

# Senior Focus February 2024



# Monroe Township Office of Senior Services & Senior Center

12 Halsey Reed Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831 Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

609-448-7140 www.monroetwp.com

February will be a very busy month at the Senior Center. We will be recognizing Mardi Gras, Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, and Black History Month.

This February has 29 days which means it's a Leap Year! If you were born on leap day you're known as a "leapling", and this year you get to celebrate on your actual birthday!

On *Friday, February 9th at 2:00 p.m.*, we celebrate the Chinese New Year and the year of the Dragon. The Monroe Dance Group will be performing songs and dance from the traditional culture of China's multiethnic groups.

You are invited to join us on *Wednesday*, *February* 14th at 1:30 p.m. for our Valentine's Dance. Enjoy a catered lunch, good friends and fun, all while dancing the afternoon away! The cost is \$10.00 per person, and registration is required.

February is also Heart Health month so don't forget to wear red on *Friday, February 2nd*. Nursing students from The College of New Jersey will be available every Thursday beginning on February 8th at 1:00 p.m. for Blood Pressure screenings. No appointment needed.

The *Friendly Tidbits* flyer this month includes the Friends of the Senior Center 2024 Donation Form. The Friends is an independent non-profit fund raising arm of the Monroe Township Senior Center. The funds raised by the Friends through their membership donation drive and other various fund raising events throughout the year assures that the Friends are able to provide events you've come to enjoy. The Friends fundraising also supports various performances, equipment and services at the Senior Center. If you'd like to participate in any Friends sponsored event in 2024, please see the enclosed *Friendly Tidbits* on how to make your \$8.00 membership donation.

## **February Registration Information:**

#### **Trip Registration**

Friday, January 19th at 9:00 AM In-person or online via Community Pass Use main entrance only. Doors open 8:30AM.

#### **Program Registration**

Wednesday, January 24th at 9:00 AM In-person or online via Community Pass Use main entrance only. Doors open 8:30AM.

https://register.communitypass.net/monroetownshipseniorcenter

Registering in person? If you need transportation for <u>any of the above</u>, please call 609-443-0511 to make arrangements no later than 24 hours in advance.

You must be a registered member of the Senior Center in order to participate in our activities.



## Quote of the Month

Every great dream begins with a dreamer.

~Harriet Tubman

# February 2024 Center Activities

2:00 African American

Song

Journey of Music &

1:30 Chuck Berry "Hail Hail

Rock n' Roll"

