

# GILDERSLEEVE GAZETTE

*Kirtland Senior Center Monthly Newsletter*



## **FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR**

Each year when Kiwanis begins to ramp up for the Strawberry Festival, I can't help but think about what a festival like ours would have been a century or more ago? Instead of carnival rides, perhaps there would have been someone in a suit jacket, donning tails and wearing a top hat yelling "step right up, step right up to guess the weight of the world's largest Strawberry."

Invariably when I think of carnivals from those days, my mind resets to old movies and shows that depicted so many of the characters as hucksters. And as soon as I hear the word huckster, I think of the greatest of all time.

We all know Phineas Taylor Barnum. Of course, American lore remembers him as PT Barnum. PT, renowned as the quintessential hoaxster and one of the most astounding businessmen of the 19th century, still reigns in our minds as the greatest showman on Earth. Barnum's innate sense of "what the people want to see" and even more importantly to PT, "what will they fall for while paying for it?" is rivaled by maybe no one in American history. After all, Barnum did coin the phrase "A sucker is born every minute."

After decades of moderate rises, precipitous failures, and then huge successes, Barnum tried his hand at clock making. In 1852, Barnum began the Terry and Barnum Manufacturing Company and moved the Litchfield Clock Company to East Bridgeport Connecticut. This time, PT disguised his motive as a civically minded enterprise designed to help working families obtain jobs and property ownership.

Then in 1855, an acquaintance, Chauncey Jerome, paid the ever-intellectually curious and venturesome Barnum a visit. Jerome, of the Jerome Clock Company, planted a seed that his world-famous clock manufacturing company would be an ideal candidate for Barnum's growing East Bridgeport. The Jerome company thought that the Barnum brainchild and new town of East Bridgeport was the perfect candidate for a proposed migration. PT could not resist. Or rather, Barnum the swindler turned swindled and took the bait. Falling hook line and sinker, Phineas Taylor Barnum lent his credit worthy name to Jerome. The once prosperous Jerome had overextended his clock manufacturing company and was peddling bait and switch promissory notes with banks and independent financiers far and wide. Barnum's fortune was swallowed up and the clock companies failed.

Barnum left manufacturing for good and returned to the world of nonsense and sleight of hand. The outrageously clever and always deft at turning a buck Barnum, took just several years to clear his name and remount his fortune in the world of carnival barkers and fire eating musclemen.

All this talk about zany entertainment and old-world carnivals, leading up to the June 15th-17th Strawberry Festival, I can't help but think how much fun it would be to see Tom Dice or Bill Wright standing in front of a giant pit of Strawberries, heckling the crowd and saying "Step right, step right up to watch Councilmen Smolic and Haymer duke it out in a winner takes all strawberry wrestling contest!" See you all at the Festival! ~ Mayor Kevin Potter



### **Riddle Answers**

**Because if they had four doors, they'd be chicken sedans.**

**The same middle name.**

# **ALL THE THINGS**

Every month, I find myself saying, "Whew. There was a lot going on this month! Next month will probably be less busy." Or something like it. And every month I prove myself wrong. Since last I came to you, we have been on three bus trips: Lake Erie College, the Geauga Growers Association Produce Auction, and St. Hubert's and Trinity Cathedral. It was so cool learning more about LEC, and I'm pretty sure we all made some new friends (see photo inset). The Produce Auction may have started something at least in me, and I will probably be headed down there on a monthly basis at least. For realies - it's so cool!!! And it was a beautiful day in Kirtland Hills and we are so thankful to Dan and his staff for inviting us into their beautiful church. Special thanks to Laura for helping me set up the brown bag lunch assembly line! Although I am not able to go on all of the bus trips, I have a great time when I do.

You've also probably noticed a few new faces around the building on Mondays this past month. We are so appreciative to Mind Challenge for putting on this regional trivia event, and it's always a joy for us to host. It's not over at the time of this writing, so I can't tell you whether or not if any of the three Kirtland teams moved to the next round, but you are all winners in my book. Thank you to my patient husband Andrew, who gave up three Sunday evenings to help me set up!

The other new face that joined us this month was Jessy Jackson. God bless her little heart, she chose to spend her junior year internship with us here at the Center and with me at the City. I appreciate everyone being so nice to her and showing her that our Seniors have just as much fun as the Kirtland High School seniors.

