

Happy Black History Month from West Philadelphia Senior Community Center

Celebrating Black History Month offers a meaningful opportunity to honor the past, reflect on the present, and inspire future generations—especially for senior citizens who have lived through many chapters of this history. For older adults, Black History Month is not just about learning names from textbooks; it is about remembering lived experiences, personal stories, and the resilience that shaped families and communities.

Many senior citizens witnessed the Civil Rights Movement firsthand. They remember segregated schools, restricted opportunities, and the courage it took to demand equality. Celebrating Black History Month allows time to acknowledge that strength and perseverance. It is a chance to honor trailblazers such as Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Thurgood Marshall, and countless unsung heroes whose everyday actions created lasting change. It is equally important to recognize the role that ordinary people—parents, teachers, church leaders, and neighbors—played in advancing justice and dignity.

Black History Month also celebrates cultural contributions that have enriched American life. Music, literature, art, faith, and food are powerful expressions of heritage. Seniors may recall the songs that carried hope during difficult times, the churches that served as community anchors, and traditions passed down through generations. Sharing these memories keeps history alive and strengthens bonds between elders and younger generations.

For senior citizens, this month is also a time of pride and reflection. It affirms that their struggles mattered and that their perseverance helped open doors for those who came after them. Celebrations, discussions, storytelling, and community events provide opportunities to connect, reminisce, and feel valued. Listening to seniors' stories ensures that history is preserved not just in books, but in voices and hearts.

HIGHLIGHTS



THURSDAY, APRIL 14th, 2026 **6**



THURSDAY, JUNE 11th, 2026 **6**



SATURDAY, JUNE 14th, 2026 **6**

West Philadelphia
Senior Community Center
1016 N. 41st St., Philadelphia, PA
19104
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westphilaseniorcenter.org

Advisory Council

Bertha Martin-Nagbe, *President*
Elizabeth Williams, *Vice President*
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Qussie Murphy, *Secretary*

The Advisory Council meets monthly with the Center Director to discuss and recommend programs to benefit the Center.

Staff Directory

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Dial the extension or dial "0" for a staff member.

Advance Meal Reservation

Eligible persons who wish to participate in the Congregate Meal Program at the Center must use the Advance Meal Reservation which is available on the touch screen. Meals must be reserved one (1) week in advance, usually by Tuesday 10:00 am. Members who have NOT reserved a meal in advance (at least one week ahead) may leave their names on the Meal Waiting List for that day. This list is compiled on a first come, first served basis. If by 11:40 am meals ARE available, the Meal Waiting List will be utilized. The kitchen needs to have a final lunch count no later than 11:15 am. You must be present to register for the Meal Waiting List. Whether registered or on the waiting list, you must be counted before 11:15 am. Please remember that when you opt for Meal Waiting, there is no guarantee that there will be lunch available. **Thank You!**

We continue to offer the following programs & services:

Grab & Go Meals by registration only with Patrice Rhodes, Health & Wellness Coordinator: 215-290-6192

CCT Transportation: 215-290-6192

Areatha Dorsey, Center Counselor for Resources & help with various services: 215-290-6192

For the general mailbox:
215-290-6192



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FRIDAY APRIL 17

DOORS OPEN 1-4 PM • 18+ EVENT • ADMISSION \$50

Admission ticket includes \$200 in chips.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES!

Monday

AM Activities

9:30am - 10:30am Enhanced Fitness, Atrium
10:00am - 11:30am Book Club, Music Dance
10:00am - 11:30am Table Games, Atrium
10:30am - 11:00am Devotion, Center Stage
10:30am - 11:30am New Members Orientation
11:00am - 11:30am Current Events, Center Stage

PM Activities

12:00pm - 2:00pm Quilting, Art Studio
12:00pm - 3:00pm Table Games, Atrium
1:00pm - 3:00pm Line Dancing, Dining Room

