

DECEMBER 2024
NEWSLETTER



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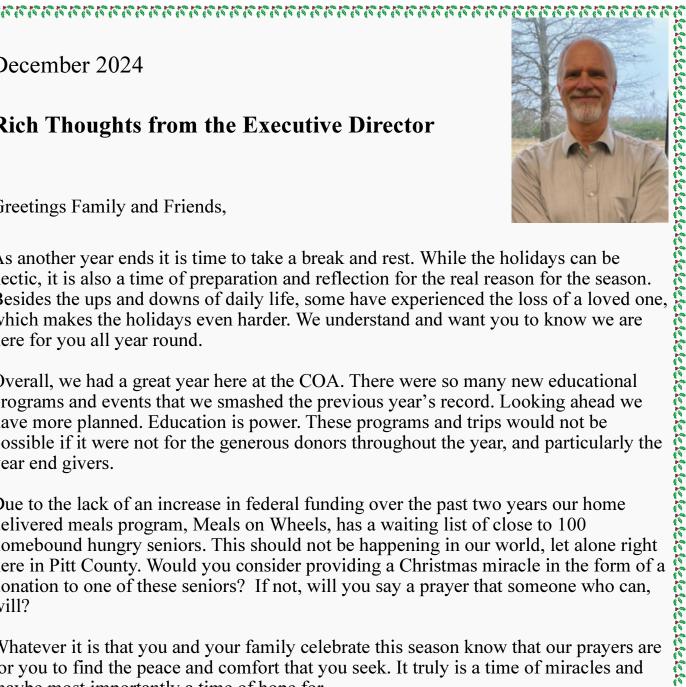




December 2024

#### **Rich Thoughts from the Executive Director**

Greetings Family and Friends,



As another year ends it is time to take a break and rest. While the holidays can be hectic, it is also a time of preparation and reflection for the real reason for the season. Besides the ups and downs of daily life, some have experienced the loss of a loved one. which makes the holidays even harder. We understand and want you to know we are here for you all year round.

Overall, we had a great year here at the COA. There were so many new educational programs and events that we smashed the previous year's record. Looking ahead we have more planned. Education is power. These programs and trips would not be possible if it were not for the generous donors throughout the year, and particularly the year end givers.

Due to the lack of an increase in federal funding over the past two years our home delivered meals program, Meals on Wheels, has a waiting list of close to 100 homebound hungry seniors. This should not be happening in our world, let alone right here in Pitt County. Would you consider providing a Christmas miracle in the form of a donation to one of these seniors? If not, will you say a prayer that someone who can, will?

Whatever it is that you and your family celebrate this season know that our prayers are for you to find the peace and comfort that you seek. It truly is a time of miracles and maybe most importantly a time of hope for what is to come.

Blessings,

Rich

Rich Zeck



# Santa for Seniors

Spreading Holiday Cheer to Seniors in Need

Ho Ho Ho! Our annual Santa for Seniors event kicks off

Wednesday, November 13th and runs through Friday, December 13th.

The Santa for Seniors event helps provide Christmas gifts to needy seniors in our community. We will be doing things a little differently this year. You can now pick up the Santa for Seniors ornaments at the Pitt County Council on Aging. Ornaments containing seniors' "wish lists" will decorate the beautiful tree located in the center's lobby. Simply stop by and select an ornament off the tree and purchase the items on the list along with any other items you wish to surprise your senior with. The Council on Aging will be the drop off destination as well,

## Sleep Yoga (Yoga Nidra)



Saturday, December 7 | 3:00-4:30pm \$15/session (must be paid in advance)

Call 752-1717, x201 to register and for payment info.

#### **Cathedral Window Ornament**



Friday, December 13 10:00am-4:00pm Cost: \$5

Call 752-1717, x201 to register

## <u>Holiday Wood Carving</u>

(Invitation only. Must have completed beginner wood carving)



Thursdays December 5-19 3:00-5:00pm

Cost: \$40

Call 752-1717, x201 to register.



## **Christmas Painting**With Gilda





Monday December 2 2:00-4:00pm \$35/picture Call 752-1717, x201 to register

#### **Non-Surgical Pain Relief Therapy**

With OC Kinetix



Feeling the pain but wishing for a nonsurgical alternative? Check out regenerative cellular therapy.

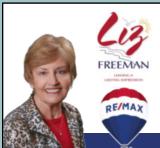
Wednesday, December 11 2:00-3:00pm Call 752-1717, x201 to register.

#### Tai Chi Workshop

If you've ever wanted to try Tai Chi, this is a perfect opportunity. The workshop will consist of a series of 8 weekly classes that will lead you through meditation, vitality movements, breathing exercises, and learning the individual Tai Chi moves.

