



THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER

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CENTER HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 2:00pm

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216-475-3244

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216-475-1199

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Station 2 - 216-475-5997

Marymount Hospital

216-581-0500

GH Post Office

216-581-9308

GH Historical Society

216-475-3050



MONTHLY EVENTS

SENIOR CENTER SITE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 8th @ 10:00am in Room 118

The Site Council are a group of seniors who attend the Garfield Heights Senior Center. They are elected by seniors to chair on behalf of all who attend the center. They are a Nonprofit Organization which carries a 501(C)3. This allows the Site Council to fund raise for a variety of events, trips, parties, etc. for all who are registered and attend the Garfield Heights Senior Center. The Site Council hosts a meeting on the second Tuesday of every month. Come and hear what is planned for our seniors for the coming months.

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

Wednesday, July 16th @ 10:00am

Come to the Senior Center and enjoy a fresh cup of coffee with Mayor Burke and hear about the newest improvements and events that are happening in the City of Garfield Heights.

POST OFFICE ON WHEELS

Tuesday, July 22th @ 9:45am

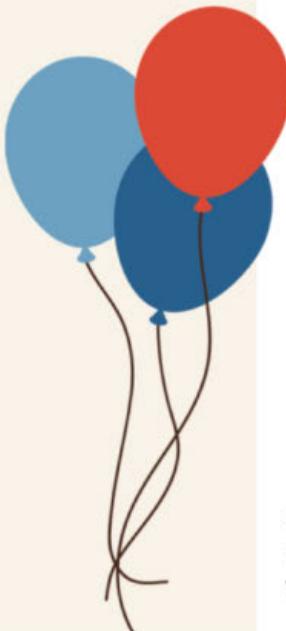
Post Office on Wheels generally comes to the Senior Center on the last Tuesday of every month. The seniors who attend the center are able to purchase postage and/or send letters to family members at this time.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY BIRTHDAYS!

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE SPECIAL SENIORS:

Allen Becka 7/4
Joseph Collier 7/7
Patricia Figart 7/12
Randy Jones 7/7
Nick Karnichols 7/24
Carolyn Lockett 7/7
Cheryl Pavlak 7/4
Vera Rackley 7/23
MaryEllen Stephen 7/25
Virgie Thrasher 7/10
Tarnia Washington 7/15



WELCOME OUR NEW SENIORS TO THE CENTER

Myrtle Freeman	Cowan Range Jr.	Wanda Payne
Eola Sanders	Mamie Fortson	Pam Demko
Vanessa O'Malley	Anna Martemus	Rose Brajkovich

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CRAFTROOM NEWS

CRAFTROOM HOURS: M-TH, 9AM-2PM

Happy 4th of July to everyone!

Please be safe this Holiday season.

This year is flying by so fast.

That goes right along with the saying , “the older you get, the faster time flies”. We have new items that are being made in the Craft Room, stop by and see all the new amazing items.

A welcome addition to the Craft Room is Debra Smith. She just learned how to crochet and is already producing a new style of purses and hats. Sad to say, July is when we start thinking of fall.

Please keep in mind, all purchases made in the Craft Room, proceeds go to the Site Council for funding trips, activities and events.

Thank you, Barb ❤

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4 UPCOMING EVENTS

SWIMMING AT THE REC W/ JENNIFER EVERY WEDNESDAY, FROM 12-1PM

Come swimming with Jennifer Sopkovich, the Senior Center Manager, every Wednesday from 12-1pm at the Recreation Center. (Weather Permitting.)

SITE COUNCIL MEGA BINGO MONDAY, JULY 7TH @ 12:30PM

Mega Bingo prizes all worth \$5 or more. Bingo Cards will be sold for \$1 each, **no free Bingo cards** for this bingo.

ANYTHING BUT A CUP TUESDAY, JULY 8TH

Use your imagination and bring in anything but a cup to drink out of. The one to bring in the most unique item will win a prize. Must be able to drink out of the item while attending the Center.

ALL AROUND THE WORLD POTLUCK WEDNESDAY, JULY 9TH

The Center will be hosting a Potluck lunch. If you have a favorite dish you would like to bring, sign up and let us try some cuisine from around the world.

