

WILLOUGHBY HILLS SENIORS, INC.

Find a group of friends who challenge and inspire you; spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life. (Amy Poehler)



NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1, 2023

EDITOR'S REPORT:

Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc. is happy to provide this newsletter to you as a way to stay engaged in senior activities in our community.

The Board continues to plan for some additional programs beginning in April. We have added a craft class, BINGO, and the potluck lunch (third Tuesday of the month) to feature a speaker. April's speaker will be Fire Chief Gandee to teach our seniors about two important safety tools (the Vial of Life and the Knox Box). Betty H of Pebblebrook recently had the occasion for the Fire Department to use her Knox Box key when she was away from her home and a small fire broke out in her kitchen. The Fire Department was able to retrieve the key in her Knox Box and put the fire out even without her being home. She learned very quickly how her \$35 investment in the Knox Box already paid off in benefits. Chief Gandee will discuss the Knox Box and the Vial of Life, another tool which identifies a resident's medical issues and medicines. Easy access to this data when the Fire Department comes to your home can be a true life saver. Plan to attend - no fee to members, just bring your brown bag lunch or something to share. Our main dish will be sloppy joes for the luncheon.

The following is a list of programs currently offered at the Senior Room:

Bridge (Wednesdays 12:30-3pm), Pinochle (first 2 Fridays and every Saturday at 6pm), Mahjong (Fridays at 1pm), Exercise (Fridays at 10:30 A.M.- NOTE TIME CHANGE UNTIL MARCH 10, 2023!), Yoga (Wednesdays at 11am), Potluck lunch (3rd Tuesday at 11:30 am), Community quilts on Monday and Knitting/Crocheting (Thursdays from 10am to noon).

Residents may also book appointments through podiatrist Kelly Whaley for one day a month in the Senior Room for pedicures at (216) 229-0292.

The Board has assessed the non-working workout equipment in the Senior Room with the help of Service Superintendent Mark Grubiss and will be cleaning up that portion of the room over the next few weeks to make room for some new workout equipment. We will be asking City Council to reallocate the Gym Fund monies to Senior Room enhancements and activities. Florine O'Ryan's daughter, Kathy Mekesa, recently gave her blessing to do so as the Gym Fund monies truly consisted of her mother's donations from strudel and craft sales over many years. Please let your Council representative know that you support this endeavor. We are waiting to present our plan for the Senior Room enhancements to Mayor Gardner. We are anxious to get the equipment and supplies ordered and will need to go through the Gym Fund allocation process and then purchase order preparation in order to get our planned items ordered.

And, finally, thank you for your patience as we begin the process to improve the Senior Room!

Gloria Majeski, Editor

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

- 1) Lifeline is now taking appointments (by calling 2-1-1) for those who want to get their income taxes done. WH Residents' closest place for assistance will be Wickliffe Resource Center (in the former Wickliffe High School on Rockefeller Road). Both Lifeline & AARP will assist as many seniors as possible. Call now to reserve your appointment!! (On a personal note, I volunteer on Mondays and Tuesdays and see what a great benefit this is to our seniors! Call now for your appointment!)
- 2) VFW Post 4358, 29412 White Road in Willoughby Hills is serving their annual Corn Beef sandwiches (to include potato salad) at a presale price of \$15. They will also be serving at the Post Home from noon to 6pm on St. Patrick's Day (3/17/23). Call 440-944-1642 by March 8 to pre-order your meal!
- 3) The City has announced: Electronics Recycle Day is May 13, 2023 and Paper Shred Day is June 3. Both events are at City Hall from 9am to noon. Mark your calendars now!

FELLOW SENIOR NEWS:

Please keep Connie Ruscitto of Chardon Road in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from a recent illness.

Sympathy to the families of Ed Feldkamp of River Road, Joe Klunder of Milann Drive, Ray Adamic Jr., who recently passed away, and Reverend Bill Nyerges of First Covenant Church on the recent loss of his brother, Robert. Please keep these individuals and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

The following individuals sold property last month: Dave Rupnow of 29428 Chardon Road (to Michael and Angelo Amato), Kathy and Rich Braun of 621 Derby Run (to Kelly & Carmen Ciricillo) and the property at 2935 Lynn Drive was sold to Dr. Ranjit Tamaskar. Please welcome these new neighbors to our community!

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR SENIORS:

- 1) Call Lake County Council on Aging (ask for the ADRC) at 440-205-8111 to get your free Vial of Life kit.
- 2) Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) allows for funding to pay your heating bill. If your total gross annual household income is below \$23,782, call 440-205-8111 to apply.
- 3) State Representative Dan Troy introduced legislation that would update Ohio's Homestead Tax Exemption Program. In 1970, Household Exemption Tax reduced property taxes to lower income Ohioans 65 years and older. In 2007, Ohio General Assembly temporarily expanded the program to include all homeowners age 65 and over or permanently and totally disabled, regardless of income. Representative Troy's proposal would help more seniors with this program. We plan to invite him to a future Senior Luncheon to explain his plans.

SENIOR HUMOR.....

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