

April/May/June 2026

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

Eileen Bradley

Mark Baumgart

Jesse Paytner

Focus Hope & Commodities

Focus Hope—April 10, May 1, June 5

Commodities—June 5

Please note: these dates are tentative.

Shopping Trips

Bueche’s—April 7; May 22; June 9

Grand Blanc Walmart—April 2; April 28;
May 28; June 18;

Oxford Meijer—April 24; May 5; June
23

Sashabaw Rd. Kroger—April 16; May
14; June 5

April Menu

1. Salisbury Steak; 2. Chicken w/Broccoli; 3. CENTER CLOSED; 6. OPC CLOSED; 7. Baked Ham; 8. Stuffed Shells w/Meat; 9. Potato Crunch Pollock; 10. Chicken & Biscuit; 13. Stuffed Pepper; 14. Chicken Cacciatore; 15. Sloppy Joes; 16. Roast Turkey w/Gravy; 17. Beef Mostaccioli; 20. Swedish Meatballs; 21. Roast Pork Loin; 22. Chicken w/Vegetable & Potato; 23. Italian Ravioli; 24. Sweet & Sour Chicken; 27. Macaroni & Cheese; 28. Chicken Florentine; 29. Italian Lasagna; 30. Pizza Supreme

May Menu

1. Rosemary Chicken; 4. Stuffed Green Pepper; 5. Chicken Kiev; 6. Hamburger on Bun; 7. Tuna Tetrazzini; 8. Baked Ham; 11. Vegetable Lasagna; 12. Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce; 13. BBQ Chicken on Bun; 14. Beef Stew w/Vegetables; 15. Turkey Breast w/Gravy; 18. Baked Pork Chop; 19. Meatloaf w/Gravy; 20. Ham; 21. Chicken Cutlet w/Gravy; 22. Tuna Pasta Salad; 25. CENTER CLOSED; 26. Sweet & Sour Chicken; 27. Bratwurst on Bun; 28. Spaghetti w/Meatballs; 29. Ham Salad

June Menu

1. Smothered Pork Cutlet; 2. Chicken Lasagna; 3. Turkey w/Gravy; 4. Mostaccioli w/Meat; 5. Baked Cod; 8. Macaroni & Cheese; 9. Stuffed Pepper; 10. Low Sodium Ham; 11. Pork Chop Creole; 12. Swedish Meatballs; 15. Salisbury Steak; 16. Cheesy Ham Casserole; 17. Smothered Pork Chop; 18. BBQ Chicken; 19. CENTER CLOSED; 22. Meatloaf; 23. Chicken w/Broccoli & Cheese; 24. FROZEN DELIVERED ON THE 23RD; 25. Stuffed Shells w/Meat; 26. Potato Crunch Pollock; 29. Stuffed Pepper; 30. Chicken Cacciatore

April Birthdays

3. Sandra Hansen; 8. Conrad Helmlinger; 9. Adam Hirsch; 16. Barb Goemaere; 17. Gary MacManamy; 19. John Lerke; 20. Arnold Seelbinder, Anna Edwards; 27. Elnor Paslean

May Birthdays

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

June Birthdays

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

LIST OF SPECIAL HOLIDAY MEALS SERVED AT THE SENIOR CENTER

PLEASE CALL THE SENIOR CENTER TO RESERVE A MEAL

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED

April 6th—After Easter Brunch. Served 11am—1pm. Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Pancakes, Fruit Cup, and Beverage. Please join us at 1pm for an Easter Egg Hunt. (depending on weather it will be inside or outside). These eggs will be stuffed with lots of different items. You'll have to join the hunt to find out what's in the eggs.

May 8th—Pre Mother's Day Tea Lunch. Served 11am—1pm. Finger Sandwiches, Fruit Kabobs, Petit Fours, Cheese & Crackers, & Iced or Hot Tea. Join us for a great time with a Best Hat Contest. Not a mother? That's okay, bring a friend or come by yourself and make some new friends or visit with some old friends.