UGLY BRIDESMAID DRESS UP THURSDAY, JULY 10TH

Wear your ugliest formal attire and win a prize. Voting done by secret ballot.

SENIOR CENTER REGISTRATION and TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Are you an older adult and looking for something to do? (Must provide own transportation outside of Garfield Heights).

Adults 55+ years older are welcome to attend our center. The Garfield Heights Senior Center provides lunches to those who are 60+ years and attend our center, for a suggested \$1.50 donation. The Center is open M-TH, from 9am to 2pm. Transportation is available to those seniors who live in Garfield Heights. Come register and enjoy meeting new people, exercise, Trips, parties, crafts, informational presentations, and much, much, more. Call the Senior Center at 216-475-3244 where we can set up a time for you to visit and take a tour.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS

Senior Center - \$0.25 (round trip)

Local Medical Trips - \$3.00 (round trip)

Local Errands - \$4.00 (round trip)

TRIP TO THE ZOO

MONDAY, JULY 14TH @ 9:30AM

Come with us for a trip to the Zoo. This will be an all day event. Presale tickets available \$5 for registered seniors. Must have ticket to participate. Nontransferable/Nonrefundable

CRAFT WITH ANESSIA

TUESDAY, JULY 15TH @ 12:30PM

Anessia has put together something new. Come and show us your creative side.

ALL WHITE PARTY

THURSDAY, JULY 17TH @ 12:30PM

Come dressed in ALL WHITE attire!

BINGO W/ UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MONDAY, JULY 21ST @ 12:30PM

Diane Coon's church will be sponsoring Bingo on Monday, July 21st @ 12:30pm. Come play for your chance to win some interesting prizes.

BIRTHDAY THURSDAY LUAU

THURSDAY, JULY 24TH

Let's shell-ebreate the tropical vibes on Birthday Thursday.

TRIP TO THE PARK

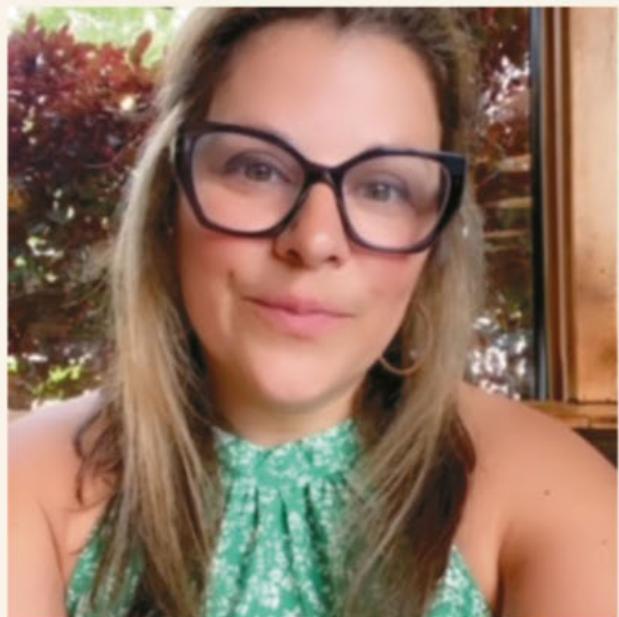
MONDAY, JULY 28TH

Take a trip with us to the new pond at Garfield Park.



**A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR CENTER
MANAGER, JENNIFER SOPKOVICH**

Hello Everyone,
Well, the hot days of summer have arrived! The seniors and I will start going to the recreation center to swim starting July 2nd, weather permitting. Come and cool off with us! Some new and improved trips have been scheduled for this month and I hope everyone will enjoy the change of scenery. The population of the Center continues to increase, stop in and see what you are missing out on. I hope to see you soon!



TUESDAY, JULY 29TH @ 12:30PM

Come and enjoy a day of baseball with the Akron Rubber Ducks. Presale Tickets \$20. Includes seating along the foul ball line. Enjoy an all you can eat buffet style picnic. Must be a registered seniors to participate. Nontransferable/Nonrefundable

SENIOR CENTER WILL BE CLOSED TO THOSE NOT ATTENDING THE GAME.

**BOOTS ON THE GROUND
THURSDAY, JULY 31st**

We are rounding up all you cowgirls and cowboys for a Boots on the ground party. This ain't our first rodeo. So saddle up and and enjoy some boot stompin fun.

