

50 & Beyond Newsletter

November 2025



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The Community Center will be closed
Veteran's Day - November 11
Thanksgiving Holiday - November 27 & 28



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November Birthdays

11/1 Bobby Bowen, Marjorie Williams
 11/2 Elaine Thrower
 11/3 Jeff Neel, Virgie Taylor, Deborah Eddy
 Lisa Keeney, Anna Belcher, John Hughes
 11/4 Linda Wilber, Debra Donaldson
 11/5 Kimberly Ferrell
 11/6 Mary Decker, Roberta Kemp, Alice Schultz
 Regina Crowell
 11/7 Corean Williams
 11/9 Antwuan L Riley
 11/10 Uwaifo F Osaigbovo, Liz Scheffler
 11/11 Willis Richardson, Dolores Scull
 Joyce Parm, Lynn Wolfgram
 11/12 Richard Pietrogallo, George Daniel
 Donna Wilson, Heaven Kindall
 11/13 Helen Fisher
 11/14 Al Skornicka
 11/15 Coe Crawford, Ellen Schulmeister
 Jeremiah Minifield
 11/16 Michelle Gutierrez Brown
 11/18 Patricia Potter, Catherine Strickland
 Darlene Devall, Susan Graves,
 Ellen Cayton
 11/20 Suzanne LaFrance, Hazel Sizemore
 11/21 Kay Martinez, Lynn Evans
 11/22 Bessie Cook, Claritha Fortune-Seed
 Travis Erby
 11/24 Loretta Gracer
 11/27 Connie Hughes, LaTina M Noland
 11/28 Lillie Robinson, Eugene Harris
 11/29 Nicholas Panzica, Jerod Barrow
 Mary Clifford-Hammond
 11/30 Larna King, Raymond Stroman,
 Lisa Fields

In Loving Memory...



**Harold
Gates**



**Jan Zehms-
Stankrauff**

**For us to keep you informed, you need to keep us informed. Please call 734-544-3805 or email npassmore@ypsitownship.org with any information about members that pass away.*

Inclement Weather Policies

BUILDING CLOSURE: Township officials will make the decision if our building is closed. It is a rare occasion that our building actually closes. The best way to check is on the website at www.ypsitownship.org or by calling 734-544-3800.

- **LUNCH CANCELLATION:** The lunch program **IS** cancelled when the Ypsilanti Community Schools are closed. Please call 734-544-3800 after 9:00am to confirm.
- **WCC CLASS CANCELLATIONS:** Only if Washtenaw Community College is closed or if the instructor chooses to cancel. You will only get a call if the instructor cancels.
- **ENHANCED FITNESS CANCELLATIONS:** Classes are canceled when the Ypsilanti Community Schools are closed. You will not get a call.
- **50 & Beyond Programs:**
All other 50 & Beyond activities are cancelled if the Ypsilanti Community schools are closed. Pickleball please call first.

Expired Memberships

Did you know there is a simple way to find out when your membership expires? When you receive your newsletter in the mail, flip it over to the mailing label. On the bottom right hand corner of your address label is the expiration date that corresponds to your membership! If you are 90 years of age or older, please disregard this date as it only corresponds to your renewal date, which is complimentary!

50 & Beyond Membership

Our membership program is over 800 strong, and new members are always welcome! Memberships are renewable each year on the date purchased and both residents and non-residents are welcome to join! **Your membership becomes complimentary when you turn 90!** The 50 & Beyond Program operates Mon - Fri from 8am – 4pm. Memberships are renewable by mail or in person at the Recreation Office during business hours.

50 & Beyond Annual Membership Fees:

- Individual Resident Fee: \$15
- Individual Non-Resident Fee: \$20
- Household Resident Fee: \$25
- Household Non-Resident Fee: \$35

Library Books

The Ypsilanti District Library provides large print books to check out here at the Community Center. Please remember to fill out the sheet located in the binder above the bookcase when checking out a book. Most importantly, please remember to return your books when you have finished with them so others may enjoy this service as well! The books are replenished/replaced every couple of months.

