

***Concord Township  
55+ Social Group  
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**Fall—Winter 2021 Edition**

**Concord Township Community Center  
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**HELLO FRIENDS!**

As we say goodbye to August and the heat of summer and welcome September and the rest of the 'ber' months, we want you to appreciate everything good that happened this year as well as give you many events to look forward to. We hope you enjoyed the Summer Concerts this year! Don't forget, the two bands that were rained out this summer will be performing this fall. Abbey Rodeo will be playing on Thursday September 16th, 2021 from 6-8pm and the Black Jack Gypsies will be playing at our Halloween Hunt on Saturday October 30th at 12:30pm. Both events will take place at the Town Hall campus located at 7229 Ravenna Road.

Library Tuesdays are back beginning in September, they are listed on the calendar pages of this newsletter and a full description of each Library Tuesday event is available at the Community Center.

New to the schedule, Discussion Groups on Friday afternoons at 1pm.

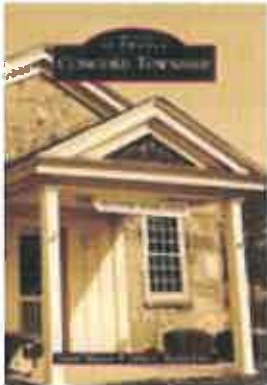
Check out the latest Grapevine for the topics each week.

Be sure to sign up early for our Fall and Winter senior socials! We look forward to seeing your smiling faces this fall and winter!



# 2022 Bicentennial Updates:

## Bicentennial News



### Concord Township Celebrates our Bicentennial in 2022!

A variety of fun and informative events are being planned to celebrate our special year! There are many opportunities to sponsor an event in 2022 as well as volunteer.

In honor of our Bicentennial, an *Images of America* Book on Concord Township history was written and is now available for sale, along with our Concord Township History Coloring Book for kids of all ages.

Books are available at the Community Center (7671 Auburn Road) and Town Hall (7229 Ravenna Road).

For more information on Bicentennial activities & events, or to sponsor or volunteer, contact Debra Esker at 440-639-4652 or [desker@concordtwp.com](mailto:desker@concordtwp.com)

Look for the Bicentennial flyer in early January 2022 for details on an exciting year for Concord Township!



Save the dates!

**Senior Socials:**

Wednesday, September 1st, 2021 at 1pm:

Hidden History of Lake County, sign up by 8/30/2021

Wednesday, September 15th, 2021 at 1 pm:

Grandparents Day Tea, sign up by 9/10/2021

**Library Tuesdays:**

Tuesday September 7th, 2021 at 10am—No More Cable

Tuesday September 14th, 2021 at 10am -

LinkedIn Learning & Great Courses

**WEDNESDAY Sept. 1st @ 1pm SENIOR SOCIAL: Hidden History of Lake County with Jennifer Boresz Engelking.**

Striking natural beauty draws many visitors to Lake County, but the area also has a rich and captivating history. Willoughbeach Amusement Park arose where one of the worst shipwrecks in Great Lakes history occurred years before. Secret passageways and tunnels helped slaves escape to freedom. Native son and Tuskegee Airman Earl R. Lane earned the Distinguished Flying Cross. Marge Hurlburt, a service pilot during World War II, set an international women's flight speed record, and Amy Kaukonen, one of the nation's first female mayors, personally raided suspected bootleggers during Prohibition. In the recently published book *Hidden History of Lake County, Ohio*, local author Jennifer Boresz Engelking uncovers the history behind some of Lake County's most well-known people and landmarks and reveals stories lost to time. **Sign up by 8/30/2021**

Sept. 1st: American Chess Day: Who wants to start Chess Club at the Community Center? Call 440-639-4650

Sept. 4th: National Wildlife Day: Did you see the black bear in June??

**Sept. 7th: LIBRARY TUESDAYS @ 10am:** Streaming services are all the rage right now, with so many different options to choose. Learn about streaming movies and shows over the internet, the many services out there, and even some free services your library provides

Sept. 8th: National Ampersand Day: Do you think today's youth & young adults know what an ampersand is?

Sept. 11th: Have you ever visited the Old Stone School in Concord? Stop by today from 3:30pm-5:00pm and see the new items that have been collected!

Sept. 12th: Happy Grandparents Day to all grandparents!