Registration for programs is REQUIRED EACH MONTH

Monday **Thursday Friday** Tuesday Wednesday 2 DON'T LEAVE SOMEONE 8:45 Chair Yoga 9:00 Zumba Gold 10:00 Body Works SITTING HOME! 10:00 Creative Art with Andrea (\$)
10:30 Book Club 9:30 Canasta If you are unable to attend 10:00 Fun Friday 10:30 Navigating the Monroe a program you must call Township Library 10:30 Harmonica **Website** (609) 448-7140 x216 11:00 Line Dancing
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Age of Antartic Explorato cancel. 1:00 Blackjack Waitlisted members will appreciate it! tion 5 7 8 9 9:00 Cardio Blast 8:45 Mat Yoga 9:00 Total Toning 9:00 Zumba Gold 8:45 Chair Yoga 9:30 Drop-In Bridge 10:00 Move & Groove 10:30 Famous Movie Quotes (Z) 10:00 Body Works 9:30 Canasta 10:00 Total Body Reset 10:30 Valentine's Day - Tea, 2:00 Ryan & Lou Flowers, Fans, & 10:00 Creative Art with Andrea 11:00 Gentle Stretch 10:00 Fun Friday Chocolate 1:00 Mah Jongg 11:00 Line Dancing 10:30 Harmonica 11:00 Raise the Barre 1:00 Yarn It 12:15 Duplicate Bridge 12:30 Super Bowl Scrimmage 2:00 Chinese New Year 2:00 Shore Bet Band 2:00 Cribbage **Spring Festival Gala** 2:00 Jerry's Travels 3:30 Ballroom Dance 12 13 14 15 16 9:00 Cardio Blast 9:00 Zumba Gold 8:45 Mat Yoga 9:00 Total Toning 8:45 Chair Yoga 9:30 Drop-In Bridge 9:00 Chorus 10:00 Move & Groove 9:30 Canasta 10:00 Body Works 10:00 Total Body Reset 10:30 Chinatown & Chinese 11:00 Raise the Barre 10:00 Creative Art with Andrea 10:00 Fun Friday 10:00 Robinson Artshop (\$) Culture (Z) 12:15 Duplicate Bridge 11:00 Gentle Stretch 11:00 Line Dancing 10:30 Harmonica 11:00 Green Thumbs 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:30 Valentine's Dance 11:00 Chef Stephen Wolff 2:00 TEDx-GenZ 2:00 John Bianculli Trio 1:00 Yarn It 2:00 Cribbage 2:00 Ken Johnstone 2:00 Blue Jersey Band 3:30 Ballroom Dance 19 20 21 22 23 9:00 Zumba Gold 8:45 Mat Yoga 9:00 Total Toning 8:45 Chair Yoga **OFFICE CLOSED** 10:00 Move & Groove 10:00 Body Works 9:00 Chorus 9:30 Canasta 10:00 Creative Art with Andrea 10:30 Heart Health 10:15 Drums Alive 10:00 Fun Friday 10:30 Musical History of 11:00 Raise the Barre 10:30 Bereavement Group 10:30 Harmonica **Traditional String** 12:15 Duplicate Bridge 10:30 Solar Eclipses (Z) 1:00 LGBT Socialize With Me Instruments 2:00 Diabetes Support 11:30 Drums Alive 11:00 Line Dancing 2:00 The Tuskegee Airmen 1:30 Friends BINGO 2:00 Lyndon B. Johnson 1:30 Caregiver's Support 4:00 WOW 2:00 Rory D'Lasnow 26 28 27 29 8:45 Mat Yoga 9:00 Total Toning 9:00 Cardio Blast 8:45 Chair Yoga 9:00 Chorus 9:30 Drop-In Bridge 10:00 Move & Groove 10:00 Body Works 10:15 Drums Alive 10:00 Robinson Artshop (\$) 10:30 The Basics of Emergency 10:00 Creative Art with Andrea 10:30 Between Each Step -10:00 Total Body Reset **Medical Services** 10:30 Achieving Financial New Zealand's Te Araroa 11:00 Gentle Stretch 11:00 Raise the Barre **Fitness** <u>(Z)</u> 1:00 Mah Jongg 12:15 Duplicate Bridge 2:00 AJ Duo 11:30 Drums Alive 1:00 Yarn It 1:30 Documentary - It Ain't

<u>Over</u>

Creative Art with Andrea: Starting on Thursday, February 1 at 10:00 a.m. for 8-sessions. Join Andrea for this creative and fun class where you'll learn simple techniques using a variety of mediums such as acrylics, watercolors, pastels, and others to create your own beautiful artwork and unique creative projects. This is a stress-free space where previous experience is not required. All supplies provided. Fee: \$70.00 p.p. upon registering. No refunds. (Last class: 3/21).

Navigating the Monroe Township Library Website: Thursday, February 1 at 10:30 a.m. This is a hands-on session for those who already know how to use and access the library's website. You will need to bring a device (laptop/tablet), library card, and pin number. Learn how to locate the event calendar, register for events, subscribe to the library newsletter, access databases and online resources, and view the Happenings publication.