Drop-In Activity Schedule*

Activity	Time	Days
Walking	All Day	M-F
Billiards	All Day	M-F
Fitness Room	All Day	M-F
Morning Coffee	9am-12pm	M-F
Diamond Art	9:30am	M-F
Quilters	10am-4pm	Mon/Weds
Pickleball	8am-12pm	M/W/F
Bible Club	9:00am	Mon
Bridge	12:30pm	Mon
Cards	12:30pm	M-Th
Acoustic Music	9:00am	Tues
Mahjong	9:00am	Tues
Ypsi Yarners	10:00am	Tues
Country Music	9:30am	Weds
Drop-In Games	10:00am	Weds
Creative Coloring	10:30am	Weds
Bid Whist	11:00am	Thurs
Euchre	1:00pm	Thurs
TOPS	10:00am	Thurs
Stamping/Card	1:00pm	Thurs
Making Club		Bi-weekly

***Please note membership is required for drop in activities**

Participation Matters!

Our Drop-In Activities are designed to be flexible & fun, but it only works if **YOU** show up! The more people who join, the better the experience for everyone. **So if you're interested, drop in, bring a friend, & help make it a success.** We can't do it without you!



The Community Center is collecting letters to Santa in the lobby until December 10. We are seeking volunteers to join in the magic and write return letters to the children. Just bring yourself & a jolly disposition and we will take care of the postage and supplies. Please sign up at the front desk so we can know you are coming. Coffee, cookies & cocoa will be served.
Letter Writing Date: Friday, December 12
Time: 1:00pm

Drop In Activities

Morning Coffee

Coffee is served from 9am-12pm Mon - Fri.

Creative Coloring & More!

As long as you are alive, it's important to stimulate your brain every day. Join Lynn for some creative coloring and more. Coloring engages both the creative and logical sides of the brain, improving focus, motor skills, and cognitive function. **Wednesdays 10:30am**

Diamond Art Group

A combo of cross-stitch & paint-by-numbers, this new creative hobby is taking the crafting world by storm. Bring your supplies and try it with friends! **Monday through Friday, 9:30am - 11:00am**

Mahjong

Mahjong is a Chinese game played with tiles. We play a modified, simple version of this challenging game. **Tuesdays 9:00am**

Drop-In Board Games*

Our Drop-In Board Games is the perfect way to relax, socialize, and enjoy timeless games like Backgammon, Chess, Connect Four and more. All are welcome, whether you're a seasoned player or just learning the rules. Come alone or bring a friend, no registration required! **Wednesdays 10:00am**

Bid Whist & Spades

Calling all card players! We are looking for people interested in playing Bid Whist or Spades! This is a drop in program, it can only be successful if you participate! **Thursdays 11:00am**

Billiards Challenge

Get ready for a spirited showdown as two talented senior centers go head-to-head in a friendly yet competitive billiards challenge! Representing skill, precision, and plenty of good-natured rivalry, we will take on the Van Buren Township Senior Center in a match that promises great shots and even better camaraderie. Sign up in room 201. **Wednesday, December 23 @ 1pm**

Music Makers

This non-auditioned choir is great for beginners as well as those who have been away from a choir or want to experience the joy of singing with a group. Music Makers also gives back to the community, performing at nursing homes and senior centers through out the year, spreading joy through song!

Mondays 10:00am

Directors: Sharon Hewitt & Gail Honeywell

Ypsi Yarners

Calling all knitters, crocheters, and yarn enthusiasts! Whether you're a seasoned stitcher or just learning the ropes, bring your latest project and connect with others who share your love of fiber arts. No registration required, just drop in, unwind & get inspired!

Day: Tuesday

Time: 10:00am

Location: Room 204

Community Singers

Whether you're an experienced vocalist or just looking for a fun, relaxing way to make music with others, our Community Choir is the perfect place for you!

Open to all skill levels – beginners welcome!

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Room 204

*** We are seeking a pianist to accompany our group!
Are you handy with YouTube and technology?
We could use you too!**

Billiards with Bill

Bill Stewart is an former Billiards instructor at Wayne State University. Students will receive beginner to intermediate instruction on playing 8- and 9-ball billiards. Fundamentals of shooting and game strategy will also be covered.

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 10:00 - 11:00am

Cost: A suggested \$5 donation per class is appreciated. Payable to instructor.

This year for our Thanksgiving/Christmas giving project the 50 & Beyond program is supporting the Hope Clinic. Hope Clinic passes out sack meals to those in need. Sack meals are small brown bags with shelf-stable food items such as pop-top ravioli, granola bars, fruit cups, juice boxes, etc & disposable silverware. Think foods that are “ready-to eat”. Hope Clinic is currently distributing over 600 lunch bags per week so they are always in need.

