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WITHIN OUR WORLD

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Connecting Community Through Volunteer Work

Volunteering can be a deeply rewarding way to stay active, connected, and purposeful in your later years. As a senior citizen, you bring a lifetime of experience, skills, and wisdom that many organizations truly value. Whether you're recently retired or simply looking to give back, there are many ways to get involved in a way that suits your interests and energy level.

Start by thinking about what matters most to you. Do you enjoy working with people, helping children learn, supporting healthcare efforts, or contributing to community improvement? Choosing a cause you care about will make your volunteer experience more meaningful and enjoyable. It's also important to consider your physical comfort—look for opportunities that match your mobility and stamina, such as mentoring, administrative help, or virtual volunteering if needed.

Don't hesitate to start small. Even a few hours a week can make a big difference. Many organizations offer flexible schedules, allowing you to balance volunteering with your personal life. Local libraries, schools, hospitals, and community centers often welcome senior volunteers and may even have programs specifically designed for older adults. Social connection is another key benefit. Volunteering can help combat loneliness by introducing you to new people and strengthening your sense of belonging. It's a great way to build friendships across generations and stay mentally engaged.

Before committing, ask questions. Make sure the organization provides clear guidance, values your time, and ensures a safe environment. Training should be available if needed, and you should feel comfortable in your role. Finally, remember that your contribution matters.

Your presence, kindness, and knowledge can have a lasting impact on others. Volunteering isn't just about giving—it's also about growing, learning, and finding joy in shared human connection.

HIGHLIGHTS



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Advisory Council

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

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

Staff Directory

Rose Richardson, *Executive Director ext. 7301*
Patrice Rhodes, *Health & Wellness Coordinator ext. 7303*
Areatha Dorsey, *Center Counselor ext. 7305*
Jean Hodges, *Database Clerk ext. 7306*
Robert Davis, *Maintenance Mechanic ext. 7300*
Michael Johnson, *Maintenance ext. 7300*
Administrative Assistant ext. 7300
Rosalyn Watson, *Activities Aide ext. 7325*
Robin Mason, *Nutrition Coordinator ext. 7319*

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!**

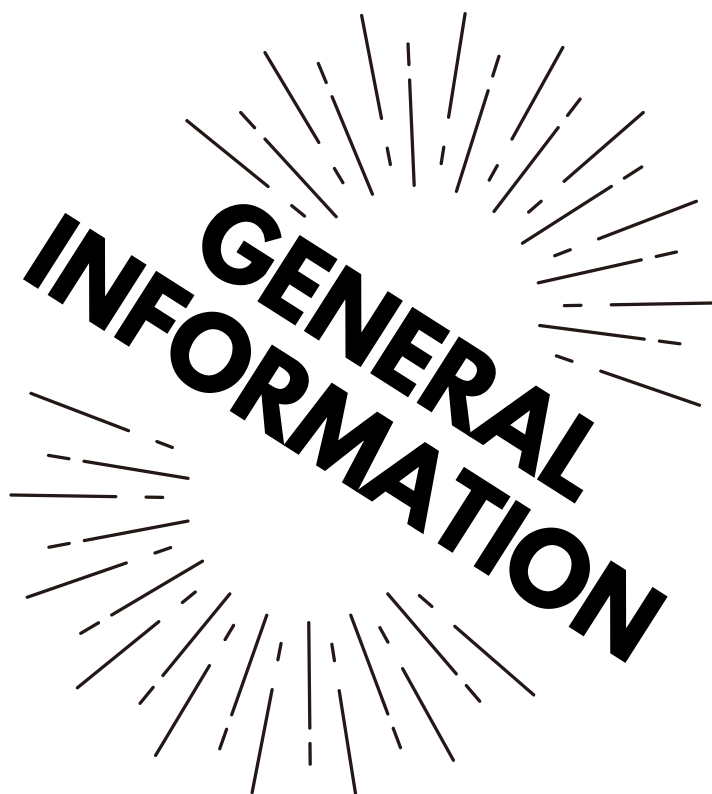
We continue to offer the following programs & services:

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



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

April 2026

Wed. Apr. 1st – Easter Program at WPSCC:

Morning celebration in Atrium – at 10:30 a.m. with music by the WPSCC choir, recitals and reflections. Afternoon celebration in Dining Hall – starts at 12:30 p.m. with invited guest; Kingdom Kids, Syreeta Canty and Laticia Whittington.

Fri. Apr. 3rd – Center closed for Good Friday. Happy Easter!

Tues. Apr. 7th – Scam Workshop at 12:30 with Thomas Carter and Senator Sharif Street in Music Dance Room

Mon. Apr. 13th – Resorts Casino Trip at 9:00 a.m.

