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Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Newsletter

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"WHERE FLOWERS BLOOM SO DOES HOPE." ~ LADY BIRD JOHNSON





COA *Information*

COA Office 13513 Division Ave., Charlevoix, MI 49720 231-237-0103 Toll Free: 866-428-5185 Fax: 231-237-0105 Office open M-F 7:30am-4:30pm

Beaver Island COA Office:



For more information:

Beaver Island Chamber (231) 448-2022 Main Street Beaver Island, MI 49782 beaverislandcommunitycenter. org

Boyne Area Chamber (231) 582-6222 115 S. Lake St., Suite A, Boyne City, MI 49712 boynechamber.com

Charlevoix Chamber (231) 547-2101 **109 Mason Street** Charlevoix, MI 49720 charlevoix.org

East Jordan Chamber (231) 536-7351 100 Main Street, Suite B East Jordan, MI 49727 ejchamber.org

APRIL 2023 NOTABLE DATES

- April Fool's Day 1
- 2 Peanut Butter & Jelly Day
- 3 Don't Go to Work Un less It's Fun Day
- Walk Around Things 4 Day
- 5 Deep Dish Pizza Day
- 6 Sorry Charlie Day
- 7 Good Friday
- 8 All Is Ours Day
- 9 Easter Sunday
- Siblings Day 10
- 11 Pet Day
- **Grilled** Cheese 12 Sandwich Day

Volunteering your time and energy helps strengthen your community, but it also has important emotional and physical benefits.

This month in honor of Volunteer Appreciation Month, I want you to reimagine aging through volunteering. More and ore benefi ts linked with volunteering are being realized, specifi cally when volunteering after retirement.

According to a study done by the Corporation for National and Community Service, Americans over the age of 60 that volunteered reported lower disability and higher levels of well-being compared to those who did not volunteer.

Here are just some reasons retired adults should volunteer: It's good for mental health. Volunteering keeps the brain active, which contributes to a person's cognitive health.

The National Institute on Aging reported that participating Whether you just retired or in activities that are meaning- are in your later years there ful and productive may lower is an opportunity out there the risk of dementia and other for you. health problems in seniors.

lation and depression. While nator, at 231-237-0103 or getting out of the house is clementsk@charlevoixcounimportant at any age, research ty.org if you are interested in found that volunteering can volunteering with us. have positive effects on a person's psychological health.

In a study done by the Corporation for National and Community Service, researchers found that individuals who engaged in volunteering activities experienced a shorter course of depression than those who did not volunteer. Volunteering provides the senior a sense of purpose and

accomplishment.

It promotes physical activity. Physical activity remains an important role in positive health outcomes through the oldest ages. Whether that activity is helping with a local sports team or walking around your neighborhood while volunteering as a companion, maintaining a healthy level of fitness helps fend off diseases as you age.

Volunteering at any of the Charlevoix County Senior Centers can be what you want it to be. However you decide to spend your time volunteering, it's important to look for opportunities that fit into your schedule.

Find an activity you're passionate about. It's never too late to get started.

Contact Kevin Clements, Helps prevent senior iso- the COA Volunteer Coordi-

Main Office Staff:

Amy Wieland, Executive Director Sheri Shepard, Assistant Director Theresa Graham, Office Manager Sally Nye, Database Coordinator Paul Tate, Food Service Manager Kevin Clements, Senior Program Facilitator

Health Care Services:

Tracey Rupinski, RN, Director of Health Care Services Robin Pugh, RN, CFCS Carla Middaugh, Personal Care Arlene Wilson, CNA Caroline Smith, CNA/ Homemaker Kim Crandell, Homemaker Rhonda Whiteford, Homemaker

COA Advisory Board

Wanda Carr - Chair; Ed May, Harry Wilson, Aleta Runey, Cathy Kessler,-Vice Chair, Sharon Misiak, Janet Kalbfell; **Board Liaison Josh** Chamberlain May - September Senior **Center Wednesday** Night Hours are 2p-7p

Many wonderful Volunteers in all aspects of our services!