SURPRISE BASKET WINNERS FOR JUNE

**Clint Provance Tarnia Washington
Diane Coon Barb Kozma
Babe**

SCHEDULED EVENTS

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND ALL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABILITY AND CIRCUMSTANCES OUT OF OUR CONTROL.

EASY AND QUICK ULTIMATE CHICKEN PARMESAN

Ingredients:

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts	1 cup flour
2 large eggs, beaten	1 cup Italian breadcrumbs
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese	1 tsp salt
28 oz canned crushed tomatoes	1/2 tsp black pepper
2 cloves fresh garlic, minced	2 tbsp olive oil
1 cup shredded whole-milk mozzarella cheese	1 tsp dried oregano

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C) and prepare a baking dish with nonstick spray.
2. Season chicken breasts with salt and pepper on both sides.
3. Set up a dredging station: place flour in one bowl, beaten eggs in another, and mix breadcrumbs with Parmesan in a third bowl. Dredge each chicken breast in flour, dip in egg, then coat with breadcrumb mixture.
4. Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. Sauté breaded chicken for about 4-5 minutes per side until golden brown.
5. In another saucepan, combine crushed tomatoes, garlic, and oregano over medium heat; simmer for about ten minutes until thickened.
6. Place sautéed chicken in the baking dish; pour marinara sauce over it and top with mozzarella cheese. Bake for about 20 minutes until bubbly.

A friendly reminder to all our registered seniors. Please bring in your favorite recipes to be highlighted in our newsletter for all of 2025.

6 DID YOU KNOW?

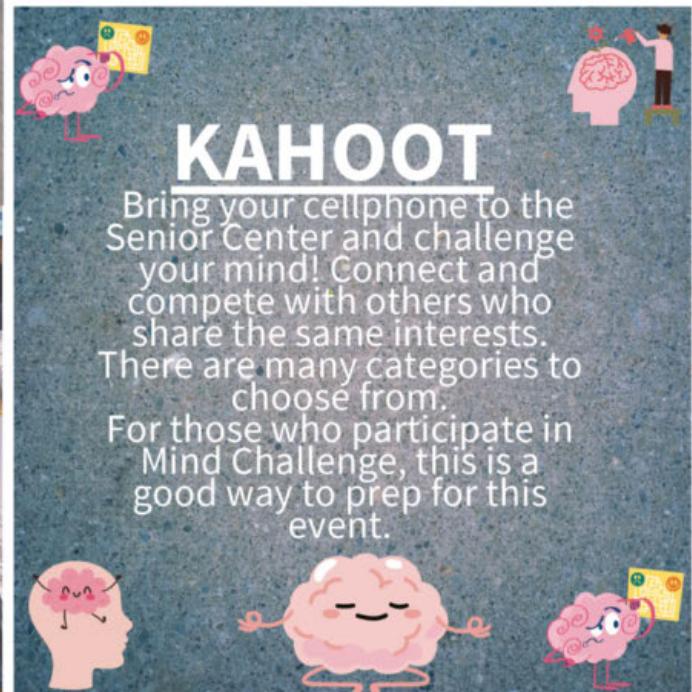


Cuyahoga County Public Library DIGITAL NAVIGATORS

Ask CCPL Digital Navigators any questions you may have about navigating your tablet or cell phone. They are here to assist those who need some extra technical support with these devices. Call the library at 216-749-9420 to make an appointment with one of their Digital Navigators at a CCPL branch.

**MONDAY MORNING MEET-UP
AT THE LIBRARY**
**MONDAY, JULY 7TH,
10AM @ THE LIBRARY**
**LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION AT THE
SENIOR CENTER**
**THURSDAY, JULY 17TH
@ 10AM IN THE SOLARIUM**

Something Good
By: Vanessa Miller
When three women find their lives inextricably linked after a terrible mistake, they must work together to make the most of their futures.



WORD SEARCH

Indoor and Outdoor Activities

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CAMPING
RAIN
COMPUTER
BASEBALL
BICYCLE
KARATE
MOVIES
PUZZLES
BOARDGAMES

RIDDLE ME THIS...

