

# THE CENTER NEWS

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Colerain Township Senior and Community Center

A Nationally Accredited Senior Center

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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER:

November is one of those months that speaks to many people . . . Election Day (don't forget to vote!), Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving all give reason to reflect. AND the holidays are fast approaching!

Speaking of voting, Ohio law protects your right to vote. This year, even more protection is available. Every person casting a ballot must verify his or her identification. At the polls, when you verify your address, many forms of ID will be accepted: bank statements, utility bills, paycheck stubs, and any government-issued document showing your current address. You may also use your Ohio driver's license or Ohio photo ID - even if it shows a previous address. The point to remember is when you vote, take ID. For more information, go to [www.TakeIDOhio.org](http://www.TakeIDOhio.org).

As we commemorate Veteran's Day, take time to visit [www.lco.gov/vets](http://www.lco.gov/vets) to view the Veteran's History Project. The Veteran's History Project is preserving the legacy of our Nation's war veterans as well as support personnel. The project started in 2000 and its focus is on audio and video recordings of personal wartime experiences. The project also welcomes written memoirs, diaries, as well as collections of letters, and photographs that tell the veteran's or civilian's story. Maps, home movies, drawings and other documents are welcome. The goals of this program are to collect and preserve stories of service, honor those who served, and make it possible to learn about the past through first hand accounts of women and men who lived through extraordinary times. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please contact your local library or access information through the web address. Cheers to ALL our Vets!

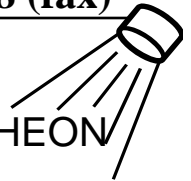
As you gather with friends and family this year, take time to count your blessings. We live in a great country!

Thanksgiving wishes,  
Kay



## Spotlight On:

### THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON



Calling all you turkeys! Join us for a Thanksgiving feast with all of the traditional fixings including Marlene's homemade pumpkin pie on Monday, November 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Mike Laine, with Humana will visit with us and provide an update on the new Medicare D program at 10:30 a.m. Don't miss the valuable information - this may be your last opportunity to have a representative discuss details of the plan.

Sign up at the reception desk or call before Friday, November 17, to reserve your lunch. Bingo will follow lunch. Don't forget to bring in your canned goods for the Christmas baskets for less fortunate families. You'll receive a free bingo card with each canned good item, limit two free cards.

Bring a friend and join in on the fun. See you here!

## Upcoming Events for November:

Date	Event
1	Humana RV visits today – 9:00 a.m.
3	Breakfast with the Arts – 9:30 a.m.
4	9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Boutique – 10:00 – 4:00
7	Center Closed – Election Day
8	CAN Support Group – 1:30 p.m.
8	STAY Volunteers – 10:30 a.m.
10	Center Closed – Veterans' Day
13	Flu Shots (by reservation only) 12:30 – 3:30
14	Breakfast with the Arts – 9:30 a.m.
15	All Day Bingo – 10:30 a.m.
20	Participants' Council Thanksgiving Luncheon – 12:00
23	Center Closed – Thanksgiving Day
24	Center Closed
27	Children's Cut-Outs – 10:30 a.m.

Keith Corman, President

David L. Foglesong, Administrator

Colerain Township Board of Trustees:

Bernard A. Fiedeldey, Jr., Vice President

Heather Harlow, Township Fiscal Officer

Jeff Ritter

Frank Birkenhauer, Asst. Administrator

# Marlene's Chatter:



Hi! Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Every year I have a lot of things to be thankful for, especially the privilege of being here on earth. This time of the year is very emotional - in a good way - for all of us. To have family and friends is one of the things I am very grateful for. I hope to spread that feeling around.

We are working on the Holiday baskets for the less fortunate, so I hope all of you will help me again this year. It is very gratifying to sit down with my family and share our Thanksgiving meal knowing we helped a few families with their Thanksgiving. Thank you in advance for your support.

With blessings to you,  
Until next month, take care.  
Love,  
Marlene



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## Special Program Notes:

Hi everyone! Happy Thanksgiving! I can't believe its that time of the year already.

Here's updated information about the next Medicare Prescription Drug Program open enrollment period. It starts November 15 and goes to December 31. At this time, beneficiaries may enroll in a Part D plan or switch to a different Part D or Medicare Advantage Plan if they are already enrolled. New or changed coverage will begin January 1.

Monthly Part D premiums range from \$14 to \$68 and many plan choices are available. Some beneficiaries are already experiencing a 50% savings on the cost of their prescription drugs. In addition, more than 80% of enrollees are satisfied with their Medicare Drug Plan, according to a recent survey.

Beneficiaries who do not qualify for financial assistance, who do not have creditable coverage (coverage at least as good as the standard Part D plan) and who did not enroll during the initial enrollment period or when they turned 65 should enroll during the annual coordinated election period to avoid an additional late enrollment penalty.

The Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) at the Ohio Department of Insurance provides Medicare updates and Part D enrollment assistance for beneficiaries to help them choose a plan that best fits their budget and prescription drug need. On November 1, the Humana Health Care RV will be here and they will be able to help you decide on a plan that fits your needs. On November 20, at our Thanksgiving Luncheon, a "Medicare Changes Seminar" will be presented at 10:30 a.m. Be sure to sign up. You can also call 1-800-686-1578 with questions and to learn about upcoming Outreach Events.