Ernest Shackleton & the Age of Antarctic Exploration: Thursday, February 1 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Join historian Greg Caggiano for a look at Ernest Shackleton's ill-fated Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition of 1914. It is one of the greatest and most harrowing stories of survival and courage in the history of exploration. Learn the background information of the voyage, what went wrong, and how he and his crew refused to quit even when shipwrecked in total isolation at the bottom of the world. The past will come alive in this impressive presentation.

Blackjack: Friday, February 2 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Luck be a lady, or in this case, the number 21! Enjoy an afternoon of Blackjack with Kevin and his professional dealers as they bring the fun and excitement of Atlantic City to the Monroe Township Senior Center!

**Shore Bet Band:** Monday, February 5 at 2:00 p.m. Sit back and enjoy the musicians and vocalists from this Central Jersey based band that specializes in classic rock, dance, and country from the 50s through the 80s. Back by popular request!

Famous Movie Quotes: Tuesday, February 6 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. "Frankly, my dear I don't give a damn" and "I'll have what she's having" are just a few famous quotes Don Buzney will discuss in this interactive memory teasing lecture. Can you guess the name of the movies and the actors that made these unforgettable lines famous?

**Ryan & Lou:** Tuesday, February 6 at 2:00 p.m. Lou Orrichio and Ryan Berkowitz are a male/female duet that will thrill you with their vocal ability. Performing duets and impersonations with some laughs along the way, a great time is guaranteed for all. Lou is a regular performer at the senior center along with his popular group *Memories*.

Valentine's Day - Tea, Flowers, Fans, & Chocolate: Wednesday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m. By the mid 19th century, the price of tea decreased as a result of Queen Victoria's passion for tea and sweets. Tea parties had become a popular pastime and a time to flirt. Heartfelt cards were sent and ladies flirted using fans and flowers to convey romantic messages to available men. Join Judith Krall, tea and food historian, as she explores this era and explains how the romantic concept of Valentine's Day began to

Jerry's Travels - The Best of Japan, Part II: Wednesday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m. Jerry Mirelli continues our trip to the jewel of Asia – Japan. He completes the tour by going to Kochi, Hakodate, Aomori and Tokyo. Included in this lecture is a stop in Busan, South Korea and other historical sites and museums. Come explore this unique and vibrant culture full of beautiful gardens and geologies.

**Super Bowl Scrimmage:** Thursday, February 8 at 12:30 p.m. Are you ready for some football? Join Cris Brown, Leslie Ohlstein, and Brittany Franco for a Super Bowl party! Some of our pre-game festivities include trivia, puzzles, and prizes. Enjoy sandwiches as you watch bloopers and memorable moments from one of America's greatest pastimes. Don't forget to wear your favorite team apparel! Sponsored by The Gardens, Senior Helpers Home Care, and Brandywine Living at Governor's Crossing.

Chinese New Year Spring Festival Gala: Friday, February 9 at 2:00 p.m. To celebrate the lunar New Year, Monroe Dance Group will present a wonderful show of singing and dancing on the eve of Chinese New Year. Performing for 8 years, The Monroe Dance Group has participated in more than 20 various performances. This song and dance performance includes solo, duet, trio, and group dances that illustrate the traditional culture of China's multi-ethnic groups. Join us to celebrate the year of the dragon. Gong hei fat choy!

Robinson Artshop: Monday, February 12 - OR - Monday, February 26 at 10:00 a.m. Join James Robinson as he guides you to paint your own masterpiece. Project fee: \$10 p.p., upon registering. No refunds. Only one (1) session per member.

Ken Johnstone: Monday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m. Entertaining audiences for over 30 years, Ken Johnstone returns with his musical ability and natural wit, bringing laughter & joy once again to the Senior Center audience. Ken's performance will consist of favorite love songs you can sing along to.