Donations can be dropped off at the Senior Center beginning Monday, November 3. If you would like to help fill bags please join us Monday, December 1 at 1:00pm.

Please consider picking up some of these suggested items on your next shopping trip:

- Paper lunch bags
- Napkins and disposable silverware
- Snack examples (individually pre-packed):
 - Cookies, Crackers, Trail Mix or Beef Jerky
 - Pretzels, Cheez-Its or Chips
 - Dried Fruit, Fruit Cups or Applesauce
- Main Dish Examples:
 - 2 Tuna Snack Packs Can of soup (pop-top preferred)
 - Instant Mac & Cheese
 - Ravioli or SpaghettiOs (pop-top preferred)

Monetary donations are also welcome. We will use those funds to purchase items to supply anything that does not get donated. Please see Nichole if you would like to donate in this way.



Holiday Happenings



Holiday Fun!

Starting December 1st miniature presents will be hidden around the building. Each person can collect 1 gift and bring in up to the desk to receive a candy cane and an entry into the lottery for the large prize.

You may only have 1 entry into the lottery.

Please allow others to find their own present. Do not collect multiple and hand them out, half the fun is finding the present on your own!!



YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP 50 & BEYOND



Holiday Social

Celebrate the season with us! We are excited to be featuring live entertainment from the Troubadour Sweethearts, whose melodies are sure to fill us with holiday cheer. As you catch up with friends, don't miss out on the delicious boxed-lunch from Honeybaked Ham, known for their mouthwatering ham and turkey sandwiches. Not interested in lunch? Please join us anyway, just be sure to rsvp so we know your coming!

DECEMBER
FRIDAY | 5 | 1 - 3 pm

Wear your Ugly Christmas Sweater!
We will be voting for the ugliest and winner gets a prize!

50 & BEYOND MEMBERS: \$5 NON-MEMBERS: \$7

One lunch per person. Payment is due at time of registration. REGISTRATION DEADLINE NOVEMBER 24



50 & Beyond Music Makers
present

Cookies CAROLS and Cocoa

December 9
@ 1pm

Join us for this annual tradition!

Sing along to your favorite holiday tunes, visit with friends and enjoy some tasty treats!



50 & BEYOND INVITES YOU TO

CHRISTMAS

Group KARAOKE

JOIN IN THE FUN!

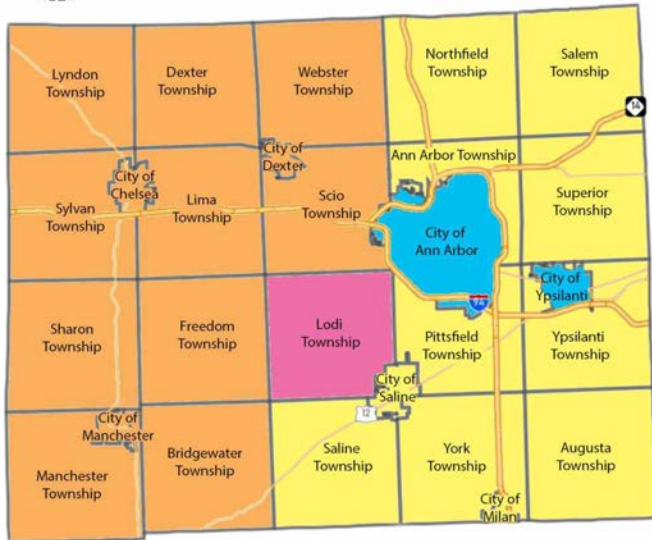
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19
1:00PM

Free Transportation



Older Adults Transportation

Free transportation for adults aged 60 and older that reside in Washtenaw County.



Transportation providers shown for their pickup area; contact individual providers for more information on destinations and roundtrips.

Orange WAVE or JFS Yellow PEX or JFS Blue JFS Pink JFS, PEX, or WAVE

Great news! Washtenaw County Seniors can now receive **FREE** transportation!

Transportation to and from medical appointments, pharmacies, vaccination appointments and government offices will be prioritized. Rides will also be available for other essential trips such as grocery shopping, banking and community activities. Please refer to the map to determine each providers service area.

Contact Information:

Jewish Family Services (JFS):
734-769-0209 ext 2

People's Express (PEX):
877-214-6073

Western Washtenaw Area Value
Express (WAVE):
734-475-9494

*Questions call 734-222-6850 or
Email: AgingServices@washtenaw.org*

Classes & Programs

Medicare Q & A

Provided by the MRW Solutions, this FREE Medicare Consultation is available by appointment. Please bring your list of doctor's, a list of your prescriptions and Medicare card.