Tuesday

AM Activities

10:30am - 11:30am Open Fitness
9:00am - 11:30am Table Games, Atrium
9:00am - 11:30am Pinochle, Game Room
9:30am - 11:30am Cricut Craft Class Art Studio
10:00am - 11:30am Hands in Clay, Pottery Room
10:00am - 11:30am Blood Pressure Screening, Nurses Station
10:00am - 11:00am Nutrition Education, Center Stage
10:15am - 11:30am Bingo, Atrium
10:30am - 11:30am Creative Movement, Music Dance

PM Activities

12:00pm - 1:00pm Open Fitness Center
12:30pm - 2:00pm Cricut Craft Class, Art Studio
1:00pm - 3:00pm Social Dance, Music Dance

Wednesday

AM Activities

9:00am - 12:00pm Table Games, Atrium
10:00am - 11:00am Nutrition Education, Center Stage Music Dance
10:00am - 11:30am Sewing Class, Art Studio
10:30am - 11:30am Color Your Mind, Music Dance

Wednesday (cont.)

PM Activities

12:00pm - 3:00pm Table Games, Atrium
1:00pm - 2:00pm Enhanced Fitness, Atrium
12:30pm - 2:00pm Sewing Class, Art Studio

Thursday

AM Activities

9:00am - 11:30am Table Games, Atrium
10:00am - 11:30am Crochet Class, Art Studio
10:00am - 11:30am Quilting Class, Classroom 1
10:30am - 11:30am Open Fitness Center
10:30am - 11:30am Health and Wellness, Center Stage

PM Activities

12:00pm - 1:00pm Open Fitness Center
12:30pm - 1:30pm Trivia, Atrium
12:45pm - 1:45pm Cardio Exercise, Atrium
1:00pm - 3:00pm Line Dancing, Dining Room
1:00pm - 3:00pm Table Games, Atrium

Friday

AM Activities

10:00am - 11:00am Chair Yoga, Center Stage
9:00am - 11:30am Table Games, Atrium
10:00am - 11:30am Spanish Class, Music Dance
10:30am - 11:30am Trivia, Atrium

PM Activities

12:30pm - 1:30pm Silver Sneakers, Atrium
12:30pm - 2:00pm Bingo, Dining Room
1:00pm - 3:00pm Table Games, Atrium
1:00pm - 3:00pm Pinochle, Game Room

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2026

Tues. Feb. 3rd – Will & Estate Planning at 12:30pm

Thurs. Feb. 5th – Dementia Workshop with University of Penn. at 10:30am

Fri. Feb. 6th – Wear Red Day in Support of Heart Health
Manicure Day at 10:00am
Black History Trivia at 11:00am

Thurs. Feb. 9th – Movie Time at 12:00pm
Movie: RESPECT

Tues. Feb. 10th – Creative Movement at 10:30am

Thurs. Feb. 12th – Dementia Workshop with U of Penn. at 10:30am

Fri. Feb. 13th – Black History Trivia at 11:00am

Mon. Feb. 16th – Movie Time at WPSCC
Movie: THE FORGE

Thurs. Feb. 19th – Dementia Workshop with University of Penn. at 10:30am

Fri. Feb. 20th – African Garb Day
Soul Food Meal at 11:30am
February Birthday at 12:30pm

Mon. Feb. 23rd – New members Orientation
School Of The Future presents 100 years of Black History at 10:30am

Tues. Feb. 24th – Creative Movement at 10:30am
The Philadelphia Postal Choir is back!
Performance at 12:30pm

Fri. Feb. 27th – WPSCC Choir presents The History of Black Gospel at 10:00am

Mark
your
Calendar





You are Cordially Invited to
Cheers to 19 Years!

