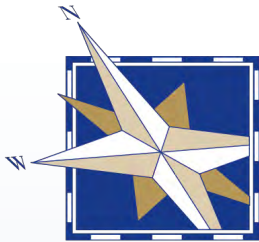


# The Sentinel

August 2021



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**CENTER HOURS**  
Monday–Friday: 8 AM–4 PM

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**Membership Dues  
have been Reduced  
to \$15**

## A Few Changes for Phase III

As the saying goes, “If you don't like the weather in Ohio, wait a minute and it'll change.”

Some folks might have similar sentiments about Covid-19 mandates. As we've stated all along, it is important for everyone to understand that the Covid-19 pandemic is ever-changing, which means our best laid plans for re-opening in phases may be delayed /altered should circumstances change.

Although everything continues to go extremely well in our three-phase opening, we have a few changes to address as we enter Phase III. But to many of you, it may be perceived as a good change. The “Third Amended ODH Director’s Order on the Opening of Senior Centers” has been rescinded.

We recently met with City Administration to address the ODH Order being lifted. Together we revised our procedures to adhere to CDC Guidelines, similar to all other City of Marion facilities. Safety continues to be the number one priority on which we base all decisions.

### What does that mean for you, our members?

First, **beginning August 9**, any fully vaccinated member or guest will no longer be required to wear a mask inside the Center. However, members or guests that are not fully vaccinated will be required to wear a mask inside the Center. (We also respect and encourage anyone who wishes to wear a mask to continue to do so, regardless of their vaccination status.)

Second, we will welcome back many of the small groups (cards, games, etc.) but there are new protocols in place for us to be able to do so. Read all about it on page 7.

And finally, thank you to everyone who has supported us as we slowly welcome our members back into this place you know and love. We appreciate your kindness and understanding... it's great to be back!

Be Kind & Stay Well,  
Steve Badertscher, Director

# Senior Center Services

## Food Box Program

If you or someone you know are in need of food assistance, please contact **Cindy Jennings** at **740-387-6100** to see if you qualify for the **Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)**. The Center distributes each month in partnership with **Mid-Ohio Foodbank**. To qualify you must be age 60+, live in Marion county and be income eligible.



## HEMEN: Helping Elderly Meet Essential Needs

HEMEN is a funding source that is available to assist consumers who are 60 and older in obtaining assistance with needs they may need to remain safe in their home, such as: Washing Machine, Dryer, Refrigerator, Stove, Mattress Set, etc. Call Area Agency on Aging at **800-860-5799** for details.



## 'Beat the Heat' Fan Program

To help keep our seniors safe and comfortable during the heatwaves of summer, we partner with **LifeCare Alliance** to distribute a free fan to area seniors age 60+. Please call **Cindy Jennings** at **740-387-6100** to request a fan. Limit one fan per address.

## FREE PRODUCE MARKETS

**Marion City Schools** is collaborating with **Mid-Ohio Food Collective** to offer **Free Produce** to income eligible families in the Marion area. An ID is required with a limit of two family pick-up per adult. The food will be distributed from **9 am to 11 am (while supplies last)** at **The Marion County Fairgrounds** Main Entrance parking lot located at 220 East Fairground Street. This distribution is **drive-thru only**. Next distribution date is to be announced.



## MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Our Meals-on-Wheels provider **LifeCare Alliance** has decades of experience delivering delicious meals prepared under the direction of a registered dietician. They offer the flexibility of daily hot or cold meals, or weekly frozen meals, with a variety of tasty menu options. For more information call **614-278-3130**.



Transportation  
**740-387-5444**

## Senior Transportation

County-wide service is available on a donation basis every Monday through Friday from 8 am to 3:30 pm, with the exception of holidays. Pick-up times for dialysis appointments can be scheduled earlier than 8 am, but must be arranged at least one week in advance of your appointment time. All clients must be age 60+ and a Marion County resident.

We thank our drivers who've served tirelessly on the frontline throughout this pandemic. They are heroes who deserve special praise, going above and beyond in so many ways!

