

Golden Outlook...a publication for Senior Citizens

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Editor's Message

Spring weather is almost here - the first day of Spring is March 19th! With our roller coaster weather, snow one day and 70 degrees the next, we have to be ready for a snow storm and ready for lawn cutting at the same time. Even though snow is in the forecast, it's time to think Spring and sign up for the Lawn Cutting Program!

While you read this newsletter, have your calendars nearby! There's a few events we think you'll be interested in! We have scheduled a speaker on the Solar Eclipse on March 7th and we have a full scale event to view the Total Solar Eclipse on Monday, April 8th. We'll have safety glasses, hot dogs and refreshments and the fun begins at 1:30pm at the Community Center. Please note the article on purchasing Solar Eclipse t-shirts and get your order in as soon as possible!

Also scheduled is a Fish Fry dinner at Danny Boys Restaurant on Friday, March 22nd and a trip to Petitti Garden Center on Thursday, April 25th. Please sign up as early as you!! We hope to see you at our next senior luncheon on Tuesday, March 12th!

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HELLO SPRING!



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



SOLAR SPEAKER



Speaker Gary Kader,
Director of Burrell
Observatory at Baldwin
Wallace University, will
give a presentation on the Solar
Eclipse on **Thursday, March 7th at the
Community Center at 1:00 pm.**
Transportation will be provided.



This month's **Lunch Bunch** trip is to
the Europeans Best Restaurant/
Bakery in Strongsville on **WED.,
MARCH 20th.** Join your neighbors
and friends for a relaxing lunch! Pick
up will begin at 11:00 am! Lunch is
on your own and transportation is
provided! **Register no later than
Friday, March 15th.** The next Lunch
Bunch is on April 17th.



FISH FRY!

FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd

Danny Boys Restaurant

Deadline to Sign Up:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th

Pick up starts at 4:00 pm

Dinners are \$13.99 each & include:

- ♦ Three Craft Battered Alaskan
Pollock Fillets
- ♦ French Fries
- ♦ Coleslaw, Bread & Tartar Sauce



EXERCISE CLASS!

Join us for an exercise
class on **MONDAY,
MARCH 25th** at 12:30
pm. Instructor Joann Luecke will
focus on building stability and
strength, all of it can be done while
sitting. Lunch will be served! **Sign up
no later than Wed., March 20th.**



FLORAL CENTERPIECE WORKSHOP

Join us on **TUESDAY, MARCH 26th**
at 6:30 pm at the Community
Center and make a beautiful
centerpiece for the Easter holiday!
Sunshine Flowers will bring all
materials and guide us through the
steps to make a floral centerpiece.
The cost is \$25 person (cash only).
Call Community Services at (216)
739-3702 to register. **The deadline
to sign up is Wednesday, March
14th.** Transportation will be
provided - let us know if you need a
ride when you register! Payment is
due at the event.



GROCERY SHOP



Our next monthly trip for
grocery shopping is on **WED.,
APRIL 3rd.** Pick up starts at
9:15 am and we will visit
Drug Mart and one other
store. You'll have ample time to
shop and the driver will assist those
in need getting the groceries into
your home. We limit grocery
shopping to your household. Sign up
by **Thursday, March 28th.**



THE SOLAR ECLIPSE!



We are offering a two-
hour Solar Eclipse
event at 1:30pm on
MONDAY, APRIL 8th
at the Community
Center. We will be
streaming the eclipse live on two
flat screen TV's, pass out safety
glasses for outside viewing. Refresh-
ments and transportation will be
provided.

We are selling keepsake t-shirts and
will have order forms at the March
12th luncheon. **March 14th is the
deadline to order.**



Our next Senior Social is scheduled
for **TUESDAY, APRIL 9th**
at Noon at the Community Center.
Entertainment is singer Melinda Hill
and a presentation by CHS
Superintendent Tom Evans.
All seniors and retirees are welcome
and there is no charge.
Transportation is available.

**Register by Friday, April 5th
YOU MUST CALL TO SIGN UP
EVEN IF YOU DON'T NEED
TRANSPORTATION!**



PETITTI GARDEN TRIP!



We have scheduled a
visit to Petitti Gardens
for a presentation and
to shop their beautiful
store. Please join us on
THURSDAY, APRIL 25th for a sneak
peak into Spring! **The deadline to
register is Friday, April 19th.**



SOLAR ECLIPSE T-SHIRTS FOR SALE



We are offering Solar
Eclipse Brooklyn Heights
t-shirts and they will be
available prior to the
event. We have adult sizes
S-M-L-XL (\$8), 2X (\$10), 3X
(\$11.50), AND 4X (\$12). Checks,
payable to the Village of Brooklyn
Heights, or cash, will be accepted for
the T-shirts. **The deadline to order is
Thursday, March 14th.** Please order
as soon as possible!