Visit our Website: www.charlevoixcounty.org/ Commission_on_Aging or our Facebook page "Charlevoix County Commission on Aging"



Open M-F 8a-4p

Lonnie Allen, BI County Building & COA Site Coordinator 26466 Donegal Bay Road Beaver Island, MI 49782 231-448-2124

Boyne Area Senior Center:

Open M-F 9a-2p Anita Percy, Site Coordinator Gretchen, Greg, Nate Food Service & HD Meals 411 E. Division, PO Box 964 Boyne City, MI 49712 231-582-6682

Charlevoix Senior Center:

Open M-F 8a-4p Vikki Pearsall, Northside Building and COA Site

Coordinator, Zack & Mary Food Service & HD Meals 13513 Division Street Charlevoix, MI 49720 231-547-3844

East Jordan Senior Center:

Open M-F 9a-2p Brenda Skop, Site

Coordinator Kelly, Star, Cliff Food Service & HD Meals 951 Mill Street, East Jordan, MI 49727 231-536-7831

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Serving Seniors in Charlesoix County

on Aging

13 Scrabble Day

- 14 Gardening Day
- 15 Take A Wild Guess Day
- 16 Go Fly A Kite Day
- 17 Blah! Blah! Blah! Day
- Animal Crackers Day 18
- 19 Hanging Out Day
- 20 Look Alike Day
- 21 Chocolate Covered Cashews Day
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 Take A Chance Day
- 24 Pigs in a Blanket Day
- 25 Mani-Pedi Day
- 26 Pretzel Day
- 27 Tell A Story Day
- 28 Blueberry Pie Day
- 29 Zipper Day
- 30 Honesty Day

For more detailed information on things going on at our Senior Centers: Please call and speak with

the Site **Coordinator directly or call** the COA Office.

Boyne Area Activity Calendar

Boyne Area Senior Center Location Activities for April 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Veteran Coffee/Donuts Social 9:30a Ice Cream Social Celebration 2st Friday	Boyne Area Center 411 East Division St, Boyne City Site Coordinator: Anita	Large Print Books, Puzzles & Card Games. Cornhole, Wii and other games on request. Exercise Room open all day everyday.		Connect with Amy Wieland the COA Director on April 11, 2023 from 11a—2p.
3. 9:30a Coffee Klatch, 9:30a Cardio Drumming, 12:30 BINGO, 1p Cards/ Table Games	4. 9:30a Coffee Klatch, 10a BASC Building Board Meeting, 12:30 BINGO, 1p Cards/Table Games Foot Clinic	5. 9:30a Coffee Klatch, 9:30a Cardio Drumming, 12:30p Bingocize, 12:30p Card/Table Games	6. 9:30a Coffee Klatch, 11:30a Blood Pressure Check, 12:30p Knit/ Crochet/Crafts, 12:30p Card/Table Games	7. Good Friday All COA Offices and Senior Centers are CLOSED ALL DAY.
10. 9:30a Coffee Klatch, 9:30a Cardio Drumming, 12:30 BINGO, 1p Cards/ Table Games	11. 9:30a Coffee Klatch, 1p BASC Advisory Committee Meeting, 11a-2p Connect with COA Director, 12:30 BINGO, 1p Cards/Table Games	12. 9:30a Coffee Klatch, 9:30a Cardio Drumming, 12:30p Bingocize, 12:30p Card/Table Games	13. 9:30a Coffee Klatch, 12:30p Knit/Crochet/ Crafts, 12:30p Card/Table Games Foot Clinic	14. Ice Cream Social Celebration Day 9:30a Coffee Klatch, 9:30a Cardio Drumming, 11:30a Music by Vintage, 1p Card/ Table Games
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24. 9:30a Coffee Klatch, 9:30a Cardio Drumming, 12:30 BINGO, 1p Cards/ Table Games Boyne Arts Center Field Trip	25. 9:30a Veterans Social, 9:30a Coffee Klatch, 12:30 BINGO, 1p Cards/Table Games Foot Clinic	26. 9:30a Coffee Klatch, 9:30a Cardio Drumming, 12:30p Bingocize, 12:30p Card/Table Games	27. :30a Coffee Klatch, 11:30a Blood Pressure Check, 12:30p Knit/ Crochet/Crafts, 12:30p Card/Table Games	28. 9:30a Coffee Klatch, 9:30a Cardio Drumming, 11:30a Music by Vintage, 1p Card/Table Games