On the City side, our events are starting to ramp back up again after the winter hibernation. In April we joined with the Mayor's Action Network to provide yardwork for our Seniors and veterans. This is one of Mayor Potter's favorite events of the year, and all of our volunteers had a great time working together on behalf of our residents. We also welcomed the third grade students to City Hall for Government Day, which is one of MY favorite events of the year. I can guarantee that the questions these kiddos have for our government leaders are some of the toughest inquiries they get throughout the year. We then had the opportunity to go down to the elementary school to teach the tikes about trees. I did not teach them about trees. Mr. Fornaro and Holden Arboretum taught them about trees. I learned about trees. We have so many chances to work within and throughout our community and every time we do, I reminded about the amazing family that is Kirtland.

Last but not least, the Senior Services Coalition hosted Senior Day at the Mall, back for the first time since 2019. One of the highlights of the day is honoring the chosen "Senior of the Year" from each Lake County Center and Coalition partner. As I've said before, I refuse to choose, and ask you to nominate a deserving peer. The unanimous nominee this year was a reluctant Karin Saywell. I was excited that she turned up on the day (there was concern on my end). A reluctant awardee, it was my honor to be up on stage with this selfless gal. They had asked for a brief description of each nominee, and this is what YOU came up with: Karin has been a member of the Senior Board for several years, and a member for longer. Karin is the type of person who will lend a hand and go that extra mile to give of herself. She does it in a quiet, quick way and before you know it, the task is organized, delegated, and complete. And she never looks for recognition. She is greatly appreciated for her kindness. Some refer to Karin as "the mom of the Center" because she is taking care of all of us! Thanks, Karin, for being such an important part of the amazing family that is the Senior Center (that last part was from me, not you).



I don't have nearly enough space to go through the numerous events that are happening in June, so grab a cup of coffee and settle in with your calendar. Buckle up - next month will probably not be less busy. ~ Teresa

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## **SENIOR CENTER MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Per calendar year</b>		<b>Paperwork and information available at the front desk</b>
Resident (first year): \$10	Resident (renewal): \$5	
Non-resident (first year): \$12	Non-resident (renewal): \$7	



**KIRTLAND SENIOR CENTER**  
**JUNE 2023 WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY**

9:00 – 9:45 am  
10:00 – 1:00 pm  
10:00 am  
1:00 – 2:00 pm  
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Strength Training  
Pickleball (*drop-in*)  
Knitting Group (*drop-in*)  
TaiJi Fit  
Chair Volleyball (*drop-in*)

9:00 – 10:15 am  
10:00 – 1:00 pm  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
10:30 – 11:30 am  
11:45 – 12:45 pm  
12:00 – 1:30 pm  
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Gentle Yoga  
Pickleball (*drop-in*)  
Massage (*June 2, 16*)  
Chair Yoga  
Aerobics (*w/ cardio drumming*)  
Reiki (*Contact the front office*)  
Chair Volleyball (*drop-in*)

**TUESDAY**

8:30 – 9:30 am  
10:00 – 11:00 am  
9:30 – 12:00 pm  
11:30 – 2:30 pm  
12:00 pm  
12:30 pm  
2:30 – 3:30 pm

Advanced Pickleball (*drop-in*)  
Aerobics  
Piano Lessons (*June 6, 20*)  
Pickleball (*drop-in*)  
Bingo (*drop-in*)  
Game Day (*drop-in*)  
Beginner Pickleball (*drop-in*)

Free Holden Week for Kirtland

Card Making Class  
Council on Aging Visit  
Bus Trip to B.A. Sweeties  
Attorney  
Hiking Club  
Trivia  
Podiatrist  
Senior Board Meeting  
Hearing Screening  
Flag Retirement Ceremony  
Book Club  
Strawberry Festival  
Trash to Treasure  
Pickleball Tournament  
Ladies Lunch  
Birthday Lunch  
Bus Trip to League Park

June 6 - 11  
Wednesday, June 7  
Wednesday, June 7  
Thursday, June 8  
Friday, June 9  
Monday, June 12  
Tuesday, June 13  
Tuesday, June 13  
Wednesday, June 14  
Wednesday, June 14  
Wednesday, June 14  
Thursday, June 15  
June 15 - 17  
June 19 - 28  
June 19 and 20  
Wednesday, June 21  
Tuesday, June 27  
Friday, June 30

**WEDNESDAY**

9:00 – 9:45 am  
10:00 am  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Strength Training  
Mahjong (*drop-in*)  
Pickleball (*drop-in*)  
Reflexology/Light Therapy  
(*June 14, 28*)  
Fit Yoga w/ Sue  
Chair Volleyball (*drop-in*)

