

# September

2022

Bluffton Senior Center

## Back to School

It is hard to believe it is that time already. But back to school means back to bowling, which is always fun. Come and join us.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Crafts 9:30 Euchre 1 Community Meal 6	2 Dominos 9:30	3 Open 10-1
4	5 Closed for Labor Day	6 Dulcimers 1 Dance 3	7 Bridge 9:30 Medicare 101 10 Exercise 1:30	8 Crafts 9:30 Bowling 9:30 Make-Take 10 Euchre 1 Square dance 7	9 Dominos 9:30	10 Open 10-1
11	12 Exercise 1:30 Bingo 2:30 Dinner Meeting 6	13 Line Dance 11 Dulcimers 1 Dance 3	14 Bus Trip Holmes Co. 7 Bridge 9:30 Exercise 1:30 Jam Session 2:30	15 Crafts 9:30 Bowling 9:30 RTA Kewpee 10:35 Euchre 1 Community Meal 6	16 Dominos 9:30	17 Open 10-1
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### SEPTEMBER 2022

It is hard to believe summer is at an end already. But I am looking forward to cooler weather. I am also excited about bowling, our next dinner meeting and our trip to Canada. Check out all that we have to offer.

#### MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

**TIME:** Monday, September 12, 6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Bluffton Senior Center

**WHAT:** The meal will be catered by Pandora Lunchbox. They will be serving baked steak, au gratin potatoes, green beans and dessert. Cost of the meal is \$10.50 and reservations must be made by September 7 to make sure there is enough food for everyone.

**MC:** Mary Hofstetter

**PROGRAM:** Show and Tell. In honor of the little kids going back to school, we are going to do an old fashion Show and Tell. Bring something you have made to share. We will take turns talking about our hobbies. We will have a sign up if you know ahead of time or just bring it that night.

#### LABOR DAY

The Bluffton Senior Center will be closed Monday, September 5, in honor of Labor Day.

#### BOWLING

Our Senior League Bowling will start Thursday, September 8, at 9:30 a.m. at the Southgate Lanes Bowling Alley. Come early to get your lane. New people are always welcome. No experience necessary. We bowl against our own average.

**MEDICARE 101**

The Allen County Council on Aging will be at the Bluffton Senior Center on Wednesday, September 7 at 10 a.m. to give information on Medicare parts A, B, C, D and how they work with secondary insurance and retirement plans. This program is great for people who will soon be eligible for Medicare and those thinking of changing plans. Medicare open enrollment is October 15 through December 7.

**MAKE – IT – TAKE – IT**

**MACRAME PLANT HANGER**

Our make-it-take-it for Thursday, September 8, at 10 a.m. is a simple macramé plant hanger. This doesn't involve any fancy knots. Cost is \$1 to cover materials. Please sign up in advance.

**HOBBY CENTER**

Dawn Jones' collection of coffee memorabilia added a jolt of energy to all who viewed it. Thank you Dawn. In September, Diane Reichenbach will share her collection of cats. If you have a collection, art work or hobby that you would like to share, let Tonya know.

**COMMUNITY MEALS**

The Community Meal on September 1 will be catered by First Mennonite Church and First United Methodist Church will be serving the September 15 meal. Meals are served at 6 p.m. and are free and open to the public. A good will offering is taken to benefit the food pantry.

**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ....**

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Sara Jane Amstutz

Ida Dunlap

Janet Blank

**ACTIVITIES**

Some activities will get added back as we move into fall. Bowling will start September 8 at 9:30. Here is a list of weekly and monthly activities. Hope you find something interesting.

<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at Southgate Lanes</b>
<b>Bridge</b>	<b>Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Crafts</b>	<b>Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Dances</b>	<b>Tuesdays at 3 p.m.</b>
<b>Dominos</b>	<b>Fridays at 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Dulcimers</b>	<b>Tuesdays at 1 p.m.</b>
<b>Exercise Class</b>	<b>Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Euchre</b>	<b>Thursdays at 1 p.m.</b>
<b>Bingo</b>	<b>Monday, Sep. 12 at 2:30 p.m. sponsored by MHCO</b> <b>Monday, Sep. 19 at 2:30 p.m. with HCS management</b>
<b>Line Dance Class</b>	<b>Sep. 13 &amp; 27 at 11 a.m., \$2 members, \$3 non-members</b>
<b>Jam Session</b>	<b>Sep. 14 &amp; 28 at 2:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Western Square Dance</b>	<b>Sep. 8 &amp; 22 at 7 p.m., \$3 members, \$4 non-members</b>

### SCAM INFORMATION

Jackie Ernst with Crime Victim Services along with Sarah Klausing and Kendra Kuhlman from First National Bank will be presenting "Scammer Techniques and Ways to Avoid Them and Banking Safety" on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Learn about the different types of scams, how to recognize them, how to avoid them, and what to do if you are a victim of a scam. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

### COACH TRIPS WITH TONYA

**Sep 23 – Oct 2 Canadian Rockies by Rail** This trip has been closed as all the tickets for planes and trains have been assigned. If you are leaving your car in the parking lot during our trip, please give Tonya your last name and license plate number. We will pass the list on to the police so they can keep an eye on our cars while we are away. We will depart on September 23 a 4:15 p.m. and spend the night in Detroit.