Mondays, January 6-February 24 1:30-2:30PM: Cost: donation Call 752-1717, x201 to register.





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#### tai chi EASY

With Jan Kendrick



A mind-body-spirit form of movement that enhances peace of mind and well being. It includes vitality movements, self massage, Tai Chi moves, and meditation. For beginners and experienced practitioners. Loose clothing & a mat are suggested.

Fridays, 10:45am-11:45am

Cost: Donation | Call 752-1717, x201 to register.

#### **Stretch & Balance Class**



Increase flexibility and balance through a series of exercises and movements. Must be able to stand for periods of time with no assistance. Exercise mat recommended, but not required.

Mondays | 12:30-1:15pm Cost \$4/session paid monthly

#### **Chair Fitness Class**



Get fit and stay active with fun, chair exercise routines. Improve your strength, flexibility, and endurance while engaging in strength training and cardiovascular activities.

Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00-11:00am \$5/month, \$2 for drop ins



### Cardio Dance!

Wednesdays 11:15am-12:15pm

Move and groove to upbeat tunes during this fun, low-impact aerobic workout. Enjoy energizing full body exercise and movement while improving your endurance and coordination. Expect to sweat while burning calories and having a good time. No dance experience needed. Cost:\$4



#### It's Time To Get Fit!





#### Yoga for Every Body

Yoga for Every Body is a 45 minute class designed to improve balance, strength, and flexibility. Bring a mat, towel, and water, or simply use a chair if you can't reach the floor comfortably.

> **Tuesdays & Saturdays** 11:30am-12:30pm **Cost: Donation**

#### **Senior Fitness**

Join us for a fun, interactive strength training and cardio workout. Move and groove to great music while burning calories and improving your health. So, grab your water bottle and get ready to sweat!

**Every Tuesday & Thursday** 1:00-2:00pm \*\*\*Dec 5: 2:00-3:00pm \$1/class



#### Zumba Gold®



Zumba Gold® is a low impact, high-fun dance workout. Join us to sweat and jam with Latin rhythms! Go at your pace, build confidence, and see great results in cardio fitness, strength, balance, and agility.

**Tuesdays & Saturdays** 10:30-11:30am | Cost: Donation Thursdays 4:00-5:00pm

### **Soul Line Dancing**

**Every Monday (Intermediate)** 11am-12pm **Every Tuesday (Beginner)** 2:15-3:15

\$4 per class/Paid monthly

Get ready to move and groove to some fun line dances

Dance to soul and R & B music while working up a sweat and burning calories. Learn some of the most popular line dances.



#### Council on Aging

We need **YOU** to help deliver meals to homebound adults in our community! Training is Tuesdays, December 3rd & 17th 10am Join our team for 2025! Call 752-1717





**Clerical:** Filing, data entry, reception

**Instructors:** Do you have a talent or skill you would like to share?

Landscaping Gardening

#### **Does Your Loved One Need Grab Bars?**



We can have one of our experts conduct a home safety falls risk assessment. Call the COA for more details. 752-1717, x212

#### **Room Rentals**



**Birthday Parties Family Reunions Anniversaries Meetings** 

Three room sizes available to accommodate most groups. **Book Now!** Call 752-1717, x205

## Greenville Center Regular Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
9:00-9:30am Coffee & Conversation 9:30-10:30am Reflections 11:30am–12:00pm Lunch	9:00-9:30am Coffee & Conversation 10:15-11:15am Bingocize/Fun and Fit 11:30am –12:00pm Lunch	9:00-9:30am Coffee & Conversation 10:30-11:30am Music 11:30am –12:00pm Lunch
Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00-9:30am Coffee & Conversation 10:15-11:00am Fun & Fit Exercise 11:30am –12:00pm Lunch	9:00-9:30am Coffee & Conversation 10:00-11:00am Bingo \$1.25 per card 11:30am –12:00pm Lunch	