Day: Friday, November 7

Time: 9am, 10am & 11am

Location: Room 105

*****PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED*****

Portrait Drawing

In this class students will learn many features about this complex shape, such as movement, positions, structure, anatomy & much more!

Instructor: Travis Erby

Date: Tuesdays, October 21 - December 2

Time: 1:00pm

Cost: \$40/Ypsilanti Twp Resident
\$50/Non-Resident

Penny Bingo

Be sure to bring plenty of pennies! Lots & lots of pennies! We will play 8 rounds of bingo with the 9th game being a cover-all.

Date: Friday, November 21

Time: 1:00pm

Cost: \$1 per card



Zentangle Drop-In

Zentangle is an easy-to-learn method of drawing patterns step by step. It is relaxing, gratifying and a great way to exercise the creative side of your brain!

Date: Thursday, November 13

Time: 1:30pm

Cost: \$5 material fee payable to instructor

Painting & Crafts with Melody

Melody will take you through the steps and stages of creating unique paintings and crafts to share or keep for yourself!

Date: Wednesdays, October 29 - December 4

Time: 1:00-3:00pm

Cost: \$25

***There is an additional supply fee of \$40 due to the instructor at the first class**

Holiday Crafternoon

Join us for some crafty fun!! We will have all the supplies you can think of to create something special to hang or display for the holidays. And if you like to create but don't want to drag more stuff home, we will be donating extra projects to an assisted living community.

Date: Tuesday, November 25

Time: 1:30pm

Cost: \$10

Health, Wellness & More

Pickleball

Open to anyone that wants to play or learn how, this is a great form of exercise!

Date: Monday/Wednesday/Friday

Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm

Zumba Gold

This class is perfect for active older adults and introduces easy-to-follow Zumba choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion and coordination. Come ready to sweat and prepare to leave empowered and feeling strong.

Date: Thursdays, Aug 14 - Sept 18

Time: 8:30-9:15am

Fee: \$10/class or
\$40 for the whole session

Strength Training for Reduced Falls and Improved Balance

During this 30 minute class, we will perform a series of exercises designed to help reduce your risk of falling, improve your strength, & increase your overall fitness.

Sponsored by ATI Physical Therapy

Date: Friday, October 10

Time: 9:30am - 10:00am

Cost: There is no fee for this class but you **MUST** pre-register

Health & Wellness

WCC Senior Focus Classes

The classes listed below are provided through the Community Enrichment Department at Washtenaw Community College for people age 60 and over (*if you are under 60 & there is room in the class, you may participate*). Please register at the front desk if interested in joining a class.

Line Dancing

Learn new dances as well as some of the old time favorites. The next time you go to an event with dancing you will be able to show off your line dancing skills. Line dancing is not just good exercise, it's lots of fun.

Instructor: Dee Grantham

Date: Tuesday, 9/9 - 11/25

*No class 11/11

Time: 9:00 - 10:00am

Tai Chi for Better Balance

This program works to improve balance, muscle strength, flexibility and mobility to enhance overall physical health, leading to better function in daily activities. Other benefits may include better mental health, reduced stress, improved memory and cognition, and increased self-esteem.

Instructor: Darryl Mickens

Date: Tuesday, 9/9 - 11/25

*No class 11/11

Time: 10:30 - 11:30am

Yoga

Unlike stretching for fitness, yoga is more than just physical postures. What do you have to lose by trying, except stiff joints and tight, sore muscles?

Instructor: Tammy Foote

Date: Wednesday, 9/24 - 11/26

Time: 11:15am - 12:45pm

Strength & Conditioning

Strength & conditioning training involves a wide range of exercises developed to build a variety of skills with a focus on mind, mobility, stability, and strength.

Instructor: Michelle Williams

Date: Thursday, 9/11 - 11/20

Time: 9:30 - 10:30am

Silver Sneakers

We are excited to announce SilverSneakers is here! SilverSneakers is a fitness benefit included with 60+ Medicare Advantage Health Plans. Instructor Jennet Malone will assist you with SilverSneaker guidelines and registration at the start of class.

