

October/November/December 2023

Edna Burton Senior Center

Late Bloomers



345 Ball Street • P.O. Box 929 • Ortonville, MI 48462-0929

Phone: (248) 627-6447 • Fax: (248) 627-1067

Website: www.brandontownship.us—Click on “Senior Center” link.

The Senior Center is located at the corner of Ball and Cedar Streets.

Healing Thoughts

Elaine Kalinin

Gladys Johnson

Richard Noell

Linda Duman

Focus Hope & Commodities

Focus Hope—Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 8

Commodities—December 8

Shopping Trips

Bueche's—Oct. 20, Nov. 14, Dec. 7

Grand Blanc Walmart—Oct. 2, Nov. 21, Dec. 21

Oxford Meijer's—Oct. 27, Nov. 30, Dec. 28

Sashabaw Rd. Kroger—Oct. 10, Nov. 6, Dec. 15

October Menu

2. Salisbury Steak; 3. Escalloped Chicken & Noodles; 4. Low Sodium Ham; 5. Spanish Rice with Meat; 6. Chicken with Gravy; 9. Stuffed Pepper; 10. Tuscan Chicken; 11. Beef Pastie with Gravy; 12. Roasted Turkey with Gravy; 13. Mostaccioli with Meat Sauce; 16. Swedish Meatballs; 17. Pork Chop with Sauerkraut; 18. Chicken a la King; 19. Italian Ravioli; 20. Lemon Chicken; 23. Macaroni & Cheese; 24. Chinese Chicken Casserole; 25. Italian Lasagna; 26. Pizza; 27. Baked Cod; 30. Macaroni & Cheese; 31. Ham & Broccoli Casserole

November Menu

1. Turkey Burger on Bun; 2. Tuna Noodle Casserole; 3. Baked Ham; 6. Beef Stroganoff; 7. CENTER CLOSED—ELECTION DAY; 8. BBQ Chicken on Bun; 9. Meatloaf with Gravy; 10. CENTER CLOSED—VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVED; 13. Vegetable Lasagna; 14. Sweet & Sour Meatballs; 15. Turkey Breast with Gravy; 16. Herbed Pork Loin; 17. Baked Pollock; 20. Grilled Pork Patty; 21. Lemon Chicken; 22. Mexican Beef & Bean Casserole; 23. CENTER CLOSED—THANKSGIVING DAY; 24. CENTER CLOSED—DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING; 27. Pizza; 28. Oven Baked Fish; 29. Pork Chop Creole; 30. Beef Stew

December Menu

1. Oven Baked Fish; 4. Stuffed Cabbage; 5. Chicken Breast with Gravy; 6. Italian Ravioli; 7. Sweet & Sour Meatballs; 8. Baked Cod; 11. Meatloaf; 12. Pork Chop Creole; 13. Roast Beef Au Jus; 14. Bratwurst on Bun; 15. Lemon Pepper Cod; 18. Macaroni & Cheese; 19. Chicken Cutlet with Gravy; 20. Chicken with Vegetables; 21. Turkey Burger on Bun; 22. CENTER CLOSED—CHRISTMAS EVE OBSERVED; 25—CENTER CLOSED—CHRISTMAS DAY; 26. Meatloaf with Gravy; 27. Breaded Pork Patty; 28. Chicken Broccoli Casserole; 29—CENTER CLOSED—NEW YEAR'S EVE OBSERVED

NOTE: PLEASE NOTE: TO RESERVE A LUNCH PLEASE CALL BY 9AM THE DAY BEFORE. IF YOU ARE RESERVING A LUNCH FOR MONDAY, PLEASE CALL BY 9AM ON FRIDAY. PLEASE COME AND ENJOY GOOD FOOD AND WONDERFUL CONVERSATION WITH OTHER SENIORS.

PLEASE NOTE: MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE. SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

LUNCH IS SERVED AROUND 11:45PM. THE SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$3.00 FOR OVER THE AGE OF 60 AND \$4.00 FOR UNDER THE AGE OF 60.

October Birthdays

2—Arlene Willoughby; 3—Liisa Forshey; 7—Barb Nelson, Katherine Krencicki; 9—Mary Alice Seelbinder; 18—Angela Glavan; 27—Howard Christian; 31—Jill Zoldos

November Birthdays

7—Corky Loftus; 8—Carol Bryant; 9—Jo Miller; 13—Precilla Williams; 16—Sue Bess; 20—Stephanie Basking, DJ McFall; 22—Karl Wolf

December Birthdays

4—Kathy Hogan; 8—Judy Shattuck; 10—Barb Holling, Marylou Williams; 13—David Ewers; 26—Denny Snell; 27—Daniel Crowley; 30—Pat Reed

If you don't see your birthday listed, and you would like to have it in our newsletter, please call the center and give them your name and your birthdate.