June 24th—BBQ lunch with Carnival Games. Served 11am— 4pm. Come help us celebrate the nation turning 250 years old. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Salads, Dessert, & Beverages. We will have lots of games, dunk tank, a bounce house, the Pool Boys Band, raffles, and contests. Come and enjoy the fun! Bring your little ones and let them have loads of fun.

All of these special meals are free of charge but donations are greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to everyone coming and having a great time.

USDA NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP) TEFAP participation eligibility is based on the need for emergency food, the household meets the below income guidelines or a household member participates Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), Supplemental Food Assistance Program (SNAP) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or a student with an approved free or reduced-price school meals application. Current Michigan residents are eligible. Household Size Annual Income Monthly Income 1 \$45,180 Weekly Income \$3,765 2 \$61,320 \$869 \$5,110 3 \$77,460 \$1,179 \$6,455 4 \$93,600 \$7,800 \$1,490 Each Additional Household Member Add \$1,800 \$16,140 \$1,345 \$310 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, audiotape, 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. To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD 3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by: mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or email: program.intake@usda.gov This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

NEW AND UPCOMING TRIPS

April 26th—Bingo at Soaring Eagle Casino—Bus leaves at 9am and returns around 5:30pm. Cost is \$10 per person (to cover transportation).

May 17—Flower day at Oakland County Farmer’s Market—Bus leaves center at 8am and returns around 11am. Cost is \$4 (to cover transportation). We will be stopping for Breakfast (cost on your own).

May 27—Senior Day at the Zoo—Cost is \$10 per person (to cover transportation). Bus leaves at 8am and returns around 4pm.

June 25th—Soaring Eagle Casino Trip—Bus leaves at 8am and returns around 5:30pm. Cost is \$10 per person (to cover transportation).

Please watch The Citizen for more trips to events happening at Oakland County Parks. The events have not been scheduled as of yet.

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**](http://www.miseniors.net)

Michigan access to services for seniors

[**www.aarp.org**](http://www.aarp.org)

American Association of Retired Persons

[**www.ssa.gov**](http://www.ssa.gov)

Social Security Online

[**www.hcam.org**](http://www.hcam.org)

Health Care Association of Michigan

[**www.aoa.gov**](http://www.aoa.gov)

Administration on Aging

[**www.brandontownship.us**](http://www.brandontownship.us)

Brandon Township and Edna Burton Senior Center

[**www.seniorark.com**](http://www.seniorark.com) - A Volunteer Site By Seniors,

For Seniors

[**www.alz.org**](http://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.

Oakland Mediation Center

3254 University Dr. Suite 190

Auburn Hills, MI 48326

248-338-4280

Parkinson information—
[**jmuscat@parkinsonsmi.org**](mailto:jmuscat@parkinsonsmi.org)

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**](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch)



Daily/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—3rd Thursday of every month from 2:30pm-3:30pm—at the Library

CLUBS

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

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 3:00pm.

Additional Activities

Exercise Class—Every Monday and Thursday from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. The classes will be at no charge. Every Monday and Wednesday from 9:30am to 10:30pm. There is a \$2.50 charge for this class.

Foot doctor—Dr. Tabak—Date to be determined—appointments start at 9:30am—please call to reserve a spot with Dr. Tabak.

Mahjong—Every Friday from 1:00pm to 3:30pm. Not sure how to play Mahjong, no problem, other participants will gladly teach you.

Brandon Senior Auxiliary Board Meeting—1st Thursday of every month (January thru May, and September thru November) at 12:15pm.

Chair Yoga—The 4th Friday of every month from 10:30am to 11:15am. There is no charge for this class.

What's **Available** In Brandon Twp.

Beginning in April we will have some new exercise classes available. Starting on Tuesday, April 7th, from 9:30am to 10:15am we will be having Tai Chi Walking. This class will be held every Tuesday at this time.

Then Beginning on Friday, April 10th we will be offering a Chair Tai Chi from 1pm to 1:45pm.