SNOW REMOVAL WRAP-UP



With the Snow Removal program almost behind us, remember to call Community Services if your lawn was turfed from the snow plows.

The contractor will begin to repair any damage done to the lawns in the Spring. The last date to report damage caused by the snow removal program is Friday, May 3rd, 2024. Reports after this date will not be accepted.

The contractor will also be removing the stakes from your yard. PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THEM!! They are the property of the contractor.

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 10th or before bed on Saturday, March 9th!!



EASTER EGG HUNT



The Service Clubs will be holding this fun annual event on **SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd** beginning at 11:00 am. Children will be divided into age groups and the Easter Bunny will be on hand for photos!

SENIOR LAWN CUTTING

We are happy to have this program in place and equally as happy to have our Service Department cutting the lawns. Their work is top notch! The cost is the same as last year, \$200 for the season.



Applications were mailed directly to each senior household that participated last year, however, please call if you did not receive one!

Please get your application in as soon as possible! They can be dropped off at the Municipal Center, mailed to 233 Tuxedo Avenue or dropped off at our office.

Happy Easter!



SIMPLE RULES TO FOLLOW: If you don't know...

- who called on the phone DO NOT GIVE PERSONAL INFO, HANG UP
- who is texting you DO NOT RESPOND, DO NOT CLICK ANY LINKS
- who sent you an email DO NOT RESPOND, DO NOT CLICK ON ANYTHING, DELETE IT
- who sent a Facebook msg DO NOT RESPOND, DO NOT CLICK ANY LINKS, BLOCK THEM
- who is at your door DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

- ▶ **IGNORE TEXTS FROM STRANGERS.** If you receive a text from someone you don't know, simply don't reply. It's the safest route. If you engage with a scammer, even briefly, they will mark your number as active and you could receive additional shady texts in the future.
- ▶ **BLOCK NUMBERS THAT APPEAR TO COME FROM SCAMMERS.** Unsolicited texts that ask you to click on links are probably not safe. Block these numbers to prevent scammers from contacting you again.
- ▶ **NEVER GIVE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION TO STRANGERS.** Never share your credit card or banking information, your full name, home address, or social security number with someone you never met in person.
- ▶ **DON'T ASSUME AN OFFER IN A MESSAGE FROM A FACEBOOK FRIEND IS LEGITIMATE.** Call or talk to them in person to verify if they contacted you.
- ▶ **REMEMBER, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES DO NOT COMMUNICATE THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA.** Be wary of any unsolicited messages.
- ▶ **ASK ABOUT PAYMENT METHODS.** Government or other agency officials will NEVER call and demand payment in gift cards. The IRS also states on its website that they do not accept payment via wire transfer or prepaid debit cards.
- ▶ **KNOW THE POLICY.** The IRS always mails a bill and then follows up with a phone call, and they'll NEVER demand immediate payment over the phone. The IRS also DOES NOT threaten to involve law enforcement and they CANNOT revoke your driver's license, business license or immigration status.
- ▶ **DON'T TRUST YOUR CALLER ID.** If you receive a suspicious call, don't make any important decisions based on what your called ID says. Avoid answering calls from phone numbers you don't recognize, even if they appear to be local. If it's important, the caller will leave a message.

FUN STUFF!

Murphy and his wife, a middle-aged couple, went for a stroll in the park. They sat down on a bench to rest and they overheard voices coming from a secluded spot.

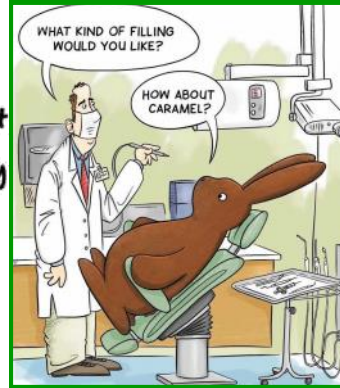


Suddenly Mrs. Murphy realized that a young man was about to propose. Not wanting to eavesdrop at such an intimate moment, she nudged her husband and whispered, "Whistle and let that young couple know that someone can hear them." Murphy said, "Whistle? Why should I whistle? Nobody whistled to warn me."

