

#### THE CHATHAM SENIOR TIMES

The Official Newsletter of Chatham County Aging Services

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# "This whole place saved my life."



BEFORE AFTER

Roughly 18 months ago, Donald Moore found himself in a precarious predicament.

At the age of 69, he had eclipsed the 300-pound mark. His doctor implored him to make immediate changes to reach 70. In October 2022, Donald started visiting the fitness room at the Pittsboro Center for Active Living. He has since lost 66 pounds and credits his thrice-weekly visits with saving his life.

To see our fitness class schedules, turn to page 8.

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## **Upcoming Events**



Ugly Christmas Sweater Party Monday, December 11 10:30 a.m.

Siler City Center for Active Living Prizes Awarded For "Ugliest Christmas Sweater," "Cutest Christmas Sweater," and "Tackiest Christmas Sweater!"

Chatham Winter Weather Survival Drive
Distribution Event
Monday, December 11
3-7:30 p.m.
Siler City Center for Active Living
Winter coats, jackets, etc. to be distributed

Gardening Club With NC Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteers of Chatham County Tuesday, December 12 2 p.m.

Siler City Center For Active Living
Space Limited - Pre-register by December 5

Gift Wrapping Service For Participants
Wednesday, December 13
Noon to 3 p.m.
Siler City Center for Active Living
Bring your presents & we will wrap them!
(Wrapping Paper & Ribbon Accepted)

Trip to Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory
(Bear Creek)
Thursday, December 14
Pittsboro Center for Active Living
Depart at 9:30 a.m.
RSVP to Liz Lahti at 919-542-4512 or
liz.lahti@chathamcountync.gov



Winter Wonderland
Thursday, December 21
10 a.m.
Chatham County Agriculture
& Conference Center
Crafts, Treats, Carols & Holiday Meal
RSVP to 919-742-3975 or
liz.lahti@chathamcountync.gov
by Friday, December 8

New Years Ball
Thursday, January 4
10 a.m.
Pittsboro Center for Active Living

New Year RESOLVE Wednesday, January 17 2 p.m. Pittsboro Center for Active Living

# NCIOM Task Force on Healthy Aging Releases Actionable Report

North Carolina's population is rapidly aging. By 2028, 1 in 5 residents will be over age 65, and by 2038 most North Carolina counties will have more residents aged 60+ than those under age 18. This signifies major changes in the health care needs of our state for which families, communities, medical providers, and policymakers must prepare.

A new report, A Place to Thrive: Creating Opportunities to Age Well in North Carolina, from the North Carolina Institute of Medicine's Task Force on Healthy Aging recommends 30 actionable strategies for improving social connections, falls prevention, food and nutrition security, and mobility to support healthy aging for all North Carolinians.

The Task Force on Healthy Aging was composed of more than 60 members from health care, local and state government, faith communities, aging, academia, and other sectors. The group convened between May 2022 and April 2023 to learn from experts and work together to identify solutions to support the increasing older adult population in our state. The task force identified four key areas of focus for its recommendations - improving social connections, falls prevention, food and nutrition security and mobility.

The new report includes data and analysis to provide context for the healthy aging challenges and opportunities facing our state, as well as detailed recommendations and strategies for decision-makers in sectors including health care, public health, academia, the legislature, housing development, and more.

Among other findings, the report and recommendations of the task force reflect a particular need, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, to invest in the development of communities and homes that provide a safe environment for healthy aging. The task force also took a careful look at the impact of inequities in healthy aging, as North Carolina's demographics become more diverse as well as growing older.

The NCIOM Task Force on Healthy Aging was led by co-chairs Dr. Tamara Baker, professor in the Department of Psychiatry at UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine, and Dennis Streets, former director of the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services and former executive director of the Chatham County Council on Aging. Funding for this work was provided by The Duke Endowment, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Aging and Adult Services and Division of Public Health, and AARP NC.

To learn more, visit the link at:

https://nciom.org/a-place-to-thrive-creating-opportunities-to-age-well-in-north-carolina/

