

Senior Center

AMHERST SENIOR CENTER

370 John James Audubon Parkway Amherst, NY 14228 716-636-3050

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BREAKFAST WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 2025 AT 9:00AM

All volunteers with service hours in 2024 or 2025 are invited to the Volunteer Recognition Breakfast at the Senior Center Enjoy breakfast and tableside magic by Magic Man Mike. Registration is required by Monday, April 21 by calling 636-3051.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Amherst Residents—Lifetime Membership

- \$50/Individual Membership
- \$75/Household Membership*

Non-Resident—Annual Renewal

\$50/Per Person for current non resident members only

Membership is open to adults age 50 or older who live in the Town of Amherst

*A household is defined as two or more people living together at the same address.

We are no longer accepting **new** non Amherst resident memberships. We appreciate your understanding.

TO JOIN THE CENTER:

Go to AmherstCenterforSeniorServices.com/membershipplans and complete the application or sign up in person.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Main Line 636-3050

This is an automated line where you choose an option:

- 1. Amherst Senior Transportation
- 2. Reservations for Lunches, Dinners, Frozen Meals
- Reservations for Classes, Clubs, Programs and Membership Information
- 4. Amherst Meals On Wheels
- 5. Social Work appointments and Accessible Tags
- 6. Senior Outreach Services
- 7. Reception

Registration 636-3051—direct line to register for Classes, Clubs, Meals, Programs and Support Groups

Amherst Meals on Wheels 636-3065

Amherst Senior Transportation 636-3075

Senior Outreach Services 636-3070

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Every one of our volunteers has something to offer Amherst and surrounding communities. The people who donate their time are as varied as our programs and services. One can say that unpaid volunteers are often the glue that holds a community together. No task is too big or too small. Whether they help with our Nutrition program, or provide their musical talent singing with the Amherst Senior Singers at a local assisted living facility, assist in our kitchen with preparing meals or delivering Meals on Wheels, or they use their talents to make items to donate to local organizations, our seniors spend countless hours helping others.

Volunteering helps you connect to your community, meet other people, and enhances your social network. In 2024, volunteers put in over 42,000 hours of their valuable time donating back to the Amherst community. How amazing is that? Every one of our 50 clubs is lead by volunteers. We could not operate this senior center and all that is offered without the dedication of our volunteers. On behalf of the senior center and our staff, I want to thank each and every volunteer for all that they do to make this an amazing senior center and a wonderful community.

We are honoring all of our volunteers this month with our Annual Volunteer Appreciation on April 30th. Thank you to the Amherst Generations Foundation for their sponsorship of the event.

The following is a list of the many items that were donated by our Community Service group in 2024:

- 23 smocks to Beechwood Homes.
- 70 Hats, headbands, scarves to the Newman Center
- 40 Small stuffed animals to the United Way
- 20 Handmade quilts to Project Linus

The following is a list of the many items that were donated by our Knitting Club in 2024:

- 30 Children's hats/scarves to the Newman Center
- 40 baby afghans to the United Way
- 20 baby afghans to St. Gianna Molla
- 50 Kid's hats/scarf sets to North Bailey Fire Company
- 50 kids hats/scarf sets to School 30
- Numerous hats, scarves, infant sweaters, baby afghans and Lovie's to Haven House
- 30 baby afghans to Newborns in Need
- 20 Custom Beanie hats to the after school program

Amazing !!

Melissa Abel, Executive Director

ABOUT US

THE CENTER

The Center is a 53,000 square foot facility that includes:

- Art Gallery— Sponsored by Asbury Pointe
- Billiard Room
- Card Room
- Dance Room-Sponsored by Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Health & Fitness Rooms
- Library
- Music Room-Sponsored by Susan Grelick in honor of her parents
- Nutrition Room-Sponsored by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Wellness Center-Sponsored by Kaleida Health
- There is an accessible private bathroom located off the hallway by Room 2

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Members are asked to conclude all activities and exit the building by 4:15 pm in order for staff to complete closing procedures

Tuesday, Thursday, 8:30 am-7:30 pm

The Center is Closed Friday April 18 for Good Friday

Programming is offered at the Northwest Amherst Community Center, please see page 12 for dates and times.

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WiFi is available in the building Name: ACSSwifi

Password: RainStorm20

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION UPDATE:

For the remainder of 2025, requests to have the newsletter mailed will be at a cost of \$1 per month. Beginning in January 2026, we are changing our format for the newsletter and will no longer be able to mail it. Those of you that have paid to receive the newsletter mailed to you will receive an email from us soon explaining this change.