TIPS from the Easter Bunny



1. Don't put all your eggs in one basket
2. There's no such thing as too much candy
3. Some body parts should be floppy
4. An Easter bonnet can tame even the wildest hare
5. The grass is always greener in someone else's basket
6. Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits



What do ghosts drink on St. Patrick's Day? *BOO's*

Why don't women want to get engaged on St Patrick's Day? *'Cause they don't want to get a "sham rock".*

What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover? *A rash of good luck.*

What's Irish and stays out all night? *Paddy O'furniture!*



ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH

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BELFAST
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CABBAGE
CELEBRATION
CELTIC CROSS
CHRISTIAN
CLOVER
CORK
CORNED BEEF
DANCING
DUBLIN
EVENTS
FEAST DAY
FESTIVAL
GREEN
GUINNESS
HERITAGE
HISTORY

HOLIDAY
HOLY DAY
IRELAND
IRISH
LEPRECHAUN
LIMERICK
MARCH
MISSIONARY
MUSIC
PARADE
PATRON SAINT
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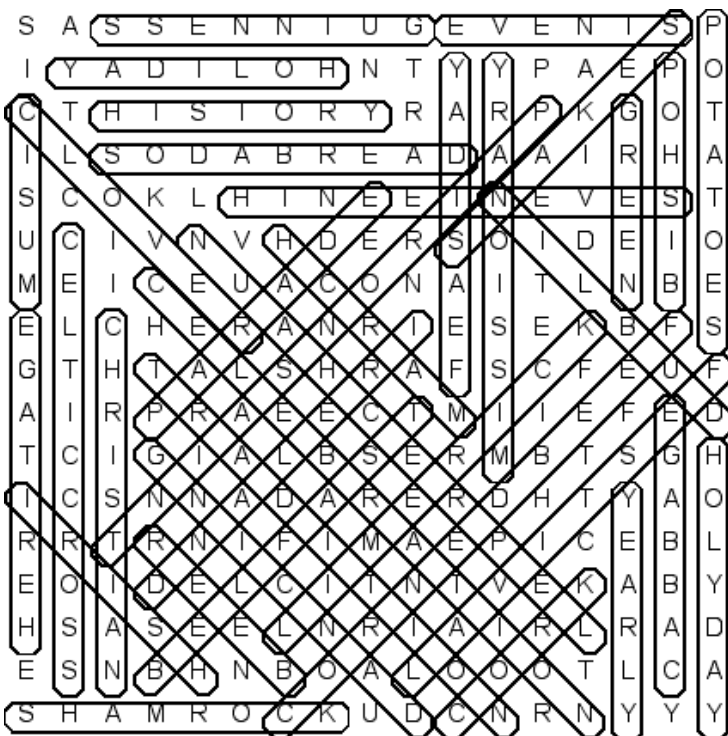
2024 MEDICARE INCOME-RELATED PART D MONTHLY ADJUSTMENT AMOUNTS

Since 2011, a beneficiary's Part D monthly premium has been based upon his or her income. These income-related monthly adjustment amounts affect roughly 8 percent of people with Medicare Part D. These individuals will pay the income-related monthly adjustment amount in addition to their Part D premium. Part D premiums vary from plan to plan and roughly two-thirds are paid directly to the plan, with the remaining deducted from Social Security benefit checks. The Part D income-related monthly adjustment amounts are all deducted from Social Security benefit checks. The 2024 **Part D** income-related monthly adjustment amounts for high-income beneficiaries are shown in the following table:

Beneficiaries who file individual tax returns with modified adjusted gross income:	Beneficiaries who file joint tax returns with modified adjusted gross income:	Income-related monthly adjustment amount
Less than or equal to \$103,000	Less than or equal to \$206,000	\$0.00
Greater than \$97,000 and less than or equal to \$129,000	Greater than \$194,000 and less than or equal to \$258,000	\$12.90
Greater than \$129,000 and less than or equal to \$161,000	Greater than \$258,000 and less than or equal to \$322,000	\$33.30
Greater than \$161,000 and less than or equal to \$193,000	Greater than \$322,000 and less than or equal to \$386,000	\$53.80
Greater than \$193,000 and less than \$500,000	Greater than \$386,000 and less than \$750,000	\$74.20
Greater than or equal to \$500,000	Greater than or equal to \$750,000	\$81.00



ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOLUTION



SMOKE ALARMS

Annually, when we change our clocks for Daylight Saving, we advise everyone to check their smoke detector batteries. Everyone is encouraged to sign up with the Fire Department for them to perform this check for you. They will also install new smoke detectors that you purchase! They will call and schedule to check and/or install the smoke alarms.



VILLAGE SHRED IT DAY

This semi-annual Village event is scheduled for **SATURDAY, JUNE 1st**, 9am to 12pm at the Brooklyn Heights Municipal Center. Residents and resident businesses can drop off materials to be shredded through the on-site shredding truck.



Happy St Patrick's Day

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PICTURE PUZZLE