Key: Key Cont'd: RSVPs CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE AG: Ag Center G: Gym \*: liz.lahti@chathamcountync.gov See page 2 & website for B: Bus L: Library (ECSC) Or 919-542-4512 ext. 228 updates BP: Blood Pressure MP1/2: Multipurpose Room 1 &2 \*\*\*: Ed Martinez: 770-652-3258 CCCL: Chatham County \*\*\*\*:william.riggsbee@chatham OA: Old Agricultural Building, 65 E. Community Library **Drop-In Activities:** Chatham St, Pittsboro countync.gov CG: Chatham Grove P: Parlor Or 919-742-3975 ext. 223 Jigsaw puzzle, adult Community Center Z: ZOOM Hikes: coloring, library, bocce, CR: Conference Room alan.russo@chathamcountync.gov CRGC: Chapel Ridge Golf Club Basket Weaving: horseshoes, and fitness carolynminnich1@gmail.com F: Fitness Room center. 8:15 AM Sr Exercise (F, MP2) 10 AM GeriFit (F, MP2) 11 AM Ornament Making w/ Thales Academy (MP1/2) 1 PM Games/Euchre (P) 3 PM Jukebox Live! -Genre changes weekly 50s - 80s Dance Music (MP1/2) 8:15 AM Sr Exercise (F, MP2) 4 8:15 AM Sr Exercise (F, MP2) 5 10 AM Chair Yoga w/Liz\* 8:15 AM Sr Exercise (F, MP2) 8:15 AM Sr Exercise 8 10 AM Geri-Fit (F, MP2) 9 AM 3G's Men's Group\*\*\* (F/MP2/Z) 9:30 AM Blood Pressure 10 AM Golf (CRGC) (CR) 10 AM Basic Machine Clinic (L) 10 AM Geri-Fit (F, MP2) 10 AM Woodcarvers (P) 2 PM Table Tennis (MP2) Quilting Class\* - Full 10 AM Hooks & Needles (P) 11 AM Morning Time 10 AM Cardio Drumming (F) 11 AM Coffee & Games w/ 10 AM Bingo (MP1/2) w/Pastor Danny (CR) 10:30 AM Gym Orientation (G) Sheriff's Office (MP1) 11 AM Holiday Table 1 PM Games/Euchre (P) 11 AM Chatham Striders 1 PM Open Art Studio (MP1) Arrangements w/Emily (MP1) (MP1/2) **Bring Your Own Project** 12:30 PM Newcomers Tea\* 1 PM Rummikub (P) 1 PM Open Art Studio -**RSVP Liz (CR) Holiday Table Arrangements** 1 PM Rummikub (P) w/Emily (Bring your own 1 PM Pinochle (L) container and clippers) RSVP to 1:30 PM Line Dancing (F/MP2) Liz by 12/4 (MP1/2) 2:30 PM - 5 PM Center Closed for 1 PM Leaving Your Legacy Staff Training w/Author, Jessica Bryan (L) 3 PM NO Gentle Yoga w/Liz\*\* 1 PM Hand & Foot Card Game (F/MP2) 8:15 AM Sr Exercise 8:15 AM Sr Exercise 10 AM Chair Yoga w/Liz\* 8:15 AM Sr Exercise 11 12 13 8:15 AM Sr Exercise 15 (F. MP2) (F, MP2) (F/MP2/Z) (F, MP2) (F, MP2) 10 AM, GeriFit (F, MP2) 9 AM 3G's Men's Group\*\*\* 9:30 AM Trip to Southern 11 AM Coffee & Games 10 AM Geri-Fit (F, MP2) 10 AM Golf (CRGC) (CR) w/ Pittsboro Police Dept (MP1) Supreme Fruitcake Factory. RSVP 11:15 AM Stories w/Neriah 10 AM Crafting Your Own to Liz by 12/8 11 AM Live Bluegrass Music 1 PM Open Art Studio 1 PM Games/Euchre (P) 10 AM Hooks & Needles (P) w/the Original Haw River Grief Journey (L) Bring Your Own Project (MP1) 3 PM Jukebox Live! Variety 10 AM Woodcarvers (P) Crawdaddies (MP1/MP2) 10 AM Bingo (MP1/2) 1 PM 1 PM Make a Carolina Of classic rock, classic country 11 AM and Christian country featuring 2 PM Table Tennis (MP2) 10 AM Cardio Drumming (F) **Snowflake Ornament** 3 PM Caregiver Support 10:30 AM Gym Orientation (G) 1 PM Rummikub (P) the Grateful Hearts w/Carolyn - RSVP 1 PM Pinochle (L) Group (CR) 11 AM Birthday Party (MP1/2) carolynminnich1@gmail.com 1 PM Rummikub (P) (MP1) 1:30 PM Line Dancing (F/MP2) 1 PM NO Hand & Foot Card 3 PM Gentle Yoga w/Liz\* Game (F) (F/MP2) 8:15 AM Sr Exercise (F, MP2) 18 8:15 AM NO Sr Exercise 10 AM Chair Yoga w/Liz\* 8:15 AM Sr Exercise 8:15 AM Sr Exercise 21 22 10 AM GeriFit (F, MP2) (F, MP2) (F, MP2) (F/MP2/Z) (F, MP2) 9:30 AM NO Blood Pressure 9 AM 3G's Men's Group\*\*\* 10 AM Golf (CRGC) 11 AM Coffee & Games w/ 10 AM GeriFit (F, MP2) Clinic (L) 10 AM Choir to Siler City Sheriff's Office (MP1) 1 PM Games/Euchre (P) 10 AM NO Hooks & Needles (P) 10 AM Woodcarvers (P) w/Alan (B) 1 PM Open Art Studio -10 AM NO Bingo (MP1/2) 2 PM Table Tennis (MP2) 10 AM Cardio Drumming\* (F) Bring Your Own Project (MP1) 10:30 AM Gym Orientation (G) 10 AM Winter Wonderland (AG) 6 PM Caregiver Virtual 1 PM Beaded Jewelry Making Support Group (Z)\*\*\*\* RSVP0 11 AM Live Music w/Neighbors 3 (CR) RSVP - pfkenlan@gmail.com 1 PM Rummikub/Pinochle (P) (MP1/2) 1:30 PM Line Dancing 1 PM Leaving Your Legacy 1 PM Rummikub (P) w/Author, Jessica Bryan (L) 3 PM Gentle Yoga w/Liz\* 1 PM Hand & Foot Card Game (F/MP2) 8:15 AM Sr Exercise 8:15 AM Sr Exercise 29 25 26 28 **CHATHAM CHATHAM** (F, MP2) (F, MP2) CHATHAM 10 AM Bingo (MP1/2) 10 AM GeriFit (F, MP2) **COUNTY AGING COUNTY AGING COUNTY AGING** 10 AM Hooks & Needles (P) 1 PM Games/Euchre (P) SERVICES CLOSED SERVICES CLOSED 1 PM Rummikub (P) SERVICES CLOSED 1 PM Pinochle (L) FOR HOLIDAYS FOR HOLIDAYS FOR HOLIDAYS 1:30 PM Line Dancing (F/MP2) 3 PM Gentle Yoga w/Liz\*