Non-SilverSneakers participants can still enjoy these classes for a \$5 per class fee payable to the instructor

Class	Day	Time
Classic	Tuesday	2:00-3:00pm
BOOM Muscle Stability	Thursday	12:00-1:00pm
	Thursday	2:00-3:00pm

Enhance Fitness



Warm-up, low-impact cardiovascular conditioning, strength, balance, and flexibility training. This is a partnership with the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

There is a \$20 per month suggested donation payable to Kidney Foundation.

Day	Time	Room
Monday	11am-12pm	105
Tuesday	11am-12pm	105
Friday	11am-12pm	105

Chair Yoga with Martha

This beneficial form of yoga is for any fitness level, from active seniors to those recovering from an injury. Low impact on joints, improves flexibility and stress reduction.

Day: Monday 11:30am - 12:30pm
Thursday 11:45am - 12:45pm

Cost: A suggested \$5 donation per class is appreciated. Payable to instructor.

T.O.P.S.

Every Thursday

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

For 75 years, TOPS Club has helped people take off, and keep off, the weight. It's all about doing things by the book – strong ties to the medical community, and a belief in healthy living from the inside, out. It's a holistic approach to wellness. No fad diets. No gimmicks. No shortcuts. Join us for the support, accountability and connections that you need on your journey to better health.

9:00am weigh in 10:00am meeting begins

Craft Show Photos



PARKING LOT CONCERNS

Please be mindful of others when using the parking lot. If you do not have the proper identification on your vehicle for handicap parking, it could be ticketed or towed.

Upcoming Trips

November

- 1 - Shipshewana on the Road, Monroe
- 6 - Lunch Out:
Hungarian Rhapsody, Southgate
- 7 - Thrift Ann Arbor
- 13 - Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit
- 18 - FireKeepers Casino, Battle Creek
- 20 - Tanger Outlet, Howell

December

- 3 - Turkeyville, Marshall
- 10 - MI Bright Lights, Milford
- 12 - The Prolific's Motown Christmas,
Village Theater, Canton
- 16 - FireKeepers Casino, Battle Creek
- 17 - Nite Lights w/ Bianco
- 18 - Lunch Out:
Blue Agave Mexican Grill, Taylor
- 31 - NYE: TBA



Trip Cancellation Policy

There have been some questions regarding our cancellation policy. Please see below:

- If Ypsilanti Township Recreation cancels: Full refund or credit. *Registration for all travel is one week prior to the trip. We need to have an accurate count in order to arrange for tickets, drivers and chaperones.
- If you cancel at least 3 days prior to the trip: Full refund or credit.
- If you cancel 2 days or less before the trip there will be a \$5.00 cancellation fee. The rest will be returned as a refund or credit.
- Cancellations made the day of will **not** receive refund or credit.
- **Fees that include ticketed events, concerts, excursions, contracted service providers & one-day activities may not be refundable.**

No refunds or reductions in fees will be given for trips missed by participants. **Remembering to attend is your responsibility.**

Important Notice!!!!

*** Late returns:** Please be mindful of the stated return times given by your bus driver. It is unfair for others to wait when you do not return on time and our driver cannot leave the bus to come looking for you. Repeated occurrences will result in restricted attendance and your sign up may be refused.

****No Shows:** Not calling to cancel your spot is unfair to others. Please call the Center as soon as possible if you don't plan to attend.

One on One Assistance

Members requiring "one on one" assistance MUST travel with a partner that is there to attend to those needs. "One on One" examples: walking from the bus to the destination, making decisions on your own, manual wheelchairs that require pushing, or anything requiring another person to help. Please make our staff aware of any potential limitations at the time of sign up.

FAQ's

Frequently Asked Questions

50 & Beyond
Lively Travellers
club

1. Is Your Membership Current?

If your membership is not current you will be put on our waitlist in order to give members an opportunity to sign up. If so, registration for non-members will open two weeks prior to that trip.

2. How do I sign up?

Sign ups and waitlists for all trips are done at the Community Center front desk. 50 & Beyond staff cannot accept payments unless they are working at the front desk. Checks are payable to YTRD. Online registration may be available as well.

3. Emergency Contacts

Do we have your Emergency Contact information? Please update this information at the front desk.

4. Trip Parking (please read this!)

When parking in the Community Center lot for ALL trips, please use the rows that are beyond the flag pole. That is row 3 and beyond. Please DO NOT park in the handicap spots or the spaces that are closest to the doors. This is a courtesy to those coming to the center for just a few hours.