**Sept. 14th: Library Tuesdays @ 10 am: LinkedIn Learning & Great Courses:** Want to learn how to use the computer? Play guitar, Study astronomy?

**Wednesday Sept. 15th: SENIOR SOCIAL @ 1pm:** Grandparents Day Tea! You are not required to be a grandparent to attend. Spaces are limited so please register soon for a lovely tea party. **Sign up by 9/10/2021**

**Thursday Sept. 16th ABBY RODEO CONCERT** from 6pm-8pm at Town Hall Gazebo 7229 Ravenna Road

**Sept. 22nd: BINGO** Register for your spot to play BINGO at the Community Center from 1-2!

Sept. 29th: How do you take your coffee?



Monthly Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

(Write down your monthly goal and how to achieve it)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Community Center event!	Recreation Dept. is Closed		1 Senior Social: Hidden History of Lake County @1pm	2 National Blueberry Popsicle Day	3 National Food Bank Day	4 National Wildlife Day
5 National Cheese Pizza Day	6 Labor Day Recreation Department Closed	7 Library Tuesdays: "No More Cable" 10am CCC	8 National Ampersand Day	9 National Teddy Bear Day	10 National Swap Ideas Day	11 Patriot Day Stone School Public Tours 
12 Grandparents Day	13 National Bald is Beautiful Day	14 Library Tuesdays: LinkedIn Learning & Great Courses 10 am CCC	15 Senior Social: Grandparents Day Tea @1pm	16 National PlayDoh Day ABBEY RODEO CONCERT	17 National Monte Cristo Day	18 National Dance Day
19 Talk Like a Pirate Day	20 National Pepperoni Pizza Day	21 National Pecan Cookie Day	22 BINGO @ 1pm 	23 National Great American Pot Pie Day	24 National Cherries Jubilee Day	25 National Lobster Day
26 National Pancake Day	27 National Chocolate Milk Day	28 National Good Neighbor Day	29 National Coffee Day	30 National Hot Mulled Cider Day		

Save the dates!

Senior Socials:

Library Tuesdays:

Wednesday October 6th, 2021 @ 1 pm :

Coffee with a Cop & Fall Prevention, sign up by 10/4/2021

Wednesday October 20th, 2021 @ 1 pm:

Fall "Poker" Run, sign up by 10/18/2021

Tuesday October 5th, 2021 @ 10 am -

How a Meeting on a Tennis Court Changed the French Revolution

Tuesday October 12th, 2021 @ 10 am -

Urban Legends of Ohio

**Monthly Goal: Enjoy and appreciate the beauty around you as the leaves start changing.**

**Oct. 5th: Library Tuesdays @ 10am:** How a Meeting on a Tennis Court Changed the French Revolution. A history lecture presented by John Foster. The key meeting to plan the French Revolution took place on a tennis court! Learn all about the famous Tennis Court Oath, June 1789.

Oct. 5th: National Do Something Nice Day!

**Oct. 6th: SENIOR SOCIAL@ 1pm:** Today is National Coffee with a Cop Day. Sergeant Jerrold Infalvi will be back to chat with our group! Oct. 16th: To some, this may be a silly holiday. To others, any excuse to celebrate suits them. Today, do something "sweet" for a friend or loved one.

**Oct. 12th:Library Tuesdays @ 10am: Urban Legends of Ohio:** Ohio has many urban legends such as the Melon Heads, Helltown, Cry Baby Bridge, and many others. This program will discuss many of them.

Oct. 16th: Wishing you a Happy Sweetest Day!

**Oct. 20th: SENIOR SOCIAL 1pm-2:30pm:** Sign up for this fun event and you will receive directions and a map of 5 different locations in Concord to visit and collect a playing card at each location. Call a friend or two to join you as you take a little tour of Concord. The last stop will be the Concord Community Center where you will receive a treat and find out who has the best "poker hand". Call the Recreation Department with questions.

Oct. 26th: National Pumpkin Day

**Oct. 27th BINGO @ 1pm:** Register for your spot to play BINGO at the Community Center from 1pm-2pm!

Oct. 28th: Thank a First Responder today!


Oct. 29th: What's the best way to enjoy oatmeal? Apple cinnamon, maple and brown sugar, peaches and cream, or plain?