Are you aware that you can rent the Senior Center for a party? Below are a list of the regulations that must be followed when renting the center. If you wish to reserve a date or find out more information about renting the Senior Center, please call 248-627-6447.

Brandon Township and the Edna Burton Senior Center (EBSC), in an effort to serve it's residents, allows the facility to be reserved on a first come, first served basis regardless of race, sex, creed, or color for functions and activities in conjunctions with the following usage policy, rules, and regulations.

Reservations are made through the Senior Center Coordinator. The building may be used for private parties, showers, birthdays, anniversary parties, etc. It cannot be used for a business enterprise or for any "for profit" activity.

Persons securing a reservation must be 21 years of age or older and must be present during rental. The Coordinator's office and library are not included in the rental.

We have a fairly new remodeled kitchen that includes: industrial size refrigerator, freezer, 4 ovens, 1 stove top, an ice maker, and a 4 well steam table. All of these items are available for your use.

For Brandon Township, Village of Ortonville, Ortonville, and Groveland Township residents the cost is \$75.00 for rental and a \$75.00 refundable deposit. Approximately 21 days after the rental if everything is cleaned and nothing broken or lost, the refundable deposit of \$75.00 will be returned to you in the form of a check from Brandon Township.

The use of any alcoholic beverages, marijuana, or illegal drugs is prohibited on the property. Tobacco usage will be allowed in outside designated areas only. Smoking is not permitted on any of the porches.

For a full set of rules and regulations please visit the website or contact the senior center at 248-627-6447. The rules and regulations above are a condensed version.

NEW AND UPCOMING TRIPS

Thursday, October 12—Past Tense Cider Mill. Bus leaves at 10:30am and returns around 3:00pm. Cost is \$4.00 per person (covers transportation only). We will be eating at the Cider Mill (on your own).

Thursday, October 19—Oakland County Farmer's Market. Bus leaves at 8:30am and returns around 12:00pm. Cost is \$4.00 per person (covers transportation only). Now is the time to stock up on your fresh fruits and vegetables.

Saturday, November 18—Cornwell's Dinner Theater "Tinsel & Turkey". Cost is \$62.00 per person and covers transportation, full turkey dinner, and live play. These shows are always fantastic. If you have never been to one of these shows, you really need to check it out—you will not be sorry! (Time to be determined).

Thursday, December 14—Dinner out and Christmas lights. Cost is \$4.00 per person (covers transportation) and dinner is on your own. Bus will leave around 5:00pm and return around 10:00pm. We will also be going to see Ron & Steve's famous light show that night. If we have a large enough number of people that would like to go, we could take 2 buses.

Saturday—December 16—Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village—Times and cost to be determined. The lights are absolutely beautiful and around 10:00pm there are fireworks. Worried about getting cold? No need. There are bonfires throughout the Village and you can always pop into the gift shop and warm up.

VAN TRANSPORTATION - Serves seniors 55 or older and adults (18 and older) with disabilities living in Brandon and Groveland Townships. Transportation is available for appointments, with medical appointments a priority. Call the EBSC two (2) days prior to request transportation. **Your suggested donation varies by destination.**

MEALS ON WHEELS - Hot meals are available for homebound seniors and the disabled Monday to Friday. If you or someone you know needs a hot lunch delivered, please contact the Older Person's Commission (OPC) at 248.608.0264.

FOCUS HOPE - The Focus Hope Food for Seniors program provides free food to those 60 years of age or older on the second Thursday of each month. Eligibility is determined by income. Please call the Edna Burton Senior Center for an application. Please check dates on front page to verify the day that it will be available.

COMMODITIES - Food for senior citizens and low income individuals is available the second Friday of March, June, Sept., and Dec. Please come to the Edna Burton Senior Center to sign up.

Senior Citizen Websites:

www.miseniors.net

Michigan access to services for seniors

www.aarp.org

American Association of Retired Persons

www.ssa.gov

Social Security Online

www.hcam.org

Health Care Association of Michigan

www.aoa.gov

Administration on Aging

www.brandontownship.us

Brandon Township and Edna Burton Senior Center

www.seniorark.com - A Volunteer Site By Seniors,
For Seniors

www.alz.org—Alzheimer's Association Help

Loan closet.org – click on county for help finding medical equipment available for loan near you.