Celebrating the Retirement of

Julia Diggs

Friday, March 6, 2026





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ZUMBA CLASS

HEART HEALTHY TALK

HEALTHY EATING

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FEBRUARY 7, 2026 • 12 PM

WEST PHILADELPHIA SENIOR CENTER
1016 N. 41ST ST. PHILADELPHIA

REGISTER

[RTHETAOMEGA.COM/EVENTS](https://rthetaomega.com/events)

Shariah Dixon-Turner, President
Rose Richardson, First Vice President
Stephanie Fletcher, Chairman



Murder Mystery Dinner Trip

Tuesday, April 14th, 2026 • Departs 12:30pm

\$150 Booster \$145 Member \$155 Non-Member

Nonrefundable Deposit to reserve your seat: \$50.00

Nonrefundable deposit is due immediately

Final Balance due (cash-only): November. 15, 2025



Joshua: Live in Concert at Sign & Sound Theatre

Thursday, June 11th, 2026

\$215 Booster \$220 Member \$230 Non-Member

Includes: transportation, show ticket, & meal provided

Nonrefundable Deposit to reserve your seat: \$50.00

Final Balance due (cash-only): Apr. 03, 2026



August Wilson's: Joe Turner's Come and Gone

Sunday, June 14th, 2026

Includes: transportation, meal, and show ticket

More information to follow soon!

TRIP POLICY

First Deposit is due at time of sign-up unless otherwise noted. Please bring the exact amount due. You may place your name on the waiting list if the trip is sold out.

Participants who depend on Shared Ride: All participants who are picked up by the ride van and want to go on any trip announced in the newsletter may call the Registration Desk on trip sign-up day to reserve a spot. The trip must then be paid in full the next time you are at the Center. Participants will be responsible for providing their own transportation for trip/activity rides, and getting to the Center on time.

Mail-in registration for trips is accepted with payment and will be processed after the Registration Desk closes on trip sign-up day. If a trip is sold out, the check will be returned.

Cancellation by the passenger: For mini/charter trips, there are no refunds unless a replacement is found. For overnight trips, it is highly recommended that travel insurance is purchased. Each participant is responsible for purchasing insurance on their own. No refund will be given for trips missed due to members failing to meet departure times. In the event of a cancellation, in addition to the cancellation policy used by the tour company, a 20% administrative fee will be assessed by WPSCC. All cancellations must be made in writing to Activity Aide Trips, West Philadelphia Senior Community Center, 1016 N. 41st St., Philadelphia, PA 19104-1292.

Cancellation by the Center: The Center may cancel a trip if the required sign-up number needed is not met. If a trip is canceled by the Center, A full refund will be granted.

The West Philadelphia Senior Community Center is not responsible, in whole or in part, to trip participants for loss, damage, or injury however caused during or in connection with any trip. We highly recommend that you purchase trip insurance.

Travelers cannot ask the bus driver and/or escort to make any unscheduled stops. Transportation on all trips is round-trip to and from the Center only.



Senior SHARE food boxes will be in on the first Wednesday of every month.

LIHEAP applications are available for submission. **Emergency Fund is available to those who qualify.**

Please call Areatha Dorsey at 215-386-0379 ext. 7305 to see if you are eligible.

NEW MEMBERS as of FEBRUARY 2026

*Sheila V. Alexander
Valerie Brewington
Joanne Brogden
Wilburn's Brogden
Rolland Butler*

*Wanda Campbell
Milo Dabney
Nyla Dabney
Mary Jane Denmark
Toni Johnson
William Lawrence
Jacqueline Love
Sharon Martin
Carnella McCleary
Linda Moses
Gail Perkins
Betty Richardson
Sharon Wilson*

New Members Orientation will be held February, 23rd, 11:00 am (Music Dance Room)

**OPEN
FITNESS
CENTER**

Monday - Friday

9:00am-3:00pm

**Health &
Wellness**

with Patrice

10:30am on Thursdays

(Center Stage)

**Beginner
CHAIR YOGA**

**10:00am-11:00am
*on Fridays***

(Center Stage)