Right now we are offering Chair Yoga on the 4th Friday of the month from 10:30am to 11:15am. Starting on Friday, April 10th, we will be offering Chair Yoga on every Friday from 10:30am to 11:15am. The first three classes will be taught by a different instructor than the class on the 4th Friday.

All 3 of these exercise classes are being offered at no charge. These classes are geared towards seniors so they aren't extremely rigorous. So, put on your yoga/exercise clothes, and let's get healthy together with our friends.

Another program that is available to Brandon Township residents is called Meals on Wheels. If you or your spouse is homebound and would like to receive a meal at lunch time on Monday thru Friday, please call OPC at 248-608-0264. The age requirement is that you be at least 60 years old. This program is fantastic and it ensures that the recipient gets at least one nutritious and hot meal once a day. You can also get frozen meals for the weekend that would be delivered on Friday with your hot meal.

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 Activities



April 3—CENTER CLOSED—Good Friday.

April 6 - After Easter Brunch—11am to 1pm.

April 17—Friday night Bingo. Doors open at 5:30pm, games start at 7pm.

April 25—Teens & Seniors Rocking & Raking—9am to ?. (Preregistrations required).

May 2—M-15 Garage Sale.

May 8—Pre Mother's Day Tea—11am to 1pm.

May 15—Friday night Bingo. Doors open at 5:30pm, games start at 7pm.

May 25—CENTER CLOSED—Memorial Day.

June 5—Secretary of State—9am to 2pm. (Preregistration requested).

June 12—Friday night Bingo. Doors open at 5:30pm, games start at 7pm.

June 13—Opening day of Ortonville's Farmer's Market. 9am to 1pm.

June 19—CENTER CLOSED—Juneteenth.

Jun 24—Intergenerational BBQ celebrating the nation's 250th birthday—11am to 4pm.

July 4—CENTER CLOSED—Independence Day.

July 17—Friday night Bingo. Doors open at 5:30pm, games start at 7pm.

August 4—CENTER CLOSED—Primary Election.

August 21—Friday night Bindo. Doors open at 5:30pm, games start at 7pm.

September 4—Secretary of State—10am to 2pm.

September 7—CENTER CLOSED—Labor Day.

September 12—Brandon Township Parks & Rec.—Septemberfest

September 18—Friday night Bingo. Doors open at 5:30pm, games start at 7pm.

September 26—Last day of Ortonville's Farmer's Market—9am to 1pm



For your Information



Could you use a little help with a box of food every month? The senior center participates in a couple of food programs. One is TEFAP (see page 4) and the other is Focus Hope. Focus Hope is geared towards low income seniors aged 60 and above. This food program is delivered to us once a month and if you qualify then you could pick up your food box once a month. If you are unable to come to the center to pick it up, we can deliver it to you (Brandon & Groveland Township residents only for delivery).

One of the requirements for this program is that you live in Oakland County. If you don't live in Oakland County but would be interested in getting more information please call your local senior center for more information about what is available in your area.

Another possibility is The Blessing Box at the corner of Cedar and Ball Street. During the winter it is filled with food that won't freeze but if you are in need for canned goods, just stop into the center and we can help you out. During the spring, summer, and fall, The Blessing Box is filled with all kinds of non-perishable food. Please just stop by and help yourself.

One more food program we have is the day old bakery items from Bueche's Food World. The senior center receives this wonderful donation from Bueche's Monday thru Thursday. We never know what we will be getting (breads or sweets) but it's always a welcome addition to our food programs. We also receive food from the pantry at Lakeview Church on Mondays. All you need to do is stop by in the afternoon and see if we have anything that you might be interested in.

Coordinator's Corner

I know that we are still getting some cold weather, but isn't it great that spring & summer is right around the corner? You can hear the birds singing, the sun shining, and actually open your windows soon for some fresh air.

Please don't forget if you are interested in having your yards cleaned during Rocking & Raking, that you need to get the application into the senior center no later than April 1st. Because we get so many requests, no late applications will be accepted unless someone cancels. We are also looking for volunteers to help clean the yards. If you or someone you know would like to help, please fill out a volunteer application.