(F/MP2)

Key: Key Cont'd: B: Bus

G: Gym

L: Library (ECSC) MP1/2: Multipurpose Room 1 &2 OA: Old Agricultural Building, 65 E. Chatham St, Pittsboro

P: Parlor Z: ZOOM

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CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE See page 2 & website for updates

**Drop-In Activities:** 

Jigsaw puzzle, adult coloring, library, bocce, horseshoes, and fitness center

Chatham County **Aging Services** Closed

CRGC: Chapel Ridge Golf Club

BP: Blood Pressure

Community Library

Community Center

F: Fitness Room

CG: Chatham Grove

CR: Conference Room

CCCL: Chatham County

HAPPY \*\* new \* YEAR!

8:15 AM Sr Exercise (F, MP2) 2 9 AM 3G's Men's Group\*\*\* (CR)

10 AM Woodcarvers (P) 10 AM Cardio Drumming (F) 10:30 AM Gym Orientation (G) 11 AM Birthday Party (MP1/2)

1 PM Rummikub (P)

10 AM Chair Yoga w/Liz\* (F/MP2/Z) 10 AM Basic Machine

1 PM Open Art Studio-

Quilting Class\* -Space Limited (CR) RSVP Liz! 10 AM Coffee & Games w/ Sheriff's Office (MP1

Bring Your Own Project (MP1) 1 PM Leaving Your Legacy w/Author, Jessica Bryan (L) 1 PM Hand & Foot Card Game (F)

8:15 AM NO Sr Exercise (F, MP2) 9:30 AM NO Blood Pressure Clinic (L) 10 AM NO Hooks & Needles (P)

10 AM NO Bingo (MP1/2) 10 AM New Year's Ball (MP1/2) 1 PM Rummikub (L)

1-4 PM Bridge (P) 1st Thursday 1:30 PM Line Dancing 3 PM Gentle Yoga w/Liz\* (F/MP2)

8:15 AM Sr Exercise (F, MP2) 5 10 AM Arthritis Exercise. Strong & Fit or Geri-Fit

(F, MP2) 1 PM Games/Euchre (P) 3 PM Jukebox Live! -Genre changes weekly

50s - 80s Dance Music (MP1/2)

8:15 AM Sr Exercise (F, MP2) 10 AM Arthritis Exercise, Strong & Fit or GeriFit (F. MP2)

10 AM Golf (CRGC) 11 AM Live Bluegrass Music w/the Original Haw River Crawdaddies (MP1/MP2) 2 PM Table Tennis (MP2)

8:15 AM Sr Exercise (F, MP2) 9 9 AM 3G's Men's Group\*\*\* (CR)

10 AM Woodcarvers (P) 10 AM Cardio Drumming (F)

11 AM Chatham Striders (MP1/2) 10:30 AM Gym Orientation (G) 1 PM Rummikub (P)

10 AM Chair Yoga w/Liz\* (F/MP2/Z) 10 AM Basic Machine

Quilting Class\* -Space Limited (CR) RSVP Liz! 10 AM Coffee & Games w/ Pittsboro Police Dept (MP1)

1 PM Open Art Studio (MP1) 1 PM Make a Woven Snowman Container w/Carolyn - RSVP carolynminnich1@gmail.com (MP1) 1 PM Hand & Foot Card Game (F)

8:15 AM Sr Exercise (F, MP2) 10 AM Hooks & Needles (P) 10 AM Bingo (MP1/2)

11 AM Diabetes Discussion Group 12:30 PM Newcomers Tea

RSVP Liz (CR) 1 PM Rummikub (P) 1 PM Pinochle (L) 1:30 PM Line Dancing 3 PM Gentle Yoga w/Liz\*\*

(F/MP2)

8:15 AM Sr Exercise 12 (F, MP2)

10 AM Arthritis Exercise, Strong & Fit or Geri-Fit (F, MP2)

11 AM Morning Time w/Pastor Danny (CR) 1 PM Games/Euchre (P)

**Chatham County Aging Services** Closed

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8:15 AM Sr Exercise (F, MP2) 9 AM 3G's Men's Group\*\*\*

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10 AM Cardio Drumming (F) 10 AM Crafting Your Own Grief Journey (L) See 9/5. 10:30 AM Gym Orientation (G)

10 AM Chair Yoga w/Liz\* 16

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(F/MP2/Z) 10 AM Basic Machine Quilting Class\* -Space Limited (CR) RSVP Liz!

