean for me? Right now it means staying safely at home except for essential trips; use your favorite technology to maintain important relationships, following social distancing guidelines, wearing non-medical cloth face coverings if you are around other people, and practicing abundant personal hygiene and cleanliness to keep our communities healthy.

As seniors you are part of the most vulnerable population and your safety is our most important concern. The Center will remain closed through May and beyond until it is deemed safe for all of us to gather. As we get closer to the opening of the Center and other programs, we will let you know what each of these look like. They will not be the same as they have been in the past. We will have a “NEW” way of gathering. We know that you want get out of your homes and socialize, but we are not quite there yet. Our sport leagues (Softball and Golf) remain on hiatus through May until we can determine safety guidelines in accordance with the State and County for these organized leagues.

We are still providing transportation for essential medical and some local trips, such as haircuts. Please reach out to us if you need help with grocery shopping or delivery of goods. Staying home is still the best practice for our Senior Population. If you would like us to connect you with a phone buddy, we have several volunteers that would love to give you a call and just chat. Just let us know, the volunteers are looking for ways to stay connected with you all. If you are in need of any kind of assistance, we have many resources to help you. Please give us a call and let us know what you need, we can't help till we know what you need.

In the meantime while we are apart, we have been organizing some fun “virtual” and “do at home” activities for you. Keep checking your email, our website and our social media sites for announcements. If you haven't learned how to do a Zoom meeting, we have put a how-to video on our website/events page. Also the staff is happy to help you connect. If you do not have a camera on your computer, you can just call in to the meeting and participate with audio only. Don't forget about the Shared Shelf, as we are restocking it each week with new books, games and puzzles. This is available outside the Center M - F from 9:30 to 12:30. We do ask that books and other items be kept until we reopen. We DO NOT want items returned to the Shared Shelf during this period.

We will be mailing the June newsletter to our members on the mailing list and to those who would normally pick them up at the Center. For those who receive it by email, nothing will change. Since things are still changing daily and weekly, checking our website is the best way to get the most current information. Each week we will be emailing you with any updates. We will also share new links for you to discover and explore new things.

Please be patient, stay strong, remain safe and healthy. We will all be back together soon.

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