## Excellence in Aging Resources, Programs and Resources

## December Meal Calendar

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
Roasted Herb Turkey Breast Bread Dressing w/Gravy Beets Mashed Sweet Potatoes 100% Orange Juice 2% Milk	Beef Patty Cottage Fries Peas Bread Fruit or Juice 2% Milk	Oven Fried Chicken Breast Swet Potato Souffle w/ Gravy Corn Brussell Sprouts Bread 2% Milk	Beef Stew Cabbage Bread Glazed Apples Sugar Cookie 2% Milk	Country Patty Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Broccoli Zucchini w/Tomatoes Bread Fudge Brownie 2% Milk
9	10	11	12	13
Beef Baked Ziti w/Cheese Peas Roll 100% Orange Juice Cinnamon Applesauce 2% Milk	Cajun Chicken Thighs Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Beets Green Beans w/Onions Bread Powdered Sugar Dusted Spice Cake 2% Milk	Pulled Pork Mac & Cheese Creamy Coleslaw Corn Hamburger Bun 2% Milk	Creamed Chicken Macaroni w/Parsley Bets Bread Fruit 2% Milk	Chili con Carne w/ Kidney Beans Brown Rice, Carrots Corn Chips Strawberry Banana Yogurt Fruit 2% Milk
16	17	18	19	20
Creamed Turkey Brown Rice Broccoli Zucchini w/Tomatoes Roll Cinnamon Applesauce 2% Milk	Italian Meat sauce Macaroni w/Parsley Peas Cauliflower Roll Fruit 2% Milk	Peppered Fajita Filling w/Chicken Sauteed Peppers & Onions Flour Tortilla Black Beans & Rice Salsa 100% Apple Juice 2% Milk	Herbed Pork Chop Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Green Bens w/Onions Carrots Roll Bread Pudding 2% Milk	Asian Fried Rice w/ Chicken Cauliflower Broccoli Bread Vanilla Pudding 2% Milk
23	24	25	26	27
		MERRY Christmas	Samuel Care	
30	31			
	YEARS EVE	COA Closed No Meal Delivery Dec 23-Jan 3		MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## Honoring the Life and Memory of Your Loved One



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Community Calendar					
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26	27	28			
Drop in any day for Arts & Crafts, Billiards, Cards, Mahjong, or to use the Media Center. ++Call Amanda Biggs 252.414.3230 COA Open 8:00am-5:00pm M-F Additional hours per class schedule	Key: \$ = Fee R = Registration Required  **Available Virtually by registering at 752-1717, x201  +Invitation Only				

## **2025 TRIPS ARE HERE!**



London, England and Countryside: 8 day/6 night package includes roundtrip airfare, 6 night hotel accommodations, guided tour of London, visit to Windsor Castle, the Tower of London, a sightseeing cruise on the Thames River, a visit to Kensington Palace, tour of Canterbury, Stonehenge and so much more!

April 8-15, 2025 \$4399 Per Person/Double Occupancy



Ark Encounter, Lexington & Louisville: 4 day/3 night package includes 3 nights hotel accomodations, the Ark Encounter, admission to the Creation Museum, the Kentucky Derby Museum, Churchill Downs, admission to the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory, and a guided tour of Louisville! Waiting List Available

April 27-30, 2025 \$819 Per Person/Double Occupancy

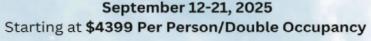


Cape Cod, Boston & Martha's Vineyard: 6 day/5 night package includes 5 nights hotel accommodations, a scenic ferry ride to and tour of Martha's Vineyard, guided tour of Boston, explore Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market, tour Hyannis, including the John F. Kennedy Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, Hyannis Port and much more! Waiting List Available

June 15-20, 2025 \$1309 Per Person/Double Occupancy



**Explore the Mediterranean:** 10 day/9 night package includes roundtrip airfare, 8 day/7 night cruise onboard Allure of the Seas, 3 expert guided tours, 1 night hotel in Barcelona, stateroom accommodations, shipboard meals, with stops in Spain, France, and Italy.





Fall in Hudson River Valley with The Great Jack-O-Lantern Blaze: 4 day/3 night package includes 3 nights hotel accommodations, admission to The Great Jack-O-Lantern Blaze, a visit to Sleepy Hollow, Hudson River Sightseeing Cruise, and a guided tour of West Point Military Academy. Waiting List Available

October 6-9, 2025 \$809 Per Person/Double Occupancy



**New Orleans:** 6 day/5 night package includes 5 nights hotel accommodations, dinner at the New Orleans School of Cooking, a steamboat cruise on the MIssissippi River, guided tour of New Orleans, visit to the French Quarter, visit to the Mardi Gras Museum of Costumes and Culture, & Harrah's Casino! *Waiting List Available* 

November 9-14, 2025 \$1309 Per Person/Double Occupancy

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### **2025 Trips**





Lancaster, PA: 3 day/2 night package includes 2 dinners, including 1 dinner at Millers Smorgasbord, Sight & Sound Theater's 30th Anniversary Production of NOAH, guided tour of Amish Farmlands, Li'l Country Store & Miniature Horse Farm, and a visit to Kitchen Kettle Village.

July 15-17, 2025 \$539 Per Person/Double Occupancy



Christmas in Historic Savannah: 3 day/2 night package includes dinner at Paula Deen's Lady & Son's Restaurant, guided tour of historic Savannah, "A Christmas Tradition" performance at Savannah Historic Theater, shopping on Famous River Street, a visit to Byrd's Famous Cookie Company, BUS 2!!

