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THE SUNSHINE SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER

ACTIVE ADULTS LIVING THEIR BEST LIVES

September 2022



The Blue Orchid Murder

The Blue Orchid Murder Mystery Dinner Theater on September 10 is SOLD OUT! We wish to thank the following sponsors: *Dedicated Senior Medical, Farm Fetch, American House, Amerilife, Friends of the Sunshine Center, and the 3/4 Century Kids & Kubs Softball Club.*

We are so grateful to David Middleton and Rick Kastel, co-directors of the play. Mr. Middleton wrote the hilarious play, and we had a grand time performing it!

The National Senior Center Month

National Senior Center Month will be officially proclaimed at a City Council meeting on Thursday, September 8 at 2:00 PM. We would love to have a representation of our seniors at the meeting, so please join us if you can.

Celebrating Seniors Week

This event was celebrated August 21-25. We wish to thank the following sponsors for this event:

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Volunteer of the Quarter

When Betty Medernach enters the Sunshine Senior Center, you'll know it! In addition to her fun and sometimes loud form is a kind and giving soul. She began coming to the center two years ago only to work out in the Fitness Center. Then she began dining with newly met friends at the Neighborly Senior Cafe. Soon after visiting the rest of the center, she decided to engage in our activities. Betty is quick to lend a hand, get signatures on a birthday or get well card, give creative criticism, and definitely has a good time creating laughter for all during our classes. Along with helping to take down chairs and tables for events, Betty is a caregiver to those in need of some extra assistance. She always keeps an eye out for everyone's needs and will volunteer to drive folks to doctor appointments, shopping or to the center. Betty enjoys having a good time with others. Our day trips are one of her favorite activities. She's all about happiness and positive vibes for her life. For all that she does, Betty is our "Volunteer of the Quarter." If you haven't met her, just look for the bright blonde hair and someone who is always laughing. THANK YOU. BETTY!

BETTY MEDERNACH Volunteer of the Quarter July-September 2022



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



More Cool Events Are Coming to the Sunshine Center

Save the Dates:

September 8 Senior Center Month Proclamation

September 10 Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

September 19-23 Fall Prevention Week

October 10 Open House

November 3 Sunshine On My Mind Auction

The Golden Cord Exercise & Fall Prevention Education

OCTOBER 4-NOVEMBER 10, 2022 EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY 1:00PM-2:30PM

The Golden Cord method is an exercise program based on T'ai Chi principles. The Golden Cord method focuses on balance training and fall prevention. Throughout the program, education and balance training will be used to improve the participants' confidence in avoiding falls. We ask participants to commit to the entire program due to pre- and post-assessments that will take place.

Instructors: Brea Walkley, OTS Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program

Emily B. Smith is a 40-year practitioner of T'ai Chi and the Golden Chord Method co-creator.



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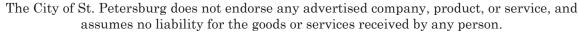
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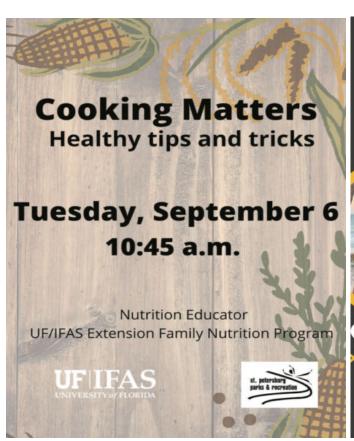
Coffee Chat

Please join Supervisor Sally Marvin for a Coffee Chat on Wednesday, September 14, at 10:40 a.m., right after Ronnie's Arthritis Exercise Class.

Grab your free coffee from the Café, learn about new programs, and discuss what you would like to see in programming and about the Sunshine Center in general.











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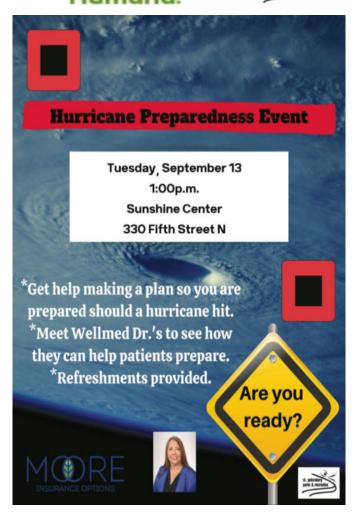
Calling all September Birthdays...
Monday, September 12
11:00 a.m.