TOWN OF AMHERST

AMHERST TOWN BOARD

- Brian Kulpa, Town Supervisor
- Shawn Lavin, Deputy Town Supervisor, Senior Services Liaison
- Jacqualine Berger
- Angela Marinucci
- Michael Szukala

AMHERST SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

- James W. Bardot, Chairperson
- Melissa Abel, Executive Director, Amherst Senior Center
- Aaron Carlson
- Reverend Susan Frawley
- Gary Henry
- Julie Whitbeck-Lewinski

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

- The Honorable Shawn Lavin, Liaison to Senior Services
- Michael Camilleri, Assistant Chief of Amherst Police Department
- Ann Nichols, Amherst Town Justice
- Mary-Diana Pouli, Executive Director, Youth & Recreation

AMHERST GENERATIONS FOUNDATION

- Andrew Napierala, Chair
- Chandra Condon-Daigler, Secretary
- Barry Kantrowitz
- Meghan Reed
- Karen Pusateri
- Cory Zale

Melissa Abel, Ex-Officio



We have 2 Reserved for Combat Wounded Veterans parking spots in our parking lot. We ask that you please respect these spots. We acknowledge and honor Purple Heart Recipient Service Men and Women. Thank you for your service and sacrifice to our country.



Calling All Artists and Creative Minds!

The Amherst Senior Center is excited to announce our **Little Library Revitalization Project!** This is your chance to showcase your creativity and give back to the community.

We are seeking design submissions for revitalizing our beloved Little Libraries. Whether you're a professional artist, a hobbyist, or a creative spirit of any age, we want to see your vision come to life.

Submission Guidelines:

- Our theme is: Community, Literacy, and Imagination.
- Submissions must be family friendly and for all ages.
- The design should wrap around the unit.
- Unit Dimensions:
 - Top 16.25" H x 19.25" W
 - Right Side, Left Side, Back 36" H x 19.25" W
 - Lower Front Display Panel 11" H x 17" W

Important Dates:

- Submission Deadline: April 21, 2025
- Selected designs will be announced on May 2.
 The finished work will be revealed around mid-June.

How to Submit:

Please send your design proposals (including sketches and a brief description of your concept) to:

toass2zoom@gmail.com or drop them off at the Amherst Senior Center front desk.

Let's bring color, creativity, and joy to our Little Libraries together!



TOWN PROGRAM LOCATIONS

Amherst Senior Center

370 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst 14228

Clearfield Community Center

730 Hopkins Road, Williamsville 14221

Harlem Road Community Center

4255 Harlem Road, Amherst 14226

Northwest Amherst Community Center

220 Northpointe Parkway, Amherst 14228

Northtown Center at Amherst

1615 Amherst Manor Drive, Williamsville 14221

North Forest Park

85 North Forest Road, Williamsville 14221

Williamsville Youth and Family Center

5005 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville 14221

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

REGISTRATION/CANCELLATION

Registration is mandatory for all classes, clubs, meals, Programs and support groups. There are three ways to register:

- MyActiveCenter.com
- 716-636-3051
- In person at the Center's Reception Desk

CREATING AN ACCOUNT ON MyActiveCenter

Go to MyActiveCenter.com then click on the Sign Up button and follow the directions. Your MySeniorCenter keytag is needed to set up your account. If you are unable to find your keytag, please call 716-636-3051 and a Senior Center staff member will assist you.

TO REGISTER FOR A CLASS, CLUB, MEAL, PROGRAM OR SUPPORT GROUP IN MyActiveCenter:

- Sign in to MyActiveCenter.com
- The Search Box and Filters are on the left side
- Once you have found the Class, Club, Meal or Program
 that you wish to Register for, click on the name. This will
 open a more detailed view of the activity. Listed below
 will be the Upcoming Events schedule.
- For classes with two sessions, each session is listed separately and requires separate registration.
- To Register click on Add to Cart
- ⇒ A small box will appear to let you know that this has been reserved in your Cart.
- ⇒ If this is the only activity that you wish to Register for, you can click the Go to Cart button **OR** click on any area <u>not</u> in the pop-up box to continue shopping.
- ⇒ In order to complete the Registration process you must finish your order by going to your Shopping Cart.
- ♦ If registering for a Class, click Pay for selected items. Input your credit card information and click Pay to finish.
- If registering for a Club or Program, click Register for selected items.

PLEASE NOTE

Class registration and payment is mandatory. Those who participate in a class that they have not paid for will risk a suspension of their membership. So if you see a class you are interested in, register as soon as possible.

