

Department of Senior Affairs

Newsletter October 2021

BEAR CANYON SENIOR CENTER

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A Message From Our Center Manager

Hello,

Hello all, and happy October! It seems as though fall came overnight. This time of year, many New Mexicans look forward to such things as Chile roasting, the International Balloon Fiesta, and Halloween among many other things. Here are a few more things for our members to look forward to coming up in October. We will be hosting a Veterans Wall of Honor reception for those who are featured on our newly revamped display on Wednesday, October 6th. The Center will be closed on Monday, October 11th for Indigenous People's Day. The annual 50+ Expo will take place on Wednesday, October 13th. Be sure to check with our front desk for more details regarding any of these events.

Lastly, we would like to wish a very special congratulations to one of our "former" own General Service Worker, John Sanchez recently retired from the City of Albuquerque and Bear Canyon Senior Center with close to 15 years at the facility. We thank John for his many years of service, for all of his hard work and dedication to not only the facility, but our department and city. As always, we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during challenging times.

Thank you all and have a safe month!

Tyler Dunn, Center Manager

M-W: 8a-5p

Center Hours

Th: 8a-9p F: 8a-5p

Sat: 9a - 3p Sun: Closed

Special Dates & Announcements

10/06: Veteran's Wall of Honor Reception 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. 10/06: What's and Why's of Funeral **Planning Presentation** 10/11: Indigenous Day- Center closed 10/13: 50+ Expo 10/13: Travel Sampler Presentation 10/21: Lunch Bunch- Monroe's

All Centers Closed

There will be no classes or activities on October 11.

Happy 100th Birthday!!

Margaret Kurcaba Celebration Oct 12 during Friendship Coffee

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

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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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NOTE FROM ANNA

Hello,

The past 18-months has shed light on many new things. A new way of thinking, a new way of doing, and a new way of being connected. Despite the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, I continue to be inspired by the resilience of our members and the One-Albuquerque community. The one thing that we have learned is that we are all in this together – to help and support each other – regardless of the obstacles placed before us. We recognize that our Centers are second homes to many of you, offering places to connect with friends or learn new things, and we appreciate you continuing to work with us during this new norm.

We are continuing to encourage our community to stay connected, whether it be in person with safe practices in place or online using different forms of technology. We know many of us might be uneasy about using technology and we encourage you to take advantage of our FREE education offerings made available through our partnership with Diverse IT – Adelante Development Center. Our goal is to help bridge the digital divide by providing small group demonstrations and one on one mentoring sessions empowering older adults the ability to navigate different applications to stay connected using their tech devices. We also have set up a FREE Senior Tech Help Line to assist with any questions you may have about your smartphones, laptops, desktops or tablets. You can call 505-503-INFO (505-503-4636), Mon - Fri, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for any of your tech help needs.

While we have come far and continue to make strides, we must not lose sight of the importance of staying healthy and continuing to support one another. I personally have seen many demonstrations of empathy, community, and care; and I am very thankful for that. Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Best,

Anna Sanchez, Director Department of Senior Affairs

GENERAL INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

DSA ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meet the Advisory Council Palo Duro Senior Center Monday, October 25

11:30 a.m. - 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 764-6469 for more information.

V.F.W. POST 10763

Post meeting are held at Bear Canyon on the first Thursday of every month at 10 a.m. All Veterans with service in a war, campaign or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters are eligible for membership.

Newcomers welcome!

SENIOR MEAL SITE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Seniors can request daily pick up from their homes within a five-mile radius to all City of Albuquerque's senior and multigenerational centers and Bernalillo County meal sites. We also offer transport within a six-mile radius to Whispering Pines and Tijeras Senior Center. To utilize meal site transport services, individuals can register directly with their center site.

NEW MEMBERS

An informative new member orientation and tour takes place every month on the 2nd Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Welcome to Bear Canyon!

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

- Catalog of activities for all City Centers
- List of Ongoing Activities at Bear Canyon
- DSA Guide to Senior Services

HELPFUL NUMBERS

| Department of Senior Affairs | .764-6400 |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| City of Albuquerque General Info | 311 |
| Non-emergency Police242-C | OPS (2677) |
| Emergencies | 911 |

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SENIOR TECH HELP LINE



Senior Affairs, in partnership with Adelante's DiverselT program, have set up a FREE Senior Tech Help Line to assist with any questions you may have about your smartphones, laptops, desktops or tablets. Having trouble joining a ZOOM meeting? Got a new smartphone and need help getting set up? Call 505-503-INFO (505-503-4636), Mon - Fri, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for your tech help needs!