Chinatown & Chinese Culture: Tuesday, February 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Zoom. In celebration of the Chinese Lunar New Year, join Susan and Art Zuckerman in this lecture and virtually travel to a country that is rich in history, culture, arts, and food. Learn about the historical evolution of Chinatown, the bachelor society of a forty to one ratio of men to women, gang wars, opium dens, illegal sweatshops, and the Chinese mafia. Susan and Art will also examine unique Chinese funeral customs and a variety of regional cuisines which blanket the area. View displays of art and sculpture that represent various traditions and superstitions and explore Buddhist temples and Joss houses.

John Bianculli Trio: Tuesday, February 13 at 2:00 p.m. John Bianculli is a lyrical and soulful pianist and composer. Self taught, accomplished, and versatile, John was raised in New York's Greenwich Village and has worked with Jeanie Bryson, Steve Nelson, Regina Belle, and many other popular recording artists. Performing standard and jazz melodies, his trio will be accompanied by a female vocalist.

<u>Valentine's Dance</u>: Wednesday, February 14 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Celebrate Valentine's Day at the Senior Center with good friends and enjoy a hot catered lunch. Music will be provided by Let's Dance DJ's. Make sure to wear something red and don't forget to bring your dancing shoes! *Fee:* \$10.00 p.p. upon registering. No refunds.

Chef Stephen Wolff – Treats for Your Sweetie: Thursday, February 15 at 11:00 a.m. Are you looking for a "sweet" gift for your someone special? How about something "tasty" made with your own hands. Chef Stephen Wolff will show you some fun treats you can make at home without spending a bundle on boring overpriced chocolates.

Blue Jersey Band: Thursday, February 15 at 2:00 p.m. Blue Jersey Band is back by popular demand performing their Mardi Gras repertoire. Frank Ruck will be on tenor banjo, mandolin, and guitar. Their talented bassist will also be on trombone. As always, vocals by Ellen Ruck as she plays

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# February Programs: Registration Required

guitar. Included in this celebratory performance will be traditional Mardi Gras favorites such as *IKO-IKO*, *When the Saints Go Marching In, Golden Slippers*, and a host of others. Come dressed in your purple, green, and gold!

**TEDx-GenZ:** Friday, February 16 at 2:00 p.m. Join the students from the TEDx Club of Monroe Township High School as they present this TED talk inspired session. This intergenerational program allows both the young-at-heart and the young to share their insights on varied topics.



The Monroe Township Office of Senior Services and Senior Center will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of President's Day.

**Solar Eclipses:** Tuesday, February 20 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. Dr. Hamer, Assistant Curator of Planetarium Education at the New Jersey State Museum, will discuss why solar eclipses have inspired fear and fascination for thousands of years. Learn how we are able to accurately predict eclipses for hundreds of years into the future and why they happen. Also, prepare yourself for the next solar eclipse that will be occurring on April 8, 2024.

**Lyndon B. Johnson:** Tuesday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m. Bob Gleason from the American Historical Society will portray our 36th President, Lyndon B. Johnson. In 1960, Johnson was elected Vice President as John F. Kennedy's running mate. On November 22, 1963, when Kennedy was assassinated, Johnson was sworn in as President, with a vision to build "A Great Society" for the American people.

Heart Health: Wednesday, February 21 at 10:30 a.m. February is American Heart Month. This informative lecture facilitated by Nancy Quiroz Gomez of St. Peter's University Hospital will provide valuable advice on how to stay heart healthy. Learn ways to keep your cardiovascular system strong and what warning signs and symptoms you should never ignore. Get tips on how to prevent heart disease through small lifestyle changes.

The Tuskegee Airmen: Wednesday, February 21 at 2:00 p.m. In honor of Black History month, join historian and retired professor Paul Zigo as he highlights the first group of African-American military pilots and airmen who fought in World War II. This presentation will cover the history of the formation of the Tuskegee Airmen, the unit's wartime accomplishments, and their overall effect on American Society.

Musical History of Traditional String Instruments: Thursday, February 22 at 10:30 a.m. Join Giuliano Chicco for this

educational lecture and demonstration on popular traditional string instruments. Learn how instruments such as the banjo, guitar, mandolin and others were invented, where they originated, and how they transformed through the years. Your participation is needed as Giuliano plays recognizable tunes on each instrument that you can sing along to.