**THURSDAY**

8:30 – 9:30 am  
9:30 – 11:30 am  
10:00 am  
10:00 – 1:00 pm  
10:30 am  
12:30 – 2:30 pm  
1:00 – 3:30 pm

Advanced Pickleball (*drop-in*)  
Watercolor Painting  
Chess (*drop-in*)  
Pickleball (*drop-in*)  
Cards – Hand and Foot (*drop-in*)  
Acrylic Painting  
Beginner Pickleball (*drop-in*)

**COMING IN JULY**

Card Making Class  
Bus Trip to Progressive Field  
Hiking Club  
Trivia  
Podiatrist  
Senior Board Meeting  
Attorney  
Trash to Treasure  
Bus Trip to Castle Noel  
Men's Lunch  
Book Club  
Medicare Information  
Birthday Lunch

Wednesday, July 5  
Tuesday, July 11  
Monday, July 10  
Tuesday, July 11  
Tuesday, July 11  
Wednesday, July 12  
Friday, July 14  
July 17 – 26  
Wednesday, July 19  
Wednesday, July 19  
Thursday, July 20  
Tuesday, July 25  
Tuesday, July 25

*For a complete listing of services and classes available, check out our website at [www.kirtlandcommunity.com](http://www.kirtlandcommunity.com)*

*Drop-in activities require no pre-registration*

# JUNE CLASS & WELLNESS SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES OR WELLNESS APPOINTMENTS:

Fitness Class	Time	Dates	Cost
Aerobics Instructor: Cheryl	Tuesday 10:00-11:00	June 6, 13, 20, 27	\$16 Drop-in: \$4
Aerobics w/drumming Instructor: Cheryl	Friday 11:45-12:45	June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	\$20 Drop-in: \$4
Gentle Yoga Instructor: Anne	Friday 9:00-10:15	June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	\$15 Drop-in: \$3
Chair Yoga Instructor: Anne	Friday 10:30-11:30	June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	\$15 Drop-in: \$3
Fit Yoga Instructor: Sue	Wednesday 11:00-12:00	June 7, 14, 21, 28	\$12 Drop-in: \$3
Strength Training Instructor: Nancy	Mon/Wed 9:00-9:45	June 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, July 3	\$24 (8 classes) \$12 (4 classes) Drop-in: \$3
TaijiFit Instructor: Tim	Monday 1:00-2:00	June 5, 12, 19, 26	\$12 Drop-in: \$3
Workshops	Time	Dates	Cost
Knitting Group	Monday 10:00	Every Monday	FREE
Card Marking Class	Wednesday 1:00 pm	June 7	\$10
Mahjong	Wednesday 10:00 am		FREE
Chess Club	Thursday 10:00 am		FREE

Classes	Time	Dates	Cost
Acrylic Painting Instructor: Connie	Thursday 12:30-2:30	June 1, 8, 15, 22	\$28
Watercolor Painting Instructor: Connie	Thursday 9:30-11:30	June 1, 8, 15, 22	\$28
Piano Lessons Instructor: Karen <i>*must register 2 per month*</i>	Tuesday 9:00-1:30	June 6, 20	\$17 per lesson
Wellness/Other	Time	Dates	Cost
Attorney Deborah Loughner	Friday 9:00-11:00	June 9 July 14	FREE 30 minutes
Podiatry Dr. Kelly Whaley	Tuesday 9:00-12:00	June 13 July 11	\$25 per 15 minutes
Reiki Anne Owens	Friday 12:00-1:30	Contact the front office	\$25 / 25 minute session
Reflexology or Light Therapy Linda McMahon	Wednesday 11:00-1:00	June 14, 28	\$40 (Reflexology) \$45 (Light Therapy)
Swedish Massage Natalie Lopez	Friday 10:00-2:00	June 2, 16	\$65 per 50 minutes
Hiking Club <i>*See inside for location</i>	Monday 10:30 am	June 12	FREE
Beginner Pickleball Lessons	Thursday 1:00-2:00	<b>NO LESSONS IN June</b>	FREE



**MAHJONG**

We asked, and you answered! If you are interested in playing or learning Mahjong, come out on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am.**

**CHAIR YOGA**

Our yoga instructor, Anne Owens, teaches a chair yoga class every Friday. This class is a gentle yoga class with an emphasis on stretching and strengthening movements while seated in a chair. A portion of class will provide instruction on the option to use a chair for support with select standing postures. This class finishes with a seated meditation and breathing practices. It will be on Fridays at 10:30 am and costs \$12 for the month.