10 AM Coffee & Games w/ Sheriff's Office (MP1)

1 PM NO Open Art Studio Bring Your Own Project (MP1) 1 PM NO Hand & Foot Card Game

(F) 1 PM NO Leaving Your Legacy w/Author, Jessica Bryan (L) 2 PM New Year RESOLVE (MP1/2)

8:15 AM Sr Exercise (F, MP2) 9:30 AM Blood Pressure Clinic (L)

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1 PM Rummikub (P) 1 PM Pinochle (L)

1:30 PM Line Dancing 3 PM Gentle Yoga w/Liz\* (F/MP2)

8:15 AM Sr Exercise 19 (F, MP2)

10 AM Arthritis Exercise, Strong & Fit or GeriFit

(F, MP2)

11:15 AM Stories w/Neriah

1 PM Games/Euchre (P) 3 PM Jukebox Live! Variety Of classic rock, classic country and Christian country featuring

the Grateful Hearts

8:15 AM Sr Exercise (F, MP2) 22 10 AM Arthritis Exercise, Strong & Fit or GeriFit (F, MP2)

10 AM Golf (CRGC) 10 AM Choir to Siler City w/Alan (B) 2 PM Table Tennis (MP2)

6 PM Caregiver Virtual Support Group (Z)\*\*\*\* RSVP0 8:15 AM Sr Exercise (F, MP2)

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Container w/Carolyn - RSVP

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8:15 AM Sr Exercise (F. MP2)

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10 AM Basic Machine

Quilting Class\* -Space Limited (CR) RSVP Liz! PM Open Art Studio Bring Your Own Project (P)

1 PM Hand & Foot Card Game (F)

#### SILER CITY CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING

112 Village Lake Road, Siler City, NC 27344 919-742-3975 www.chathamcouncilonaging.org



#### MONDAY **TUESDAY** WEDNESDAY **THURSDAY** FRIDAY 1 9 am Zumba Gold (HB) 10 am Beginning Quilting (CSR) 10:30 am Line **Dancing Practice** 7pm Dance - Band: SideKix 9 am Strong & Fit (HB) 9 am Men's Coffee & 9 am Zumba Gold 9 am Strong & Fit (HB) 9 am Cardio Drumming (HB) Conversations (CR) 10 am Diabetes Self-10 am Bible Study (HB) (HB) 10:15 am Arthritis 10:15 am Arthritis Foundation 10:30 am Mindful Stretch Management Education **Foundation Exercise** 10 am Beginning Exercise Program (DR)) 2 pm Crafting with Kathryn (\*MUST BE REGISTERED) Program (DR) Quilting (CSR) 10 am - 12 pm Music Jam (CR) 10 amTable Tennis (HB) Session (AR) 10:30 am Line 10 am Cornhole (HB) 1 pm ROOK, Phase 10 & 10:30 am Mental Health with **Dancing Practice** 10:30 am Bingo with Joe Rummikub (HB) Tammy Curry (HB) CENTER CLOSED AFTER 1 pm Bring Your Own 2 pm Strength & Tone 1pm Book Club 12PM FOR STAFF Project (CSR) CENTER CLOSED AFTER (HB) MEETING 2 pm Fitness Room 2PM FOR STAFF TRAINING 7pm Dance - Band: Orientation (G) Jimmy Shirley Jr. 11 13 14 12 9 am - Cardio Drumming (HB) 9 am Strong & Fit (HB) 9 am Strong & Fit (HB) 9 am Men's Coffee & 9 am Zumba Gold (HB) 10:15 am Arthritis Foundation 10 am Cornhole (HB) 10 am Bible Study (CR)) Conversations (CR) 10 am Beginning Exercise Program (DR) 10 am Diabetes Self-10:15 am Arthritis 10:30 am Diabetes 10 am Table Tennis (HB) Management Education Quilting (CSR) **Foundation Exercise** Discussion 10:30 am Cooking Demo with (\*MUST BE REGISTERED) (CR) 10:30 am Line Dancing Program (DR) 10:30 am Mindful Stretch Tara Gregory 10:30 am Ugly Christmas 10 am - 12 pm Music Jam 1 pm ROOK, Phase 10 & **Practice** 12 pm - 3 pm **Sweater Party & Christmas** Rummikub (HB) Session (CR) Gift Wrapping Caroling 7pm Dance - Band: 1 pm Strength & Tone (HB) 1 pm Bring Your Own Project 2 pm Crafting with Kathryn 12:15 - 2:15 pm Advisory Team Diamond Edge Band (CSR) 2 pm Thursday Social: Orientation (CSR) ness Room Orientation (G) Christmas Tea (DR) 2 pm Strength & Tone (HB) 2pm Introductory Gardening 3pm Caregiver Support Club Meeting (Must Pre-Meeting (CR) register) 19 22 18 20 MORNING ACTIVITIES 9 am Strong & Fit (HB) 9 am Strong & Fit (HB) CANCELLED FOR 9 am Zumba Gold (HB) 9 am - Cardio Drumming (HB) 10 am Bible Study (CR)) 10 am Cornhole (HB) 10:15 am Arthritis Foundation PROGRAM IN (HB) 10:30 am Christmas 10:30 am Gospel Choir Exercise Program (DR) **PITTSBORO** 10 am Beginning 10 am Table Tennis (HB) Party & Games & 10:30 am Holiday Program 1 pm ROOK, Phase 10 & Quilting (CSR) 2 pm Strength & Tone (HB) December Birthday at Chatham County Rummikub (HB) 10:30 am Line Dancing 1 pm Bring Your Own Project Agriculture Conference Partv Practice (CSR) Center 2 pm Crafting with Kathryn 2pm Fitness Room Orientation 7pm Dance - Band: 1pm Book Club (CSR) 2 pm Strength & Tone (HB) Delmonico 3pm Thursday Social: Movie (DR) 27 28 25 26 29 9 am Men's Coffee & 9 am Strong & Fit (HB) Conversations (CR) 10 am Beginning 10:15 am Arthritis Foundation Exercise Quilting (CSR) Christmas Christmas Christmas Program (DR) 10:30 am Line Dancing 10 am - 12 pm Music Jam Holiday Holiday Holiday Practice Session (CR) 2 pm Strength & Tone (HB) 7pm Dance - Band: SENIOR SENIOR SENIOR 3pm Thursday Social: SideKix CENTER CENTER CENTER Movie (DR) CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED

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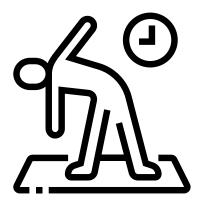
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JANUARY 2024

#### **TUESDAY** WEDNESDAY **THURSDAY FRIDAY MONDAY** 5 1 2 9 am Men's Coffee & 9 am Strong & Fit (HB) New 9 am Cardio Drumming (HB) 9 am Strong & Fit Conversations (CR) 10 am Bible Study (HB) 10:15 am Arthritis 10 am Quilting (CSR) 10:15 am Arthritis Foundation 10:30 Mindful Stretch Year's Day Foundation Exercise Exercise Program (DR)) 10:30 am Line 1pm The Writer's Club Program (DR) 10 am - 11:30 am Music Jam Dancing Practice 2 pm Crafting with Kathryn 10 amTable Tennis (HB) Holiday (DR) 7pm Dance 1 pm ROOK, Phase 10 & 10:30 am Mental Health with Rummikub (HB) Tammy Curry (HB) SENIOR 1 pm Bring Your Own 1pm Book Club CENTER Project (CSR) 2pm Strength & Tone (HB) CLOSED 2 pm Fitness Room 3pm Thursday Social: Movie Orientation (G) (DR) 8 10 11 12 9 am Cardio Drumming (HB) 9 am Men's Coffee & 9 am Strong & Fit 9 am Strong & Fit (HB) 9 am Strong & Fit (HB) 10:15 am Arthritis Foundation Conversations (CR) 10 am Bible Study (HB) (HB) Exercise Program (DR) 10:15 am Arthritis Foundation 10 am Cornhole (HB) 10:30 am Diabetes 10 am Quilting CSR) 10 amTable Tennis (HR) Exercise Program (DR) Discussion 2 pm Strength & Tone 10:30 am Line 1 pm ROOK, Phase 10 & 10 am - 11:30 am Music Jam 10:30 am Mindful Stretch Rummikub (HB) Session (AR) **Dancing Practice** (HB) 2 pm Crafting with Kathryn 1 pm Bring Your Own Project 2 pm Strength & Tone (HB) (DR) 7pm Dance (CSR) 3pm Thursday Social: 2 pm Fitness Room Escape Room (DR) Orientation (G) 2 pm Low Vision Support Group 15 16 9 am - Cardio Drumming (HB) 17 18 19 9 am Men's Coffee & 9 am Strong & Fit (HB) Martin 10:15 am Arthritis Foundation 9 am Strong & Fit (HB) Conversations (CR) 10 am Quilting (CSR) Exercise Program (DR) 10 am Bible Study (CR)) 10 am - 11:30 am Music Jam Luther 10 am Table Tennis (HB) 10 am Cooking for One 10:30 am Nutrition Session (CR) 10:30 am Cooking Demo with Education with Ann Clark - Navigating Grief 1pm Book Club King Jr. Tara Gregory 1 pm ROOK, Phase 10 & 2 pm Strength & Tone (HB) (DR) 10:30 am Line Dancing Rummikub (HB) 10:30 Mindful Stretch 3pm Thursday Social: Holiday Practice 1 pm Bring Your Own Project 1pm The Writer's Club Mocktails & Trivia (DR) 7pm Dance 2 pm Crafting with Kathryn SENIOR 2pm Fitness Room (CSR) Orientation (G) CENTER CLOSED 25 22 23 24 26 9 am Men's Coffee & 9 am - Cardio Drumming 9 am Strong & Fit (HB) 9 am Strong & Fit (HB) 9 am Strong & Fit (HB) Conversations (CR) (HB) 10 am Bible Study (CR)) 10 am Cornhole (HB) 10:15 am Chair Exercises 10:15 am Chair 10 am Quilting (CSR) 10:30 am Health Topics with 10:30 am Gospel Choir (DR) Ashley Brewer (DR) Exercises (DR) (DR) 10:30 am Line Dancing 10 am Table Tennis (HB) 10:30 Mindful Stretch 10 am - 11:30 am Music Practice 2 pm Strength & Tone (HB) 1 pm ROOK, Phase 10 & 2 pm Crafting with Kathryn Jam Session (CR) 7pm Dance Rummikub (HB) (CSR) 2 pm Strength & Tone 1 pm Bring Your Own Project (HB) (CSR) 3pm Thursday Social: 2pm Fitness Room Orientation (G) Bingo (DR) 30 31 9 am - Cardio Drumming 9 am Strong & Fit (HB) (HB) 10 am Cornhole (HB) 10:15 am Chair Exercises 10:30 am Bingo with Joe 10 am Table Tennis (HB) and December Birthday 1 pm ROOK, Phase 10 & Party Rummikub (HB) 2 pm Strength & Tone 1 pm Bring Your Own Project (HB) (CSR) 2pm Fitness Room Orientation (G)

#### Come be a part of our exercise schedule!

# Pittsboro Center For Active Living

To register for these classes, contact Liz Lahti at <a href="mailto:liz.lahti@chathamcountync.gov">liz.lahti@chathamcountync.gov</a>



Morning Exercise 8:15 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays No class Thursday, Jan. 4 Registration required.