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Veteran Coffee/Donuts Social 9:30a Ice Cream Social Celebration 1st Friday	East Jordan Center 951 Mill St., East Jordan 231-536-7831 Site Coordinator: Brenda ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	Open Pool Table all day everyday & Many Wii Games.	Open Gym Walking 9a-1p. Exercise Room open all day everyday. Smart TV Activities and Education available	Connect with Amy Wieland the COA Director on April 20, 2023 from 11a—2p.
3. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10:45a Exercise/Lisa, 12p Mexican Poker, 12:30p Pool Table	4. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 10a Knit & Crochet, 11a Cardio Drumming, 12:30p Euchre	5. 9:30a Coffee Hour, 12:30p Card Bingo	6. 9a Hair Cuts w/Susan, 9:30a Coffee Hour, 12:30p Texas Hold-em or Cards, 12:30p Bingocize	7. Good Friday All COA Offices and Senior Centers are CLOSED ALL DAY.
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ALL Charlevoix County Senior Center Menus

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Veteran Coffee/Donuts Social 9:30a 1:30p Tech Tuesdays @ Chx Library by appt.	Charlevoix Center 13513 Division Ave, Charlevoix Site Coordinator: Vikki	Cornhole, Wii and other games on request. Smart TV Activities and Education available ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	Ice Cream Social Celebration 3st Friday Silver Screen Movie Club is at the Charlevoix Cinema	Connect with Amy Wieland the COA Director on April 26 2023 from 11a-2p.
3. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 12:15p BINGO, 1p Cardio Drumming, 1p Card/Table Games/Puzzles, 3:30p Beginners Pickleball	4. 9:30a Veterans Social, 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers,1p Card/Table Games/Puzzles, 1p Movies in COA Room, 1:30p Advanced Pickleball, 4p Yoga	5. 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 9a, Yoga, 10:15a Chair Yoga, 10:30p Bingocize, 1p Card/Table Games/Puzzles, 2:30p Beginners Pickleball	6. 8a Breakfast, 9a Coffee Talk, Walkers, 1p Card/Table Games/Puzzles, 1:30p Advanced Pickleball, 2p Silver Screen Movie Club Foot Clinic	7. Good Friday All COA Offices and Senior Centers are CLOSED ALL DAY.
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April Travel Club with Sally

APRIL IS THE MONTH FOR OUR RESALE SHOPPING TRIPS!

We are headed to Petoskey to see som of their resale stores and will stop for lunch at a fast food restaurant. This trip will involve quote a bit of walking and getting in and out of the van.

We will leave each Senior Center at 9:30am and return approximately between 2:30p-3:00pm. Cost is \$2.00 for the trip plus money for lunch and shopping.

> East Jordan's Trip is Tuesday, April 4, 2023 Charlevoix's Trip is Wednesday, April 12, 2023 Boyne's Trip is Wednesday, April 18, 2023

Please sign up at your center for your trip. We love to do these trips with all of you and know that they are important connections for socializing with friends!



A generous anonymous donation at our Boyne Area Senior Center in an effort to create a positive and happy experience for one of our lucky participants! Anita had an Easter Egg Decorating Contest and our lucky winner recieved this very sweet Easter **Basket!**

Thank you!~

Charlevoix Area Caregiver Support Group - Free & Open to ALL Caregivers

Presented by the Alzheimer's Association of Michigan and Facilitated by trained staff of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging.

Build a support system with people who understand.

Develop a support system.

Exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions.

Talk through issues and ways of coping.

Share feelings, needs and concerns.

Learn about community resources.

Meeting in person at the Boyne Senior Center - Conference Room, The Second Thursday of the month from 1pm - 2:30p

Beaver Island Activities and Update Contact Lonnie at the BI COA for more information at (231) 448-2124 or Email to

allenl@charlevoixcounty.org

Beaver Island Wellness Check Program The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department are collaborating their efforts on Beaver Island with respect to the safety and wellness of our Seniors on Beaver Island. The COA has created a program with the Sheriff's Department that will provide free, periodic wellness checks for aging residents of Beaver Island, aged sixty (60) and older due to the limited resources on the island.

Voucher Meal Program Available at The Beaver Island School, The Shamrock and The Bodega.

Please call Lonnie or the COA Office on the Mainland for all the Other Beaver Island Fun Activities planned like the Tai-Chi, Strength Training, BINGO, Crafts and More!

Reminder: The BI Meal Voucher Program is for Charlevoix County Tax Paying Seniors, 60 years old and older only. Voucher can be purchased individally or up to 10 a month. There is NO reimbursement for any unused vouchers.