**CHESS CLUB**

Are you a chess player? Do you want to learn how to play chess? We meet weekly on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. All levels are welcome and no registration is necessary!

**CARDIO DRUMMING**

Our fantastically fun (and sometimes loud) cardio drumming class continues every Friday. Due to popular demand and thanks to the flexibility of our instructor Cheryl, **the class has been moved to 11:45 am.** As always, if you have never tried a class, the first is free.

**BINGO**

We are playing Bingo every Tuesday! Bingo will be held in the Sunflower Room at 12:00. There is no cost to play and everyone is invited.

**PIANO LESSONS**

Sounds Inspirations Music Therapy provides 30 minute individual private piano lessons. Tailored to the learning styles of the adult students. Students are welcome to bring their own music to lessons for evaluating it as a useable resource. **You must sign up for two classes a month. The cost is \$34 per month. Please note the slight increase. Next classes will be May 3 and 17 between 9:00 am - 1:30 pm.**

**BEGINNER PICKLEBALL LESSONS**

New to Pickleball? Need to learn the basics? We got you covered with the ins and outs of pickleball. Lessons are on Thursday from 1:00-2:00 pm. **Our next session (four classes) will begin in the fall.** These are FREE classes, but fill up incredibly quickly.

**If you have already taken the class, we ask that you be put on a wait-list.** With the popularity of pickleball rising, we want to make sure to give everyone an opportunity to learn how to play correctly and safely. If you are not able to come to every class, please consider waiting for another month to allow others to participate.

**Pre-registration is required and space is limited.** Make sure to wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothes you can move in!

**EXPANDED PICKLEBALL HOURS**

**Advanced Pickleball:**

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 - 9:30 am. This is an opportunity for our more seasoned players to play more competitively. If you join us, get ready for great shots and fast games!

**Beginner Open Play:**

Beginner Pickleball will be on **Tuesdays from 2:30 - 3:30 pm and Thursdays from 1:00 - 3:30 pm.** If you want to start playing, get some practice, or work on your game, this is a great time to do it!

**Outdoor Pickleball:**

The Outdoor Courts are OPEN for the season! Please note that the courts are available on a first come-first served basis. If there are people waiting to play, please be courteous and share the courts. Senior Center members have priority from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm each weekday.

**GREETING CARD MAKING**

Make your own greeting cards! Come to enjoy creating three original cards and have fun socializing while stamping, coloring, and gluing. We will do an assortment of cards during each monthly classes. Cost is only \$10 per class and that includes all the paper, stamps, ink, die cuts, and embellishments. All you need to bring is a pair of scissors and adhesives. Our first class will be Wednesday, June 7 at 1:00 pm and then will be held the first Wednesday of each through October. Class is limited to 10 per month. Registration is required.



**THE SENIOR CENTER**  
**WILL BE CLOSED**  
**Tuesday, July 4**



**BUS TRIPS**

**B.A. Sweeties - Thursday, June 8**

Embrace your sweet tooth on our trip to B.A. Sweeties! We'll start on their amazing mini-golf course and continue with shopping on your own in their huge candy warehouse. The Soda Shoppe will also be open and available! We will meet at the Center at 12:00 pm, and return around 4:00 pm. The cost is \$5/person for the bus; all activities and purchases are on your own. RSVP by Thursday, June 1.

**Baseball Heritage Museum @ League Park - Friday, June 30**

"To better understand America, study baseball." The mission of the Baseball Heritage Museum is to preserve and present the stories of diversity in baseball by entertaining, educating, and enlightening visitors about the multicultural heritage of baseball and the values it represents. We will be meeting at the Center at 12:30, and head down for an hour-and-a-half led tour. The bus will return to the Center around 3:30 and the cost is \$15/person. RSVP by Friday, June 16.

**Tour of Progressive Field - Tuesday, July 11**

Progressive Field Tours provide a unique look at the home of the Cleveland Guardians. This hour long event will include stops in the press box, the Lexus Homeplate Club, the warning track, and more! We will meet at the Center at 9:30 am, and return around 12:15 pm. The cost is \$23/person. RSVP by Friday, June 23.

**Downtown Medina and Castle Noel - Wednesday, July 19**

Come experience Christmas in July at America's "Largest Indoor Year-round Christmas Entertainment Attraction!" We will begin the day on your own in exploring all that downtown Medina has to offer, and continue with a tour at Castle Noel. We will be meeting at the Center at 9:45 am, and return around 4:00 pm. Anything downtown is on your own; the cost for the bus and the tour is \$32/person. RSVP's are due by Friday, July 7.

