

Golden Outlook...a publication for Senior Citizens

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Editor's Message

It is unfortunate that, once again, AARP cancelled most of its tax preparation locations. Many of you have called looking for alternatives and hopefully the article in this issue may be helpful. We'll continue to share any information we find on tax preparation services in our area.

This year marks the Cuyahoga County Public Library's 100th anniversary. To kick-off their year-long centennial celebration, effective January 26th, they are now "fine free"! No more daily overdue fines! And, just this once, they will forgive every cardholder any fines or fees currently on their account. It's a fresh start for everyone! The only exception to the fine-free policy are bookable kits and materials checked out through OhioLink and SearchOhio, as they do not belong to Cuyahoga County Public Library. For additional details visit their website at <https://www.cuyahogalibrary.org/Borrow/Fine-Free>.

Have you ordered your free Covid test yet? Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order four free at-home COVID tests. The tests are completely free. Visit covidtests.org to place your order. It's a simple form and only takes a minute! If you need assistance ordering please call our office and we'll be happy to get the order placed for you.

Stay well!

Thea M. Guilfoyle
Director, Community Services



The vacant seat on council was filled as Council appointed Raymond Berzins on Tuesday, January 25th. Welcome Ray! Our current council members are: Jennifer Presot (President Pro Tem), Mark Lasky, Matt Walsh, Joe Blados and Ray Berzins.



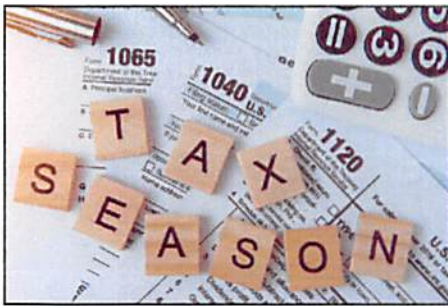
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Be sure to leave messages in the General Mailbox, Ext. 0



TAX PREPARATION HELP FOR SENIORS AND LOW INCOME FAMILIES

AARP is not sending volunteers to us again this year. We have gathered tax preparation help that you can call for assistance:

The AARP Tax-Aide Site Locator Tool is up and running. You simply enter your zip code and nearby locations will be listed. The site can be found at https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations.html. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides in-person and virtual tax assistance free of charge with a

special focus on taxpayers who are over 50 or have low-to-moderate income. Tax-Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified every year.

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free tax help for taxpayers who qualify:

<p>Gordon Square 6516 Detroit Avenue Cleveland, OH 44102 Dial 211 Volunteer Prepared Taxes</p>	<p>Step Forward - Central 1801 Superior Avenue Cleveland, OH 44114 Dial 211 Volunteer Prepared Taxes</p>	<p>Cleveland 1240 E. Ninth Street Cleveland, OH 44199 (844) 545-5640 Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 pm (Closed for lunch Noon - 1 pm)</p>
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Local libraries offering tax preparation:

<p>Brecksville Library 440-526-1102 Fridays, Feb thru April 3 appointments per day 9:30, 11:00, 12:30</p>	<p>North Royalton Library 440-237-3800 Wednesday's, Feb 9, Mar 6 and Apr 6 9:30-11:00 and 12:30-2:00</p>	<p>Middleburg Heights Library 440-234-3600 Tues and Wed, Feb thru April 9:30, 11:00, 12:30</p>
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Cuyahoga County residents earning less than \$58,000 a year can receive free tax preparation services at three "Super Refund Tax" events. The events are hosted by the Cuyahoga EITC Coalition, which helps residents make use of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), an income supplement for individuals or families earning less than \$58,000 annually. Those who qualify may be eligible for up to a \$6,600 refund. There are no filing fees. You can call (216) 293-7200, Dial 211 or online at refundohio.org to schedule. The events will be held:

<p style="text-align: center;">Parma Library At the refundohio.org site, complete the form to schedule an appointment. They will not schedule by calling the library and all tax-prep help is by appointment only.</p>	
<p>St. Ignatius High School's Rade Dining Hall 1911 West 30th Street 9 am to 2 pm on February 5th</p>	<p>Cleveland Central Catholic High School 6550 Baxter Avenue 9 am to 2 pm on February 12th</p>



A woman was taking a nap on Valentine's Day afternoon. After she awoke, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a gorgeous and expensive diamond necklace for Valentine's Day! What do you think it means?" "You'll know tonight," he said. That evening, her husband came home with a small package for her. Thrilled, she opened it and found a book titled "The Meaning of Dreams."