5. Payments Due

Payments are due no later than one week prior to the trip. With the exception of extended travel and any overnight travel, those trips are due 1 month prior to the date unless otherwise noted.

ATTENTION:

- **Pay later may not be available for some trips.**
- Please do not register someone to hold a spot without first confirming they actually want to attend.
- **If you are on the list and have not paid one week prior to the trip you will be removed. Our numbers often determine whether or not a trip will run and other times we have several people on the waitlist that would like to attend.**
- If you are on the list we expect you to participate and make a timely payment.
- **Repeat offenders will have their accounts flagged and be required to make payment at the time of registration.**

Is your contact information up to date?

Travel

FireKeepers Casino Day Trip, Battle Creek, MI

With over 2,680 of the latest slot and video poker games; 78 table games including blackjack, craps and roulette; a live poker room and exclusive high limit areas, you'll see why FireKeepers is Battle Creek's gaming hotspot.

**Dates: Tuesday, November 18
Tuesday, December 16**

Bus Departs: 8:30am Bus Returns: 5:00pm
Cost: \$30 for each date

Eastern Market, Detroit

Saturday Market is a staple market day at Eastern Market. You'll find a vast assortment of local produce, flower and plant vendors, as well as packaged food items, and handcrafted items made by local entrepreneurs.

Dates: Saturday, Nov 15 8am Departure
Bus Returns: approximately 1:00pm
Cost: \$10

Shipshewana on the Road, Monroe

Looking for something fun to do? How about a day of shopping for the most unique trinkets and treasures under the sun? For the past two decades, Shipshewana On The Road Gift, Food and Craft Show has brought the most interesting, most innovative, most creative and just plain awesome products to their customers. You'll find thousands of unique items that you may not find anywhere else!

Date: Saturday, November 1
Bus Departs: 9:30am
Bus Returns: approx. 3:00pm
Cost: \$18

Thrift Ann Arbor

First stop is the Kiwanis Thrift Store, your destination for affordable second-hand goods that benefit local community programs. They offer a wide variety of quality items including women's clothing, antiques, collectibles, books, toys, and more.

After that we will head to the Share House, a real treasure hunters delight. This enormous warehouse is packed to the brim with donated vintage goodies, housewares, books, sports equipment and more. It takes patience to dig because there is so much here but you may end up finding something just right! For lunch we will stop at Sam Hill, a casual eatery providing scratch-made comfort food.

Date: Friday, November 7
Bus Departs: 9:00am
Bus Returns: approx. 3:00pm
Cost: \$18

Lunch Out:

Hungarian Rhapsody, Southgate

Treat yourself and your dear ones to an exclusive lunch get-together at The Hungarian Rhapsody INC. We're located in Southgate, MI and for over 50 years, we've found our guests coming back for more of our special family-recipe based dishes. You're sure to love our appetizers, Hungarian specialties such as chicken paprikas and stuffed cabbage, salads, pasta, and more.

Date: Thursday, November 6
Departs: 11:00am Returns: 3:00pm
Cost: \$10 for transportation only.
***Price of the meal is on your own.**

Blue Agave Mexican Grill, Taylor

This is the home of authentic Mexican flavors in Taylor, MI! They are passionate about bringing the rich traditions of Mexican cuisine to your table with fresh ingredients, bold flavors, and a modern twist. From sizzling fajitas and handmade tacos to their signature margaritas, every dish is crafted with love and authenticity.

Date: Thursday, December 18
Departs: 11:00am Returns: 3:00pm
Cost: \$10 for transportation only.
***Price of the meal is on your own.**

Travel

Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit

The Detroit Institute of Arts has one of the finest art collections in the U.S., with over 65,000 artworks dating from the earliest civilizations to the present. Join us for a guided tour of some of the most popular exhibits, grab lunch at the Café DIA or Kresge Court located right inside the DIA and then explore on your own before heading home.

Please note: Select galleries and other public spaces on the second floor of the museum will temporarily close to guests to accommodate long-planned gallery improvements.

Date: Thursday, November 13th

Bus Departs: 8:30am

Bus Returns: approx. 3:00pm

Cost: \$24

Tanger Outlet, Howell

Join us as we travel to Howell for a day packed full of shopping and fun! Hit up the Tanger Outlet Mall to shop at stores such as Bath & Body Works, Coach, Chico's, Kay's Jewelry, Nike, Michael Kors, Pandora, Skechers & more. Then it's off to lunch at Tomato Brother's for some of the best in Italian, Greek and American cuisine in a family-friendly atmosphere.