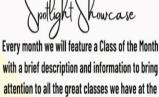


Join us to celebrate everybody who has a birthday in September. Have some cake, sing Happy Birthday, and bring a friend! We look forward to honoring you! Come even if you are not a September baby, and be on the lookout for your birthday month so that we can honor you!

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Sunshine Center.

Get your creative juices flowing, learn new techniques, and share your stories!



Creative Writing

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Pelican Room
Sunshine Center
Instructor Diane Sawyer
330 Fifth Street N.





Young at Heart Garden Club

The Young at Heart Garden Club of the Sunshine Center welcomes people of all ages and abilities. Meet new friends and develop new skills. Enjoy fresh food in every season. Come join us!

Garden Club work days are now scheduled for every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to II:00 a.m. (Except when the center is closed.)





The Garden Club meetings, for all people who are interested, are on the third Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m.



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Please don't harvest items without asking the Garden Club. We grow vegetables and flowers to share with others at special events. Some garden items are grown for the Cafe at the Sunshine Senior Center. Please be considerate of others. Thank you.

For estate planning, elder law, or tax questions - appointments are available 2nd Monday of the month, from 10 am-3 pm. Call 727-893-7133 to get scheduled.







Grief Café - 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. Open to all who are grieving.

Care Partner Space - 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 pm. Dementia focused but all are welcome.





Veterans Coffee Hour - 1st Thursday of the month at 8:30am.

Need legal advice? Community Law Program 1st Friday of the month at 9:30 am. Call 727-582-7480 to schedule an appointment.





The SHINE Program - 1st Tuesday of the month. Call 727-893-7133 to schedule an appointment.





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Support Groups at The Sunshine Center

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday			
September 2022					
EVERY ONE IS WELCOME HERE					
5 CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY	6 9:00 GARDEN CLUB	7 9:30 ARTHRITIS EXERCISE CLASS			
Happy LABOR DAY	9:30 AGELESS GRACE 9:30 CARIBBEAN AEROBICS 10:45 COOKING MATTERS 11:00 YOGA 12:30 CANASTA	1:00 MAHJONG 3:00 TAI CHI			
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Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
1 8:30 VETERANS' COFFEE HOUR 9:00 GARDEN CLUB 9:30 CARIBBEAN AEROBICS 10:30 CREATIVE WRITING 10:45 SPANISH LANGUAGE CLASS 11:00 VOICES OF WISDOM CIRCLE 12:30 HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME Day Trippers: Clearwater Library/O'Keefes	9:30 ARTHRITIS EXERCISE CLASS 9:30 COMMUNITY LAW 1:00 BINGO FOR FUN & PRIZES	3/4
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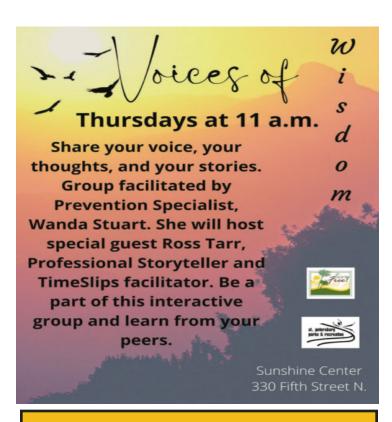


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Thursday, September 29, 1 pm

Interested in learning more about the Drama and Reader's Theater at the Sunshine Center? Join us as we look at restructuring and taking the two programs to new heights.

We are looking for performers and

We are looking for performers and support roles.

You are cordially invited....

To attend a **free tour** of the Sunshine Senior Center Friday, September 16

Learn our history, share in our changes, delight in our programming.

(No registration required)

Creative Writing Corner

The free Creative Writing class is at 10:30 a.m., Thursdays. Please join us.