AUDIT A CLASS

If you are uncertain about a particular class, we encourage you to observe the class by obtaining a guest pass at the Reception Desk

REFUNDS

Requests for refunds or transfers will be honored only if a member makes the request at least 5 full business days prior to the scheduled class start date. The refund will equal the cost of the class minus a \$5 processing fee (per class). Refunds will be credited within 72 hours to your Senior Center Account. Sorry, no exceptions.

ATTENDING THE CENTER

You are required to swipe in at the kiosk each time you enter the Center. This enables us to know who is in the building. You do not have to swipe out.

CANCEL IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT

If you have registered for any activity at the Center and do not plan on attending, please cancel so someone may take your spot.

NUTRITION

TO REGISTER FOR LUNCH OR DINNER:

Follow same instructions on left. Lunch and Dinner registration opens for the following month on the third Tuesday of each month. Please call to cancel if you are unable to attend.

FROZEN MEAL PROGRAM

Please stop at our front reception desk and pick up an Erie County Registration Form. Completed forms must be returned to our Nutrition Site Coordinator, Christin Estrada. Forms can be mailed to you upon request. If you have any questions, she can be reached at 716-636-3055 ext. 3131.

MEMBERSHIP 101

Tuesday, April 8 at 3:30pm

So, you have taken the step of becoming a member, now what? Find out ways to get involved, how to sign up for classes or programs and where to find information on what is happening at the Center. Those attending are invited to stay for a complimentary dinner at 5:00pm.

Reservations are required for both.

PROGRAMS

FROM ART WORK TO CONCEPTUAL ART

Wednesday, April 2 at 10:00 am

Join us as we explore what Conceptual Art is, its history, and discuss some important examples. The only prerequisite is curiosity! Presented by member James Loree

AMHERST CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

Wednesday, April 2 at 12:00 pm Enjoy some Jazz while having lunch.

MIND TEASER STATIONS

Thursday, April 3 at 10:30 am Get your mind moving with various games with your team.

VR

Thursday, April 3 at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Explore the world of virtual reality with our VR Headsets. Whether you're new to VR or curious to try something different, this is an opportunity to dive into the digital world.

TECH SUPPORT

Friday, April 4 at 10:00 am

Bring your device and questions for help troubleshooting issues. This program is non-instructional.

BINGO

Tuesday, April 8, at 10:00 am

Please bring a sweet treat from the Dollar Store for the prize table.

OPEN CARDS

Thursday, April 10 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Join us for a variety of social card games. You can come with your friends to play or join a table that's looking for other players. If you'd like to learn a new game, we're happy to teach you. Card games we may play include Rummy games, Spades, Hearts, Swoop, and Cribbage.

RETRO VIDEO GAME NIGHT

Thursday, April 10 at 5:00 pm—7:00 pm Step back in time and experience the golden age of gaming. Whether you're revisiting old favorites or discovering new ones, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

WII GAMES

Thursday, April 17 at 10:30am
Come play a variety of different Wii

Come play a variety of different Wii Sports video games, where you perform the actual motions of the sport.

KARAOKE PARTY

Thursday, April 17 at 1:00 pm Grab the mic or just sit back and listen.

UNSOLVED CASE FILE—GAME AND DINNER

Thursday, April 17 at 4:00 pm

Can you crack the case on an unsolved murder case. Break at 5:00 for spaghetti and meatballs. Fee is \$6.00.

EARTH DAY

Monday, April 21 at 1:00pm

Earth Day started in the United States and is now celebrated in 193 countries, but where did the spark for protecting the Earth come from? Join John Szalasny, environmental columnist for Buffalo Rising, as we look back at the people in history that lead us to the celebration of the first Earth Day – and why it is as important today as it has ever been.

MARBLE RALLY

Tuesday, April 22 at 1:00pm

The Marble Rally STEM Competition invites participants to design and build a marble rally course for a steel bearing. The challenge is simple: create a track where the bearing will travel for the longest time without stopping. The track that takes the most time to complete will be declared the winner.

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE

Wednesday, April 23 at 1:00pm

Be entertained by members of our Introduction to Acting class. Come join in the fun, have a few laughs and support your fellow members as they perform for you.

PIZZA AND TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday, April 24 at 5:00 pm

Pizza and salad from John and Mary's followed by trivia. Fee is \$7.00. Paid reservations by 4/22, no refunds after.

CANDLEMAKING

Friday, April 25 at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, or 2:30 pm Join us for an introductory candle-making course where you'll learn the basics of crafting your own candles. In this hands-on session, you'll explore different colors and molds to create personalized candles. This class is for beginners looking to discover the art of candle-making in a relaxed and creative setting.

