SOUTHGATE SENIOR NEWS



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SEPTEMBER 2021

Hello Everyone!

It's hard to believe that we are approaching the end of another spectacular Southgate summer. But there is much to look forward to before the weather turns colder and the snow starts to fly throughout our neighborhoods.

Labor Day will be celebrated on Monday, September 6th. It's a time to honor the contribution that organized labor made to the prosperity and economic strength of our Nation. Let's salute the men and women who labored for a better life and helped to bolster our Southgate middleclass. Booker T. Washington once stated, "Nothing ever comes to one that is worth having except as a result of hard work." That summarizes the value and importance of hard work in our country and is definitely worth acknowledging.

Something different is coming to Market Center Park on Saturday, September 25th. It's an event called "Whiskey & Whiskers". During the afternoon-to-evening event, several activities will take place. Starting at 3pm there will be a Cornhole Tournament followed by a facial hair contest at 5pm. To register for either competition, please visit <u>www.southgaterec.com</u>. Food Trucks, whiskey and other beverages will be available all during the festivities. There is no cost to attend the event and the evening will conclude with a live Toby Keith Tribute Band called "The American Ride". They will perform from 7-9pm. So grow those whiskers or just come and enjoy the music, competition and merriment.

It's also great to see the activities back at our Senior Center. If you haven't returned to play bingo, cards, pool or create crafts, please consider coming back. Don't miss out on the fellowship and comradery. Hope to see you at the Center soon!

If you have any questions or comments, please call me at (734) 258-3022. Or if you are around our municipal complex, please stop by my office.

Sincerely Joseph G, Kuspa Mayor

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COMMISSION ON AGING Firekeepers Casino

www.firekeeperscasino.com



Bus Trip Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Departing from SOUTHGATE 14700 REAUME PRKW. PLEASE PARK BEHIND THE POLICE DEPT. LOT CLOSEST TO THE GOLF COURSE

Bus leaves SOUTHGATE AT 10:15 AM SHARP Returns Approximately – 6:00pm.

\$35 per person

\$20 Gambling Credit and \$5 Food Credit – Loaded to your Players Card. You Must be 21 years of age to enter the Casino. You must bring along a photo ID.

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Address	
City, State, Zip	
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to: SOUTHGATE SENIOR	CENTER, 14700 REAUME PARKWAY, SOUTHGATE, MI 48195
	OR
	BRING TO THE SENIOR CENTER
	FOR INFO CALL: DIANE AT 734-258-3066
Dea	adline to sign up Friday , October 15
	OR
	AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Check payable :COMMISSION ON AGING/SOUTHGATE

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CREATORS CLUB! Currently meeting the 2nd Thursday of every month

The Creator's Club members had a great time in August. We laughed, crafted a fun Holiday Wreath, and ate a delicious Jell-O Poke Cake. (see recipe below)

I would like to thank everyone that came and can't wait to meet again. We discussed meeting time and dates, crafts we would like to do/learn.

Next meeting is Sept. 9th at 11am. We are featuring "Betty's Oven Towel". If you would like to make a pair of "Betty's Towels, please go to any dollar store (we like Dollar Tree) and buy 2 decorative dish towels, an a 2 pack of matching pot holders. You will spend \$3.00 and be able to make two clever, useful dish towel to hang on your oven door or give as a gift.

Also, on Sept 9th please bring your sewn fabric balls for the wreath. We'll help you finish them, and also discuss October's Placemats project. As a added bonus, feel free to bring any scissors you need sharpening.

FUTURE PROJECTS!

October 14th @ 11am-Holiday Placemats (set of 4) plus dessert.

November 11th —Work on Placemats & do a Cinnamon Ornament plus dessert.

December 9th-Finish any items, discuss Next Years Projects, and of course dessert.

Wreath Project #101



Welcome Creators! Here's a easy get started project! Kit includes: 12 Holiday fabric circles 12 cotton balls