Geri-Fit

10 a.m. Mondays and Fridays beginning Friday,
December 1 through Friday, December 29

Registration required.

Cardio Drumming 10 a.m. Tuesdays Registration required.

Chair Yoga with Liz 10 a.m. Wednesdays Registration required.

Gentle Yoga with Liz 3-4 p.m. Thursdays No class Thursday, December 7 Registration required.

#### Siler City Center for Active Living

To register for these classes, contact Olivia Hayden at <a href="mailto:olivia.hayden@chathamcountync.gov">olivia.hayden@chathamcountync.gov</a>

Strong & Fit with Olivia 9 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in December Fridays resume December 29

Strength & Tone
2 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays
No class Thursday, Dec. 7 or Thursday, Jan. 18
1 p.m. session Thursday, Dec. 14

Zumba Gold 9 a.m. each Friday in December

Cardio Drumming
9 a.m. Tuesdays
Spaces on first-come, first-serve basis.

Mindful Stretch
10:30 a.m. Wednesdays

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. No class Thursday, December 21 Ends Tuesday, January 16

#### **Get The Scoop, Start Exercising!**

Our fitness areas in Pittsboro and Siler City are open during regular center hours. Use of the equipment requires orientation before starting. These sessions are held Tuesdays beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Pittsboro and 2 p.m. in Siler City. To register for a session, contact your nearest center.

## Pittsboro Groups and Activities

#### Golf

Mondays, 10 a.m. Chapel Ridge Golf Club, Pittsboro \$30 for 9-hole round

#### **Table Tennis**

Mondays, 1 p.m. Multipurpose Room 2

#### 3G's Men's Group

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. Conference Room

#### Woodcarvers

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Parlor

#### Chatham Striders

Tuesday, December 5 & Tuesday, January 9 Multipurpose Room 1/2

#### Rummikub & Pinochle

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1 p.m. Parlor

#### **Basic Machine Quilting**

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
12/9 (full), 1/3, 1/10, 1/17,
1/24 & 1/31
Conference Room
Space Limited - RSVP to
liz.lahti@chathamcountync.gov

#### Coffee & Games with Law Enforcement

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. (except 1/31) Multipurpose Room 1

#### Open Art Studio

Wednesdays, 1 p.m. (except 1/17)
Parlor

# Leaving Your Legacy with Jessica Bryan

1st and 3rd Wednesdays Library No class Wednesday, January 17

#### Hand and Foot Card Game

Wednesdays, 1 p.m. No session 12/13 and 1/17 Library

#### **Hooks & Needles**

Thursdays, 10 a.m.
Parlor
No class 12/21 and 1/4

#### Bingo

Thursdays, 10 a.m. Multipurpose Room 1/2 No session 12/21 and 1/4

#### Holiday Table Arrangements

Thursday, December 7, 11 a.m. Multipurpose Room 1

#### Newcomers Tea

Friday, January 11, 12:30 p.m. Conference Room (RSVP Liz)

#### **Blood Pressure Clinic**

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. Library No clinic Dec. 21 or Jan. 4

#### Line Dancing

Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.
Fitness Room/Multipurpose Room 2

#### Morning Time w/ Pastor Danny

Friday, December 8 & Friday, January 12 11 a.m.
Conference Room

#### Games/Euchre

Fridays, 1 p.m. Parlor

# Crafting Your Own Grief Journey

Tuesday, December 12 & Monday, January 16, 10 a.m. Library

#### Monthly Birthday Celebrations

Tuesday, December 12 & Tuesday, January 2 Multipurpose Room 1/2

#### Stories with Neriah

Friday, December 15 & Friday, January 19, 11:15 a.m.

#### Jukebox Live!

1st and 3rd Fridays, 3 p.m.
Genre changes weekly
1st Friday: 50s-80s Dance Music
3rd Friday: Classic Rock, Classic
Country & Christian Country with
Grateful Hearts

#### Live Music

Tuesday, December 19 & Tuesday, January 23, 11 a.m. Multipurpose Room 1 & 2 December 19: Neighbors 3 January 23: Grateful Hearts

## **Siler City Groups and Activities**

#### Cornhole

Mondays, 10 a.m. Holly Brooks Room

#### **Table Tennis**

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Holly Brooks Room

# Rook, Phase 10 & Rummikub

Tuesdays, 1 p.m. Holly Brooks Room

#### Bring Your Own Project Gathering

Tuesdays, 1 p.m. Crafting and Sewing Room

#### Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Conference Room

#### Crafting with Kathryn

Wednesdays, 2 p.m. Crafting & Sewing Room

# Men's Coffee and Conversations

Thursdays, 9 a.m.
Conference Room
No meeting Thursday, Dec. 21

#### Music Jam Session

Thursdays, 10 a.m. Conference Room No seasion Thursday, Dec. 21



#### **Book Club**

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 1 p.m. Library

#### Thursday Afternoon Social

Weekly, 3 p.m. Movies, Bingo and Trivia No social Thursday, Dec. 7

#### **Beginning Quilting**

Fridays, 10 a.m. Crafting and Sewing Room

# Line Dancing Practice

Fridays, 10:30 a.m. Holly Brooks Room

#### Bingo with Joe

Monday, December 4 & Monday, January 30 10:30 a.m.
Dining Room



#### Friday Night Dance

Weekly, 7 p.m. Holly Brooks Room



#### Monthly Birthday Celebrations

Wednesday, December 20 & Monday, January 30 10:30 a.m.
Dining Room

#### Christmas Party & Games

Wednesday, December 20 10:30 a.m.