**Oct. 30th: Halloween Hunt @ 12:30pm!** Join us at 7229 Ravenna Road for a family friendly Halloween Party with the BlackJack Gypsies following our Halloween Hunt around Concord Township.





# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Community Center event!	Recreation Dept. is Closed				1 World Smile Day!	2 National Custodial Workers Day
3	4 National Taco Day	5 Library Tuesdays: How a Meeting on a Tennis Court Changed the French Revolution	6 Senior Social National Coffee With a Cop Day	7 National Chocolate Covered Pretzel Day	8 National Pierogi Day	9
10	11 Columbus Day Recreation Department is Closed	12 Library Tuesdays: Urban Legends of Ohio	13 Train Your Brain Day	14 National Dessert Day	15	16 Happy Sweetest Day
17 National Pasta Day	18	19	20 Senior Social: Poker Run	21	22	23
24	25	26 National Pumpkin Day	27 BINGO	28 National First Responders Day	29 National Oatmeal Day	30 Halloween Hunt
31 Happy Halloween						

Save the dates!

Senior Socials:

Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021 at 1pm -

DIY Tea Towels, sign up by 10/29/21

Wednesday, November 17th, 2021 at 1 pm

**FRIENDSGIVING IS BACK!!**, sign up by 11/12/2021

Library Tuesdays:

Tuesday November 2, 2021 @ 10am - Murder Most Foul

Tuesday November 9th, 2021 @ 10am - From Princess to Queen

**Monthly Goal: Write down something you are thankful for each day of November.**

Nov. 2nd: Election Day, please use your right to vote today.

**Nov. 2nd: LIBRARY TUESDAYS @ 10am: Murder Most Foul!** The turn of the last century brought us two of the most shocking murders in our history. Surprisingly, each case involved a famous American architect (thankfully NOT presidential son/career architect Abram Garfield!) and his mistress. Hear all the details in this informative and eye-opening program! Presented by staff from the Garfield National Historic Site.

**Wednesday Nov. 3rd: Senior Social @ 1pm.** Today we will be decorating tea towels for Thanksgiving. Join us for a fun craft using paints and stencils to create something useful and beautiful.

Nov. 5th: What's your favorite brand of hot sauce? Have you ever tried it on eggs, chili, pizza, French fries, steak, veggies?

Nov. 7th: It's that time again to "fall back".

**Nov. 9nd: LIBRARY TUESDAYS @ 10am: Princess to Queen.** Most people living today never knew a British Monarch other than Queen Elizabeth II. She seemed perfect for the role, although she was not technically born for it. Learn about her life before Queen, as well as the people and events that shaped her life and prepared her to become the Queen we know and love today.

Nov. 11th: Thank a Veteran. Veteran's Appreciation Program 11:30am—1 pm  
Old Stone School



**Wednesday Nov. 17th: Senior Social @ 1pm.** FRIENDSGIVING IS BACK! Call the Recreation Department to sign up to bring a dish to share as we celebrate fellowship and food. Recreation will provide the main dish and supplement side dishes as needed.

Nov. 17th: National Hiking Day! Did you know Concord has a 55+ hiking group that meets on Thursday mornings? Call Rachel @ 440-639-4651 to get on the email list and explore our beautiful community.



Nov. 25th: HAPPY THANKSGIVING from the Recreation Department!

Nov. 27th: **"Small Business Saturday"** : Support a local small business today. Whether you're getting donuts at a local shop or shopping at a boutique, today is a great day to shop small.



# NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Community Center event!	1 National Authors' Day 	2 Election Day NATIONAL OHIO DAY! Library Tuesdays	3 Senior Social: DIY Tea Towel craft	4 National Candy Day	5 National Hot Sauce Day	6
7 Daylight Savings Ends. 	8	9 Library Tuesdays	10	11 Recreation Dept. is closed Veteran's Day 	12	13 World Kindness Day
14	15	16	17 Senior Social: Friendsgiving National Hiking Day	18 Mickey Mouse's Birthday 	19 National Play Monopoly Day 	20
21  <i>A thankful heart is a happy HEART!</i>	22	23	24	25 Recreation Dept. is closed Happy Thanksgiving! 	26 Recreation Dept. is closed	27 Small Business Saturday
28 Hanukkah begins	29 Cyber Monday	30 National Day of Giving			<div data-bbox="1185 1732 1518 1963" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>What did the big furry hat say to the warm woolly scarf? "You hang around, while I go on a head"</p> </div> 	

Save the dates!