Have a happy and safe holiday!  
Kandy



# Participants' Council News & Notes:

Chairperson  
Bob Hollstegge

Recorder  
Betty Meyer

Roster Chairpersons/Newsletter  
Bobbie McIntyre

Newsletter Co-Chairperson  
Ginny Wood

- Reminder: The Center will be closed 4 dates during the month of November. They are:
  - Tuesday, November 7 - Election Day
  - Friday, November 10 - Veterans' Day
  - Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day
  - Friday, November 24 - Day after Thanksgiving
- NOTICE!! All Day Bingo has been moved to Wednesday, November 15 for this month only!! Don't forget to sign up for lunch the day before, prior to Noon.

- NOTICE!! Chair Volleyball practices have been canceled for the month of November and December. Congratulations on an awesome season -- Undefeated!! See you next year!
- The Humana RV is coming! Get all of your Medicare questions answered on Wednesday, November 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visit the RV in our parking lot and receive a Free Heel Scan (no appointment necessary) or view a presentation inside between the hours of 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- The STAY program meets on Wednesday, October 11. Needed at this time are assorted light colored baby yam and quilted, knitted or crocheted baby blankets. Services To Area Youth (STAY) is a non-profit organization that participates in the Every Child Succeeds Initiative, which helps new mothers become better parents.
- NOTICE, NOTICE!! FLU SHOT NEW DATE AND PRICE!! Monday, November 13 is the new date. If you were signed up for the previous date of October 24, your name has been automatically added to this date. Please call if you need to cancel. If you have Medicare Part B there will be no charge. If you have Medicare Part B and you also have Medicare Complete or Anthem Senior Advantage the charge is \$26.00 (A NEW FEE - you will be given a receipt that you can submit to Medicare to get your money reimbursed to you). Sign up is required. You can call the Center at 741-8802 or stop by the reception desk.
- "Breakfast with the Arts - CAM Style" Start your day with the arts! Discover the Cincinnati Art Museum's permanent collection through interactive lectures, discussions, and hands-on workshops led by local artists. All programs are free and take place from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Featured for the November sessions is the Art of Fashion on Friday, November 3 and Abstract Arts on Tuesday, November 14. Breakfast items for the November sessions will be provided by Northgate Kroger and coffee provided by Wallingford Coffee Company. Remember to call Amy Danford at 513-639-2342 or make your reservation to participate at the reception desk.
- A reminder that the Stampin' with Nina class on Monday, November 20, will not meet this month or in December. Have a wonderful holiday season! Keep stampin' into the New Year!
- Matinee Movie notice: Due to the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, we will not be showing any movies during the months of November and December. Matinee Movie will return in January!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Annual Holiday Evening Concert on Friday, December 1. Why travel far for fantastic holiday entertainment when you can enjoy the wondrous sounds of the season with us? The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. and concert at 7:00 p.m. Don't forget to stay following the concert to see if you've won a door prize, donated by generous area businesses. Watch the December Newsletter for more details! Bring the whole family!!!

## Senior Life Jouneys\* A Cultural Exchange Collaboration

- Explore today's issues of Cultural Diversity with this exciting program that is entering its second year! Join the Colerain Township Senior & Community Center and the Over-the-Rhine Senior Center in promoting cultural exchange and understanding through a series of activities and events. You'll share your experiences twice monthly for a 12 month period. A few of the topics include: Celebration of Fall - Cooking for family and friends, Breakfast with the Arts - African-American Dance Troupe, "Letter to My Descendents" – A journaling workshop, sharing traditions and tolerance. For more information and to participate, contact us at 741-8802.

The Colerain Township Senior and Community Center is supported by Colerain Township, contributions, program fees, and grants. It receives funding from the Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio, PSA I. The Colerain Township Senior and Community Center offers services and activities to persons over 55 years of age.

Mandatory program fees (as passed by March 9, 1993 resolution by the Board of Trustees, Colerain Township) are \$5.00 for Colerain Township residents and \$10.00 for others. You may renew your membership in person at the Center, or mail a check made payable to Colerain Township. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope to return your card to you.

Your yearly fees help to offset program costs. Fees are payable annually in January of each new year. Your fees must be paid in order to receive your monthly newsletter, participate in activities, events, and trips.

Please inform the Center of any name or address changes. The Post Office will not forward your newsletter.

### **Senior Center Program**

The purpose of the Colerain Township Senior and Community Center is to serve the Senior adults of Colerain Township and surrounding communities. The Colerain Township Senior and Community Center will further serve as a focal point of the community as it provides the link between needs and necessary services and delivery of those services.

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### **Senior Center's Mission Statement**

The mission of the Colerain Township Senior and Community Center is to provide quality programs, services, and volunteer opportunities in a caring and supportive atmosphere for individuals 55 and over.

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### **Council on Aging Meals Program**

The Colerain Township Senior and Community Center offers a daily noon meal from the Council on Aging. This complete, nutritious and delicious meal is available for a \$1.50 donation for those 60 and over. Please call your meal reservation in by 12:00 noon the day before. Join us soon for good food and good company!!

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#### **Center Staff:**

**Kay Klosterman, Director**

**Marlene Smith-Hall, Activities Director**

**Andrea Wade, Secretary**

**Kandy Marshall, Special Programs Coordinator**

**Ray Richburg, Transportation Driver**

**Special Events Attendants:**

**James Blackmon, Ron Haggard, Pat Koester,**

**Bud Rader**

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