September 2024





EVENTS & ACTIVITIES Waconia Area Senior Center

REGULAR HOURS

Monday-Thursday 10am-3pm

LOCATION

201 S. Vine St. Waconia, MN 55387

QUESTIONS?

Call 952.856.4474 Email: seniorcenter@ waconia.org

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Waconia Area Senior Center is to provide a centralized location for seniors to connect with other seniors and stay engaged in active living. We strive to establish a welcoming setting that promotes social, emotional, and physical well-being, and lifelong learning.



The Waconia Area Senior Center serves adults age 55 and over in Waconia and our surrounding communities. Individuals and groups are welcome to "drop in" and take advantage of our ample space, tables, games, and refreshments.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION UPDATE

Beginning October 1, 2024, program registration will be done online, through our website. Our on-site staff will be available to assist, if needed. Throughout September, please register in the Senior Center.



KATHY SISLER

Manager on Duty

Kathy started teaching yoga at Safari Island Community Center in June. She has an extensive background in Health & Wellness at the YMCA. She has 3 sons and 8 grandchildren. Kathy recently moved to Waconia. She will be on-site Tuesdays-Thursdays.



DAN MONTAGUE

General Manager

Dan has been with Rink Management, overseeing the Waconia Ice Arena and Safari Island Community Center, since September 2021. He has over 20 years of facility management experience. Dan enjoys spending time with family, coaching their activities, playing hockey, golfing, snow and water skiing.



ANGELA NOWAK-Goloja

Manager on Duty

Angela has been a yoga instructor at Safari Island Community Center for years. Angela does pottery part-time. She has 2 adult children, who she loves to visit. Angela will be on-site Mondays.



KRISTI SHERLOCK

Assistant General Manager

Kristi has been at Safari Island Community Center since October 2021. She has over 20 years of fitness management experience. Kristi enjoys spending time with her family, cooking and baking, and spending time on the lake.



WACONIA SENIOR CENTER SEPTEMBER 2024 EVENTS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

MON	TUE	WED	THU
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CLOSED HAPPY *LABOR * DAY	 10am Mexican Train Dominoes 10am Cribbage 12:30-1:30pm Oldies Music 1:45-3pm Book Club (Oak Room) 	10am Card Games 10am-12pm Art Club 12:30pm Yahoo BINGO	10am Class of '65 12:30pm Bridge
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10am Games of Choice 10am Quilting Group 12:30pm Mahjong	 10am Mexican Train Dominoes 10am Cribbage 12-2pm Tree Time: Acrylic Painting on Canvas 	10am Card Games 10am-12pm Art Club 12:30pm BINGO	 10:30-11:30am Care Builders at Home: Building a Culture Kindness 12:30pm Bridge 12:30-2:30pm Words that Last: 8-Week Guided Autobiography Course
16	17	18	19
10am Chair Yoga 11am Card Games 12:30pm Mahjong	 10am Mexican Train Dominoes 10am Cribbage 12:30-1:30pm History of Carver Park & Lake Minnetonka 12-3pm Tech Support 	10am Card Games 10am-12pm Art Club 12:30pm Yahoo BINGO	10am-12pm Crafts with Sue 12:30pm Bridge 12:30-2:30pm Words that Last: 8-Week Guided Autobiography Course
23	24	25	26
10-11am Donuts with the Deputy 12:30pm Mahjong	10am Mexican Train Dominoes 10am Cribbage 12:30-2:30pm Boat Ride to Coney Island	10am Card Games 10am-12pm Art Club 12:30pm BINGO	11:30am Poetry Group (Oak Room) 12:30pm Bridge 12:30-2:30pm Words that Last: 8-Week Guided Autobiography Course
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10am Games of Choice 11am-12pm Senior Strength Exercise Class 12:30pm Mahjong			

Event & Activities Description

Art Club

Wednesdays 10am-12pm

All are welcome to gather and work on their latest art. Diamond art, watercolor, coloring or wherever your creative imagination takes you.

BINGO

Wednesdays 12:30pm Join us for classic and Yahoo BINGO.

Birthday Parties

Wednesday, Sep. 25 Celebrate all birthdays during the month of September with an ice cream social!

Boat Ride to Coney Island

Tuesday, Sep. 24 12:30-2:30pm Come and enjoy a fun boat ride to Coney Island, the iconic island in Lake Waconia! See the new gateway monument to welcome visitors to the island that includes a map and historical information. Walking shoes and/or hiking sticks are advised due to uneven terrain on the trails.