DISCOUNT DENTAL PROGRAM

Oakland County Dental Program

Oakland County Health Division

1200 North Telegraph Road

Building 34 East

Pontiac, MI 48341-0421

248-858-1306

LOW COST HOME IMPROVEMENTS

LOANS - Low to 0% loans are available for home improvements. Also, there is a free down payment program for first time buyers. Call Oakland County Community & Home Improvement Division at 248-858-5402 for details and application.

ELDER LAW OF MI, INC. - Nonprofit, this is the Legal Hotline for Seniors 1.800.347.5297 - Elder Law Answers - National Network - Elder Law Information about Medicare planning and nursing home rights. Find lawyers nationwide at <http://www.elderlawanswers.com>. Elder Link Services (phone service connects older adults, their families and other interested parties to information and referrals for older adult services. Phone: **248.592.2240**

Address: **655 W. Maple Rd.,**

West Bloomfield, MI 48322

Mannor Law Group, PLLC—810.645.8426

Counsel & Advocacy Law Line



MIRx Prescription Savings Program

Who qualifies: All Michigan residents without prescription drug coverage

Income restrictions: Income must be at or below the state's median income, \$27,936 an individual or \$37,470 a couple

The deal: Show your discount card at participating pharmacies for discounts ranging from 5% to 20%

Cost to join: none

For more details or to apply: Call 1.866.755.6479 or visit the program's website at www.michigan.gov/mdch



Weekly Activities at the EBSC



Phone: 248.627.6447 Email FBindig@brandontownship.us

Hot Lunch—Provided weekdays by the Older Person's Commission (OPC).

Card Games - Every morning at 9:00 join us to play "31"/Tonk.

Bingo— Wednesdays at 1:00pm.

Clubs

Acrylic Painting Class – 3rd Monday of every month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Ortonville Sewing Club still meets on Tuesdays, 11:30am to 3:00pm., supporting the troops and Veterans. Interested parties can come in or call the senior center at 248-627-6447.

Knitting & Crocheting—every Thursday from 11:30am to 3pm.

Additional Activities

Exercise Class—Every Monday and Thursday from 1 pm to 2 pm. The classes will be at no charge.

Foot doctor—Dr. Tabak—Tuesday, October 3rd. Appointments start at 9:30am—please call to reserve a spot with Dr. Tabak.

Hearing Solutions—Friday, October 13. Times to be determined. (They will clean your hearing aids and change the batteries for you. They can also administer a hearing test for you if you would like one). Please call the senior center to reserve your spot.

Daily Events and Times

MONDAY – EXERCISE CLASS—1PM—2PM

TUESDAY – ORTONVILLE SEWING CLUB – 11:30AM

WEDNESDAY – BINGO – 1PM

THURSDAY – KNIT & CROCHET CLUB – 11AM – 3PM, EXERCISE CLASS—1PM—2PM

MONTHLY EVENTS & TIMES

1st THURSDAY -BOARD MEETING - 12:15PM (Sept. through November)

3rd MONDAY – ACRYLIC ART CLUB – 1PM

3rd FRIDAY—NIGHT TIME BINGO—DOORS OPEN AT 5:30/GAMES START AT 7PM

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SIGN-UP IN ADVANCE FOR THE ART CLASS. SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE ON THE WALL AT THE SENIOR CENTER OR YOU CAN CALL THE SENIOR CENTER AT 248-627-6447.

Access the Late Bloomers newsletter online at www.brandontowship.us. Click on the “Senior Center” link.



Medical Loan Closet - The Edna Burton Senior Center in co-operation with the Brandon Township Fire Dept. has durable medical equipment, such as walkers, crutches, wheel-chairs, and bath stools available for loan. Please return them clean and in proper working order.



Upcoming Trips and Activities



Saturday, October 7—9am to 4pm. Senior Center Craft/Bake/Garage Sale. We have multiple vendors signed up but we still have openings if you would like to rent a table. Cost is \$12 for a 6ft. table and \$15 for an 8 ft. table. We will also be serving lunch: Sloppy Joes, chips, beverage, and dessert for \$7.00.

Friday, October 20—Bingo. Doors open at 4pm and games start at 7pm. We will be serving dinner that night (due to Halloween—you never know what surprises might happen). Sloppy Joes, chips, beverage, and dessert for \$7.00.

Tuesday, October 24—Oakland County Health Department will be here from 10am to 12pm for a Flu/COVID outreach clinic. This is the latest COVID vaccine available that was released in September. You do not need an appointment to receive the Flu shot or the most recent COVID vaccine.

Friday, October 27—HALLOWEEN PARTY!!!! - Dinner will be served starting at 5pm, entertainment from 6pm to 7pm. Our entertainment is The Fabulous Fifties Combo—Detroit. The band will play Halloween favorites and 50's tunes. You won't want to miss this. Our dinner will be BBQ Beef sandwiches, chips, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$10.00 per person. From 7pm to 8pm we will be having games and contests with prizes.

