

Department of Senior Affairs



A Message From Our Center Manager

Hello all, Happy March,

Checking in to give a few updates and things to remember upcoming.

First off, kitchen renovations are well underway and progressing nicely. We are currently getting closer to the completion of the demolition phase. We understand that this stage of the renovation has been a noisy and distracting time for some activities and groups. Again, it is much appreciated to have everyone's patience, understanding as well as flexibility during such processes. We, as staff and volunteers, will continue to do our best to work with individuals and groups as best we can to continue to make our facility an enjoyable and safe experience. And, of course, we will also be sure to give updates ongoing as able.

Furthermore, don't forget to turn your clocks back for daylight savings time on Sunday, March 12.

Hope everyone enjoys the changing of the season with the first day of spring being March 20; have a wonderful month. **Newsletter March 2023**

BEAR CANYON SENIOR CENTER

4645 Pitt NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111 Ph: 505-767-5959

Center Hours

M-W: 8 am - 5 pm Th: 8 am - 9 pm Fr: 8 am - 5 pm Sa: 9 am - 3 pm Su: Closed

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar 1 FOBC Innerseed Drive
- Mar 9 R & S Violin Shop Tour
- Mar 10 Movie Matinee
- Mar 12 Daylight Savings Time
- Mar 13 Calif Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser
- Mar 14 GEHM Clinic
- Mar 16 Lunch Bunch
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day Social
- Mar 22 Senior Day on the Rail Runner
- Mar 24 Vaccination Clinic 1-4 pm
- Mar 29 Senior Connection at the JCC
- Mar 31 Bold Beginners Piano Recital

Special Announcement The center is collecting plastic Easter eggs (new) and candy for an upcoming Senior Easter Event.





Respectfully,

Tyler Dunn

Our Mission: We are committed to providing resources with care and compassion that help our community thrive while embracing aging.

GENERAL INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

DSA ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meet the Advisory Council North Valley Senior Center MONDAY, MAR 20

11:30 am - Meet the Advisory Council Noon - Advisory Council Meeting

The meeting is open to the public. Comments, with advance notice given are welcome during the meeting. Please call 505-768-3610 for more information.



Post meetings are held at Bear Canyon the first Thursday of every month at 9:30 am. All Veterans with service in a war, campaign or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters are eligible for membership.



Navigating Medicare

First Monday of each month Lobby 10 am – 1 pm

Get free, unbiased, expert information and assistance with your Medicare decisions as well as help with enrollment from NM Aging and Long-Term Services Dept. SHIP Counselors.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

An informative new member orientation and tour takes place every month on the 2nd Friday, 10:30 to 11:30 am. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership Cards are required when purchasing meals and attending any activities at the center. Membership fee is \$20 per year and is valid at all Senior (50+) and Multigenerational centers.

HANDOUTS AVAILABLE AT FRONT DESK

- DSA Activity Catalog
- List of Ongoing Activities at Bear Canyon
- DSA Guide to Senior Services

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Department of Senior Affairs764-6400 City of Albuquerque General Info311 Non-emergency Police242-COPS (2677) Emergencies911

SAVE THE DATE

SENIOR TECH CONNECT FAIR PALO DURO SENIOR CENTER FRI, APRIL 14, 2023

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PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

(Section 2.9: B-C; Revised March 2020)

In order that all users may have a pleasant experience at the center, participants are expected to respect the rights of others and to adhere to the following behaviors:

1. Maintain personal hygiene that is not offensive or unhealthy.

2. Does not harass or bully other participants and/or staff, with racial slurs, verbal abuse, or sexual harassment.

Participants must show consideration for the diversity of staff and other participants.

3. Does not use voice and behavior that will disturb other center participants.

4. Does not use language and behavior that other participants and staff will find obscene, abusive or sexually offensive. This includes, but is not limited to in person, by telephone or email.

5. Show courtesy to other participants and staff; respect decision made by center management and bring issues involving the operations of the center to management's attention for resolution.