I See The Day Coming
Sharon Schrader

I am beginning to believe my family thinks of me, if they think of me at all, as a fixture. I have always felt loved and esteemed, despite my saying things at times I think are witty and/or hilarious, and upon reflection realize they may not be perceived as either. Lately now, I sense a shift in the wind, subtle vibes, if you will, when we are all together and I am no longer looked to for advice as I have been formerly. In fact, to my consternation, my adult children are much more likely to seek out each other's counsel at family gatherings, while I find myself relegated more and more to the sidelines. And not only that, but the grandchildren, and now the great grandchildren, are following suit, barely acknowledging me as they tear past to find out what there is to eat and engage in animated conversations in another room. In a future not so distant, I foresee when I'll be helped to my elderly recliner in the den, and once settled in, left there on my own, the "spector at the feast," unable to get up without assistance and consigned to oblivion, as everyone chatters around me. Then I think to myself, "No, surely they wouldn't leave me there...would they?" They will remember to help me out of this danged recliner before they leave. "I know they will. I'm certain they won't forget." I'm whispering aloud now. I can just see my husband laughing when he reads this. "Anybody? Help? PLEASE! ANYBODY?!!!"

FEE CLASSES

Card Games Canasta and Hand & Foot	Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m. Exercise Room	\$2 drop-in	
Caribbean Aerobics	Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. Exercise Room	\$22/month or \$4/class	
MahJong	Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. Exercise Room	\$2 drop-in	
Painting Class (Watercolor or Acrylic)	Monday, 1:00—3:30 p.m. Exercise Room	\$30/month	
Spanish Language	Thursday, 10:45 a.m. Pelican Room	\$16/month	
Tai Chi	Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. \$24/month or \$7/cl Banyan Room		
Yoga	Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. \$20/month or \$6/cla Exercise Room		

ON-SITE AGENCIES

Commission on Aging Meeting	Second Wednesday of each month	Carole Ware 727-893-7102
Office On Aging	Monday to Friday	Carole Ware 727-893-7102
Guardian Group Services	Monday to Friday By appointment	Susan Brehm 727-490-8609
Friends of the Sunshine Center, Inc.	Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. – noon	727-821-2323
Kids & Kubs 3/4 Century Softball Club	Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 9 a.m. – noon	727-893-7108
Moore Medicare Options	Monday to Friday By appointment	727-677-8040
Neighborly Care Network Senior Café, Meals on Wheels	Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Monday to Friday, 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	727-893-7136 727-756-1001 ext. 1108
Seniors in Service Retired Senior Volunteer Program	Monday to Friday By appointment	Sarah Rosenbaum 727-890-4808 813-582-2162 ext. 842
St. Petersburg Lions Club Eye Center	Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Closed Tuesday & Thursday	

The Friends of the Sunshine Center has an exciting new feature on their website: www.sunshinecenterfriends.org/

They are selling the T-shirts that so many of us want. There are a variety of designs from which to choose, all with a sunshine theme! Most are under \$20. Join us on trips, activities, walks, and just hanging out at the center in a beautiful Sunshine T-shirt! Proceeds directly benefit center participants.

ST. PETERSBURG FALLS PREVENTION WEEK

September 19-23, 2022 * Sunshine Senior Center

Fall prevention is a team effort and everyone has a role to play to reduce fall risks.

Join us for a week dedicated to helping prevent falls through education and exercise! Become a fall prevention advocate and make a difference in yourself and your community.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, September 19, at 9:30 a.m.

Arthritis Exercise

The class is seated in chairs and uses bands, weights, and body movements to strengthen and condition.

Tuesday, September 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Ageless Grace

The class is seated in chairs and uses music and movement to enhance body and brain health. The focus of this class will be balance and core strengthening.

Wednesday, September 21, at 10:30 a.m.

NCOA Wellness Workshop

Cris Gibson, ParmD, MBA, a trained pharmacist and medical science expert will share how to turn knowledge into action with simple strategies to improve your bone health. You will leave this presentation with action steps to use in your everyday life.

Wednesday, September 21, at 12 p.m. Wellness Wednesday: Fall Prevention

Vendors will be providing a variety of screenings, such as fall risk assessment, blood pressure, vision and many more. You can even get your flu and pneumonia vaccines. You will have an opportunity to speak with a variety of health professionals about the importance of not falling and action steps you can take.

Thursday, September 22 at 1 p.m.

The Stories of Falls

SAGES will be preforming an act from the world-famous play *Denying Gravity*. We will also hear from people who have had a fall and their perspective of how to prevent them.

Friday, September 23, at 11 a.m.

Golden Chord Fall Prevention Introduction

Join Brea Walkley, OT Doctoral Student Intern and Emily Smith to learn about the exciting Fall Prevention Program that you can get involved in. Walk away with a few tips to help you with balance and preventing falls.



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