

Senior Community Center
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Senior Center News

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Celebrating August

Daviess County Satellite Nutrition/Meal Sites

Senior Community Center
1650 West 2nd Street
Monday-Friday @ 11:30 a.m.

Adams Village
519 Dieterle Drive
Monday, Wednesday, and
Friday @ 11:30 a.m.

Park Regency
5850 Back Square Dr.
Monday-Thursday @ 11:30 a.m.

Roosevelt II
530 Yale Place
Monday, Wednesday, and
Friday @ 10:30 a.m.

Whitesville
10345 State Hwy 54
Tuesday-Friday @ 11:30 a.m.



Director's Corner – August 2023

On July 10th, the Senior Center board voted 6-4 to end discussions with the Family YMCA about a possible collaboration. Meetings and discussions about this project started in September 2020, before I became director in November 2020, so this discussion has gone on for a while. I'd like to provide some context to what led to the board's decision.



Becky Barnhart
Director

I mentioned last month that John Alexander and I met with community/business leaders in May and June to gauge interest and commitment from the community about supporting this project. Cost estimates from April 2022 projected at least \$12.4M to renovate and expand the YMCA building to house a new Senior Center. From that total, it was estimated that the two organizations would need to raise roughly \$8M.

Consultants from Donor By Design (DBD) Group led the feasibility study meetings and presented the findings to a closed meeting on July 6th that included Senior Center and YMCA boards, city and county officials. DBD estimated that we could raise between \$4.5-\$7M. DBD also emphasized what would need to happen for a successful campaign, which included up to 50% of time of my time – and the Y's CEO – for the next 18-24 months to be focused on the capital campaign. Other factors included dedicated administrative support from the Senior Center and YMCA, 100% board support and engagement, and shifts in operational responsibilities for me and the Y CEO.

Immediately following the July 6th meeting, the YMCA board voted unanimously to move forward with this project. The Senior Center board met on July 10th to discuss and go over the report since several board members weren't at the July 6th meeting.

A group of 20 seniors attended the July 10th board meeting to express their ongoing concerns about moving to the YMCA facility and sharing space. I think it's safe to say that most of our seniors have not supported this project and feel the seniors warrant a new, standalone facility that can meet current and future needs of the growing 60+/Baby Boomers demographic.

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Director's Corner, cont.

In the last year, I have heard from many folks at the Senior Center and in the community that felt the same. From the Board's perspective, there have been concerns about this project from the beginning; the Board has been split on just about every vote that has taken place, including the final vote of 6-4.

There has also been lots of misinformation, speculation, opinions, and miscommunication that have circulated throughout this process, which unfortunately contributed to the negative feelings, responses, etc. My prayer and hope is that we take the lessons learned from this process and move forward in a positive manner, with the common goal of finding the best solution for the future of the Senior Community Center and the folks we have the honor and privilege to serve, represent and befriend.

Since re-opening in July 2021, we have seen significant growth in attendance and participation, as well as new classes, events and activities. That's very encouraging (and fun!). We see a bright future for the Senior Center, and we hope you do, too.

In closing, I want to thank the Board for their commitment and dedication to the Senior Community Center, and especially to Jennifer Allen, Joe Mason and Ed Higdon, who recently stepped off the board. All three have served faithfully for many years; it would be hard to mention all their collective and individual contributions but will highlight a couple: Joe and Jennifer served as board chairs during the tenure; Jennifer most recently. She led the Senior Center through the Covid challenge and the discussions with the YMCA. Joe and Ed have been vital board members for our buildings and grounds committee. We thank them for their service and know they will continue to encourage and support us.

Please call or stop by my office if you have any questions or concerns or would like to know how to get more involved. We are here to be the focal point for senior adults that provides activities and classes to enhance their lives, keep them active, independent and engaged... and is simply a fun place to hang out!

Becky

Bird Watching at Botanical Gardens on Aug. 1st

We'll be visiting the Botanical Gardens on August 1st at 10 a.m. to enjoy a Bird Watching class with author Lisa Hoffman, who will share about how to identify birds and where their habitation may be. Cost is \$5 and you pay at the Botanical Gardens. Please contact Frank and let him know if you need transportation or if you will be meeting us there. Please take this relaxing opportunity to learn something new or even brush up on previous knowledge.



General Jackson Trip on Aug. 11th

The July trip to the General Jackson was so popular that we added



another trip on Friday, Aug. 11th. The General Jackson is one of the largest Nashville boat and river cruises in the country and is docked on the Cumberland River. Having launched in 1985, the boat has provided quality entertainment, live music, and fun to visitors, and has a lot of amazing features, with a length of 274 ft. and a towering height of 55 ft., massive decks, and stunning views.

The cost is \$80 and covers the cruise, entertainment by The Tennessee Legends, and a wonderful lunch. We will leave the Senior Center at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, August 11th and return around 5 p.m. Spots for this trip are limited so please see Frank to sign up and reserve your spot with payment. Call Frank with questions about the

Derby Dinner Playhouse, Sept 20th



We're traveling to the Derby Dinner Playhouse in September to see The Buddy Holly Story! The musical about the 1950's rock n' roll icon is a non-stop entertaining rock show that recounts Holly's 18-month, meteoric rise to fame and the impact he left on the industry after

his un-timely death at the age of 22. Holly is immortalized in this mesmerizing musical memoir with performances of over 20 of his greatest hits along with Ritchie Valens' "La Bamba" and The Big Bopper's "Chantilly Lace."

The trip costs a non-refundable \$70 and will be held Wednesday, Sept. 20th – leaving the Senior Center at 8:00 a.m. and returning home around 5:00 p.m. Make sure to sign up and pay by September 11 to reserve your spot! Money is due at the time of sign up. If there are any more questions, please call Frank at 270-687-4640.

Annual Harvest Bash Scheduled for Saturday, September 9th

The Senior Center's Advisory Council is sponsoring their annual Harvest Bash on Saturday September 9th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There



will be food, a bake sale, games to play and Bingos to win! There will also be a silent auction and half pot to participate in! Come on over and support your senior center advisory council with your attendance and love! They have worked hard to provide the community with a fun-filled day and we can't wait to see you there! Funds raised will go toward trips for seniors, homebound clients personalized birthday cards, as well as other activities for seniors in our community and center.

End of Summer Dance on Aug. 25th

Plan now to attend the End of Summer Dance on Friday, August 25th from 3-5 p.m.



The talented and popular Roy Kyle Band will once again entertain us with their wonderful musical talents to help us dance the warm days away (hopefully) and welcome the cool autumn breeze. We hope to see you there shakin' off the summer heat!

Health-Resource Fair on Aug. 7th

In conjunction with many of our amazing community partners, we are hosting a health/resource fair on Monday, August 7th from 10-



11:30 a.m. The purpose is to help educate and promote healthy living and understanding of what support is available in the community for seniors. There will be multiple vendors at this event to help you get set up in the right direction for your health and well-being. Please come and utilize the knowledge and support of our vendors and get educated on what they can offer you.

Your Kroger purchases can help support the Senior Community Center! *Munday Activity Center is enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Use your Kroger Rewards Card and the MAC earns money!! Please contact the office at 270-687-4640 if you need assistance with registering.*