# Nominate a deserving individual for the '6 over 60' awards!

The North Carolina State Demographer's Office indicated that in 2023, Chatham County was home to the 8th-highest percentage of population over the age of 65 among 100 North Carolina counties.

With explosive growth on tap in Chatham, that number only stands to increase exponentially in the coming years. For the county to realize its full potential, the 29% of its residents which fall into that category will continue to play a pivotal role in shaping its future.

Given that age does not have to be a limiting factor in authoring a meaningful contribution to the cultural, civic and community discourse, Chatham County Aging Services, for the second year, strives to recognize the best of these efforts with the "6 over 60" award.

Nominated by the public and identified by a five-member selection committee, six award winners are selected annually. The February award ceremony, scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 29 at 10 a.m. at the Siler City Center for Active Living, will be the culmination of "We Love Seniors" month in Chatham County, a month-long celebration of older adults that is unique to Chatham.

For the 2024 class, nominees must be 60 years of age or older as of Jan. 1, 2024. They must have made, or continue to make, meritorious contributions to Chatham County. Award winners must live in Chatham County, or have spent the majority of their life and career in Chatham. Candidates who are not selected are automatically rolled over to the next year for consideration unless they request to be removed.

The selection committee will consider, in no particular order, the number of nominations an individual receives as well as the merit and quality of their work in the Chatham County community. Current employees of Chatham County Aging Services are not eligible for the award.

There are three ways to nominate a candidate:

- Through mail to Chatham County Aging Services at 365 Highway 87 North, Pittsboro, NC 27312 "ATTN: 6 over 60"
- Via email to Jimmy Lewis, Aging Services Grants and Communications Specialist, at <a href="mailto:jimmy.lewis@chathamcountync.gov">jimmy.lewis@chathamcountync.gov</a>
- Via the 6 over 60 online portal, which can be located at the following link. (for online readers)

Nominators should include their name and a method of contact.

For more information regarding the 6 over 60 program, contact Jimmy Lewis, Aging Services Grants and Communications Specialist, at 919-542-4512 or email jimmy.lewis@chathamcountync.gov

# **Chatham County Aging Services**

# We have assistive equipment!

Did you know that in 2022, Chatham County Aging Services loaned over 300 pieces of medical equipment for older adults in need? We offer a simple program for those seeking to donate durable medical equipment or requiring its use.

As individuals donate equipment, others pick up and sign out needed items. When the item is no longer needed, it is returned to one of our centers.

Clean devices in good working order are preferred. These include:

- · Wheelchairs
- Canes
- Bath Benches
- Shower Chairs
- Bedside Toilets
- Bed Rails
- Hospital Beds with Plastic Mattresses

Those interested in donating or picking up items should contact the Pittsboro Center for Active Living at 919-542-4512 to discuss. This ensures that staff can have the equipment ready for pickup upon arrival. For more information, contact Wynne Fields, Aging in Place Specialist, at 919-542-4512 ext. 236 or email wynne.fields@chathamcountync.gov



# Be sure to keep our furry friends nourished!

At Chatham County Aging Services, we strive to maintain the independence of older adults and ensure that they can remain in their homes for as long as possible.

Pets also play an important role in this! For more information on how you can help keep our shelves stocked with nutritious food for dogs and cats alike, contact Rodney Dietrich, Aging Services Social Worker, at <a href="mailto:rodney.dietrich@chathamcountync.gov">rodney.dietrich@chathamcountync.gov</a>

### Incontinence supplies

For older adults on a limited income, adult incontinence supplies can be a luxury item.

Through our partnership with Diaper Bank of NC, we are able to provide Chatham County older adults with this often critical need.

Contact one of our centers today and see how we can help you or a loved one!

# Volunteer today and make a difference!

The staff of Chatham County Aging Services could not fulfill our mission without the daily contributions of our volunteers.

Whether it is with Meals on Wheels once a month, or daily involvement in center activities, our volunteers are critical to the success of every program and service we provide to the older adults of Chatham County.

Did you know that in the 2022-23 fiscal year, a total of 235 Aging Services volunteers contributed over 13,963 hours of service to the older adults of Chatham County?

This ranged from involvement as a driver in our Meals on Wheels program, a Minor Home Repair volunteer, staff support volunteers, a counselor in the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, Chatham County Senior Games and SilverArts, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) preparer and much more!

If you are ready to see where you can make a real difference with Chatham County Aging Services, contact Linda Saum, Volunteer Coordinator, at 919-542-4512 ext. 226 or email linda.saum@chathamcountync.gov

# Help us expand our Meals on Wheels footprint!

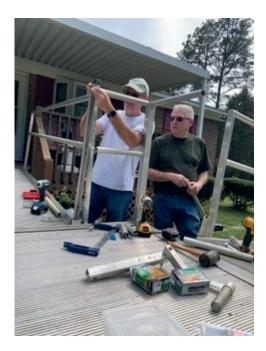
Our 12 Meals on Wheels routes currently serve 161 homebound older adults in Chatham County. We at Aging Services acknowledge that more is possible.

