

April/May/June 2024

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

Marion Blair

Carol Fisher

Darrell Stewart

Marge Watkins

Focus Hope & Commodities

Focus Hope—April 5, May 3, June 7

Commodities—June 7

Shopping Trips

Bueche’s—April 5, May 9, May 30, June 18

Grand Blanc Walmart—April 15, May 24, June 13

Oxford Meijer's—April 9, May 3, June 24

Sashabaw Rd. Kroger— April 23, May 14, June 4

Discount/Dollar—April 12, April 29, May 7, June 7, June 27

April Menu

1. OPC CLOSED—EASTER MONDAY; 2. Potato Crunch Pollock; 3. Stuffed Pepper; 4. Chicken Cacciatore; 5. Sloppy Joes; 8. Roast Turkey w/Gravy; 9. Beef Mostaccioli; 10. Swedish Meatballs; 11. Roast Pork Loin; 12. Chicken & Biscuit; 15. Italian Ravioli; 16. Sweet & Sour Chicken; 17. Macaroni & Cheese; 18. Chicken Florentine; 19. Italian Lasagna; 22. Pizza Supreme; 23. Rosemary Chicken Breast; 24. Stuffed Pepper; 25. Chicken Kiev; 26. Hamburger on Bun; 29. Tuna Tetrizzini; 30. Baked Ham

May Menu

1. BBQ Chicken on Bun; 2. Beef Stew w/Vegetables; 3. Turkey Breast w/Gravy; 6. Baked Pork Chop; 7. Smothered Chicken; 8. Tuna Tetrizzini; 9. Oven Baked Fish; 10. Pizza Supreme; 13. Stuffed Cabbage; 14. Meatloaf w/Gravy; 15. Low Sodium Ham; 16. Chicken Cutlet w/Gravy; 17. Tuna Pasta Salad; 20. Sweet & Sour Chicken; 21. Bratwurst; 22. Spaghetti & Meatballs; 23. Ham Salad; 24. Herb Baked Chicken; 27. CENTER CLOSED—MEMORIAL DAY; 28. Chicken Lasagna; 29. Turkey w/Gravy; 30. Mostaccioli w/Meat Sauce; 31. Baked Cod

June Menu

3. Macaroni & Cheese; 4. Stuffed Pepper; 5. Low Sodium Ham; 6. Pork Chop Creole; 7. Swedish Meatballs; 10. Salisbury Steak; 11. Chicken w/Broccoli & Cheese; 12. Baked Ham; 13. Stuffed Shells; 14. Potato Crunch Pollock; 17. Salisbury Steak; 18. Chicken W/Broccoli & Cheese; 19. CENTER CLOSED—JUNETEENTH; 20. Stuffed Shells; 21. Potato Crunch Pollock; 24. Stuffed Pepper; 25. Chicken cacciatore; 26. Sloppy Joes; 27. Roast Turkey w/Gravy; 28. Beef Mostaccioli

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 11:45am. THE SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$3.00 FOR OVER THE AGE OF 60 AND \$4.00 FOR UNDER THE AGE OF 60.

April Birthdays

1—Duane Proctor; 3—Sandra Hansen; 8—Conrad Helmlinger; 9—Adam Hirsch; 16—Barb Goemaere; 17—Gary MacManamy; 19—John Lerke; 21—Arnold Seelbinder, Anna Edwards; 26—Irene Person; 27—Elnor Paslean

May Birthdays

1—Lee Riddle, Nancy Snow; 17—Sharen Ryan; 25—Amy Gillard; 27—Tony Randazzo; 29—MaryAnn Fry; 30—Eileen Bradley

June Birthdays

4—Mark Baumgart; 6—Kim Randazzo; 7—Vincent Bland; 11—Lin Harpootlian Lois Robbins; 14—Michelle Pillar; 16—Carol Fitzpatrick; 17—Steve Byrum; 25—Faye Bindig; 26—Nancy Noppenberger; 27—Olema Chapman

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 is 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 in not permitted on any of the porches.