6. No unlawful weapons are allowed in City facilities.

7. Fighting between participants or with a staff person is prohibited.

8. Smoking is prohibited in City facilities or on City premises.

9. Alcohol consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in City facilities.

10. Treat Center materials, equipment, furniture, grounds, and facility with respect.

11. Use the Senior Center and Senior Center equipment in a safe and appropriate manner.

12. Keep the Senior Center building and grounds neat, clean, and litter free.

Failure to observe rules of conduct may result in disciplinary action being taken against participants, up to and including suspension from the program.

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Bear Canyon Staff

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GENERAL INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

SUGGESTION BOX

Please feel free to give us your helpful ideas to make Bear Canyon a more enjoyable activity center. Place your written comments in the suggestion box located at the front desk. We ask that more personal matters be brought directly to the management's attention.

• Can we have something besides cookies at the Thursday night dance?

Thank you for the suggestion. Unfortunately, while the kitchen is undergoing renovations, we are very limited on what we are able to provide based on storage, preparations etc. However, this is something we can look into with our cook and main kitchen staff. They may have recommendations based on our contracted items available to order and host for some extra variety. Furthermore, staff have been in contact with several local sponsors for more special event style dances (i.e. Valentines etc.) that include special treats.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASSES

1st Saturday of the month, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm 3rd Thursday of the month, 12 - 4 pm

Cost: AARP members \$20; non-members \$25 Call (505) 767-5959 to register.

The AARP Smart DriverTM online course is still an option, and you can register at: https://www.aarpdriversafety.org



Teeniors* are tech-savvy teens and young adults who help seniors learn technology through oneon-one personal coaching. Whether you have questions about your phone, computer or anything online, their goal is to empower you to connect with your loved ones, engage with your community, and the world through technology, while providing paid, meaningful jobs for youth in N.M.

> 1st Friday of the Month 3 - 5 pm

Space is limited, please sign up at the front desk.



FRIENDS OF BEAR CANYON NEWS

FOBC Spotlight

In the Spotlight for the month of March is Donna Bauer.

Donna is the oldest of four children and was born in El Paso, Texas. She has lived in Albuquerque since she was five years old. She graduated from Sandia High School and UNM with a degree in Elementary Education. She taught 3rd through 5th grades for 25 years.

Her hobbies include photography and collecting miniature spoons. Her favorites subjects to photograph are animals, landscapes and landmarks. She has spoons from many places, including England, Africa and the World Trade Center. Her favorite spoon was found at the WTC by her neighbor during clean up from 9/11.

Donna is an animal lover. She has two cats, Shadow and Pumpkin who enjoy watching television and listening to music.

In college, Donna was a member of the Square Dance Exhibition Team, dancing and performing acrobatics. She is also trained in Square and Contra Dance "calling." She is on the Advisory Board of the Albuquerque Folk Festival; she helps them recruit volunteers. She assists Ya Vette Bailey, Program Coordinator at BCSC, with locating bands for special events.

Donna is presently the manager of Lloyd Shaw Dance Center; she has held that position for 20 years.

==== MARCH FUNDRAISING ====



Monday, Mar 13 & Tuesday, Mar 14 11 am - 10 pm 2241 Q Street NE 505-883-3005

Tickets will be available at the front desk.

Many thanks to for being our February Restaurant of the Month!





Bear Canyon Senior Center in partnership with innerseed ministries and the Friends of Bear Canyon

Clothing & Necessities Drive Wed, Mar 1 - Fri, Mar 31

NEW OR GENTLY USED

- warm weather and summer clothing & shoes
- blankets & sleeping bags
- NEW
 - socks & underwear
 - hygiene supplies







UPCOMING TRIPS

Space is limited. Sign up at the front desk.