We are embarking on a campaign to welcome more volunteer drivers into our fold so that we may expand our number of routes and ensure that individuals on our waiting list are able to hear that comforting knock on their door. To learn how you can help join the cause, contact Linda Saum, Volunteer Coordinator, at 919-542-4512 ext. 226 or <a href="mailto:linda.saum@chathamcountync.gov">linda.saum@chathamcountync.gov</a>

#### Free tax assistance

The Chatham County Aging Services Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) will open its phone line for questions and appointments in early January. If interested, call and leave a message at 919-542-4512 ext. 225.

VITA provides free tax preparation to individuals who qualify, regardless of age. All preparers are IRS-certified volunteers.



Minor Home Repair volunteers work on a ramp at the Murray household in the New Hill community. Roughly 30 man hours were spent in construction, and once completed, Larry Murray's only regret was that he "didn't call Aging Services eight years ago."

## Helping Homebound Heroes

For the fourth consecutive year, Aging Services has received grant funding from Meals on Wheels America and The Home Depot Foundation to make critical home repairs for Chatham County military veterans through the Helping Homebound Heroes program. The repair work is carried out by Rebuilding Together of the Triangle.

For more information on the program or to request an application, call 919-542-4512.

# Can't Afford A Home Repair? Let Us Help!

The Chatham County Aging Services Minor Home Repair team is a collection of volunteers who work together to assist Chatham County seniors. This program is designed for those who have no one to help them, or are unable to hire someone to help them. Examples of Minor Home Repair work include grab bar installation, ramp and step repair, minor leak repair and mailbox repair.

For more information, contact Wynne Fields at 919-542-4512 ext. 236 or email <a href="https://www.mynne.fields@chathamcountync.gov">wynne.fields@chathamcountync.gov</a>

# Veteran Benefits Assistance

The Siler City Center for Active Living holds weekly Veteran Benefits Assistance office hours with Michael Daniels, Chatham County Veteran Services Officer, each Wednesday from 8 a.m. until noon.

Appointments are required. To schedule, contact Michael at 919-545-8334.

# **Join Our** Caregiver **Support Groups!**

Chatham County Aging Services holds two Caregiver Support Groups each month, one in-person and another virtually. The group meets in-person the second Monday of the month at the Siler City Center for Active Living and the third Monday of each month at the Pittsboro Center for Active Living beginning at 3 p.m.

On the fourth Monday of the month, the group meets via the Zoom platform beginning at 6 p.m. For more information, contact William Riggsbee, Family Caregiver Specialist, at 919-742-3975 ext. 223 or email william.riggsbee@chathamcountync.gov

# Can we help your organization?

Would your church group, civic group or organization benefit from an Aging Services staff member spreading the word regarding our outreach to Chatham County's 55-andover community?

If so, contact Jimmy Lewis, Grants and Communications Specialist, at 919-542-4512 or email jimmy.lewis@chathamcountync.gov for scheduling.



# Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

According to AARP, over 2.5 million grandparents are taking on the responsibility of raising their grandchildren, and 7.8 million children live in homes that are owned by their grandparents.

Chatham County Aging Services holds a monthly "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" support group designed for these individuals to come together to discuss successes and challenges.

Meetings are held monthly at the Siler City Center for Active Living, with the next two meetings scheduled for December 5 and January 23. Both sessions begin at 1 p.m. For more information, contact William Riggsbee, Family Caregiver Specialist, at 919-742-3975 ext. 223 or email

william.riggsbee@chathamcountync.gov



P.O. Box 715 Pittsboro, NC 27312

#### **Address Label**



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# How can we assist on your journey today?

- Assistive Equipment Loan Program
- Chatham County Senior Games & SilverArts
- Congregate Meals
- Evidence-Based Health Promotion Classes
- Exercise Classes
- Family Caregiver Support
- Fitness Rooms
- Friendly Telephone Calls
- Heat-Relief Fan Distribution
- Hiking Club
- Housing Information
- Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
- Incontinence Supplies
- Information & Assistance
- In-Home Aide Services
- · Meals on Wheels
- Minor Home Repair
- Notary Services
- Options Counseling
- Senior Center Activities
- Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program-SHIIP
- Volunteer Opportunities



# Upcoming Educational Programs Pittsboro Center for Active Living

Diabetes Discussion Group January 11, 11 a.m. Multipurpose Room

Crafting Your Own Grief Journey
Tuesday, December 12 & Tuesday, January 16, 10 a.m.
Library

#### **Siler City Center for Active Living**

Diabetes Self-Management with Chatham County Public Health Department Monday December 4 and Monday December 11, 10 a.m. Conference Room (Registration Required)

Mental Health with Tammy Curry Thursday, December 7 and Thursday, January 4, 10:30 a.m. Holly Brooks Room

Cooking Demonstration with Tara Gregory Thursday, December 12 and Tuesday, January 16, 10:30 a.m.

Diabetes Discussion Group Wednesday, December 13 and Wednesday, January 10 10:30 a.m. Dining Room

> Nutrition Education with Ann Clark Wednesday, January 17, 10:30 a.m. Dining Room

Health Education with Ashley Brewer Wednesday, January 24, 10:30 a.m. Dining Room