Thursday, November 20

Bus Leaves: 9:00am

Bus Returns: 4:00pm

Cost: \$15

Lunch and purchases on your own.

***Cornwell's Turkeyville, Marshall**

Sparkles the Elf dances like a snowflake and has the voice of a snow angel, and she is always the star of the annual Christmas Pageant at Santa's Workshop. But when a new and talented elf comes onto the scene and threatens to steal the spotlight, Sparkles is overwhelmed with feelings of jealousy that threaten to land her on... the Naughty List! Includes a full turkey feast with all the trimmings, dessert and a show!

Date: Wednesday, December 3

Departs: 10:00a **Returns:** approx. 5:00pm

Cost: \$80

***Pay later is unavailable for this trip.**

MI Bright Lights, Milford

We are off to Milford to enjoy the area's only fully synchronized drive-through holiday wonderland! Imagine thousands of dazzling lights twinkling and dancing in sync with holiday music broadcast right to our bus stereo. Before the show we will enjoy a tasty dinner at Bakers of Milford known for their wood fire grilled pizzas, delicious salads, beer battered cod, burgers and more!

Date: Wednesday, December 10

Bus Departs: 3:00pm

Bus Returns: approx. 9:00pm

Cost: \$20

Cost of meal is on your own.

***The Prolifics' Motown Christmas**

For more than thirty years The Prolifics have delighted audiences with their outstanding tribute to the Motown legends. The music, the moves and the audience interaction make for a memorable entertaining experience.

Their Motown Christmas Tribute combines all the Motown hits we've grown to love along with all the holiday classics that were performed by the Temptations, The Jackson 5, Four Tops and many more.

We will first stop for dinner at a to be determined location. Showtime is 7:30pm

Date: Friday, December 12

Bus Departs: 4:00pm

Bus Returns: approx. 10:00pm

Cost: \$26

Travel

Nite Lights @ MIS w/ Bianco

Jerry's Pub Brooklyn, MI (included lunch) -

Nestled on the south shore of Wampers Lake, the deck offers spectacular views of the lake. Buffet consisting of: Chicken Kabob (tender, marinated grilled chicken, grilled seasonal vegetables, hummus & pita bread); Lake Perch (lightly dusted and deep fried with tartar sauce and lemon wedge); and Half Slab of Roasted Baby Back Ribs.

Nite Lights at Michigan International

Speedway Brooklyn, MI - One of Michigan's largest Christmas light displays, this animated drive-through display is over three miles long! Millions of dancing lights will make up 65 different themes, a 250-foot lighted tunnel and a forest of mega trees. All while driving on the track and along pit row at Michigan International Speedway.

Wednesday, December 17

Departs 3:30pm Returns 8:00pm

Cost: \$91



The Purple Rose Theater w/ Bianco

Karl's Cabin (included lunch) - Classic home cooking you will have a choice of Chicken Piccata, Parmesan Encrusted Cod, or Maurice Salad.

The Purple Rose Theater - Founded in 1991 by acclaimed actor and Chelsea native Jeff Daniels, The Purple Rose Theater Company is a leading American Theater dedicated to producing the New American Play and creating opportunities for Mid-west theater professionals.

The Classic King - *A World Premier by Richard Johnson* - In paying tribute to timeless automobiles, The Classic King paints a comic and heartbreaking portrait of three veteran used-car salesmen at a Metro Detroit dealership, struggling to cope with a changing industry and modern customers. When a sharp Gen Z salesman joins the team, he proposes a daring scheme to save the dealership—and it's "dinosaur" salesmen from extinction.

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Departs 11:00am Returns 5:45pm



Tell us what you think!

We have been thinking about having 50 & Beyond long & short sleeve shirts available for purchase.

Please let Nichole or Donna know if this is something you would be interested in!

Extended Travel

Iceland w/ Grand American

July 18 - 25, 2026

Reykjavik, Iceland ~ Seydisfjordur, Iceland ~ Akureyri, Iceland ~ Isafjordur, Iceland ~ Reykjavik, Iceland (overnight onboard) ~ Reykjavik, Iceland

Experience Iceland's magnificent natural wonders. Tumbling waterfalls, otherworldly lava fields, vast glaciers, and plunging fjords are breathtaking sights just waiting to be explored. Discover Viking history at the National Museum of Iceland, or snap a photo in front of the Sun Voyager, a modern sculpture inspired by a Viking ship. In Akureyri, sports and alpine trails at Hlíðarfjall are huge draws for travelers. See the "Waterfall of the Gods," Godafoss, or take a relaxing mud bath at Lake Myvatn. You'll discover that there really is nowhere on Earth that compares.