*This service is made possible in part due to grant funding provided by Marion County Council on Aging (Senior Levy), Area Agency on Aging - District 5, and the City of Marion.*



# Improving Seniors Lives

## 2021 Membership Dues

In consideration of there only being six months remaining in 2021, annual membership dues will be reduced to **\$15** this year.

Current members must pay their dues by **September 1, 2021** to remain a member in good standing (which also ensures you will continue receiving your monthly *Sentinel* newsletter).

Membership dues may be paid in person upon your first visit to the Center (prior to September) or sent to us by check through the mail.

Make checks payable to: **Marion Senior Center**



## Limited Hours in August

Our main objective is keeping everyone safe as we cautiously re-open the Center in phases. That's why we will continue to be open for limited hours to members during the month of August (Phase III).

This is mainly due to the additional cleaning and sanitizing necessary to help ensure your safety. Staff will be cleaning and sanitizing the Center thoroughly every day, both in the mornings and afternoons.

All activities in Phase III will be hosted between the hours of **10 am to 2 pm**. Staff will be focused on monitoring these activities and in some cases, cleaning between sessions during these hours.

This also means that staff will NOT be available to answer phone calls or to take appointments while members are here. ALL calls to schedule appointments or to sign up for activities/programs must be made between **8 - 10 am** or between **2 - 4 pm**.

## Let's Take it Outside!

One of the best - and safest - places to host activities is outdoors... weather permitting, of course! That's why we're including several activities that can be hosted outdoors in Phase I of our Re-opening plan.

These activities include the following:

### Pickleball

Members and non-members really enjoy playing pickleball, America's fastest growing sport. Marion Senior Center is home to the only public outdoor courts made specifically for pickleball. The two courts are located on the west side of the building (adjacent to our raised-bed gardens) and are available to members anytime. Pickleball is available anytime, however members usually gather to play together on weekday mornings beginning at **8 am**. We have extra paddles and pickleballs available for those just getting started (see Lisa).



### Pace Setters Walking Club

Since it requires no monitoring or special cleaning, the Center's walking club is available anytime from dusk to dawn. However, the clipboard to record your daily distance will be available next to the outside door of Lisa's office from 10 am to 2 pm. Call **Lisa** at **740-387-6100** any weekday between **8 am - 10 am** or **2 pm - 4 pm** to register to participate. Along with a good cardio workout plus strength and conditioning benefits, every participant receives a reward as they reach different goals and milestones.



### Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a low-impact, slow-motion exercise, which reduces stress while increasing flexibility and balance. Which is probably why it continues to be a highly popular activity with our members. That in combination with the fact that our experienced instructors Steve and Marlene Renick are extremely patient and very encouraging. They host classes on **Friday** at **12:30 pm** and welcome both beginners and those with Tai Chi experience.



### Intro to Fitness

This class is a great way to get started! The group meets on **Thursday** mornings at **10 am** and are led by Certified Personal Trainer Cindy Jennings. Cindy will motivate you as she teaches you exercises to improve your strength, core conditioning and balance. Class size is limited so you must call **Cindy** at **740-387-6100** any weekday between **8 am - 10 am** or **2 pm - 4 pm** to register for this class.



*With construction of our spacious new outdoor Activity Pavilion completed, we plan to schedule several of the upcoming activities outdoors when weather permits. We look forward to Tai Chi and Intro to Fitness classes being held outdoors, along with other activities during the warmer weather months ahead.*

*Note: Always consult your healthcare provider when contemplating new ideas to promote better health.*

## Safety First

Since safety is our top priority, the Fitness Center will be putting new protocols and procedures in place going forward. Members will notice a new hand sanitizing station and a unit containing individual spray bottles and towels, as well as a used towel receptacle.

A sign is prominently displayed above this unit with the following instructions:

- ◆ Pick up your own disinfectant spray bottle and clean microfiber towel and keep them with you at all times.
- ◆ Clean all equipment after use.
- ◆ Social Distance a minimum of 6 feet between others while working out.
- ◆ Wash your hands after working out; follow good personal hygiene habits.
- ◆ Place towel in container marked "used" as you exit.
- ◆ Place used bottles beside the spray bottle caddy - NOT back in the caddy. They will be sanitized before the next group of people are allowed to enter.
- ◆ Please be considerate of the 45-minute time limit.