Suggested donation: \$2

**Blood
Pressure
Screenings**

***Tuesdays from
10:00-12:00pm
with Nurse Wanda***

Wills & Estate Planning

***Tuesday
Feb. 3, 2026
at 12:30pm***



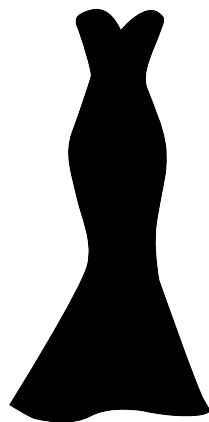
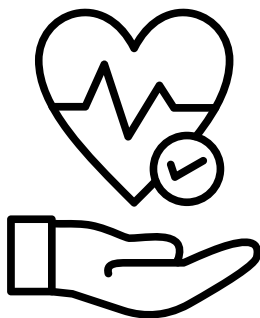
Dementia Workshop with University of Pennsylvania

***Thursday
Feb. 5, Feb. 12,
and Feb. 19, 2026
at 10am***



Wear Red Day to Support Heart Health

***Friday
Feb. 6, 2026***



Manicure Day

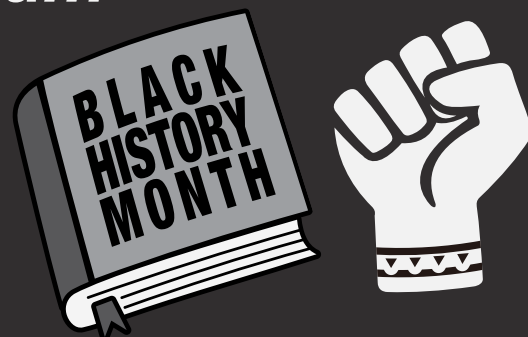
***Friday
Feb. 6, 2026
at 10am***



African Garb Day **Friday** **Feb. 20, 2025**



School Of The Future Presents 100 Years of Black History **Monday** **Feb. 23, 2025** **at 10am**



Philadelphia Postal Choir **Tuesday** **Feb. 24, 2026**




WPSCC Choir Presents The History of Black Gospel **Friday** **Feb. 27, 2025** **at 10am**



HAVE LUNCH WITH US!