For a full set or 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

Saturday, April 13—Lunch & Movie at Trillium theatre in Grand Blanc. We will be eating at Big Boy then off to the theatre. Cost is \$4.00 per person. Bus leaves at 11:30am. Lunch & movie is on your own.

Tuesday, May 21—Greektown Casino—Bus leaves at 9:30am and returns around 4pm. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

Saturday, June 1—Red Barn Auction—Bus leaves at 4:30pm and returns around 1:00am. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

Friday, June 14—Greenfield Village—Bus leaves at 9:00am and returns around 4:00pm. Cost to be determined.

Please sign up for these trips early to avoid them being cancelled. On some of the trips we need to make reservations so please call the center to reserve a spot. Because of the rising costs, we no longer use the tour buses, so seating is limited to the number of seats on our buses.

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 9am join us to play “31”/Tonk.

Bingo— Wednesdays at 1pm.

Euchre—Every Tuesday night at 6:30pm

Tech Help—1st & 3rd Tuesday’s of every month from 2:30pm—3:30pm

Clubs

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

Ortonville Sewing Club still meets on Tuesdays, 11:30am to 3pm., 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, April 23. Appointments start at 9:30am—please call to reserve a spot with Dr. Tabak.

Daily Events and Times

MONDAY – EXERCISE CLASS—1PM—2PM

TUESDAY – ORTONVILLE SEWING CLUB – 11:30AM, EUCHRE—6:30PM

WEDNESDAY – BINGO – 1PM

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

MONTHLY EVENTS & TIMES

1st THURSDAY -BOARD MEETING - 12:15PM (February through May))

3rd MONDAY – ACRYLIC ART CLUB – 1PM

3rd FRIDAY—NIGHT TIME BINGO—DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM/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 cooperation with the Brandon Township Fire Dept. has durable medical equipment, such as walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, and bath stools available for loan. Please return them clean and in proper working order.



Upcoming Trips and Activities



- Friday, April 12—JoAnn’s & Michael’s (Auburn Hills) trip.**
- Saturday, April 13—Lunch & movie at Trillium theatre.**
- Friday, April 19—Bingo—doors open at 5:30pm, games at 7:00pm.**
- Saturday, April 27—Teens & Seniors Rocking & Raking.**
- Monday, April 29—St. Vincent DePaul & Bin Store.**
- Tuesday, May 7—Ortonville Dollar Tree & Dollar General.**
- Monday, April 15—Acrylic Paint Class.**
- Tuesday, April 23—Dr. Tabak at the center.**
- Friday, May 17—Bingo—doors open at 5:30pm, games at 7:00pm.**
- Monday, May 20—Acrylic Paint Class**
- Tuesday, May 21—Greektown Casino trip.**
- Monday, May 27—CENTER CLOSED— Memorial Day.**
- Saturday, June 1—Red Barn Auction trip.**
- Tuesday, June 4—Michigan Secretary of State at the senior center.**
- Thursday, June 6—Meet the Candidate Night at the senior center—6:30pm. If you have questions for any of the candidates (Township, Village, or Library) please submit your questions to the center in advance.**
- Friday, June 7—Ortonville Dollar Tree & Dollar General.**
- Friday, June 14—Greenfield Village trip.**
- Monday, June 17—Acrylic Paint Class.**
- Wednesday, June 19—CENTER CLOSED—JUNETEENTH.**
- Friday, June 21—Bingo—doors open at 5:30pm, games at 7:00pm.**
- Thursday, June 27—Waterford Salvation Army.**



For your Information



In March we had our first visit from the Michigan Secretary of State. If you have a transaction to do with the Secretary of State, you can call the center and make an appointment with us. They will be visiting the center about every 3 months. They will be visiting our center on June 4 and September 27. Everything that you would do at the official Secretary of State's office, you will now be able to do at The Edna Burton Senior Center on these days. The process is much easier as all you have to do is make a phone call to the senior center and make an appointment.

On Thursday, June 6, we will be hosting a "Meet The Candidate" night. This will include anyone that is running for an office locally—Township, Village, and Library. I will be asking questions that the public and audience have submitted. If you have a specific question for a specific office or person please make sure that you write that on the paper or notecard. You may submit your questions to the center before that night by sending them in the mail or emailing them to: FBin-dig@brandontownship.us. There will be notecards available the night of the event if you wish to submit them then. I have found in the past that a lot of people write down similar questions so if they are submitted in advance of the event it makes it easier to not duplicate the questions.