*Social Distancing decals have been placed on the floor in the Multi-purpose Room as a reminder to social distance a minimum of 6 feet between others while working out.*



*A) New Procedures; B) Clean Disinfectant Spray Bottles; C) Touchless Hand Sanitizer Station; D) Clean Microfiber Towels; E) Receptacle for Used Towels*



*Members should place used bottles beside the spray bottle caddy - NOT back in the caddy after use. The used bottles will be sanitized before the next group of people are allowed to enter.*

**MAKING APPOINTMENTS:**  
All calls to Cindy for appointments must be made between **8 - 10 am** or between **2 - 4 pm**.

# Classes, Activities & Programs

## PHASE 3

*Activities will Continue to Include:*

### Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a low-impact, slow-motion exercise, which reduces stress while increasing flexibility and balance. Instructors **Steve and Marlene Renick** host classes every **Friday at 12:30 pm** in the new *Activity Pavilion* (weather permitting) or the *Multipurpose Room*.

### Line Dancing

This **Line Dancing** class meets on **Thursday** mornings at **10:00 am**. Interim instructor **Nancy Shiefer** (filling in for instructor **Royce Farson** while she's on the mend) always welcomes new class members.

### Pace Setters Walking Club

The Center's walking club will resume this month on **July 6**. Members walk laps on the paved track located behind **Marca/MCBDD**. You can enter the walking path area through a gate located near our new *Activity Pavilion*. Register for this free program with Activity Coordinator **Lisa Richardson**, then track your laps and earn great prizes. The more you walk the more you earn!

### Fitness Center

Our **Fitness Center** is open to members at no additional cost, and boasts a variety of fitness equipment, including treadmills, traditional and recumbent exercise bikes, Airdyne, and elliptical machines, along with resistance training equipment for upper body and lower body strength and conditioning. **The Fitness Center currently requires a reservation. A 45 minute time slot can be reserved at 10am, 11am, noon, or 1pm by calling Cindy Jennings at (740) 387-6100.** Please consult your physician before beginning any exercise activities.

### Intro to Fitness

This class is a great way to get started on your journey to better health and wellness! The group meets **Wednesday** mornings at **10 am** in the **Multipurpose Room**, led by Certified Personal Trainer **Cindy Jennings**. Cindy will motivate you as she teaches you exercises to improve your strength, core conditioning and balance.

### Pickleball

Our outdoor Pickleball courts are open to members and guests at no additional cost. Members typically meet almost every weekday morning for open play from **8 am - 10 am**. No pre-registration is required.

### Kingston Bingo

**Carma Taylor** of *Kingston Residence of Marion* hosts Bingo at **12:30 pm** on the **third Wednesday** each month. However, due to a schedule conflict she will host it on **Wednesday, August 25** this month. Lots of fun and prizes!

### Photography Class

Instructor **Royce Farson** will teach you how to use your camera. Her class has a new assignment each month and meets from **1 pm** on the **first Wednesday** each month to share their photos. **(August 4)**

### Monday Mind Games

**Carla Poston** from *ProCore Health Brokers* hosts **Mind Games** on **Monday mornings**. This class meets at **10 am**. Come give your brain a workout with trivia and various games. Games change every week, so stop by for some fun!

### Breakfast for the Brain

Jump start your day - and your brain - at **10 am** on **Thursday mornings**, as fun trivia questions are answered and discussed.

### Trivia

"*Trivia*" games are hosted on the **second Wednesday** of each month at **10 am**.

### Beginners YOGA

We are seeking an instructor for a **Beginners YOGA** class. (A day and time are to be determined.) YOGA is very beneficial for both mental and physical well being. Relieving stress, improving posture, flexibility, and balance are benefits of yoga. **If anyone has a referral for a potential YOGA instructor**, please pass that information on to Activity Coordinator **Lisa Richardson**.