Tues. Apr. 14th – Murder Mystery Trip

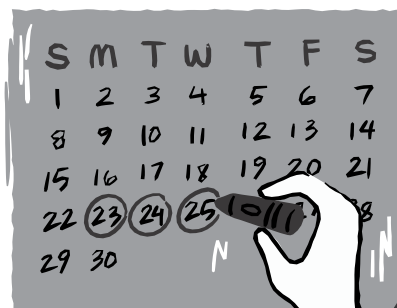
Fri. Apr. 17th – Monte Carlo Night (canceled)

Wed. Apr. 22nd – Volunteer Recognition Program at 10:30 a.m. in Dining Hall (Festive meal will be served)

Thurs. Apr. 23rd – Take Back Your Health w/ Devine Resources

Wed. Apr. 29th – Celebrate the Arts Install at 2pm – 4pm

Mark
your
Calendar





Murder Mystery Dinner Trip

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

\$150 Booster \$145 Member \$155 Non-Member
Nonrefundable Deposit to reserve you seat: \$50.00
Nonrefundable deposit is due immediately
Final Balance due (cash-only): November. 15, 2025



Atlantic City Trip to Resorts Casino Hotel

Monday, April 13th, 2026 • Atlantic City, NJ • Departs 9:00am

\$30 Booster \$33 Member \$35 Non-Member
Package: Get back \$20.00 slot play
Payments must be made in full



Joshua: Live in Concert at Sign & Sound Theatre

Thursday, June 11th, 2026 • Lancaster, PA

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

Includes: transportation, show ticket, & meal provided
Nonrefundable Deposit to reserve you seat: \$50.00
Final Balance due (cash-only): Apr. 03, 2026

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.



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

Sunday, June 14th, 2026 • NYC, New York • Departs 9am

\$255 Booster \$265 Member \$275 Non-Member

Includes: transportation, breakfast, and show ticket

Nonrefundable Deposit to reserve your seat: \$75.00

Nonrefundable deposit is due immediately

Final Balance due (cash-only): May. 1, 2026

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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 APRIL 2026*

*Clifford Black
Celeste A Davis
Rose E Dickerson
Tiffany C Jones
Lenora Pearson
Lisa R Phillips
Saundria J Ramseur
Robert Henderson*

New Members Orientation will be held April, 27th, 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***

**Easter Program
at WPSCC**

***Wednesday
Apr. 1, 2026
at 10:30am***



Scam Workshop

***Tuesday
Apr. 7, 2026
at 12:30pm***



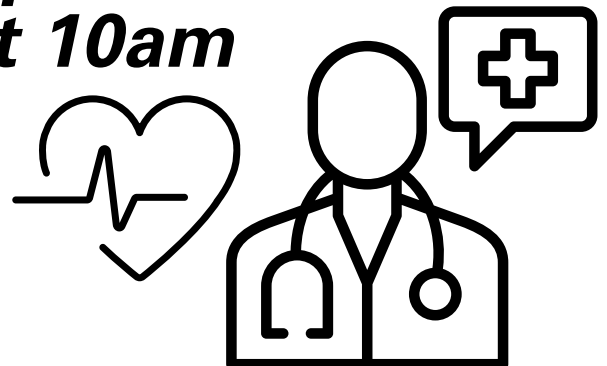
**Volunteer
Recognition
Program**

***Wednesday
Apr. 22, 2026
at 10:30am***





**Take Back Your
Health w. Rev Sloan**

***Thursday
Apr. 23, 2026
at 10am***



HAVE LUNCH WITH US!