FIELDTRIP

PLATTER'S CHOCOLATE FACTORY TOUR (FREE)

Tuesday, April 22 at 10:30am

Join us for a guided tour where a Platter's Team Member will lead you to view the chocolate manufacturing process along with photos of the rich history of Platter's Chocolate Factory and the iconic Wurlitzer Building. We will visit the *Pouring Room, Kitchen, Bakery, Enrobing Line,* and finish off in the store/gift shop area where there is space to sit and relax. **Must provide your own transportation.**

PROGRAMS

HEALTH

THE SCIENCE OF HEALTHY LIVING

Monday, April 7 at 2:30pm

Behavior-Driven Disease: The Role of Modern Lifestyle

Wednesday, April 9 at 2:30pm

A "Magic Pill" for Diabetes and Heart Disease

Monday, April 14 at 2:30pm

Drug Prescription vs Lifestyle. Which is better for you?

Wednesday, April 16 at 2:30pm

We can learn about healthy living from other cultures

This series of programs will allow participants to explore the mechanisms through which physical inactivity and poor nutrition are linked to high risk for contracting behavior-driven diseases such as diabetes and heart disease and how adopting an active lifestyle and better eating habits can reduce risk, increase quality of life and delay the onset of debilitating illness later in life. Presented by Harold Burton, Retired Professor from UB School of Public Health

CHAIR FITNESS

Wednesday, April 9 from 10:00 – 10:50 am
Wednesday, April 23 from 10:00 – 10:50 am
Strength, Flexibility, and Balance are all highlighted in this class. Get a total body workout in and out of the chair. (If you have your own hand weights, please bring them!)

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

Thursday, April 10 at 10:30 am.

Your Decisions Matter. Join Americans across the country in making your healthcare wishes known to loved ones and healthcare providers. In the event you are unable to make decisions for yourself, those close to you, and those caring for you, must know what is important to you. Presented by Hospice and Palliative Care Buffalo.

FITNESS ROOM RUNDOWN

Monday, April 14 at 11:00am

Come learn all about the Fitness Room at the Center: How to operate the machines, what each machine does, and potential workout routines & habits to start your fitness journey.

FUNCTIONAL FITNESS

Tuesday, April 15 at 1:00pm

Paragon PT Group clinician, Dr. Elizabeth Marabella-Peck, PT, DPT, will talk about the importance of *functional* fitness. Learn about improving function when it comes to 'Activities of Daily Living,' considered necessary for living safely and independently. Discuss issues that can lead to reduced function at home, how to assess these situations, and what course of action to take.

TAKE IT TO THE BOX

Wednesday, April 16 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Members of the Amherst Youth Consortium will be in the Gallery for a private 15 minute conversation regarding the Safe Use, Safe Storage, Safe Disposal of un-needed and expired medications. A free lockbox, provided by Upstate New York Poison Control, will be given to all participants until supplies run out. All participants will also be entered into a free raffle for a \$25 gift card to Wegmans.

MEDITATION AND HEALING

Thursday, April 24 at 1:00pm

Relieve stress and improve your health. Would you like to feel calmer and more relaxed? Release burdens and worries? Presented by Anne Egan, instructor & practitioner of Open Heart Meditation and Secrets of Natural Walking with the Natural Way of Living

PARTNER PROGRAMS

SILVER PRIDE TEA

Friday, April 4 from 10:00am -12:00pm

This is an opportunity for LGBTQ+ seniors to come together and enjoy a morning of refreshments and conversation. ALL are welcome. *Hosted by the Pride Center of WNY*

BISTRO BOOKERS

Tuesday, April 15 at 4:00pm

"Wisdom of Morrie: Living and Aging Creatively and Joyfully" Written by Morrie Schwartz. Later life can be filled with many challenges, but it can also be one of the most beautiful and rewarding passages in anyone's lifetime. Morrie draws on his experiences as a social psychologist, teacher, father, friend, and sage to offer us a road map to navigate our futures.

BETTER BREATHERS GROUP

Tuesday, April 22 at 1:30 pm

If you, or someone you know, is living with a chronic lung disease like COPD, asthma, pulmonary fibrosis, or lung cancer, consider joining us at this welcoming support group. Learn better ways to cope with your diagnosis and live life to the fullest. Facilitated by: Jeremy Voorhees, American Lung Association Certified

BALANCE AND MEMORY CHECK-UP

Thursday, April 24 9:00am – 1:00pm
Schedule your free 30 minute screening from Buffalo
Occupational Therapy by calling 716-235-3013 or
hannah@buffalooccupationaltherapy.com. Let them know that you want it at the Amherst Senior Center.