The Community Center 50 years ago!

JANUARY SENIOR DRIVE-THRU

The January Drive-Thru Event on Thursday, January 27th was again successful and we had over 50 seniors participate. Each received a bag of goodies including lunch from Lori's Catering, a puzzle, Thera band and exercise sheets, activity packets and snacks. It was cold but sponsors Allison and Bob from Danbury Senior Living and Jennifer of Miracle City Hospice braved the cold to help us make this possible!!

MIRACLECITY
HOSPICE

Danbury
SENIOR LIVING
Broadview Heights



Senior
Don Schiff
picking up his
goodies from
Thea, Allison
Bob & Jen!!

Valentine Word Search

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BOYFRIEND
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GIFT
GIRLFRIEND
HEARTS
JEWELRY
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PARTNER
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RESTAURANT
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University Hospitals
Parma Medical Center

*A Message from Sharon Nichols, Community Outreach
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COVID-19 Vaccination Remains Best Protection Against Hospitalization or Death

Variants of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 are fueling rises in cases across the United States. Your best protection against serious illness, hospitalization or death is to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

A variant is a different version of a virus that has changed through mutation. These variants, especially Omicron, are much more contagious than earlier versions of the coronavirus, meaning less of the virus is required to cause infection. People who get infected with these variants produce more of the virus earlier and in higher amounts. *With these variants, people who are vaccinated also appear to be able to spread the virus.* This is why the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued new guidance on wearing masks indoors, especially if you have a weakened immune system or if you are at increased risk for severe disease because of your age or an underlying medical condition. If someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease or is unvaccinated, you also should wear a mask.

Fully vaccinated people also can test positive for the variants, which is called breakthrough infection. As with any vaccine, breakthrough cases are expected, and do not reflect on the effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccines. Getting fully vaccinated is still the best way to avoid being hospitalized with or dying from COVID-19.

If you are fully vaccinated, the risk of having a life-threatening, severe illness from these variants requiring admission to an intensive care unit is significantly reduced. Deaths from COVID-19 among fully vaccinated people are extremely rare.

To schedule a COVID-19 vaccine or a booster shot, call 216-243-0147 or go online to www.UHhospitals.org/services/covid-19-vaccine. On the west side, UH has a vaccine clinic at Seasons of Life, 9511 W. Pleasant Valley Road, Parma.

Due to an extremely high demand of patients seeking COVID-19 testing, emergency rooms and urgent care locations across Northeast Ohio are experiencing a significant resource strain. To best serve all our patients, UH is no longer providing COVID-19 testing for patients in emergency departments, unless admission to the hospital is anticipated, and will only be testing symptomatic patients who require medical evaluation in our urgent cares.

If you have taken a home antigen test that is positive, you DO NOT need a PCR test to confirm. You are presumed COVID-19 positive and should isolate according to CDC guidance. If you are having milder COVID-19 symptoms, it is safe to stay home to recover without seeing a doctor unless severe or life-threatening symptoms develop. Call 9-1-1 or visit your nearest emergency room if you are experiencing serious symptoms.



FEBRUARY SENIOR LUNCHEON

Our next Senior Social is scheduled for **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th** at Noon at the Community Center. We will have a visit from our Police Department and entertainment by Ron Papaleo. Ron is a versatile and experienced musician and has been performing in the area for over 50 years. He performed as a drum soloist at Blossom with the Cleveland Orchestra, he backed notable entertainers such as Sammy Davis Jr., Edie Gormet, Red Buttons and more. Don't miss it!



YOU MUST CALL TO REGISTER ~ EVEN IF YOU DON'T NEED TRANSPORTATION!

All seniors and retirees are welcome and there is no charge. Come and enjoy lunch and entertainment with your neighbors and friends. Transportation is available by calling us at 739.3702. **REGISTER NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH.**

Our March senior luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 15th and we have Doug from Metro Park's scheduled to do another of his interesting and engaging presentations! You can register for both when you call!



KNOX BOX PROGRAM

This program is designed for the elderly and disabled who may be at risk. Having this box on your door will prevent the Fire Department from having to forcibly enter your home in an emergency. A small box, similar to a realtor's box, is installed on your door, and the box will hold a key to your home. Keys to open the box are held only by the Fire Department. Call Community Services if you are interested. There is no charge.



Valentine Solution