**Please remember that all of our bus trips are for Senior Center members only.  
No reservations will be taken after the cut-off date.**

**PAYMENT IS DUE AT THE TIME OF THE RESERVATION**

**BUS TRIP WITH GEauga COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON AGING**

**"MOSES" IN LANCASTER, PA: JUNE 26 - 28**

\$550 Per person, double occupancy for all rooms  
Call Sandy McLeod @ 440- 279- 2137 with any questions or to register

**SLATE/ROCK PAINTING WORKSHOP WITH CONNIE  
FRIDAY, JUNE 23 @ 10:00 AM**



If you have a cool rock that you want to make cooler, come on out! We also have a selection of slate here for you to choose; just ask at the front desk. Flowers make everything better, and so does Connie. \$10/person, must register by June 16.

**HIKING CLUB - MONDAY, JUNE 12**

Join us for a hike on **Monday, June 12 from 10:30 - 11:30 at Chapin Forest.** We will meet at the **306 entrance.** **Registration is requested but not required!** We hike rain or shine... use your best judgment and dress for the weather. See you on the trails!

**HEARING SCREENING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14**

It is medically recommended to have your hearing tested annually, just like your blood pressure or cholesterol. Adults with untreated hearing loss are more likely to develop dementia. Hearing loss is not just an ear issue, it is also a quality of life issue, a health issue, and safety issue. Hearing loss can occur naturally due to age, but it can also be caused by other health reasons that may surprise you. The Hearing Center will be conducting **FREE** hearing screenings on June 14 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Registration is required.

**Welcome to our new members this month!**

Annette, Susan, Jeanette, Judith, Aura, Doug, Joe, Renee, Nancy, Bill, Katherine, Trish, Libby, Carol, Cindy, Karla Ann, Melissa, George

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**BIRTHDAY LUNCH CELEBRATION - TUESDAY, JUNE 27**

*New this year - join us for YOUR birthday month & lunch is on us!* Our June Birthday Lunch is Tuesday, June 27 at 12:00 pm. **The cost is \$8.** Our menu is a wrap and chips. Please RSVP by June 22. EVERYONE is welcome, regardless of your birthdate! Our next Birthday celebration will be on July 25 and the menu will be BBQ pulled pork sandwiches and potato salad.

**LADIES LUNCHEON - TUESDAY, JUNE 21**

June's ladies lunch will be held Wednesday, June 21 at 12:00 pm and the menu is a salad with either steak or chicken. **Cost is \$8.** Please RSVP by June 15. Our next luncheon will be August 16 and the menu is hamburgers with fixins' and potato salad.

**MEN'S LUNCHEON - WEDNESDAY, JULY 19**

Men's Luncheon will be held Wednesday, July 19 at 12:00 pm. The menu is **fried chicken, cole slaw, and macaroni salad.** **Cost is \$8.** Please RSVP by July 10. The next luncheon will be September 19 and the menu includes steak roast, and a baked potato.

**All menus are set in advance. If you have a specific dietary need, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you.**

**COUNCIL ON AGING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7**

Council on Aging will be here in the lobby on Wednesday, June 7 from 10:00 - 11:00 am. They will be bringing information from the Council of Aging and other information on services they can provide. If you have something specific you would like to talk about, please feel free to stop by and ask.

**TRIVIA - TUESDAY, JUNE 13**

Join us for Trivia on Tuesday, June 13 at 11:00 am. Come join us and be a part of a team this month and put all your random (or useless) knowledge to good use! Most of the questions are multiple choice, and it's **FREE** to play! We meet in the lobby to form teams and then the fun begins. No registration necessary. This next month we will be focused in on Pop Trivia of the 1980's.

**BOOK CLUB - THURSDAY, JUNE 15 @ 11:00 AM**

Our book selection for June is "The Reading List" by Sarah Nisha Adams. I'm almost confident that this was on my list at the suggestion of Janet Johnson, and I thank her for that. If you're looking for validation that books truly do make a difference in people's lives, this is the one for you. If you like the challenges and blessings of intergenerational relationships, you may enjoy this. I liked this one a whole bunch. The next Book Club is set for July 20 at 11:00 and we will be discussing "**Migrations**" by **Charlotte McConaghy**. I don't yet know anything about this book, but it was described as: "Epic and intimate, heartbreaking and galvanizing, Charlotte McConaghy's Migrations is an ode to a disappearing world and a breathtaking page-turner about the possibility of hope against all odds." Color me intrigued!