You will need: needle, thread & small scissors

We do have both needles and thread if needed

Betty's Oven Towel # 102



Jello Poke Cake

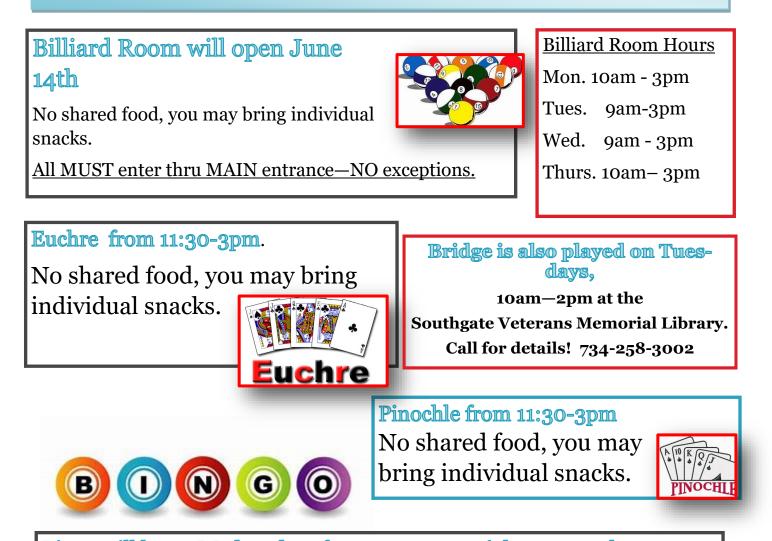
Prepare a yellow, or white cake mix according to box directions.

Cool on counter 30 minutes, using fork, poke holes over entire cake. Prepare a 30z jello (sugar free or regular). Pour over entire cake.

Cool in refrigerator until cold. Top with Cool Whip and refrigerate leftovers.



It's been 15 long months that the Senior Center has been closed! I am so very happy to begin opening back up and getting back to some sort of normalcy.



Bingo will be on Wednesdays from 10am-1pm. (please note the new start time) Our building hours have been changed and with the number of bingo players needing bus transportation, the time needed to be adjusted. The start date is July 14th from 10am-1:30pm (doors open at 8:30am). I have 3-4 volunteers that will be training on all the Bingo jobs. But if anyone is still interested in volunteering , please call the Sr. Center Mon-Thurs. 9am-3pm (734) 258-3066

Buses will pick up at 8:15-9:15am

Please call 1 week in advance if you need transportation.

No shared food, you may bring individual snacks.



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A MOVEMENT EXERCISE PROGRAM **DESIGNED FOR 55 YEARS OLD & OVER** With INSTRUCTOR John Molnar Date: Mondays, Sept 13th-Nov 15th, 2021 10 Week session Time: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Advanced 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM Beginner Place: Southgate Civic Center Loft Fee: \$50.00 Resident & Non-Resident *MIN OF 5 STUDENTS PERCLASS*

Please register online at www.southgaterec.com or complete form and make check payable: City of Southgate

Anyone interested in starting a "Walk Club" both indoors & outdoors?

Please give Diane a call to discuss 734-258-3066 I have a interested party wanting to help get it going.

Please let me know if there is any interest!

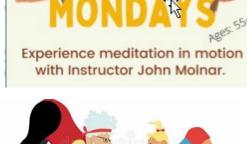
We could get "custom t-shirts" or "sweatshirts" for walking a number of times or miles.

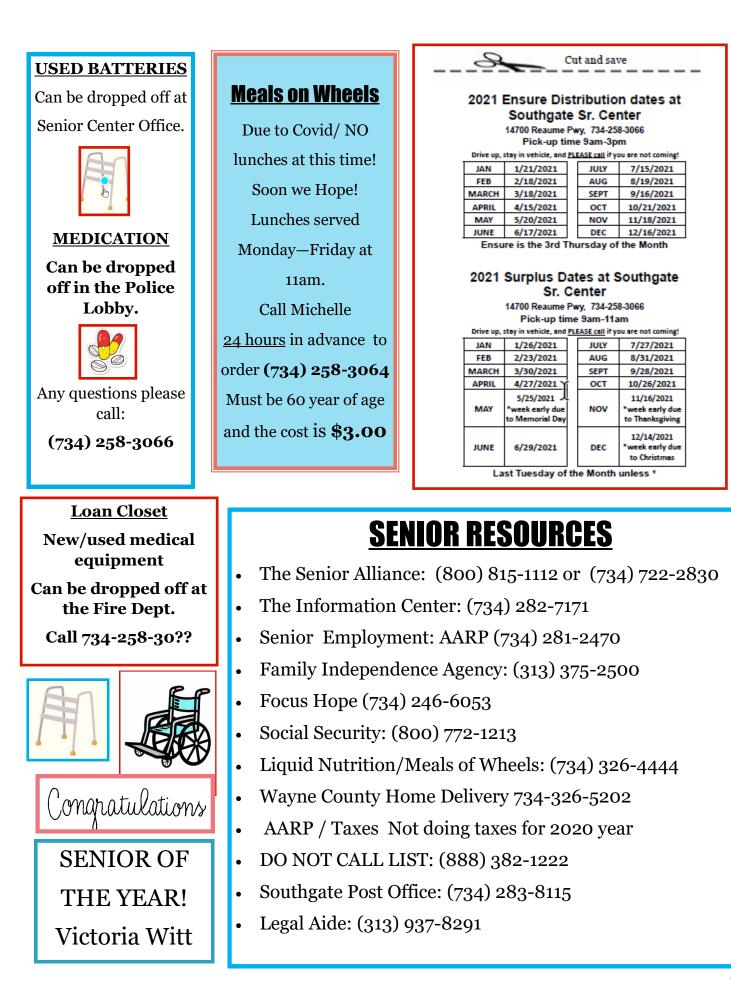
Bring a friend and walk in a safe and climate controlled space.