Teeniors* are a tech-savvy teens and young adults who help seniors learn technology through one-onone 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.

> Thursday, October 28 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please sign up at the front desk





Raffle tickets will be on sale November 3 for varies prizes. The drawing will be held on December 3. The beautiful artwork below from local artist and former Bear Canyon Senior Center employee, Sally Bartos, is one of the many items that will be offered in this years raffle.



Artist: Sally Bartos

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



HEAT- HIGH ENERGY ACTIVE TRAVEL GROUP

On August 16, the HEAT- High Energy Travel Group went on a day trip to the Mountainair 2021 Sunflower Festival. Looks like a lot of beautiful sunflowers and great time!

HEAT meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Room 5

BEAR CANYON AUTOBIOGRAPHY GROUP AND MEMOIRS WRITING SUCCESSES

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Written In Stone



The group meets Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.









Calendar & Activities

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

RN volunteers needed to perform the blood pressure screenings. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Patricia at (505) 501-3529.





HEARTS

Hearts has started at Bear Canyon Senior Center and is looking for players.

Fridays- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

"WHAT'S AND WHY'S" OF FUNERAL PLANNING

Come to a FREE seminar on the "What's and Why's" of funeral planning. This will not be a FRENCH Funerals-Cremations sales presentation. We know you have choices and what we want to do is provide you the answers you need so you can make the best choice for you and your family. Presented by Karla Barela Lucero, Advance Planning Consultant.

Wednesday, October 6, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Room 5 Please register at the front desk.

T.N.T. DYNAMITE EXERCISE

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall

> Cost: \$2.00/class No sign up required



Calendar & Special Events

THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE 6:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.



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.

- Oct 7 Roger Burns
- Oct 14 Swing Shift
- Oct 21 Paul Pino
- Oct 28 Latin Soul



FRIENDSHIP COFFEE

Every Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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 our sponsors and supporters.

Last month's sponsors:

- Sep 7 Relay NM
- Sep 14 Sandia Vista Senior Center
- Sep 21 MVD: Madison Insurance
- Sep 28 Oak Tree Health



SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 9

V.F.W. Post 10763 in partnership with Bear Canyon Senior Center is hosting a food drive to collect and donate food to Roadrunner Food Bank.

Bring your non-perishable food items (items that do not require refrigeration) to Bear Canyon Senior Center between September 27 and October 9 during normal business hours.



LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, October 21, at Monroe's 6051 Osuna NE at 11:30 a.m.

Please sign in at the Front Desk. You will need your own transportation and can either meet at the restaurant or meet at the center at 11 a.m. and caravan together.

Calendar & Special Events

Travel Sampler Presentation



"Please join us, Howard & Marsha Seltzer, to travel the world from the comfort of your chair. So sit back and join us on a whirlwind tour of exciting and unusual destinations. We'd like to share with you highlights of some of our travel adventures to places like the far Arctic in search of Polar Bears; the famous ice & snow festival in celebration of the Chinese New Year; Russia then and now; India - off the beaten track and rarely seen; the vastness of China; highlights of an African Safari; Roman ruins of Tunisia; and more. This program is meant to tease, tempt, and entertain you and satisfy your wander lust, and is meant to be a Travel Sampler for you. We would welcome questions and discussion from the audience as we go along. Relax and travel the globe without the hassle of jet lag."

Wednesday, October 13 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Room 5

Seating is limited, please register at the front desk.



25TH ANNUAL PRIME TIME 50+ EXPO

Wednesday, October 13, 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites.

Free Health Screenings and Entertainment!



Registered members of any our Senior or Multigenerational center can sign up for FREE transportation service to the event. City of Albuquerque's Senior Affairs transportation services must follow current CDC guidelines including social distancing and mask mandates regardless of vaccination status, therefore space is limited and pre-registration is required. For more information on departure and arrival schedules or to register for transportation service to the event, please see our front desk center staff.