Rory D'Lasnow: Thursday, February 22 at 2:00 p.m. Heralded as a golden-voiced troubadour by NJ.com, Rory D'Lasnow picked up his late father's guitar upside-down and backwards at the age of six. Despite never turning his guitar right-side up, Rory's unique contemplative sound has propelled him to perform at some of the nation's most distinguished venues and festivals including Mercury Lounge and Rockwood Music Hall in New York, Hotel Cafe and The Viper Room in Los Angeles, and The Atlantic City Beer & Music Festival in his home state of New Jersey. Expect to hear classics from such artists as Elvis, The Beatles, The Everly Brothers, Fleetwood Mac, and John Denver.

Chuck Berry "Hail Hail Rock n' Roll": Monday, February 26 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Without Chuck Berry we would not have Rock n' Roll as we know it. He was one of the greatest rock song writers, guitarists, and performers of all time. In this lecture with music, Vinnie Bruno will travel with Chuck from his early days in St. Louis to his extraordinary recordings at Chess Records to his off-stage exploits with the law and finally to his induction into the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame.

Between Each Step - New Zealand's Te Araroa: Tuesday, February 27 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. In 2014, Patrice and Justin La Vigne hiked the Te Araroa tramping route, roughly 2,000 miles from the top of the North Island to the bottom of the South Island. Told with suspense, style, and humor, this travel memoir captures the essence of trail life, New Zealand's unique culture, and an adventure with an off the beaten path trajectory. Patrice and Justin have been featured in many publications such as *Backpacker*, *Outside*, *OutdoorLife*, and *Alaska Magazine*.

African American Journey of Music & Song: Tuesday, February 27 at 2:00 p.m. In celebration of Black History month, Bill Brown Entertainment will take us on a journey of how African Americans influenced the world of music as we know it. Performing hits from legends such as Nat King Cole, Johnny Mathis, Marvin Gaye, and Lionel Richie this group is sure to keep you entertained.

The Basics of Emergency Medical Services: Wednesday, February 28 at 10:30 a.m. In this open forum presentation, Monroe Township EMS will detail what the Emergency Medical Service department is, what to do in case of an emergency, and the services that they provide to all township residents.

<u>Documentary - It Ain't Over</u> Wednesday, February 28 from 1:30 to 3:10 p.m. This emotional and uplifting documentary about New York Yankee great Yogi Berra takes us beyond the caricatures and "Yogisms," and into the heart of a sports legend whose unparalleled accomplishments on the baseball diamond were often overshadowed by his off-the-field persona. (Run time: 1 hour 39 minutes)

Achieving Financial Fitness: Thursday, February 29 at 10:30 a.m. Laura Reeves from LJR Financial will provide tips on how to organize one's financial household to become financially fit. Learn how to organize your documents, when to rid yourself of obsolete paperwork, how to store your passwords and protect your assets, as well as which are the 10 most important documents to keep on hand and updated.

AJ Duo: Thursday, February 29 at 2:00 p.m. This talented team has been making music together for almost 20 years. This duo features Jeannine Vena and Alan Quinn on vocals and various musical instruments such as keyboards, guitar, trumpet, and ukulele. Expect a wide variety of music popularized by Patsy Cline, Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, the Beatles, Doris Day and the Duprees.



# White Reminders from The Senior Center

## Inclement Weather

Winter weather or other conditions can sometimes lead to a delayed opening, cancellation of programs or trips, or even temporary closing of the Senior Center. If you are registered for a program or trip, you will be notified of such changes by email. Where possible, those without email will be contacted by phone.

If you are not sure that the Senior Center is open, feel free to call: (609) 448-7140 x216.