Registration required; limited to 24 people.

Book Club

Tuesday, Sep. 3 1:45-3pm

Join us for a discussion of the book "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult. This is a FREE Book Club offered with Carver County Library.

Bridge

Thursdays at 12:30pm

Card Games

Offered several days each month. See calendar for times.

Drop in to join a variety of card games including: Hand & Foot, 500, and Kings Corner. Cards are provided by the Senior Center.

Care Builders at Home: Building a Culture of Kindness

Thursday, Sep. 12 10:30-11:30am Kindness is an introspection into selfawareness. We will discuss on how one has to be kind to "self" first to enable sharing kindness. This kindness course offers a kaleidoscope of opportunities for the learner to feel uplifted and better prepared to pay it forward.

Class of '65



Thursday, Sep. 5 10am Meet other "65ers" to connect and reminisce!

Crafts with Sue

Thursday, Sep. 19 10am-12pm Painting Wood & Clay Mushrooms. All materials will be provided. *These art activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota State Art Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund. Registration is required; limited to 10 people.

Cribbage

Tuesdays at 10am Beginners and experts are invited to play.

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Donuts with a Deputy

Monday, Sep. 23 10-11am Join us for coffee and donuts as we listen to updates from



Sheriff Tyler. His updates are always entertaining and informative. You won't want to miss it!

History of Carver Park & Lake Minnetonka

Tuesday, Sep. 1712:30-1:30pm Discover the history of the Lake Minnetonka area and Carver Park Reserve from the hotel era to the Great Northern Railroad. See historical artifacts and guess their use. Presented by the Lowry Nature Center.

Mahjong

Mondays at 12:30pm Beginners and experts are welcome! Mahjong sets provided by the Senior Center.

Mexican Train Dominoes

Tuesdays at 10am Dominoes provided by the Senior Center.

Oldies Music

Tuesday, Sep. 3 12:30-1:30pm Greg Sletten, Westonka Music Studio, brings a variety of music and styles form the 60s to today. Oldies, country, and classic rock, including: Elvis, Nat King Cole, Johnny Cash, Dean Martin, Van Morrison, and more!

Personal Technology Support

Tuesday, Sep. 1712-3pm Volunteers from Senior Community Services' Technology Education, Connection & Help (TECH) Services team can help you:

- Troubleshoot device settings or errors
- Find and use helpful device features
- Manage online security and safety
- Download and manage applications
- Virtually connect via Zoom or Facetime There is no cost, but you must sign up for an appointment at the Senior Center or call. Bring your device with you.



Poetry Reading

Thursday, Sep. 26 11:30am Enjoy a fun beverage while you listen.

Quilting Group

Monday, Sep. 9 10am All quilters, including beginners, are invited to join this group each month.

Senior Strength Exercise Class

Monday, Sep. 30 11am-12pm This is a total body workout with a focus on strengthening the core and limbs while amplifying the body's movement through stretch, improving overall balance, posture, muscle tone and mobility. By learning how to move the body in a healthy way, one can reduce pain, improve body awareness, avoid injury and reinforce proper movement principles.

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SilverSneakers Chair Yoga

Monday, Sep. 16 10-10:45am Move your body through a series of seated and standing yoga poses. Chair support helps you safely perform a variety of postures designed to increase flexibility and improve balance and range of motion. Restorative breathing exercises and final relaxation promote stress reduction and mental clarity.

Tree Time: Acrylic Painting on Canvas

Tuesday, Sep. 912-2pm

Paint a favorite tree or one from a photo. Relaxed pace to capture your own creative style as you explore the beautiful foliage trees display in the fall. Using colorful combinations and compositions, you will discover the beautiful forms trees take on your canvas.

Registration required; limited to 10 people.

Words that Last: Learn to Write your Memoir, One Story at a Time - 8-week Guided Autobiography Course

Thursdays 12:30-2:30pm Sep. 9 - Oct. 31 If you want to leave a legacy for your family, gain perspective on a life transition, start a memoir, or reflect on your life experience, certified Guided Autobiography instructor, Bill Marsella, will help you get started on the right track. Along with creative activities, writing tips, and helpful prompts, each session introduces a major life theme for a story to write at at home and share with a group in a safe, supportive setting.

Registration is required; limited to 6 people.