I have four wings, but cannot fly, I never laugh and never cry; On the same spot I'm always found, toiling away with little sound. What am I?



[Learn to Play Chess](#)
[Every Monday @ 10am](#)

Gerry is a registered senior who loves to play chess! He is at the Center to teach the fundamentals of chess on Monday's @ 10am. If chess isn't your thing, he is willing to challenge you to a game of checkers



[Cardio Drumming](#)
[Every Monday @ 10am](#)

Join our group of seniors every Monday @ 10am, who love exercising while drumming to their favorite tunes.

8 LUNCH MENU

Tuesday, July 1 Turkey Rueben Sauerkraut Potato Salad 2 W.G. Seedless Rye Grape Juice ALT = CBG RB	Thursday July 10 Breaded Fish Seasoned Potato Wedges Green Peas W.G. Bun Fresh Grapes ALT = CBG V	Tuesday, July 22 Chicken Alfredo Broccoli + Cauliflower Breadstick Pears ALT = CBG RB
Wednesday, July 2 Steak Stir Fry Rice Pilaf Kyoto Blend + Asian Blend W.G. Wheat Mandarin Oranges ALT = CF V	Monday, July 14 Stuffed Pepper Mashed Potatoes California Blend W.G. Dinner Roll Mixed Fruit ALT = CS V	Wednesday, July 23 Meatloaf w/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans 2 W.G. Wheat Orange ALT = CF TR
Thursday, July 3 BBQ Chicken Breast Macaroni and Cheese Green Beans Sautéed Swiss Chard W.G. Corn Muffin Peaches ALT = CBG RB	Tuesday, July 15 Breaded Chicken Breast Carrot Coins Peas W.G. Bun Pineapple Chunks ALT = CBG RB	Thursday July 24 Breaded Fish Roasted Potato Wedges Spinach W.G. Hamburger Bun Applesauce ALT = CF RB
Monday, July 7 Hamburger Roasted Potato Wedges Baked Beans W.G. Bun Applesauce ALT = CS T	Wednesday, July 16 Meatballs w/ Marinara W.G. Sub Bun Broccoli Green Beans Fresh Plum ALT = CF T	Monday, July 28 Chicken Cordon Bleu Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Corn W.G. White Peaches ALT = CS TR
Tuesday, July 8 Sliced Ham w/ Pineapple Glaze Mixed Vegetables Cheesy Potatoes W.G. Dinner Roll Mixed Fruit ALT = CBG TR	Thursday, July 17 Hawaiian Chicken Rice Pilaf Kyoto + Oriental W.G. Cereal Bar Mandarin Oranges ALT = CBG TR	Tuesday, July 29 Beef Lasagna Spinach + Beets W.G. Dinner Roll Applesauce ALT = CBG T
Wednesday, July 9 Stuffed Shells w/Sauce Mushrooms + Lima Beans 2 W.G. Wheat Banana ALT = CF RB	Monday, July 21 Stuffed Cabbage w/ Sauce Mashed Potatoes Carrots 2 W.G. Wheat Peaches ALT = CS V	Wednesday, July 30 Chicken and Gravy W.G. Biscuit Brussels Sprouts + Carrots Cranberry Juice ALT = CF V
		Thursday, July 17 Tuna Salad Three Bean Salad + Coleslaw 2 W.G. Wheat Fresh Grapes ALT = CBG TR

REMINDER!

Meal reservations will be made on Mondays and Tuesdays for the following week. Reservations can be made in-person or over the phone at (216) 475-3244. Lunch will be served Monday - Thursday at 11:30am, but we ask that you arrive at 11:00am to check in. Thank you!

Box Lunch option shown to the side of each date.

"T" = Tuna, "TR" = Turkey, "RB" = Roast Beef, V = Cheese
Alternatives are available everyday.