### RTA Bus Trip

On Thursday, September 15, we will take the RTA bus to Lima for lunch at Kewpee east. Meet at the Senior Center at 10:35 a.m. to catch the 10:48 bus. The cost of the bus will be \$5 or less. Lunch at Kewpee will be on your own. See Tonya for details.

If you wish to ride the RTA bus on your own sometime and need help with the details, come and talk to Tonya or Debbie. We have route info at the Senior Center that you can borrow.

**BUS TRIPS WITH DEBBIE**

**Fall Trip to Holmes County Wednesday, September 14.** Yes, another fun-filled trip to Holmes County. There's so much to do that I had to plan two trips in 2022. We will stop for "morning fuel" at Miller's Bakery, then a visit to the Amish Mennonite Heritage Center. After that we will enjoy a mouth-watering afternoon meal at an Amish homestead. Next a trip to The Farm at Walnut Creek where we will take a wagon ride to see exotic farm animals and tour the farm. Cost is \$108 due now. This trip is full. We are taking stand by.

**German Village Tour – Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>,** join us as we take an "Amazing Tour" in Columbus, OH! We will be having lunch at Schmidt's Sausage Haus, and listen to an authentic accordion player as we dine! Then we hit Schmidt's Fudge Shop for our dessert. After that we will take an hour to visit some *unique* shops: The Red Stable, and Helen Winnemore's. Then we begin our coach tour of historic German Village, and a stroll through the beautiful Schiller Park (weather permitting). We will end our coach tour and stop at Tiki Botanicals and The Book Loft. Stop for chocolate and coffee at Winan's for refreshments before we head home. Tour cost is \$105.00 due Sept. 2. Trip departs at 9 a.m. This trip is full. We are taking stand by.

**Historic Clifton Mill – Tuesday November 29<sup>th</sup>,** Let's Celebrate the holidays together with a trip to the historic Clifton Mill. One of the country's finest, 4 million illuminating lights over the mill, the gorge, the riverbanks, trees and bridges. And a 100 foot "waterfall" of twinkling lights. The flip of one switch turns all the lights on at once transforming night into a fantastical winter wonderland which includes a Miniature Village, a Santa Claus Museum, a Toy Collection and a spectacular synchronized lights and music show that features the old Covered Bridge. We will stop for supper at Young's Dairy for a meal on your own. Tour cost is \$79.00 due Sept. 27. Departs 2 p.m. This trip is full. We are taking stand by.

**White Christmas @ LaComedia December 7,** Springboro, OH. The classic film is the inspiration for this heartwarming musical comedy. White Christmas features the classic songs "Blue Skies," "Sisters," and the most famous holiday song of all "White Christmas." We will be having a scrumptious afternoon buffet before the show. Don't miss out on Irving Berlin's most popular show of all time. \$98.00, departing at 8:30 a.m. Due Oct. 11.

**2023 TRIP DATES**

**“Moses” at Sights and Sounds Theater March 2023**

Debbie will be taking a short three-day tour to Pennsylvania.

**Northwest Coast Adventure July 10 – July 19, 2023**

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**The Magical Danube & Poland August 13-21, 2023**

Pre-Cruise option to Poland is Aug 9-14 with the cruise only Aug 13-21. The cruise arrives on the 14<sup>th</sup> where the pre-tour folks will meet up with the cruise only folks.

More information will be following.

**HEAP**

Are you experiencing higher energy bills? The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a federally funded program that provides eligible Ohioans assistance with their home energy bills. This one-time benefit is applied directly to the customer’s utility bill or bulk fuel bill. Ohioans with a household income at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for the program.

For July 2022-May 2023, the income levels are for a one-person household, up to \$23,782.50, and for a two-person household, up to \$32,042.50. For more information you can check out their website or come in and a staff member can help you. We can even print out an application for you.

Another option for those that live in the Bluffton School District and are having financial troubles, the Bluffton Community Assistance will help with a one-time assistance on energy bills. We can help you contact the organization if you need.

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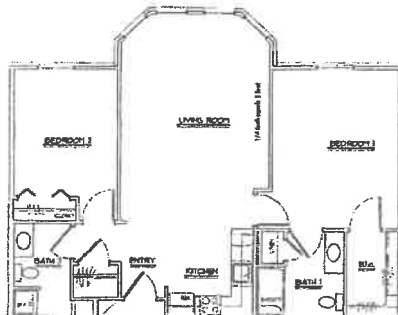
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