PCA HOT - FEBRUARY 2025

WK #	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK #3	2	3	4	5	6
	H484	H485	H486	H487	H488
	STUFFED SHELLS W/ CREAMY WHITE WINE & MUSHROOM SAUCE (1/2 cup PS ricotta cheese, 3oz PS Mozzarella, 0.5 oz mushrooms, 1oz sauce, 1/2 c pasta) 1/2 cup green beans 1 cup tossed salad (1 cup romaine, 2 cherry tomatoes, cucumber slice) w/ IT Italian dressing Fresh Orange	SLICED TURKEY W/ STUFFING & GRAVY (3oz EP turkey, 2oz gravy, 1/4 c stuffing) 1/2 cup Corn 1/2 c Brussels sprouts 1oz WW bread, pc marg Sweet Muffin	PASTA & MEATBALLS (3oz EP beef meatballs - 1, 2oz tomato sauce) 1/2 c penne w/ sauce 1/2 c broccoli, cauliflower, carrots 1 sl WW bread, pc margarine 1/2 cup peaches	CREAMY PAPRIKA CHICKEN (3oz chicken, 1oz creamy tomato sauce) 1/2 cup cauliflower 1/2 cup Brown rice with peas 2oz WW roll, pc marg 1/2 cup pears	STUFFED BAKED FISH (3oz EP tilapia, 1/2 herb stuffing, 2oz lemon butter sauce) 1/2 c garlic spinach & carrots 1/2 cup Herbed Roasted Potatoes 1oz WW bread, pc marg 1/2 c mandarin oranges
WEEK #4	9	10	11	12	13
	H489	H490	H491	H492	SPPCA-VAL-HOT
	SALISBURY STEAK W/ TOMATO-BEEF GRAVY (3oz EP salisbury steak, 1oz diced tomatoes, 1oz tomato-beef gravy) 1/2 cup carrots 1/2 cup whipped potatoes 1 sl WW bread, pc marg Chocolate chip cookie	BQ PORK RABBITTE (3oz EP Pork, 1 oz sauce) 1/2 cup Mashed Sweet potato 1/2 cup Island Blend (broccoli, carrot, peppers, green bean) 2oz WW roll, pc marg 1/2 cup pineapples	CHICKEN CORDON ROUGE (3oz EP chicken, 0.5oz turkey ham, 0.5oz Swiss cheese, 1oz chicken gravy) 1/2 cup Brussels sprouts 1/2 cup rosemary red bliss potatoes 1oz WW bread, pc marg Fresh Apple	EGG & TURKEY SAUSAGE (3 oz egg patty, 0.5oz mozzarella, 1 oz EP turkey sausage patty) 1/2 cup home fries 1/2 c scalloped apples Mini bagel 1/2 margarine 1/2 cup mandarin oranges	MEATBALLS W/ MARINARA SAUCE SPAGHETTI SLICED CARROTS TOSSED SALAD PC ITALIAN DRESSING DINNER ROLL CHEESECAKE FRUIT TOPPING APPLE JUICE
WEEK #1	16	17	18	19	20
	H474	H475	H476	H477	H478
	CHEESE BURGER (3oz EP ground beef, 0.5oz American cheese) 1/2 c broccoli florets & carrots 1/2 c potato wedges 2oz WW hamburger roll 1/2 cup pudding	CREAMY HERB CHICKEN & BROCCOLI (3oz EP chicken, 2 oz light herb cream sauce, 1/2 c broccoli) 1/2 cup Romaine 1 cup tossed salad (1 cup romaine, 2 cherry tomatoes, cucumber slice) w/ IT Italian dressing 1 sl WW bread, pc marg Fresh Orange	CHEESE OMELET & FRENCH TOAST (1 oz /1 stick, 3oz EP egg, 0.5oz mozzarella cheese) 1/2 c cinnamon sweet carrots 1/2 c apple, pear, nashi compote 1 oz WW bread, pc marg 1/2 cup mandarin oranges	CHICKEN CACCIAFORS (3oz EP chicken breast, 1oz tomato sauce, 1oz bell peppers & onions) 1/2 c sauteed spinach w/ carrots 1/2 c Mashed Potatoes 2oz WW roll, pc margarine 1/2 cup peaches	BAKED TILAPIA WITH MUSTARD CREAM SAUCE (3oz Tilapia, 1oz cream sauce) 1/2 c Oriental Blend (broc, onion, mush, red pepper, cauliflower, green bean) 1/2 c Rice Pilaf 2 oz WW roll, pc margarine 1/2 cup applesauce BIRTHDAY CAKE 
WEEK #2	23	24	25	26	27
	H479	H480	H481	H482	H483
	SUNDAY ROASTED CHICKEN (3oz EP chicken thigh, 2oz rich chicken gravy) 1/2 c green beans 1/2 cup mashed sweet potatoes 1 sl WW bread, pc marg 1/2 cup cinnamon applesauce	SLICED BEEF w/ AU JUS (3oz EP beef, 1 oz au jus) 1/2 cup parmesan potatoes 1/2 cup Island Blend - broc, car, red pepper, green bean 2oz WW roll, pc margarine 1/2 cup fruit cocktail	BREADED CHICKEN STRIPS (3oz EP chicken - 3 strips) 1/2 cup Potato wedges 1/2 cup Cole Slaw 1 sl WW bread, pc marg Fresh Apple	SWEET & SOUR MEATBALLS (3oz EP Turkey meatballs - 1, 1oz sauce) 1/2 cup mixed vegetables (corn, peas, carrots, green bean) 1/2 cup brown rice w/ peppers 1 sl pumpernickel bread, pc margarine 1/2 cup pineapples	BAKED RIGATONI w/ SPINACH (1/2 cup PS ricotta cheese, 1oz or PS mozzarella, 2 oz tomato sauce, 1oz spinach, 1/2 c rigatoni) - 1 c 1/2 cup broccoli & cauliflower 1/2 cup carrots Sweet Muffin


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