### Hooks & Needles

Instructor **Candice DeWitt** will begin hosting this new class on **Tuesday, August 3** at **1:30** in the Craft Room. Candice owns *Stitch and Skein*, a new shop located in Downtown Marion. Learn a new skill or simply refresh your memory on knitting while bringing a little bit of cozy relaxation to your life, too!

*Please note that all activities and classes listed were based on information available at press time. All dates, times, and offerings listed may be subject to change.*

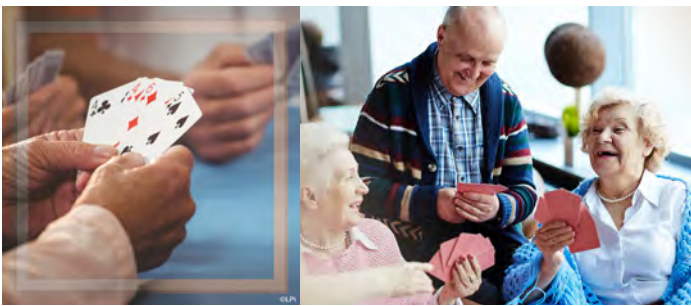
# Classes, Activities & Programs

## PHASE 3

**Beginning August 9, Activities will Include:**

### Cards & Games are Back!

We're pleased to announce that Cards and Games will resume this month. However, there will be some new protocols in place to help ensure the safety of our Members and guests. Please review the following new protocols and if you have any questions, please see Lisa, Cindy or Steve.



### Cards

Pinochle, Euchre, Bridge, Texas Hold 'Em, Hand & Foot Cards, Bid Euchre, Card Game 31, and Mexican Poker are all able to return this month **beginning August 9**.

Group Leaders will notify Activity Coordinator Lisa Richardson that their group will begin playing again, and confirm the day and time. Cards and Games will not be placed in the Sentinel until we are notified that you intend on meeting and playing.

### New Card Playing Protocols:

- Every day each leader of individual games will get cards from Lisa. Cards will be kept in sealed containers after each game and will not be used for 7 days.
- Hands of all participants must be sanitized before and after play.
- If a player gets up and leaves the table for any reason, their hands must be sanitized upon their return.
- Masks must be worn if not fully vaccinated.
- Card players must not sit closely and must maintain some reasonable social distance. For example, only 4 players at a regular round 4-foot table.
- Players must call the Center at **(740) 387-6100** (between the hours of 8am - 10am or 2 pm - 4pm) and register to play. Number of players may be limited in certain rooms due to capacity restrictions. By registering we can avoid a member just showing up and then not having room for them to participate.



### Games

Dominoes, Rummikub, Mahjong, Scrabble, and Bingo are all able to return this month **beginning August 9**.

Group Leaders will notify Activity Coordinator Lisa Richardson that their group will begin playing again, and confirm the day and time. Games will not be scheduled and placed in the Sentinel until we are notified that you intend on meeting and playing.

### New Game Playing Protocols:

- Every day each leader will get games from Lisa. Games will be returned to Lisa and sanitized after each use.
- Hands of all participants must be sanitized before and after play.
- If a player gets up and leaves the table for any reason, their hands must be sanitized upon their return.
- Masks must be worn if not fully vaccinated.
- Game players must not sit closely and must maintain some reasonable social distance. For example, only 4 players at a regular round 4-foot table.
- Players must call the Center at **(740) 387-6100** (between the hours of 8am - 10am or 2 pm - 4pm) and register to play. Number of players may be limited in certain rooms due to capacity restrictions. By registering we can avoid a member just showing up and then not having room for them to participate.

### Movie Day

**"The Devil Wears Prada"**  
**Thursday, August 12 at 12:30**

In this comedy/drama, Andy (Anne Hathaway) is a recent college graduate with big dreams. Upon landing a job at prestigious Runway magazine, she finds herself the assistant to diabolical editor Miranda Priestly (Meryl Streep). Andy questions her ability to survive her grim tour as Miranda's whipping girl without getting scorched.