Tuesday, November 7—CENTER CLOSED—ELECTION DAY

Friday, November 10—CENTER CLOSED—VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVED

Saturday, November 11—Senior Center Thanksgiving Dinner—dinner at 5pm, Olde Thyme Harmony Quartet from 6pm to 7pm.

Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24—CENTER CLOSED—THANKSGIVING DAY AND DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING.

Saturday, December 2—Craft/Bake/Garage Sale—9am—4pm.

Saturday, December 9—Senior Center Christmas Dinner—dinner at 5pm, Bob Marshall Band at 6pm.

Friday, December 22—CENTER CLOSED—CHRISTMAS EVE OBSERVED

Monday, December 25—CENTER CLOSED—CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 29—CENTER CLOSED—NEW YEAR'S EVE OBSERVED



For your Information



Just a little reminder about winter weather, road conditions, and transportation. If you are a passenger on one of our buses please make sure that our bus is able to get into your driveway. Please have your sidewalk/walkway cleared of snow and ice so that you can safely get on the bus. Also if there are any low hanging tree limbs please have them removed so that they are not hitting the roof of the bus. We will also be scheduling pick up times for a little earlier than we do in the other seasons. Sometimes the roads and weather can get a little nasty and we want to make sure that we get you to your appointment on time.

If you are someone that is coming in for an activity at the senior center and the weather doesn't look that great or bad weather is forecast, please call the center to make sure that that activity is still taking place.

There may be times when the senior center is closed due to bad weather or bad road conditions. If this is the case I will post this information on all of the Ortonville sites—so please make sure to check them out. (Ortonville Strong, Ortonville Neighbor helping Neighbor, etc.)

I know that we all want to see our friends and attend the activities at the senior center but we also want to keep you safe. If the weather/roads are bad, the center may be open but we may not have transportation service. Please always err on the side of caution and keep yourself safe—you can always come to the center the next day to see your friends.

Coordinator's Corner

It doesn't seem possible that summer is already over. I can already see the leaves changing color and there is a definite chill in the air. It was a pretty busy summer with all the activities for Ortonville's 175th. I hope you were able to attend some of them and if you did I hope you enjoyed them. There is a possibility that there may be one more activity for the 175th, however, I won't know about that until after you receive this newsletter. Just watch the Citizen Newspaper or give me a call at the center for more information.

I was thinking that things would slow down after all of the summer activities and then I looked at my calendar. OH MY! No such thing as slowing down in the months coming up. There are senior center sales, Witches Night Out, Halloween Parties, Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinners, trips to see the lights, and even a Small Business Saturday downtown Ortonville on Saturday, November 25. Oh so many things to do.

There is also an election coming up on Tuesday, November 7th so the senior center will be closed that day. If anyone would like to become an election inspector, please give the clerk's office a call at 248-627-2851. It is interesting to see how the whole election process unfolds at the end of the night and throughout the whole day.

There is one more item that needs to be addressed. If there is anyone that would like to be on the board of the senior center we are in need of a Chairperson. With the passing of Pete Kier it left us with a Chairperson.

On a final note, I want to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

USDA NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

DATED OCTOBER 14, 2015

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Center Coordinator: Faye Bindig
Van Drivers: Gayle, Linda, Tony
Township Clerk: Roselyn Blair
rblair@brandontownship.us

Brandon Senior Center Auxiliary Board

Chairperson:

Co-Chairperson: Linda Person

Secretary/Treasurer: Arlene
Willoughby

Trustees: Corky Loftus
Stephanie Baskin
Klaus Jankowski

The Board meets on the first Thursday
of Jan.-May, & Sept.-Nov. at 12:15pm

Miscellaneous Numbers

Social Security	800.772.1213
City Nurse, Pontiac/Oakland	248.683.1770
Medicare Hotline	800.365.5899
Lighthouse North	248.920.6100
Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA)	248.209.2600
Older Person's Commission (Hot lunch meals delivered)	248.608.0264

Local Numbers

Brandon Fire Department	248.627.4000
Sheriff - Substation	248.627.4911
After 5:00 PM	248.858.4911
Supervisor Jayson Rumball	248.627.4918
Clerk Roselyn Blair	248.627.2851
Treasurer Scott Broughton	248.627.2853
Building Dept.	248.627.4916
Recreation John Hug	248.627.4640
Faye Bindig EBSC Coor.	248.627.6447
Brandon Twp. Public Library	248.627.1460

Individuals and organizations may make contributions which help ensure continuance of programs and services. Donations should be forwarded to the Brandon Senior Auxiliary Board. The Township of Brandon does not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, or recipient of service pursuant to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Elliott-Larson Civil Rights Act, the Michigan Handicappers Civil Rights Act and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Our programming efforts are funded through the Federal Older Americans Act state funds from the Area Agency on Aging 1-B through the Office of Services to the Aging. The Edna Burton Senior Center complies with the terms and regulations of the Title V of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended in Section 504 of the Social Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Equal Opportunity Employer Program. Reasonable accommodation will be provided upon notification or request.