# Information Update

If your address, phone, email, or emergency conatct information has changed, the Senior Center needs to know. Please ask for an information update form at the reception desk the next time you are in the building.

## **Smile!**

For safety, the Senior Center would like to add your photo to our database. Several hundred members have already done so, but we have a lot more to go. The next time you are at the Senior Center, please stop at the reception desk for a quick snapshot. And don't forget to SMILE!

# Can't Make a Program?

Empty seats at a program mean that those on a waiting list could not attend because other registerants failed to call and cancel. If you find out that you can't make it to a program, please call and cancel as soon as possible so that other members can attend all of the programs that interest them. (609) 448-7140 x216.



## TRANSPORTATION TRIPS

609-443-0511 John Magda, Transportation Manager

Pre-Registration is Required for All Trips. Trip Registration is Friday, January 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

If you are unable to participate in a trip, you must call to cancel.

#### THE TRANSPORTATION BUS WILL GO TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS IN FEBRUARY 2024:

#### Quakerbridge Mall on Friday, February 2, 2024

Leaving the Transportation Office at 9:45 a.m. with an approx. return of 3:00 p.m.

#### Princeton Market Fair on Friday, February 23, 2024

Leaving the Transportation Office at 9:45 a.m. with an approx. return of 2:00 p.m.

#### Columbus Flea Market on Thursday, February 29, 2024

Leaving the Transportation Office at 9:00 a.m. with an approx. return of 1:00 p.m.

# Future trips are listed below and on the following page. Please register for them on the Friday, January 19, 2024 registration date.

# Philadelphia Flower Show in Philadelphia, PA (1 hour from the Sr. Ctr.) Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Be immersed in dazzling floral color, creativity, and garden beauty presented at the USA's largest horticultural event which is in its 195th year. The world's most talented community of floral and garden artists are brought together at the 2024 theme "*United by Flowers*." This show will connect you to the beauty and power flowers have to transform, inspire, delight, and connect us to each other.

You will be on your own to enjoy this wonderful event at your own pace.

There are places inside the convention hall to have lunch or you can walk over to Reading Terminal Market, which is a short walk away.

Reading Terminal Market, one of the nation's oldest and finest public markets, first opened in 1893. Today it stands out as one of the greatest public markets in the country and is a short walk from the Pennsylvania Convention Center where the flower show is being held. There are numerous places to eat lunch and enjoy the atmosphere of this historic location.

## Walking and steps are required for this trip.

Departure Time: 9:15 a.m. / Return Time: 3:30 p.m. (Charter Bus) Cost: \$40.00 p.p. (Includes: Admission to Flower Show Only)



# St. Patrick's Day @ the Shore Club in Spring Lake, NJ (45 min. from the Sr. Ctr.) Tuesday, March 12, 2024

This traditional show stars Irish Tenor Mike Byrne and the Green Derby Show Band and/or Will Lynch Band. Let's make it a great day for the Irish and wearin' of the green. Make sure you wear your most comfortable shoes so you can dance the afternoon away, but don't forget to wear your green.

**Please choose one of the following meals for lunch:** Corned Beef and Cabbage, Herbal Salmon, or 1/2 Roasted Chicken. All meals come with Salad, Caterers' choice of Soup, Hot Coffee, Hot Tea, Soda, Wine, and Dessert.

Departure Time: 10:15 a.m. / Return Time: 4:30-5:00 p.m. (Township Bus)

**Show Time:** 11:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$64.00 (Includes: Show, Salad, Caterers' choice of soup, Plated

Meal, Hot Coffee, Hot Tea, Soda, Wine, Dessert, and Gratuity)



# 9 to 5 @ Fulton Opera House in Lancaster, PA (2 hours from the Sr. Ctr.) Thursday, March 21, 2024

Fulton Opera House: built in 1852 and was named Fulton Hall in honor of Robert Fulton. The Fulton Opera House is one of only eight theatres in the United States recognized as a National Historic Landmark.