# August 2021 • Calendar of Events

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>Open Pickleball Open Pace Setters Walking Club Fitness Room <i>(by Appointment)</i></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; color: #0056b3;">2</p>	<p>Open Pickleball Open Pace Setters Walking Club Pool Room <i>(by Appointment)</i> Fitness Room <i>(by Appointment)</i></p> <p><b>10:00-Bible Study</b> <b>11:00-Books, Balance &amp; BS</b> 1:30-<i>New!</i> Hooks &amp; Needles</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; color: #0056b3;">3</p>	<p>Open Pickleball Open Pace Setters Walking Club Fitness Room <i>(by Appointment)</i></p> <p>9:00-Golf League at Green Acres 10:00-Intro to Fitness 1:00-Photography Class</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; color: #0056b3;">4</p>	<p>Open Pickleball Open Pace Setters Walking Club Fitness Room <i>(by Appointment)</i></p> <p>10:00-Line Dancing</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; color: #0056b3;">5</p>
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<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: #c00000;">Senior Center is Closed Today for Food Box Day &amp; Deep Cleaning</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; color: #0056b3;">23</p>	<p>Open Pickleball Open Pace Setters Walking Club Pool Room <i>(by Appointment)</i> Fitness Room <i>(by Appointment)</i></p> <p><b>10:00-Bible Study</b> <b>11:00-Books, Balance &amp; BS</b> 1:30-<i>New!</i> Hooks &amp; Needles</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; color: #0056b3;">24</p>	<p>Open Pickleball Open Pace Setters Walking Club Pool Room <i>(by Appointment)</i> Fitness Room <i>(by Appointment)</i></p> <p>9:00-Golf League at Green Acres 10:00-Intro to Fitness <b>12:30-Kingston Bingo</b> 1:00-Sewing Class</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; color: #0056b3;">25</p>	<p>Open Pickleball Open Pace Setters Walking Club Pool Room <i>(by Appointment)</i> Fitness Room <i>(by Appointment)</i></p> <p>10:00-Line Dancing 10:00-Breakfast for the Brain</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; color: #0056b3;">26</p>
<p>Open Pickleball Open Pace Setters Walking Club Pool Room <i>(by Appointment)</i> Fitness Room <i>(by Appointment)</i></p> <p>10:00-Mind Games</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; color: #0056b3;">30</p>	<p>Open Pickleball Open Pace Setters Walking Club Pool Room <i>(by Appointment)</i> Fitness Room <i>(by Appointment)</i></p> <p><b>10:00-Bible Study</b> <b>11:00-Books, Balance &amp; BS</b> 1:30-<i>New!</i> Hooks &amp; Needles</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; color: #0056b3;">31</p>		



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## FRIDAY

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Open Pickleball  
Open Pace Setters Walking Club  
Fitness Room *(by Appointment)*

12:30-Tai Chi

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Open Pickleball  
Open Pace Setters Walking Club  
Fitness Room *(by Appointment)*

12:30-Tai Chi

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Open Pickleball  
Open Pace Setters Walking Club  
Fitness Room *(by Appointment)*

12:30-Tai Chi

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Open Pickleball  
Open Pace Setters Walking Club  
Pool Room *(by Appointment)*  
Fitness Room *(by Appointment)*