**WELCOME TO MEDICARE! - TUESDAY, JULY 25 @ 12:30 PM**

Are you turning 65 or are otherwise now eligible for Medicare? Join us following the July birthday lunch for a presentation by Allie Heinz, Benefits Specialist at the Lake County Council on Aging. Presentations focus on what you need to know to make your transition to Medicare successful. We will help you to understand the different plan options, enrollment questions, anticipated costs, and how to avoid costly penalties.

**SMILE! YOU'RE ON CAMERA**

As part of the funds received through the County, we have also installed cameras throughout the building. These cameras will **ONLY** be used for safety and security purposes, and access is restricted to authorized personnel only. Coverage includes the gym, fitness center, and all outdoor facilities.

While signs are posted, we wanted to give you a heads up!

**Just a reminder to sign in whenever you come into the Center, unless you are registered for a class or event.**

**Also, please make sure to sign-in for ALL the activities that you will be doing that day.**

**Thank you in advance for your help!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT - JUNE 19 AND 20



Our first 2023 pickleball "Luck of the Draw" tournament will be held on Monday, June 19 and Tuesday, June 20. There will be one session each day with 18 players in each. **Monday will be a more competitive competition and Tuesday will be a more casual competition.** You can sign up for a session on either day, but please only choose one. Each days session will be from 9:00-11:00 am. Everyone will be assigned a number that will be used to "draw" your partner and opponents for each game. We will be using the indoor court and three outdoor courts for the day. Each person plays in six games with one bye. If you must cancel, we ask that you let us know 24 hours in advance. Cost to compete in the tournament is \$5. **SPACE IS LIMITED!!!!!!** You must be a member to participate and you must pre-register. If you have won a tournament in the past, please consider being an alternate or being on a wait-list to give others an opportunity.

## GUARDIANS DAY GAMES - THURSDAY, JUNE 22

We had so much fun watching the game on the big screen in the lobby this month that the Senior Board has decided to do so every month. Join us for the 1:10 games against Oakland on June 22 to root on the home team. Yummy ballpark goodies will be provided by donation. No RSVP necessary.



## CASINO NIGHT ON THE LAKE - FRIDAY, JUNE 2 FROM 6 - 9:00 PM

Come hang out with the Perry Senior Community Center and enjoy an evening filled with friends, food, drinks, gambling for prizes, reverse raffles, 50/50 drawings every hour, a Chinese auction, and more! For your \$25/per person, you will enjoy a small plate meal with a soft drink and a great evening of fun. Beer and concession items will be available for purchase. Ticket information can be obtained from the Perry Senior Center at 440-259-3772. Only 200 tickets are available!



## TRASH TO TREASURE

Our next Trash to Treasure Sale will be held from June 19 - 28. Drop off any household items you would like to donate for our sale. No personal items, clothing or electronics please! We will be accepting items during normal business hours. If you have any donations, please bring them to the front office rather than putting them on the table. All proceeds go to the Senior Board.

## FROM THE SENIOR BOARD

As we approach mid-May and the trees and flowers are blooming, everything is looking green. It is nice to see the cover over the Community Center lobby entrance removed and tables set up to sit and relax.

A lot is happening at the Center this month if we haven't seen you. We are hosting the Eastern Lake County division of Mind Challenge, or as we call it, Trivia. Kirtland teams are "holding their own", while not winning, we are scoring well. We are also having our usual birthday, men's, and women's lunches, as well as a Memorial Day/New Member Lunch to close out the month.

This month we are planning a Pickleball tournament, bus trips to B.A. Sweeties and League Park. The Senior Board is hosting Dollar Dog lunch to coincide with Guardians 1:00 pm games. We ask for a donation to off-set the cost.

I would also like to congratulate my wife Karin who was selected as Kirtland Senior Center Citizen of the Year. She received her award in front of a large group of senior friends at the Great Lakes Mall. Thank you to all who participated and supported her.

I hope this month finds you in good health and able to enjoy the nice weather. Take some time to enjoy the sunshine, enjoy yourself, and stop in to see us. Best, David Saywell

## SENIOR BOARD

Our Senior Board serves as an advisory committee to the Director and sponsors meals and events while fundraising to help subsidize these meals & events. If you have any issues or ideas, please see one of the board members to pass along. Our 2023 Senior Board consists of: David Saywell (President), Junior Orick (Vice-president), Marcia Haymer (Secretary), Penny Everson (Treasurer), Bill Russ, Karin Saywell, Janet Johnson, and Jean Orick.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## **63rd Annual KIRTLAND KIWANIS STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