Senior Socials:

Wednesday, December 1st, 2021 at 1pm -

BINGO with Santa, sign up by 11/29/2021

Wednesday, December 15th, 2021 at 1 pm -

Holiday Luncheon (Cruisin' Crooners), sign up by  
12/10/2021 cost \$8

Library Tuesdays:

Tuesday December 7th, 2021 @ 10 am - Sono-  
be Modular Origami

Monthly Goal:

**Dec. 1st: Senior Social: BINGO WITH SANTA.** Sign up for a few games of BINGO with the big guy himself, Santa!

Dec. 3rd: Join us at the Town Hall campus for Concord's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony @ 6pm

**Dec. 7th: LIBRARY TUESDAYS: Sonobe Modular Origami.** Sonobe modular origami units are simple folded pieces of paper pieces that can be fitted together to create a variety of three-dimensional objects. Join us to learn how to fold individual Sonobe units and assemble a cube or stellated octahedron that can be used as stylish home or holiday décor.

Dec. 8th: Make a pan of brownies, and decorate them into little Christmas trees.

Dec. 9th: Do you still send Christmas cards? If you do, let the Recreation Department know and we will add you to our list.

**Dec. 15th: SENIOR SOCIAL@ 1pm: HOLIDAY LUNCHEON WITH THE CRUISIN CROONERS.** Sign up for our annual Senior Social Holiday Luncheon to celebrate the season. **The cost is \$8** and covers lunch and music from the Cruisin' Crooners. Holiday attire is appreciated.

Dec. 17th: Do you own an "ugly" Christmas sweater? Stop by the Community Center to show it off today!

Dec. 23rd: Today is a great day to get out the photo albums and gather the family to share stories and collect memories and family information.



Dec. 25th: The Recreation Department wishes you a very Merry Christmas!

Dec. 27th: Do you enjoy fruitcake? If so, find a friend or family member to share a slice with today.

Concord Township wishes you a happy and prosperous 2022!! Get ready for an exciting year!!



# Hello December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Community Center event!			1 Senior Social: BINGO with Santa	2 National Mutt Day	3 Holiday Tree Lighting @ Town Hall	4 National Cookie Day
5 Have you started decorating?	6 St. Nicholas Day	7 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8 National Brownie Day	9 National Christmas Card Day	10 Have you voted for light up Concord yet?	11 
12 Gingerbread House Day & Poinsettia Day 	13 National Cocoa Day	14	15 Senior Social: Holiday Luncheon with Cruisin' Crooners	16 National Chocolate covered anything day	17 National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day	18 National Wreaths Across America Day
19 	20	21 Winter Solstice Humbug Day	22	23 National Roots Day	24 Community Center is Closed	25  Merry Christmas!
26 National Candy Cane Day Boxing Day Kwanzaa begins	27 National Fruitcake Day	28 Pledge of Allegiance Day National Card Playing Day	29	30 National Bacon Day	31 New Years Eve Community Center is Closed	



# What You Loved Most: 2021

Think of all of 2021. Can you recall what your favorite times are? Write them down, share with a friend, or quietly celebrate the good that was experienced in 2021. As mentioned in previous newsletters, having gratitude has a wonderfully profound effect on your mental and physical health.

Best memory made: \_\_\_\_\_

Best movie watched: \_\_\_\_\_

Best meal enjoyed: \_\_\_\_\_

Best conversation had: \_\_\_\_\_

Biggest obstacle overcome: \_\_\_\_\_

Best celebration: \_\_\_\_\_

Best sight seen: \_\_\_\_\_

Best place visited: \_\_\_\_\_

Best thing read: \_\_\_\_\_

Best music heard: \_\_\_\_\_

Best new thing experienced: \_\_\_\_\_





### Daily Goals:

- \* Stretch for 10 minutes.
- \* Walk for 15 minutes, twice a day.
- \* Call a friend or family member.
- \* Drink plenty of water.
- \* Eat a balanced diet with a variety of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.
- \* Read something interesting.
- \* Find 3 new things to be grateful for every day.
- \* Do one thing to make yourself smile.