Pushed to the boiling point, three female coworkers concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot they call their boss. In a hilarious turn of events, Violet, Judy, and Doralee live out their wildest fantasy — giving their boss the boot! While their boss Mr. Hart remains "otherwise engaged," the women give their workplace a dream makeover, taking control of the company that had always kept them down. Hey, a girl can scheme, can't she? This show is based on the 1980s hit movie of the same name. Set in the late 1970s, this hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is outrageous, thought-provoking, and even a little romantic.

Prior to our 2 p.m. show, we will enjoy a buffet luncheon at the **Conestoga Restaurant**, which sits along the Conestoga River and was originally built in 1741. In 1789 Abraham Witmer built a new Inn to replace the original one.

Departure Time: 9:45 a.m. / Return Time: 6:00-6:30 p.m. (Charter Bus)

**Show Time:** 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (with intermission)

Cost: \$66.00 p.p. (Includes: Show, Buffet Luncheon, Dessert, Hot Coffee, Hot Tea, Soft Beverage, and

Gratuity)

# **Important Transportation Information**

All Members MUST BE ENROLLED in our computer system (Community Pass) *prior to registering for trips*. If you have a **purple** membership card, your membership is current. You must have a cell phone number on file in order to go on any trips with us.

**You Must PRE-REGISTER** for all trips. The registration date and time is listed on the front cover of the Senior Focus and the top of the Transportation Trips Section of the Senior Focus.

Please keep in mind that not all trips are wheelchair/scooter accessible. Therefore, please call the office **prior** to registration day to determine which trips are accessible

Your seat will be assigned by the transportation department via a lottery system which is done prior to the trip date. You cannot change your seat number with anyone once it is assigned to you. You will be notified the day before the trip via email (if you have one on file with us), or via phone regarding your seat number. Please be sure to arrive 15 minutes prior to our departure time listed in the trip box.

#### In Person Trip Registration:

Trip Registration takes place in the Senior Center, in the left room.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m., enter through the Front Door.

You cannot save a space in line for another member.

Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. (satellite/universal time)

Carefully complete the front AND back of the trip registration form.

One form PER member.

You can register for yourself and ONE additional member.

If you are registering for yourself and your spouse, then you cannot register for anyone else.

#### **Payments:**

Payments are made via personal check, credit card or EXACT cash. We do not make change.

One check per household for total amount of registered trips.

DO NOT fill in the check amount until you know the total amount due.

Make checks payable to: Township of Monroe

If you are registering for yourself and another member with a different address, then TWO SEPARATE CHECKS are required.

#### **At Home via Community Pass:**

Registration starts at 9:00 a.m., not a second before. Please use satellite/universal time.

If you have logged into Community Pass prior to 9:00 a.m. you will need to REFRESH your browser. Otherwise, you will not see the trips when they become "Public."

You are only able to register for yourself and other members of your household on Community Pass.

DO NOT ADD SOMEONE TO YOUR ACCOUNT. Doing so will not enroll the person because a Senior Center membership is required to be done in person.

If Community Pass is an issue for you, then you have the option of registering in-person as noted in the Focus.

#### **Free Trips:**

Starting at 9:00 a.m. on registration day, you can register for a FREE trip online, via Community Pass, In-Person, or by calling: **609-443-0511**. Reservations left on the answering machine will not be honored. This applies to FREE trips only.

# <u>Trip Cancellation Information</u>

To avoid cancelling a trip, please check your personal calendar *before* registering with us. You must call the office if you do need to cancel, as this will enable us to call someone else on the waitlist. Thank you for your consideration.

Our answering machine operates 24 hours a day. Please leave a message with your name, phone number, and the trip date that you would like to cancel.

#### A REFUND WILL BE GIVEN ONLY IF:

Your seat is replaced by someone on our waiting list OR the trip is cancelled by us!

You are not allowed to give your seat to a friend.