Breakfast and Lunch Menu

Oso Canyon Café

Breakfast Menu

Served 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday

| Full Breakfast | 1.50 |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| 2 eggs. 2 pieces of bacon or sausage, | |
| hash browns, toast or tortilla | |
| Mini Breakfast | .75 |
| 1 egg, bacon or sausage, hash browns, | |
| toast or tortilla | |
| Breakfast Burrito | 1.50 |
| 1 egg, bacon or sausage, hash browns | |
| (Chile optional) | |

<u>A-la-Carte</u>

| Egg | .25 |
|------------------------------|------|
| 2 Pieces of bacon or sausage | .50 |
| Pancake | .25 |
| French Toast | .25 |
| Egg Muffin Sandwich | 1.00 |
| Toast or Tortilla | 20 |
| Hash Browns | .30 |
| Hot Cereal w/milk | 70 |
| Side of Chile | .25 |
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Waffle Wednesday:

| Plain | 1.00 |
|------------------------------|------|
| With Strawberries & Cream | 1.50 |
| Biscuits & Gravy (Thursdays) | 1.00 |
| Huevos Rancheros (Fridays) | 1.50 |

<u>Drinks</u>

| Milk | .25 |
|---------------|-----|
| Juice | .25 |
| Coffee or tea | .30 |

Lunch A-la-Carte

Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

NO reservation is required

<u>Salad</u>

| Small Garden Salad | 1.00 |
|---------------------|------|
| Large Chef's Salad | 2.00 |
| <u>Sandwiches</u> | |
| Cold Turkey | 1.50 |
| Turkey Melt | 1.50 |
| Sandwich of the day | 1.50 |
| Grilled Cheese | 1.25 |
| 1⁄2 Sandwich | 75 |
| <u>Drinks</u> | |
| Milk | 25 |
| Juice | 25 |
| Coffee or tea | 30 |
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| Slice of Pie | (daily selection varies) .50 |
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| Bowl of Soup | (daily selection varies) .50 |

October Lunch Menu

Oso Canyon Café - Lunch Daily Specials - \$3.25

Reservations for daily specials must be made by 1 p.m. the previous day - Call 767-5959

Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | <u>Friday</u> |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Chicken Fajitas Flour Tortilla Ranch Beans Hot Sliced Apples 1% Milk | Beef Stroganoff & Pasta Cauliflower W/Red Peppers Bread Stick Pudding | Omelet W/ Fajita Blend Stewed Tomatoes Tater Tots Oranges 1% Milk | Minestrone Soup W/ Navy Beans Corn Bread Malibu Blend Cottage Cheese & | Lemon Pepper Tilapia Rice Pilaf Calabacitas Cookie 1% Miłk |
| | • 1% Milk | $\langle \bullet \rangle$ | Minzed Fruir • 1% Mille | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Closed Indigenous People's Day | Sweet & Sour Pork W/ White Rice Oriental Blend Pineapple Upside Down Cake 1% Milk | ♦ Normandy Blend ♦ Cantaloupe | Fish Nuggets W/ Tarter Sauce Crinkle Cut Fries Carrots & Peas Pudding 1% Milk | Chicken and Rice Soup Cherry Cobbler Spinach Crackers 1% Milk |
| | * | • 1% Milk | | ¥ |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Cottage Pie: (Ground Beef, Mashed Potato, Peas & Carrots) Com Bread Apple Crisp 1% Malk | Open Faced Turkey Sandwich W/Gravy Yams Green Beans Orange 1% Milk | Spaghetti Marinara W/ Squash Breadstick Malibu Blend Peaches 1% Milk | Salisbury Steak W/ Gravy White Rice Peas Jell-O W/ Fruit Dinner Roll W/ Margarine 1% Milk | Green Chile Stew (Chicken and Potatoes) Flour Tortilla Pinto Beans Calabacitas Apple 1% Milk |
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| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| Beef Tips over Pasta W/ Gravy Brussel Sprouts Peach Cobbler 1% Milk | Chicken Pot Pie W/ Biscuit Diced Beets Ancient Grain Mizzed Fruit 1% Milk | Baked Potato W/ Broccoli, Cheese, & Sour Cream Corn Baked Beans Cottage Cheese W/ Peaches 1% Milk | Salmon W/ Garlic Butter Orzo Pasta Normandy Blend Orange 1% Milk | Mummy Loaf in Swamp Water (Meat Loaf W/ Gravy) Mashed Potatoes Sliced Carrots Jell-O W/Fruit 1% Milk |