**JUNE 15-17, 2023**  
 KIRTLAND SCHOOLS ON ROUTE 306  
 FREE ADMISSION  
 FOOD AND FUN FOR ALL

**EVERY DAY:**

Strawberry Shortcakes, Sundaes, and Supremes	Chocolate Covered Strawberries
Rides by Lisko Family Midways	Car Smash
Kiwanis Lemonade	Food Court
Kiddie Land Entertainment	Dunk Tank
Pony Rides	Contests
	Entertainment with DJ Johnny Sciulla and Local Bands
	Photo Op Area
	Robotics Demonstration
	Crafts and Commercial Area

**Thursday, June 15** 5:00-10:00 pm  
 5:30 pm Shortcake Eating Contest  
 6:00 pm Trivia Contest  
 7:00 pm Lego Building Contest

**Friday, June 16** 5:00-11:00 pm  
 6:30 pm Parade  
 7:30 pm Shortcake Eating Contest

**Saturday, July 17** Noon-11:00 pm  
 1:00 pm Sidewalk Chalk Contest  
 5:00 pm Shortcake Eating Contest  
 6:00 pm Miss Kirtland Contest



Full event, entertainment, parade, contest and sponsor information:  
[www.kirtlandkiwanis.org/strawberryfestival](http://www.kirtlandkiwanis.org/strawberryfestival)  
 (216) 244-7335

## **FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14**

The public is invited to attend a Flag Retirement Ceremony which will be conducted by Kirtland's Scout Troops on Flag Day, Wednesday June 14th, at the Kirtland Veterans Memorial beginning at 8:00 pm.

The Scouts will accept flags for retirement, but can only use cotton flags at the ceremony, as synthetic materials are toxic when burned. Other approved methods for respectful retirement will be done for synthetic flags at a later time.

## **SUMMER CONCERTS**

Concerts at the Gazebo sponsored by the Friends of the Kirtland Library are back! Mark your calendars for the following dates:

**Wednesday, June 28 - "City" Night: Chardon Polka Band**

Our City departments will be providing hot dogs and hamburgers for a donation, and local businesses will be joining us for this fantastic evening of polka!

**Wednesday, July 12 - "City" Night Take 2: Perfect Choice**

Our City departments will be providing hot dogs and hamburgers for a donation, and local businesses will be joining us for this fantastic evening of super fun music!

**Wednesday, July 19 - "Faith" Night: Pop Tarts**

Local churches and faith communities will be coming out for this awesome night of pop music! Food will be available for purchase.

**Wednesday, July 26 - "Beauty" Night: Prime Time Big Band**

Who doesn't love Big Band music? Come hang with our local parks as we dance the night away. Food will be available for purchase.

**Wednesday, August 2 - "Dog Days of Summer:" Debbie Gifford**

Our very own Debbie Gifford will serenade us (and our dogs!) for the evening. Local animal groups will join us and food will be available for purchase.

**PRESENTED THANKS TO THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN:**



# **HOLDEN ARBORETUM**

## **KIRTLAND WEEK\***

**JUNE 6 - 11, 2023**



**\*ALL KIRTLAND RESIDENTS  
RECEIVE FREE ADMISSION WITH  
PROOF OF RESIDENCY**

VISIT [HOLDENFG.ORG/HOLDEN-ARBORETUM](http://HOLDENFG.ORG/HOLDEN-ARBORETUM)  
FOR HOURS AND INFORMATION.

### **THIS MONTH AT THE KIRTLAND LIBRARY:**

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| June 5 @ 6:00 pm  | Knit & Crochet Club         |                                |
| June 23 @ 2:30 pm | Color Me Calm Club          | <i>Registration requested</i>  |
| June 26 @ 1:30 pm | No Pressure Book Discussion |                                |
| June 27 @ 6:00 pm | Cookbook Club               | <i>Registration requested.</i> |

**Special Events:**

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| June 6 @ 2 or 4:00 pm | Beach Glass Class              | <i>\$10/per person at the door. Registration required.</i>                                     |
| June 13 @ 4:00 pm     | Heart Shaped Bird Feeder Craft | <i>Registration required.</i>  |
| June 20 @ 6:00 pm     | Gentle Outdoor Yoga            | <i>Bring a mat, water bottle, \$10.00 cash and wear loose clothing. Registration required.</i> |
| June 28 @ 6:00 pm     | Adult Trivia                   |  |





There are people in this Center that I have no recollection of meeting. Logically, there must have been an initial introduction, potentially awkward small talk, and an insistence that we require the same paperwork for everyone, regardless of how onerous. I can certainly pinpoint those conversations with several people. This month's Senior Spotlight, however, must have skipped all of that. I have no recollection of meeting Jim Ruttinger for the first time. At least for me, that small talk must have been pleasant and the required paperwork was completed without a question or complaint. In my mind, Jim has always been a part of our Kirtland family since we re-opened and I don't want to imagine us without him!