Will schedule a meeting day & time if there is any interest.









SOUTHGATE TRAVELERS

SANDY PADDIE, TOUR DIRECTOR 734-258-3031

- Sept. 10 Arts in the Elements
- Sept. 11 Historic Indian Village, Home
- Sept. 17 Destination Unknown
- Sept. 30 Farm Day Getaway
- Oct. 14 Mums at Meijer Gardens
- Oct. 16 Grandparents & Grandchildren Getaway
- Nov. 3 Clue, on Stage
- Nov. 9 Pretty Woman
- Nov. 16 Dashing through the Snow
- Nov. 29 A Branson Adventure
- Dec. 1 A Berry "Merry" Christmas
- Dec. 14-15 Jingle Bell Junket, OHIO
- Dec. 17 Celtic Thunder Ireland
- Feb 24-Mar 13 A Florida Gulf Coast Vacation
- July 4 Rhine Castles & Swiss ALPS



S M V L V TY OF SOUTHGATE AN'S MEMORIAL LIBRAR

The Southgate Veterans Memorial Library is open our normal hours of operation (Monday - Thursday 10am to 9pm, Saturday 10am to 5pm). All services are available: computer use, printing, faxing, copying, and of course, borrowing books, movies, and more! If you would prefer not to come inside, we can provide curbside services for picking up items, just give us a call at 734-258-3002. Currently, library visits are restricted to 1 hour per day; that may change depending on the state of the pandemic.

We are also holding both children's and adult Summer Reading programs again! Registration for both begins on Monday, June 14th. Read for fun and prizes this summer! Sign up is available in person at the front desk; for the children's program, you can also register online at

https://wandooreader.com/southgate/tails-and-tales

While we will not be hosting any events this summer, there will still be take home crafts available for both adults and kids, and the children's program has challenges and other fun stuff to try out online. For more information, check our website after June 14th, or come on in!

https://southeate.lib.mi.us/

We hope to see you this summer!





SOUTHGATE SENIOR CENTER 734-258-3066

HOLIDAY PARTIES "Life's too short to celebrate alone"



Thursday, October 28th, 2021 Lunch at 12 noon "Costumes optional" \$15.00

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Thursday, December 16th, 2021 Lunch at 12 noon \$15.00



Thursday, February 10th Lunch at 12 noon \$15.00



Thursday, March 10th Lunch at 12 noon \$15.00

Raffle basket, Music and more!!

Southgate Senior Bus Transportation Schedule

In conjunction with the city of Southgate and SMART transportation, we offer a curb to curb service to every Southgate Senior or person with a disability that <u>does not</u> <u>drive.</u> We do charge \$2.00 round trip. We will take each resident up to 2 bus rides per week to various appointments. (ie doctors, hair , get your taxes done, banking, shopping, etc). We travel to most surrounding cities, such as Taylor, Allen Park, Wy-andotte, Riverview, Trenton, Woodhaven, Lincoln Park & some parts of Brownstown. Unfortunately we DO NOT travel to Dearborn, Dearborn Hgts, or Detroit. I can offer you two additional bus services phone numbers that offer the same fare of \$2 round trip. TSA (The Senior Alliance) 734-736-6068

Smart Transportation 866-962-5515

Let our three dependable bus drivers (Bruce, Corbett and Carolyn June (CJ)) give you a lift.



To help with the cost of riding the SMART bus, Southgate Sr. Center can provide 30-50 cents SMART tickets monthly to any Senior 55+ that does not drive. If interested please call: Diane Grabowski 734-258-3066 Mon-Thurs 9-3pm



Mondays & Thursday are designated strictly for shopping days. We will have two buses designated for grocery shopping and only one bus that will do a limit of 6 appointments per day.