I am so excited about the new exercise programs that we have starting in April. Both Tai Chi classes and the Chair Yoga on the first 3 Fridays of the month will be taught by myself or my assistant Gayle. We are offering these classes at no charge but if you would like to make a donation, we will gladly accept your donation.

There is another program that has started on Thursday nights from 6:30pm to 8pm. We have started a Line Dancing class! A lot of people have been requesting one and we found someone that is willing to teach the class. There is a \$2 charge per class per person. Terri is the name of the instructor and she said that so far everyone is really enjoying the class. If this sounds like something that you might be interested in, stop in on Thursday night and give it a try.

Science says that if you exercise and move you will feel better. You will sleep better, be able to move better, and be happier. We want everyone to be all of these things and enjoy the benefits that gently exercising brings. So please join us at one or all of these wonderful programs.

Township Clerk: Roselyn Blair

Center Coordinator: Faye Bindig

Office Assistant: Gayle

Drivers: Linda, Tony, Jim, Keith

Brandon Senior Center Auxiliary Board

Chairperson: Corky Loftus

Co-Chairperson: Linda Person

Secretary/Treasurer: Arlene

Willoughby

**Trustees: Stephanie Baskin
Julie Willett**

**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 Dana DePalma	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: srctrnewsletter@aol.com. 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!!!

Welcome back BINGO!! We have started back up with Friday night Bingo on the third Friday of every month. There is one exception due to a holiday. For June it will be on the second Friday (12th) of the month. As some of you know we have revamped the Bingo program so that we get out at an earlier time. We have also eliminated the Progressive as it took up so much Bingo time and it took a long time for it to be won. I hope that everyone enjoys the new program. Please note even though we have removed a couple of games, we have not lowered the payouts and the cost is the same.

The Edna Burton senior center is growing everyday. We are seeing new people start attending our events/activities. It is our hope that you will join us in some or all of these upcoming events/activities. Remember, we also offer transportation. If you need a ride to one of our events (daytime) please give us a call so that we can get you on the books. We will pick you up at your home and when the event/activity is over, we will take you back home.

There is a special lunch/dinner almost every month associated with the holiday for that month. There is no charge for any of these meals but donations are greatly appreciated. The meals are all homemade by the staff at the senior center. Please understand that due to health regulations we are no longer allowed to let you take leftovers home.

We have many different exercise classes available for you to attend. The Tai Chi is geared towards seniors and one is a walking (inside) class and the other is a chair class. The Yoga class that will be the first 3 Friday's of the month is also geared towards seniors. I hope that you stop by and give these exercise classes a try.

There is an opportunity to help with delivering Meals On Wheels (MOW) if anyone would be interested. It usually takes about 1 hour in your own vehicle. You can even pick which day you would like to deliver. If you have any questions about this program or any of the others, please give the center a call.

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**RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED**

Transportation offered by The Edna Burton Senior Center

This is just a reminder that the senior center offers transportation to Ortonville, Brandon Township, and Groveland Township (Brandon School District) residents. We have 1 grocery store trip each week and you are picked up and dropped off right at your door.

We offer transportation to Doctor appointments, hair salons, thrift stores, and to the senior center, just to name a few. We do ask that as soon as you have an appointment please call the center and get your name on the books. Our scheduling book does fill up fast sometimes and we want to make sure that we can accommodate your appointment. Please understand, that if you call the day before your appointment or the morning of your appointment, there is a very good chance that we won't be able to transport you.

There is a suggested donation schedule for the transportation. If you are being transported within 17 miles (1 way) the suggested donation is \$2.00 each way. For up to 25 miles (St. Joe's for example) the suggested donation is \$3.00 each way. For anything past St. Joe's, Rochester, Troy, St. Clair Shores, Sterling Heights, and Royal Oak the suggested donation is \$5.00 each way.

These donations help pay for the gas and upkeep to our vehicles so that we can continue to have the transportation program available for you.