Double occupancy cabins start at \$4687/person. An initial deposit of \$350 per person double occupancy or \$700 per person single occupancy is required to secure reservations and assign cabins. **Final payment is due by March 19, 2026.** These are the best rates around! Those who book early get the best prices, the best cabin locations, and their preferred dining times. Rates are per person double occupancy and include roundtrip airfare from Detroit, cruise, port charges, government fees, taxes and transfers to/from ship. AIR PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Air to depart U.S. one day prior to cruise departure.



Coming soon for 2027!
-Australia: Feb 16 - 27
-Argentina: Feb 26 - March 13
-Japan: Apr 20 - May 2

**Come on in &
grab a flyer for
more info!**

November

SENIOR NUTRITION MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
*A suggested \$3 donation is recommended but <u>not</u> required. 1% Milk served with each meal. Please sign up one week in advance. Lunch is available from 11am-12:30pm. <i>If you order a lunch and cannot make it PLEASE call 734-544-3800 and let us know.</i>				October 31 Halloween •Beef Kafta Rolls •Jasmine Rice •Butternut Squash •Tropical Fruit Salad •Apple
3 •Salisbury Steak •Rosemary Roasted Potatoes •Wheat Bread •Mixed Vegetables •Pineapple	4  CLOSED for Election Day	5 •Roasted Turkey •Mashed Potatoes •Wheat bread •Broccoli Cauliflower Carrot Blend •Tropical Fruit Salad	6 •Potato Crusted Pollack •Sweet Potato •Wheat bread •Peas and Carrots •Strawberry Applesauce	7 •Tikka Masala •Jasmine Rice •Wheat Bread •Green Beans •Apple
10 •Stir Fry Steak •Brown Rice •Wheat Bread •Oriental Vegetables •Mixed Fruit	11 ★ WE WILL BE ★ CLOSED — FOR — VETERANS DAY ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★	12 •Vegetable Lasagna •Wheat Bread •Baby Carrots •Mandarin Oranges	13 •Hamburger Stroganoff •Wheat bread •Peas and Pearl Onions •Peaches	14 •Quinoa Corn Cakes with Tofu Sauce •Wheat bread •Mixed Veggies •Tropical Fruit Blend
17 •Ginger and Garlic Beef •Brown Rice •Wheat Bread •Cooked Broccoli •Mandarin Oranges	18 •Maple Glazed Chicken •Redskin Potatoes •Wheat Bread •Cooked Cabbage •Peaches	19 •Braised Beef •Mac and Cheese •Wheat Bread •Green Beans •Tropical Fruit	20 •Curried Chicken Breast •Jasmine Rice •Wheat Bread •Peas •Diced Pears	21 •Chicken Enchilada •Brown Rice •Mixed Vegetables •Pineapple
24 •Meaty Ragu •Wheat Bread •Green Beans •Strawberry Applesauce	25 •Mediterranean Chicken •Rice •Bread •Vegetable Blend •Papaya/Mango	26 •Meatloaf •Mashed Potato •Wheat Bread •Mixed Vegetables •Mixed Fruit	27 28 Closed for Thanksgiving  HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY!	

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Ypsilanti, MI 48198

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Ypsilanti, MI
Permit No. 565

or current resident

Focus: HOPE

In partnership with federal & state agencies, Focus: HOPE provides food boxes to senior citizens 60 years old or older, residing in Washtenaw county.

*Distribution will be held in the **parking lot** on the first Thursday of each month from 11:00am - 11:30am*

The schedule for 2025 is as follows:

October 2nd

November 6th

December 4th

To apply to receive food
please call **313-494-4600**

or email: food@focushope.edu

To be eligible you must provide proof of age (60 years or older), provide the number of people in your household and reside in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb or Washtenaw County.

Medical Equipment Loan

We have various items available for use by our members free of charge. We cannot accept any equipment that needs parts or repairs. **All donations should be cleaned and disinfected prior to donating.** Thank you for your generosity!!

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Debbie Swanson, Clerk
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734-484-4700

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**The Ypsilanti Township
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