Monday & Thursday—Shopping Schedule 9:15am—Deaconess Towers 9:30am— Southgate Apts. (Seaway Towers) 9:30am— Meadows & American House 10:30am -Co-op 11:00am—Mary Haven



On Tuesdays & Wednesdays we have all three buses doing appointments (3 slots for every half hour time slot between 9:30 and noon, or 18 appts total), It would be best to schedule medical appointments, hair appts, banking, etc. on Tuesdays & Wednesdays.

Wednesdays -Bingo will start JULY 14th, 2021 (it has a new start time of 10am), we will begin picking up seniors at 8:30am. Please call the office 734-258-3066 and make your bus appointment for bingo. Bingo will end between 1-1:30pm.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION. Please be kind and patient. Per SMART Masks are require until 1/18/22

2021 Kiwanis Train Park Public Ride Schedule **Great Lakes Live Steamers**

Kiwanis Park; Corner of Trenton Rd. and Leroy St., Southgate, Michigan 12:00pm to 4:00pm

> May 15 & 16 June 19 & 20 July 17 & 18 August 21 & 22 September 18 & 19 October 15 & 16* December 3 & 4**



Weather Permitting (50° and above and no rain) To check if trains are running, call 248-910-6432 after 11:30 a.m. on the scheduled run day. This schedule is subject to change at any time

*October 15 & 16 (Friday & Saturday) Halloween run from 5:00pm to 8:00pm

**Join the Great Lakes Live Steamers on December 3 & 4 (Friday & Saturday) for the Santa's Christmas Express Train Ride presented with the City of Southgate from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

On December 3 - Come early & join us for the City of Southgate Tree Lighting Ceremony which starts at 5:00pm with caroling, as we wait for the arrival of Santa before the train rides begin

On December 4 - We will wait for the arrival of Santa and then the train rides begin.

All donations are used for the building and upkeep of the trains and equipment. Contrary to popular belief, all our members are volunteers and other than the joy of running their trains, we receive no pay or compensation.

Club e-mail address: greatlakeslivesteamers@yahoo.com



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GAZEBO \$50.00 \$75.00	RESIDENT NON-RESIDENT
BOTH \$75.00 \$100.00	RESIDENT NON-RESIDENT
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***KIWANIS TRAIN PARK**

TRAIN PAVILION RESIDENT \$125.00 \$175.00 NON-RESIDENT

SOUTH PAVILION \$100.00 \$150.00

RESIDENT NON-RESIDENT

ALL PARKS

\$25.00 KEY DEPOSIT FOR BATHROOMS select parks

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~LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE~PAY IT FORWARD~~FROM NAUGHTY NANCY NICE~WORDSMITH~



SATURDAY RITUALS WITH AUNT DOLLY

DEAR AUNT DOLLY IN HEAVEN SAYING MY PRAYERS TO-NIGHT.....

REMEMBER...ON THOSE SATURDAYS YEARS AGO WHEN WE BOTH LIVED AT 129 WALNUT, YOU WOULD GET UP EARLY AND MAKE BREAD DOUGH. I WOULD WANDER INTO THE KITCHEN JUST ABOUT THE TIME YOU WERE READY TO 'PUNCH' DOWN THE DOUGH. REMEMBER.. HOW YOU WOULD PINCH IT INTO LITTLE BALLS AND GIVE THEM TO ME...AND I WOULD DIP THEM INTO MELTED BUTTER AND PLACED THEM IN THE WELLS OF A CUP-CAKE PAN. WE WOULD COVER THEM WITH THAT PRETTY TOWEL AND WAIT FOR THEM TO 'RISE' AGAIN. AFTER THEY WERE BAKED; THEY WOULD BE-COME OUR WONDERFUL 'CLOVER-LEAF- ROLLS'.

THEN WE WOULD ROLL OUT OTHER DOUGH AND SPREAD SOFT BUTTER ALL OVER IT BEFORE ADDING A MIXTURE OF SUGAR AND CINNAMON. ONCE ROLLED UP INTO A NICE BIG ROLL, YOU WOULD CUT OFF SLICES WHICH WOULD BECOME 'CINNAMON' ROLLS. THESE WENT SIDE BY SIDE INTO A BAKING PAN, COVERED AND LET 'RISE'.