Jim was born in the snowy world of Buffalo, NY (I presume - unless he was born in the summer...). His father was a mechanical engineer and when his company built a new plant in Hickman, Kentucky, the family made the arduous journey down south. Their new home was right on the Mississippi, and at the tender age of 11, it wasn't difficult to make new friends. Living in the country now meant that Jim could have a pony and pony cart. His name was Gray Boy. Not sure if they named the cart. Soon after he graduated to a horse, Ginger. This may sound like I'm singing the praises of small town living, because I am. When a neighbor's daughter crashed her Volkswagen Beetle, he bought the carcass for \$50, and the love of mechanics passed down from father to son. At a mere 15 years old, Jim took the body off of the Beetle and rebuilt it into a dune buggy. Right about this time, the dune buggy craze was beginning, and adding roll bars to these "unsophisticated" rides made sanctioned racing a bit more safe.

Jim's official education continued at Murray State University in Kentucky, eventually earning a degree in chemistry and landing a job at the BF Goodrich Chemical Company in Calvert City. While he was there, he became reacquainted with a friend from college. She had worked in Tennessee before moving over to BF Goodrich, and these once-friends landed at the altar in 1980. Mary Jane is another fixture here at the Center, and we're all sure glad that these two found each other again!

Mary Jane and Jim raised their two children in Paducah, Kentucky. His seventeen year career in Calvert City ended when he transferred to a plant in Bainbridge. From there he moved to Bowling Green then Wickliffe, and officially announced his retirement in October 2019. When people retire after so many years of hard and dedicated work, they generally get a cake. Maybe a balloon or two. When Jim left the company in April 2020, they gave him... well. A pandemic retirement may not be as boisterous of a celebration, but I'm sure that they appreciated his commitment.

In 2011, Jim bought an old Beetle with designs to "do something with it." Four years later, the blue dune buggy we all know and love was officially official. At least according to the State of Ohio. If you haven't seen this thing, you need to hang out at the Center more often in the summertime. It really is so cool. I'm kind of an expert on cars, so feel free to ask me how he built it and what parts he used. I totally understand what he's told me and can completely make it up with confidence. On second thought, you should probably just ask him. He and his buggy (which should have a name) very kindly represent the Kirtland Senior Center at the Strawberry Festival parade. You are invited to hoot and holler on June 16 when you see him cruising through Kirtland.

As with many of our members, I have no idea how Jim ever had time to have a fulltime job. He has always been into bicycling, and rode from Pittsburgh to D.C. in six days. For real - I pack snacks if I drive more than half an hour. He is also a woodworker, and has been volunteering at Holden Arboretum and the Botanical Gardens as a carpenter. (Side note - check out page 9 for info about a week of free Holden admission for Kirtland residents. Go check out his work!) You should also ask him about leaf litter baskets, because I had never heard of them and they really are cool.

Jim and Mary Jane have been married for 42 years, and their two and a half year old grandson in Shaker Heights keeps them on their toes. Their daughter in L.A. gives them an excuse to travel. And his 1972 Karmann Ghia VW gives him a reason to keep tinkering. Pickleball lessons taught him the right way to play back in 2022, and he is improving on the courts every day. I'm sure Debbie and Ken's instructions still ring true 15 months later, and he finds inspiration in a daily pickleball email. I did like the helpful observation that "every time a pickleball court is built, an orthopedist gets a new boat." What a subtle reminder to watch how you play and stay safe out there, folks!

A carpenter and a chemist. A builder and a biker. Always welcoming and always gentle, Jim has seemingly always been a part of the Kirtland Senior Center. And how fortunate we are!

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## **BAD JOKES FOR MAY:**

Because if they had four doors, they'd be chicken sedans.  
What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common?

*Answers inside!*

### **KIRTLAND SENIOR CENTER**

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The Kirtland Senior Center serves adults aged 55 and over with quality, affordable programming to provide opportunities for social interaction, recreation, fitness, and minor health and wellness services close to home. The aim to keep adults active, motivated, and engaged in their community for an optimal quality of life. Don't be misled by the term "senior!" Our programs are for the youngest Baby Boomers through those in their Golden Years. Become a member at any time!

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