## Jambalaya Pasta



### INGREDIENTS:

1 TBS extra - virgin olive oil

1 onion chopped

2 bell peppers, chopped

2 links of andouille sausage, sliced

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut in 1" pieces

1 tsp. Cajun seasoning

Salt & pepper

1 box penne pasta

1 (15oz) can of diced tomatoes

4 c. low sodium chicken broth

1/2 c. heavy cream

1 cup shredded cheddar

Parmesan and chopped parsley for serving

### Directions:

- 1) In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and peppers and cook until soft, then add sausages and cook until browned. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, 1 minute, then add chicken. Season with Cajun seasoning, salt, and pepper and cook, stirring often, until chicken is golden and cooked through.
- 2) Add penne and stir, then pour in diced tomatoes and chicken broth. Simmer until pasta is al dente and almost all liquid is absorbed, about 20 minutes.
- 3) Stir in heavy cream and cheddar until melted.
- 4) Sprinkle with Parmesan and parsley. ENJOY!





Special thank you to all those involved in making our May - August Senior Socials a success including:

**May:**

Flower Monograms and dessert: Recreation Staff

Fire Safety with Doug Rought and Meet & Greet with Sergeant Jerrold Infalvi

Cookies provided by Mapleview Country Villas

**June:**

Take Me Out to the CCC for a Ballgame—Concord Township Fire Dept. for cooking hotdogs provided by the Recreation Department

Wildlife of the Western Reserve – Brandy and Lena Hanososky & dessert (Fudge) provided by Sonya Anderson of Mapleview Country Villas

Behind the Front Door part 2 - Susan Cannavino

Water bottles from Abby Kemmerling of Mentor Ridge Health and Rehabilitation

**July:**

ShowBiz Kids and strawberry and chocolate sundae cups provided by the Recreation Department

Lake County Summers Gone By: Tonya Basic

Hot dogs from: Shannon Reglus of VPA

**August:**

Elvis has left the building: Charles Canterbury and friends

Abby Kemmerling of Mentor Ridge Health and Rehabilitation - Peace, Love, and Little Donuts

National Senior Citizens Appreciation Day Drive thru: NOPEC, Visiting Physicians Association, Mentor Ridge Health and Rehabilitation, Mapleview Country Villas, Care Patrol, Altercare, Discount Drug Mart, and Concord Township staff.

**THANK YOU to Mind & Body Martial Arts program for setting up our tables and chairs. THANK YOU to the guys at the Service Department for their speedy work taking down tables and stacking chairs! We truly appreciate you!**

Lastly the Recreation Department would like to thank the Concord Township community for attending our events at the Community Center, Old Stone School, Town hall campus, Gazebo included. Your participation continues to create a wonderful sense of community where friendships are cultivated and families thrive.



Tear off sheet and drop it off to the Recreation Department next time you're there.



- \* Would you like to go on field trips in 2022 for Senior Socials? \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Would you be interested in a light exercise class Wednesday mornings? \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Would you be interested in more crafts for Senior Socials? \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Are you looking forward to Concord's 2022 bicentennial? \_\_\_\_\_
- \* What was your favorite Summer Concert? \_\_\_\_\_
- \* What band would you like us to look into having next year? \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Do you follow Concord Township on social media? \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Do you read and enjoy the printed version of the Grapevine? \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Please share what else you would like the Recreation Department to know:

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MAIL TO CURRENT RESIDENT OR:

**Join a 55+ Groups**

*Mah Jongg - Mondays & Wednesdays, 1pm-3:30pm*

*Pinochle—Tuesdays, 1pm-3:30pm*

*Art Club (all mediums welcome!) - Tuesdays 10am-  
Noon*

\* *Hiking Group—Thursdays, 9:30am-11:00am*

\* *Garden Club—2nd Wednesday of the month*

***Interested in starting a group? Chess, cards, craft-  
ing, book club, etc. Call the 440-639-4650 and let's  
talk about it!***

*\*Location varies, so please call for details*

**Recreation Director:**

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Susie Cobb 440-639-4650

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**DO YOU LIKE TO READ?**

Check out Concord Township's *Little Free Libraries*, located near the entrance to the Old Stone School at 7125 Ravenna Road and at the entrance of the Concord Community Center at 7671 Auburn Road. The Concord Community Center has a mini-library in our kitchen! Stop by and peruse a nice selection of fiction and non-fiction books. Take as many as you like – free! If you have books you would like to donate, simply drop them off at your convenience.