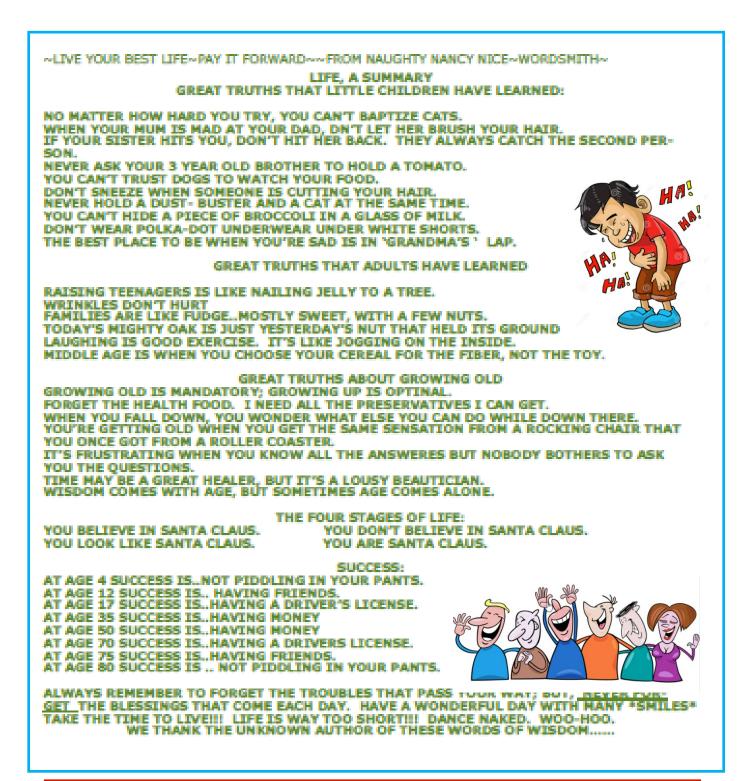
I CAN SEE YOU NOW, AFTER ALL THAT BREAD MAKING YOU WOULD GET DRESSED AND GO DOWNTOWN TO 'DETROIT' TO SHOP AND PERHAPS MEET SOME OF YOUR 'GIRLFRIENDS' FOR LUNCH AT 'J.L. HUDSON CO' ON WOOD-WARD AVENUE. I USE TO LAUGH WHEN YOU CALLED THEM YOUR 'GIRLFRIENDS' BECAUSE I WAS 7 YEARS OLD AND YOU WERE SO VERY 'OLD', PROBABLY IN YOUR EARLY 40'S.

WHEN YOU CAME HOME FROM YOUR DOWNTOWN VISITING AND SHOP-PING, THE BREAD WOULD BE READY TO BAKE. THERE WAS NOTHING BET-TER THAN THOSE CINNAMON ROLLS, FRESH OUT OF THE OVEN. THE 'CLOVERLEAF' ROLLS WOULD HAVE THREE NICE BUMPS ON TOP AND YOU BRUSHED MELTED BUTTER ON TOP TO MAKE THEM SHINY; AND THE 2 LOAVES OF BREAD LASTED MOST OF THE WEEK FOR OUR SMALL FAMILY.

REMEMBER THAT OTHER SATURDAY RITUAL WHEN YOU AND I WOULD GO TO THE BASEMENT TO THE HUGE SOAPSTONE LAUNDRY TUBS. YOU WOULD WASH MY HAIR WITH 'CASTILE' SOAP AND IT WOULD BE SQUEEKY CLEAN. BACK TO THE KITCHEN WHERE YOU WOULD ROLL MY HAIR ON MANY STRIPS OF WHITE COTTON THAT WE CALLED 'RAGS'. THE NEXT MORNING ON SUNDAY THE RAGS WERE REMOVED AND MY HAIR WAS BRUSHED INTO HUGE 'BANANA' CURLS, THEN OFF WE WOULD GO ON THE BUS TO 'IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH' ON THE CORNER OF WEST GRAND BOULEVARD AND PORTER ST. DETROIT.YOU TO THE LADIES SUN-DAY SCHOOL AND ME TO KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THESE PRECIOUS MEMORIES CAME TO ME AGAIN TODAY AUNT DOLLY, AND I JUST HAD TO GET THEM ON PAPER. YOU WERE A WONDERFUL 'AUNT' AND WE LOVED EACH OTHER SO. I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU DEAR AUNT DOLLY OR OUR WEEKEND RITUALS. NITEY-NITE.

WRITTEN AUGUST 21, 2021 FROM VIVID HENORY OF: DOLLY MAC LEOD (1890-1972) BY: NANCY DILLON LOGAN GRATZ,



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and give us your email

Currently we have 186+ seniors receiving the newsletter via email and are loving it!!