----- MARCH ------

Thur, Mar 9 - Robertson & Sons Violin Shop Tour

Check in: 9 am Return: 4 pm Cost: Free Lunch: At own expense Tour begins at 10 am

Wed, Mar 22 - Senior Day on the Rail Runner

Check in: 8:15 am Return: 3:15 pm Cost: Free/60+ Lunch: At own expense up to \$3

Lunch at Tomasita's Santa Fe

Wed, Mar 29 - Senior Connection at the Jewish Community Center

Check in: 8:30 am Return: 1:15 pm

Cost: Free Lunch: At own expense

Lunch at JCC Cafe

----- APRIL ------

Fri, Apr 28 - Gathering of Nations Pow Wow

Check in: 9 am Return: 4 pm Cost: \$20 + tax & fees Lunch: At own expense ----- MAY -----

Thur, May 4 - Isotopes Game

Check in: 9:45 am Cost: \$14.00/person Return 4 pm Lunch: On your own



TARDE DE ÓRO

Thursday May 11th, 2023 A Musical Production



Check-in 11:45am

Van leaves at 12:00PM

Free Event No Cost Required Starts @ 1:30 PM KIMO THEATRE ALBUOU

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SIGN UP AT FRONT DESK (SPACE LIMITED)



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE

6 - 8:45 pm



Come on Thursdays for a whirl around the dance floor. Your current membership card and \$3 will get you in for an exciting evening of music and dancing.

- Mar 2 Long Drink of Water
- Mar 9 Roger Burns
- Mar 16 Paul Pino
- Mar 23 Desert Springs
- Mar 30 Recorded





Bold Beginners March 31 2-3:30 pm Multipurpose Room

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Sign up on the Interest Sheet at the Front Desk

Would you like to learn how to bowl?

Are you interested in making bead necklaces and bracelets? Sign up on the Crafting for Fun Interest sheet.

LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, Mar 16 at Tula's Kitchen 8100 Wyoming Blvd. NE 505-418-4488 Check in: 10:45 am Re



am Return: 3 pm

Please sign up at the front desk.



FRIENDSHIP COFFEE

Every Tuesday, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Friendship Coffee is a great opportunity to gather with old friends and make new ones while enjoying a cup of coffee and a morning treat. The event is free, thanks to the generosity of these sponsors and supporters.

Last month's Sponsors:

- Feb 7 ProMedica
- Feb 14 The Montebello on Academy
- Feb 21 United Healthcare
- Feb 28 Oak Street Health

INTERNET SAFETY FOR SENIORS

Wed, Mar 29 1-2 pm

Stay Safe Online Presentation

Outreach Program Services of America Natalie Butler, Outreach Agent Natalieb.outreach@gmail.com



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES





ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



Bill Verant



Steve Fotis

Congratulations to all of the medal winners!

2023 TABLE TENNIS SENIOR OLYMPIANS



Paul Horvat, Violet Roskos, Norma Bobotis, Nancy Dvorsky

If you also medaled and would like to be included in a group photo, please let us know at the front desk.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

COMPUTER ROOM INFORMATION

OPEN COMPUTER LAB Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 - 11 am iMac, PC, and iPAD available



PC COMPUTER WORKSHOP

Third Wednesday of the month 1:30 - 3:30 pm Contact person: Harold Gottlieb Email: hbgottl2@q.com



APPLE MAC WORKSHOP

Fourth Saturday of the month 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Rooms 3 & 4 Activity Leader: Bo Keith Email: bnkeith@comcast.net

Anyone with an iMac, iPhone or iPad is welcome to attend. A presentation will be followed by an open question and answer period.

Volunteers with website experience, please contact Bo Keith.

APPLE USERS

Drop In Assistance Mondays 9 - 11 am Contact person: Jean Maka Email: huntgen@gmail.com

HEALTH

GERIATRIC EDUCATION AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE (GEHM)



Second Tuesday of the month 8:30 am - 1200 pm In the Lobby

GEHM provides a wide variety of health services to help seniors achieve and maintain a high level of health and independence. UNM nursing and pharmacy students provide the services.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING Wednesdays 9 - 11 am Room 2

We are retired registered nurses with varied professional experiences ranging from emergency room, surgical, case management, oncology, public health including infectious diseases and overall health promotion and disease prevention.

Join us, call Lupe 505-401-2558



Oso Canyon Café - Seniors Age 60+ \$2.00 suggested donation; Age 50-59 \$3.25 Reservations for daily specials must be made by 1 p.m. the previous day - Call 505-767-5959 Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