PCA HOT - APRIL 2026

WK #	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK #3			1	2	3
			SPPCA-EASTER-HOT	H487	H488
			GLAZED TURKEY HAM w/ FRUIT SAUCE WINTER BLEND VEGETABLES SWEET POTATOES DINNER ROLL APPLE PIE ORANGE JUICE	CREAMY PAPRIKA CHICKEN (3oz chicken, 1oz creamy tomato sauce) ½ cup cauliflower ½ cup Brown rice with peas 2oz WW roll, pc marg ½ cup pears	STUFFED BAKED FISH (3oz EP tilapia, ¼c herb stuffing, 2oz lemon butter sauce) ½ c garlic spinach & carrots ½ cup Herbed Roasted Potatoes 1oz WW bread, pc marg ½ c mandarin oranges
WEEK #4	6	7	8	9	10
	H489	H490	H491	H492	H493
	SALISBURY STEAK W TOMATO-BEEF GRAVY (3oz EP salisbury steak, 1oz diced tomatoes, 1oz tomato-beef gravy) ½ cup carrots ½ cup whipped potatoes 1 sl WW bread, pc marg Chocolate chip cookie	BBQ PORK RIBBETTE (3oz EP Pork, 1 oz sauce) ½ cup Mashed Sweet potato ½ cup Island Blend (broccoli, carrot, peppers, green bean) 2oz WW roll, pc marg ½ cup pineapples	CHICKEN CORDON BLUE (3oz EP chicken, 0.5oz turkey ham, 0.5oz swiss cheese, 1oz chicken gravy) ½ cup brussel sprouts ½ cup rosemary red bliss potatoes 1oz WW bread, pc marg Fresh Plum	EGG & TURKEY SAUSAGE (3 oz egg patty, 0.5oz mozzarella, 1 oz EP turkey sausage patty) ½ cup home fries ½ c scalloped apples Mini bagel Pc margarine ½ cup mandarin oranges	CRABCAKE & MAC & CHEESE (3oz EP surimi, 1 oz cheddar, ½ c elbow pasta) ½ c stewed tomatoes ½ c marinated cucumber & onion Salad 1 oz WW bread, pc marg ½ cup applesauce
WEEK #1	13	14	15	16	17
	H474	H475	H476	H477	H478
	CHEESE BURGER (3oz EP ground beef, 0.5oz American cheese) ½ c broccoli florets & carrots ½ c potato wedges 2oz WW hamburger roll ½ cup pudding	CREAMY HERB CHICKEN & BROCCOLI (3oz EP chicken, 2 oz light herb cream sauce, ¼ c broccoli) ½ cup Rotini 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 mozz cheese) ½ c cinnamon sweet carrots ½c apple, pear, raisin compote 1 oz WW bread, pc marg ½ cup mandarin oranges	CHICKEN CACCIATORE (3oz EP chicken breast, 1oz tomato sauce, 1oz bell peppers & onions) ½ c sauteed spinach w carrots ½ c Mashed Potatoes 2oz WW roll, pc margarine ½ cup peaches	BAKED TILAPIA WITH MUSTARD CREAM SAUCE (3oz Tilapia, 1oz cream sauce) ½ c Oriental Blend (broc, onion, mush, red pepper, caul, green bean) ½ c Rice Pilaf 2 oz WW roll, pc margarine ½ cup applesauce  BIRTHDAY CAKE
WEEK #2	20	21	22	23	24
	H479	H480	H481	H482	H483
	SUNDAY ROASTED CHICKEN (3oz EP chicken thigh, 2oz rich chicken gravy) ½ c green beans ½ cup mashed sweet potatoes 1 sl WW bread, pc marg ½ cup cinnamon applesauce	SLICED BEEF w AU JUS (3oz EP beef, 1 oz au jus) ½ cup persiled potatoes ½ cup Island Blend -broc, carr, red pepper, green bean 2oz WW roll, pc margarine ½ cup fruit cocktail	BREADED CHICKEN STRIPS (3oz EP chicken-3 strips) ½ cup Potato wedges ½ cup Cole Slaw 1 sl WW Bread, pc marg Fresh Peach	SWEET & SOUR MEATBALLS (3oz EP Turkey meatballs-3, 1oz sauce) ½ cup mixed vegetables (corn, peas, carrots, gr bean) ½ cup brown rice w peppers 1 sl pumpernickel bread, pc margarine ½ cup pineapples	BAKED RIGATONI w SPINACH (1/2 cup PS ricotta cheese, 1oz oz PS mozz, 2 oz tomato sauce, 1oz spinach, ½ c Rigatoni) - 1 c ½ cup broccoli & cauliflower ½ cup carrots Sweet Muffin
WEEK #3	27	28	29	30	
	H484	H485	H486	H487	
	STUFFED SHELLS W CREAMY WHITE WINE & MUSHROOM SAUCE (1/2 cup PS ricotta cheese, 1oz PS Mozz, 0.5 oz mushr, 1oz sauce, ¼ c pasta) ½ 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) ½ cup Corn ½ c Brussel sprouts 1oz WW bread, pc marg Sweet Muffin	PASTA & MEATBALLS (3oz EP beef meatballs - 3, 2oz tomato sauce) ½ c penne w sauce ½ c broccoli, cauliflower, carrots 1 sl WW bread, pc margarine ½ cup peaches	CREAMY PAPRIKA CHICKEN (3oz chicken, 1oz creamy tomato sauce) ½ cup cauliflower ½ cup Brown rice with peas 2oz WW roll, pc marg ½ cup pears	


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