Get the Late Bloomers Newsletter By Email

To enroll, just send an email with your first and last name to this address: srctnewsletter@aol.com. By sending your email to this address your email address will be sent also. If your spouse wants a separate copy, please enclose his or her address. Your bi-monthly Late Bloomers newsletter will be immediately emailed to you. The emailed version usually arrives before the one mailed through the post office.



Government Websites

Brandon Township-<http://www.brandontownship.us>
Groveland Township-
<http://www.grovelandtownship.net>
Ortonville Village—www.ortonvillevillage.com
Oakland County-<http://www.oakgov.com/index.html>
Oakland County Seniors-
<http://www.oakgov.com/seniors>
OLHSA-Older Adult Services
http://www.olhsa.org/oak_older_adult_services.asp
Michigan State-<http://www.michigan.gov>
Winter Protection help for Michigan Seniors-
<http://www.michigan.gov/miseniors>
Oakland County Veterans Services-
<http://www.oakgov.com/veterans/orcall> 248-858-0785

Events **You** Won't Want to Miss!!!

Saturday, October 7—9am to 4pm—Senior Center Craft/Bake/Garage Sale.

Saturday, October 14—3pm to 9pm—downtown Ortonville. There will be vendors along the streets and also in the Masonic Hall.

Friday, October 20—BINGO—doors open at 4pm and games start at 7pm. Dinner will be offered for \$7.00 per person.

Friday, October 27—Senior Center Halloween Party—dinner starts at 5pm, entertainment from 6pm to 7pm, and games and contests from 7pm to 8pm. Join us for a ghoulish evening of fun!

Saturday, November 11—Senior Center Thanksgiving Dinner. This is always a great time to see friends and just enjoy yourself. Hors d'oeuvres begin at 4pm, dinner at 5pm, and entertainment at 6pm. We will be having an old fashioned barbershop quartet for entertainment this year. We will be enjoying a full Thanksgiving dinner. All food is provided to you and the staff and volunteers will be preparing the food for you.

Friday, November 17—BINGO—doors open at 5:30pm and games start at 7pm.

Saturday, November 25—Small Business Saturday in downtown Ortonville. This takes place all day and I am not sure, but there is usually some kind of contest you can enter when you purchase something from one of our downtown merchants.

Saturday, December 2—9am to 4pm—Senior Center Craft/Bake/Garage Sale. This is also Christmas in the Village and the parade starts right outside the senior center. You don't even have to stand in the cold to watch it—you can watch from the windows in the warm/cozy senior center.

Saturday, December 9—Senior Center Christmas Dinner. Dinner is at 5pm and entertainment begins around 6:30pm. We will be having a traditional Ham dinner with all the fixings. This dinner will be prepared for you by the senior center staff and volunteers. Once again, we will be having the all-time favorite—Bob Marshall Band for our evening of entertainment.

Friday, December 16—BINGO—doors will open at 4pm, games start at 7pm. We will be offering a meal for \$7.00.

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RETURN SERVICE

Need help setting up your email, troubleshooting your cell phone, or learning how to use your iPad? Every first and third Tuesday of the month, library staff will visit the senior center to provide technology help. Be sure to bring your device with you. Assistance will be provided on a first come, first serve basis; no registration required. January 2, January 16, February 6, & February 20—2:30pm to 3:30pm.

The senior center is in need of some volunteers. One of the positions that we need volunteers for is to deliver meals on wheels. Right now I do not have anyone for Mondays or Thursdays. If you would like to help out with one of those days please give the center a call. It doesn't have to be every week, it could be once a month or just as a fill-in.

Another position that the senior center needs volunteers for is for Bingo. We especially need volunteers for Friday Night Bingo. If you are interested in calling Bingo, verifying winning bingos, selling Charity Game Tickets, or any other position, please give the center a call. As far as Wednesday's Bingo goes—we could use a volunteer to call back the winning bingos.

Also, if there is anyone interested in becoming a member of the Brandon Senior Auxiliary Board, please contact me. Right now we are in need of a Chairperson, but if that is not what you want to be, we can always rearrange other members of the board.