We will be having snacks and beverages for the "Meet The Candidate" night for you to enjoy after the question and answer session is over. This will also be a chance when you can meet the candidates on a one-to-one basis.

If there are any questions in regards to either one of these events (Secretary of State or Meet the Candidate) please don't hesitate to call the center at 248-627-6447.

Coordinator's Corner

Can you feel it? Spring is in the air! I guess though we really can't complain since we didn't have a very bad winter. Not a lot of snow and compared to normal, it was way warmer than past years. Hopefully the spring and summer will be warm (not too warm) and not too rainy so that people can get out and enjoy the spring and summer weather.

When the weather gets warmer I am hoping to have a couple of sets of Cornhole games and also some Pickleball equipment. With the Pickleball courts right across the street from us you won't have to go far to enjoy the game. I will be setting up the Cornhole games on the southside of the center on the grassy portion of the yard. Not only are these games fun, they are a great way to get some exercise and socialize with friends and make new friends.

Once again this year we will be doing Teens & Seniors Rocking & Raking. If you live in Brandon Township, Groveland Township, Ortonville, or the Village of Ortonville and you would like to have your yard cleaned up the application can be picked up at the Township offices, Village offices, Library, or the senior center. You can also get the application on the Brandon Township website under the senior center.

If you know of anyone that would like to volunteer to help clean up the yards, please have them call the senior center.

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.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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

Brandon Senior Center Auxiliary Board

Chairperson: Corky Loftus
Co-Chairperson: Linda Person
Secretary/Treasurer: Arlene
Willoughby
Trustees: 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 Coord.	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!!!

Tuesday, April 2—Tech help at the center—2:30pm—3:30pm.

Friday, April 5—Focus Hope delivered and available for pick up from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Friday, April 12—Auburn Hills JoAnn's & Michael's shopping trip.

Tuesday, April 16—Tech help at the center—2:30pm—3:30pm.

Tuesday, April 23—Dr. Tabak—9:30am—11:30am.

Saturday, April 27—Teens & Seniors Rocking & Raking.

Monday, April 29—St. Vincent DePaul & Bin Store.

Friday, May 3—Focus Hope delivered and available for pick up from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Tuesday, May 7—Tech help at the center—2:30pm—3:30pm.

Tuesday, May 7—Ortonville Dollar Tree & Dollar General.

Tuesday, May 21—Tech help at the center—2:30pm—3:30 pm.

Monday, May 27—CENTER CLOSED—Memorial Day.

Tuesday, June 4—Tech help at the center—2:30pm—3:30pm.

Tuesday, June 4—Michigan Secretary of State at center—10:00am—3:00pm.

Thursday, June 6—"Meet the Candidate" night—6:30pm.

Friday, June 7—Ortonville Dollar Tree & Dollar General.

Tuesday, June 18—Tech help at the center—2:30pm—3:30pm.

Wednesday, June 19—CENTER CLOSED—Juneteenth.

Thursday, June 27—Waterford Salvation Army.

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**PRESORTED STANDARD
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**RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED**

New skills-building platform offered for family caregivers

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B is offering Trualta, a free online platform designed to help family caregivers navigate challenges, find local resources, and connect with other caregivers.

Trualta’s learning modules, on subjects ranging from handling a loved one’s resistance to taking medications to managing pressure wounds, to taking care of oneself, can be read, listened to or watched. There are resources, articles, checklists, videos, quizzes, and webinars to choose from. There is a chat function so caregivers can learn from each other and support groups that welcome participation.

To use Trualta, the family caregiver and/or the older adult (60 and older) must live in one of the six counties served by AAA 1-B (Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, and Washtenaw).

To sign up, visit aaa1b.trualta.com. You’ll be asked to answer a few eligibility questions and to create a login to enter the platform.

For additional information or questions, call 833-262-2200 or email trualta@aaa1bb.org.