12:30-Tai Chi

### August Birthdays

Anne Marie Bailey	Aug 01	Larry Bradley	Aug 09	Sue McClaren	Aug 23
Fred Malone	Aug 01	Eugene Gear	Aug 10	Monica Granger	Aug 23
Jay Morgan	Aug 01	Tilly Gresh	Aug 11	Ray Hughes	Aug 24
Pat Mantey	Aug 02	Karolyn Frasure	Aug 11	Roberta Volz	Aug 24
Kate Hoffer	Aug 03	Linda Dietrich	Aug 12	Polly Burge	Aug 24
Phoebe House	Aug 04	John Shore	Aug 12	John Probst	Aug 24
Jerry Sopher	Aug 04	Janine Williams	Aug 14	Idelphia Hughes	Aug 27
Loretta Murphy	Aug 05	Steve Ward	Aug 15	Betty Lou Kreg	Aug 27
Rosemary Scheff	Aug 06	Steve Welch	Aug 15	Jimmy Harris	Aug 27
Alfreda Layne	Aug 07	Bill Williamson	Aug 15	Marcella Brown	Aug 27
Janice Linstedt	Aug 07	Robert Miller	Aug 16	Sandy Lust	Aug 27
Phyllis Shirk	Aug 07	Vicki Van Gilder	Aug 17	Norma Vanderboegh	Aug 28
Dale Rapp	Aug 07	Larry Knapp	Aug 18	Betty Dietsch	Aug 29
Gary Dible	Aug 08	Judy Bill	Aug 19	Barbara Mead	Aug 29
Raymond, Sr. Haines	Aug 08	Paula Barron	Aug 20	Sheila Barry	Aug 29
Merle Smith	Aug 08	Randy Seaburn	Aug 21	Brenda Jones	Aug 29
Tom Fetter	Aug 08	Winnie Mallett	Aug 23	Karen Kirts	Aug 31

### August Anniversaries

Lacy & Eva Blankenship	8/10/1970	51 years
Jerry & Tammy Webber	8/12/1998	23 years
William Bill & Kay White	8/14/1994	27 years
Jon & Virginia Yarger	8/18/2019	2 years
Mark & Annette Hartman	8/23/1987	34 years
James & Sandra Thompson	8/25/1963	58 years
Raymond, Sr. & Carol Haines	8/31/1959	62 years
Larry & Mary Geissler	8/31/2002	19 years
Mike & Toni Alic	8/7/1965	56 years
Bob & Terry Kern	8/8/1964	57 years
Marion & Maureen Brown	8/9/1969	52 years

# Volunteer of the Month



## Grab and Go Senior Meals

LifeCare Alliance is bringing nutritious and delicious meals to Marion County for a safe drive thru lunch!

**Every Thursday 11am - Noon**

**Marion Senior Center Parking Lot**  
2375 Harding Highway E., Marion

Stay in Your Car, Lunch Will Be Passed to You

All participants 60 years and over will get two meals to-go!

- Everyone 60 years and over eligible for the meals
- No RSVP required.
- No income guidelines – all are welcome!
- Masks required for service
- No cost, but donations welcome
- One time paperwork will need completed if you have not received services with LifeCare. Paperwork can be completed onsite, same day.
- If you get Meals-on-Wheels you can still get this lunch!

For more information, contact:  
Margaret Rembert • 614-437-2850 • [mrembert@lifecarealliance.org](mailto:mrembert@lifecarealliance.org)

## New Check-in Procedure

Employees, volunteers, members, and guests must enter through the FRONT DOOR ONLY. West and East doors will remain locked and serve as emergency exits only.

We will utilize the *MySeniorCenter* kiosk for our Covid -19 Health Screening process. Checking in using the *MySeniorCenter* kiosk will also serve as a daily log in for members and staff with names and contact information made available to appropriate health authorities for contact tracing if necessary.

Hand sanitizer must be used before and after using the touchscreen on the kiosk.

**Employees, volunteers, members, and guests must complete daily symptom assessments** by having their temperature taken and confirming they can answer NO to the following questions:

- Fever of 101.4 degrees or higher?
- Cough (excluding chronic cough)? Shortness of breath?
- Nausea, Diarrhea, Vomiting, Headache, Muscle Ache?
- You or anyone in house exposed to Covid-19 virus?
- Anyone in house tested positive for Covid-19 virus?

Members and guests must then ACCEPT this COVID Waiver before entering the facility and participating in activities.

If there is a waiting line for screening guests must maintain physical distancing by remaining 6 feet from others waiting to check in.

If a member, guest, volunteer or staff member is deferred they must wait 72 hours for re-entry.