ALT CS = Chicken Salad w/Croissant,

ALT CBG = Spring Lettuce Salad w/Chicken Breast

ALT CF = Chef Salad w/ Ham, Egg + Cheese

JULY CALENDAR 9

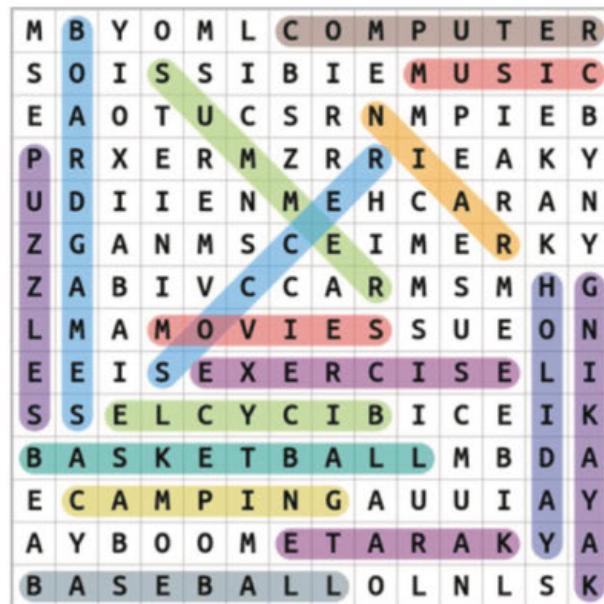
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	1 <u>RESERVE LUNCH</u> 10:00am Kahoot 11:30am Lunch	2 10:00am Chair Volleyball 11:30am Lunch 12-1pm Swimming w/ Jenn	3 11:30am Lunch 12:30pm Thankful Thursday	4 CLOSED in observance of Independence Day
7 <u>RESERVE LUNCH</u> Library Monday Meet Up 10:00am Cardio Drumming, and Chess w/Gerry 11:30am Lunch 12:30pm Site Council Mega Bingo	8 <u>RESERVE LUNCH</u> 10:00am Site Council Meeting 11:30am Lunch 12-1pm Self Defense Presentation w/ Select Fire 1-2pm Kahoot Anything But A Cup	9 10:00am Chair Volleyball 11:30am Lunch 12-1pm Swimming w/ Jenn Around the World Potluck	10 11:30am Lunch Ugly Bridesmaid Dress Up	11 NO FRIDAY SHOPPING
14 <u>RESERVE LUNCH</u> 10:00am Trip to the Zoo 10:00am Cardio Drumming, and Chess w/Gerry 11:30AM Lunch	15 <u>RESERVE LUNCH</u> 11:30am Lunch 10:00am Kahoot 12:30pm Craft w/ Anessia	16 10:00 Coffee with the Mayor 10:00am Chair Volleyball 11:30am Lunch 12-1pm Swimming w/Jenn FOOD DISTRIBUTION 1PM-2PM	17 10:00am Book Discussion 11:30am Lunch Wear All White Day FOOD DISTRIBUTION 5PM-6PM	18 NO FRIDAY SHOPPING
21 <u>RESERVE LUNCH</u> 10:00am Cardio Drumming, and Chess w/Gerry 11:30am Lunch 12:30pm Bingo w/ United Methodist Church	22 <u>RESERVE LUNCH</u> 9:45am Post Office on Wheels 10:00am Kahoot 11:30am Lunch 12-1pm Ushbank Presentation	23 10:00am 10:00am Chair Volleyball 11:30am Lunch 12-1pm Swimming w/ Jenn	24 11:30am Lunch Birthday Thursday Luau	25 NO FRIDAY SHOPPING
28 <u>RESERVE LUNCH</u> 10:00am Trip to the Park 10:00am Cardio Drumming, and Chess w/Gerry 11:30am Lunch Trip to the Park	29 <u>RESERVE LUNCH</u> 10:00am Akron rubber Ducks Senior Center Closed	30 10:00am Chair Volleyball 11:30am Lunch 12-1pm Swimming w/Jenn	31 11:30am Lunch Boots on the Ground Party	

10 PUZZLE ANSWERS

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A Windmill

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

TARNIA WASHINGTON

Tarnia has lived in Ohio all her life, but she is ready to move to Las Vegas. She graduated from John F. Kennedy High School and has an Associates Degree from Dyke College. During her career, she worked as a secretary and security guard. She has two grown daughters and 4 Grandchildren. Her nickname is Jazzy T.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the City of Garfield Heights Senior Center is to provide information and a range of services, activities, and volunteer opportunities which promote personal growth, health, friendship and independence for older persons.

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of this Agency that all services funded with Older Americans Act Funds are to be provided without regard to race, color, national origin or handicap.