December 3-5, 2025 \$529 Per Person/Double Occupancy

For more information go to: https://www.pittcoa.com/trips





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**Ayden Senior Wellness Center** 4354 Lee St. Ayden 9am-1pm



**Bethel Senior Wellness Center** 7406 Main St. Bethel 9am-1pm



**Farmville Senior Wellness Center** 3886 S. Main St. Farmville 9am-1pm



**Fountain Senior Wellness Center** 673 E. Wilson St. Fountain 9am-1pm



Greenville **Senior Wellness Center** 4551 County Home Rd. Greenville 1118 W. Fifth St. Greenville 8:30am-12:30pm

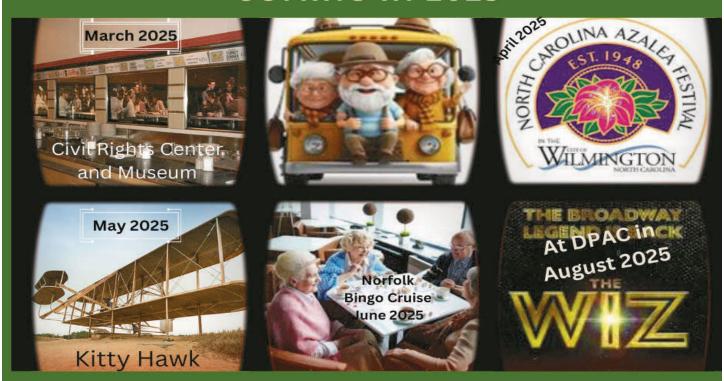


West Greenville Senior Wellness Center 9am-1pm

Games, Exercise, Music, Crafts, Special Speakers, & Lunch! (Assessment required for lunch) For more information call 752-1717.



#### DAY TRIPPIN' COMING IN 2025



Watch for details Coming Soon!

## **Budgeting in the**New Year

Tuesday, January 14 2:00-3:00pm Call 752-1717, x201 to register.



## Calm the Chaos, Clear the Clutter

Wednesday, January 22 1:00-2:00pm Call 752-1717, x201 to register.



10:00am to 11:00am

Please join us every 2nd Friday of the Month For:

- Resources
- A stress free environment
- · Fellowship with other Caregivers
- Coffee and light refreshments

Please Call 252-752-1717 Ext 213 For further details

## Are you Worried About Falling?

- Are you afraid to stand up and take a shower?
- Do you need grab bars for your bathroom?
- Are you struggling to afford durable medical equipment?
- Do you need handrails at your front or back steps?





## **Painting Flowers** With Glenn!

Tuesdays, February 6-27 7:00-9:00pm

Cost: \$75

Call 752-1717, x201 to register.



## **Beginner Stained Glass**

Fridays, January 10-February 14

10:00-11:30am

Cost: \$40

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## North Carolina Authors Book Club

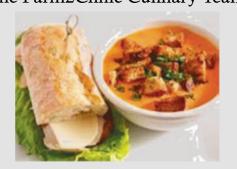
(Books Provided!)



2nd Tuesdays
Starting January 14
10:30am-12:00pm
Call 752-1717, x201 to register.

## Hands On Cooking Soups and Breads

Presented by:
The Farm2Clinic Culinary Team



Friday, January 31 2:00-4:00pm | Cost: \$15 Call 752-1717, x201 to register.



#### Council on Aging

#### **Beginner Sign Langage**

Wednesdays, starting January 8



1:00-2:00pm | Cost: \$6 for the series Call 752-1717, x201 to register.

#### No Sew Valentines Heart Wreath

Friday, January 31 10:00am-4:00pm

Cost: \$10 Call 752-1717, x201 to register.



### Let's Dance! December Schedule

With Dance Instructor: Sandra Casado



#### **Christmas Dance Party** Wear Your Christmas Colors!

Friday, December 20 | 7:00-9:00pm Call 752-1717, x201 to register. **Only \$10** 





Foxtrot: Wednesday, December 4 7:00-8:00pm \$10

Rumba: Wednesday, December 11 7:00-8:00pm \$10

Call 752-1717, x201 to register.





**Blood Pressure Screening** 

Tuesday, December 10 | 10am-12pm

#### **Bookmobile**

Friday, December 20 10:45-11:15am



## Drug costs hard to swallow?

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Pitt County residents may also call the Council on Aging at (252) 752-1717. Ask for a Medicare counselor and mention "Extra Help" and this article.

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**2024 Council on Aging Holidays and Closings** 

Please note that on these days

ALL Senior Centers will be closed &

Meals on Wheels will NOT

be delivered

Christmas Dec 23-Jan 4



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