

Garfield Heights Senior Center: September Updates

NEWS FROM KATHY

As some of you may know by now, Annie has decided to take another position and will be leaving the senior center. Her last day will be September 10th. Although it is very sad to see her leave, she has a wonderful opportunity elsewhere and she needs to do what's best for her and her family in the long run. Unfortunately, because of our closure due to the pandemic, she will not have the opportunity to personally say good bye but know that she will miss each one of you! She has promised to come back and visit once we reopen and we look forward to that day. She will be missed more than she knows!!

Speaking of when we reopen.....Governor DeWine announced that senior centers may begin to reopen on September 21st, however, we will not be able to meet all the mandates and new requirements within that time frame. The state has given senior centers a lengthy list of new protocols and, without enough staff currently working while taking into consideration the fact that Annie is also leaving, we cannot put all the new protocols in place by the September 21st target date. We will continue to work on developing our new protocols and filling the vacant positions at the senior center in order to reopen as soon as possible. In the meantime, we will continue to deliver meals to your home based on our current capabilities.

Finally, Annie developed a "Reopening Survey" that was mailed to each senior household asking for feedback regarding the level of interest to return to the senior center in the congregate setting. This information is vital to the implementation of our reopening plan. If you have not already done so, please fill it out and send it back ASAP.



TRANSPORTATION IS BACK!!

Our homebound meals driver, Ralph, returned to work the end of August to give Lorenza more time to get back to providing transportation to medical appointments as needed. For months, we were not able to take seniors to necessary appointments due to the termination of 4 staff members at the beginning of the COVID pandemic. Although we are still short staffed and struggling each day to get all the work done, we are trying to slowly add services so we can get back to normal and provide services to our seniors. Please remember that you can call one week in advance to arrange a medical appointment and the day before to schedule an errand, such as a trip to the grocery store or pharmacy. We will do our very best to accommodate as many requests as we can.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CAROLE	NEWMAN	9/3
JIM	KOTOWSKI	9/4
RENEE	ANDERSON	9/5
FRANK	MERCURIO	9/6
RAMONA	JOHNSON	9/6
CONNIE	WELLS	9/11
THERESA	LENCZEWSKI	9/12
DIANE	STIEBEL	9/14
LINDA	ZIEMBA	9/14
DI	ADAMS	9/16
MERION	HALL	9/18
CAROL	KRAPOVICH	9/20
WILLENE	GRIFFIN	9/28

Happy birthday to all of you from the staff at the Garfield Heights Senior Center. We hope to celebrate with cake soon!