Masks are to be worn by employees, volunteers, members, and guests while in facility. **Beginning August 9 anyone that has been fully vaccinated will no longer be required to wear a mask inside. Unvaccinated individuals will still be required to wear a mask unless they are exercising, eating/drinking, or outside.**



*Marion Senior Center Board President Steve Renick is shown here checking in on the **MySeniorCenter** kiosk.*

Hand sanitizer must be used when entering facility and regular hand washing every 2 hours (which will be monitored by staff).

Guests will be provided with a “risk sheet for the spread of covid and potential health impact”.

Guests must agree to minimize physical contact and always maintain physical distancing.

Guests must agree to follow health and safety guidelines.

# Senior Moments



Find us on  
**Facebook**

We are continually posting announcements, updates and photos of the “happenings” (like those shown here) at the Senior Center to communicate with our members in a timely fashion! Simply type the following URL:

[www.facebook.com/MarionSeniorCenter](http://www.facebook.com/MarionSeniorCenter)

into your browser and hit the enter button on your keyboard, and you’ll find updates, announcements and photo galleries of the Senior Center’s activities, programs and events. (Please “LIKE” our page, too!)



## Meet Emilee Evans

Emilee Evans is taking the reins as our new Transportation Coordinator. Barb Arms spent several weeks mentoring Emilee prior to retiring at the end of last month. Emilee has settled in to the position nicely and has already established a nice rapport with many of our senior transportation clients.

When asked what she likes about her new job, Emilee said, “I enjoy people, especially seniors. It makes me happy knowing I have helped someone in some way. You never know the impact you bring to someone’s day... or life. It feels good to make it a little brighter!”

Emilee is a graduate of Marion Harding High School and enjoys traveling, going to craft shows, spending lots of time with family, and attending classic car shows with her husband Dustin, who works for the City of Marion Police Department. They live in Marion and are expecting their first child this fall. They also have a chocolate Lab named Annie.



# On a Positive Note

## Contingent Van Driver

### Looking for a Part-time job?

Are you looking to make a difference in the lives of others?

Want to do something meaningful and rewarding that makes a big impact in our community?

Would you enjoy spending time with seniors while helping them to remain independent by taking them to and from doctor's offices, grocery stores, pharmacies, financial institutions and other essential appointments?

If so, becoming a Contingent Van Driver for our Senior Transportation program might be a great fit for you. You can find a complete Contingent Van Driver job description and a downloadable application at: [marionohio.us/employment](http://marionohio.us/employment)



## We Need Volunteers!

Re-Opening the Senior Center safely will require much more time from the staff than ever before due to the new protocols and hands-on individual assistance to monitor and implement them.

### That's why we need YOU!

New programs continue to be successful around the Center due to the dedication and commitment from our volunteers. We specifically need help with the following tasks:

- Welcoming & assisting members sign in
- Answering the phone between 10 am - 2 pm
- Providing Tours of the Center to prospective new members

If you can volunteer a couple hours per week we will gratefully find a way to get you involved! Please call **Steve or Lisa** at **(740) 387-6100** today.



## Marion Senior Center

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## Directory

**Director:** Steve Badertscher

**Activity Coordinator:** Lisa Richardson

**Social Service Coordinator:**  
Cindy Jennings

**Transportation Coordinator:**  
Emilee Evans

**Bookkeeper:** Jackie King

**Maintenance Supervisor:**

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### **Need a Ride? Transportation Available for Seniors**

If you, or someone you know age 60 and older, are seeking transportation for needs-based appointments, the Marion Senior Center is here to help. We provide transportation (on a donation basis) to and from appointments in Marion County. Transportation is available every **Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am & 3:30 pm**, excluding holidays. **To learn more, contact the Center's Transportation Desk at (740) 387-5444 or Ohio District 5-Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-522-5680.**

*\*Handicap-accessible transportation is now available!*

### **Need a Personal Shopper?**

We have a personal shopper available to help homebound Seniors age 60+. If you, or someone you know, could use ongoing assistance with shopping needs, **please contact Social Services Coordinator Cindy Jennings at (740) 387-6100.**

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