PROGRAMS

MOVIES

MONDAYS AT 1:00PM

Monday, April 7 You're Cordially Invited PG-13 111 minutes Monday, April 14 The Florida Project 111 minutes Monday, April 21 Emilia Pérez R 130 minutes Monday, April 28 Conclave PG-13 120 minutes

TUESDAYS AT 5:30PM

Tuesday, April 1 Fly Me to the Moon PG-13 132 minutes Tuesday, April 8 You're Cordially Invited PG-13 111 minutes Tuesday, April 15 The Florida Project 111 minutes Tuesday, April 22 Emilia Pérez R 130 minutes Tuesday, April 29 Conclave PG-13 120 minutes

MUSICAL MOVIE

Friday, April 4 at 1:00 pm Judy PG-13 120 minutes

BOOK AND MOVIE COMPARISON

Friday, April 11 at 1:00 pm The Dig PG-13 120 minutes

BASED ON A TRUE STORY

Friday, April 25 at 1:00 The Founder PG-13 115 Minutes The Founder is based on the true story of Ray Kroc, a struggling salesman who meets the McDonald brothers in Southern California.

HEALTH INSURANCE – To schedule your personal appointment call the representative listed.

Clarity Group – Medicare Plan Center Lisa at 716-864-4886 Tuesday, April 1 9:00am—12:00pm Thursday, April 17 9:00am—12:00pm

Highmark BCBS Kathy at 716-658-8655 Thursday, April 24 9:00am – 10:30 am

KDM Wealth Consultants Andrea at 716-445-4332 Thursday, April 17 1:00pm—4:00pm

INFORMATION TABLES

SENATOR RYAN COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Tuesday, April 1 from 10:00am-2:00 pm A representative from the Senator's office will be present

EPIC (Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage)

Wednesday, April 16 11:00am - 1:00pm

PING PONG

Mondays 12:00 – 4:00pm Tuesdays 2:00 – 6:00pm Fridays 4/4, 4/11, 4/25 1:00—4:00pm

FINANCIAL

WHAT'S NEXT—SENIOR REAL ESTATE OPTIONS

Friday, April 11 at 10:00 am

Presented by Sharon Bakshi, Senior Real Estate Specialist from Hunt Real Estate and the Trifilo Team.

FIFTEEN WAYS TO AVOID PROBATE SEMINAR

Tuesday, April 15 at 4:00pm

Learn about estate and asset protection, probate procedures, risks and benefits of avoiding probate, best forms of real estate ownership, common estate planning mistakes, recent changes in estate and gift tax laws, duties of trustees and executors, myths about living trusts, updating your will, and preventing will contests. Presented by Robert Friedman of Friedman & Ranzenhofer, PC Attorneys

MEDICARE 101

Thursday, April 17 at 5:00pm

Are you turning 65 or will you be eligible for Medicare in the next 6 months? Learn the difference between Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplement Plans and how to find the best plan for you. Presented by Andrea Grajeda Retirement & Insurance Advisor, KDM Wealth Consultants

INCOME & ESTATE TAX SURVIVAL WORKSHOP

Tuesday, April 29 at 10:30 am
Don't pay more tax than you legally have to! This class is
designed for those nearing or already in retirement. Learn
how to avoid common tax mistakes with retirement
accounts, eliminate or substantially reduce estate and
inheritance taxes, avoid probate to save money, protect
your assets from creditors, safeguard your children's
inheritance, understand how tax proposals could drastically
impact the taxation of your income and assets, prevent your
Social Security checks from being eaten away by taxes and
surcharges, and much more. Presented by Mario

REMINDER:

Riccadonna, Financial Planner, Note Advisors, LLC

Check in at the kiosks is required upon entering the building.

Kiosks are located at the main entrance and at the Wellness Center entrance.



CLASSES

SPRING/SUMMER CLASS REGISTRATION

Registration for Spring/Summer classes begins Wednesday, April 9 at 8:30am on MyActiveCenter.com or by phone.

The Spring/Summer Class Catalog is available in hard copy at the Center, Amherst Libraries and online at AmherstCenterforSeniorServices.com

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

AARP Smart Driver

(\$25 for AARP Member/\$30 for Non AARP member) Wednesday, April 16 or May 21 9:00am-4:00pm Reservations required by calling 636-3051. Payment due to instructor on the day of the class

SPECIAL REQUEST:

If you have registered for a class and do not plan on attending, please let us know. While we can not refund your money, it would be nice if someone could take your spot

SPRING/SUMMER TRIMESTER CLASS HIGHLIGHTS

Below is a <u>select</u> list of classes being offered this coming Spring/Summer. Full descriptions of **ALL** classes, including day, time and price, will be in our Spring/Summer Class Catalog.

Art History Zoom – The Art of Landscape

Birds Around Us

History of Mystery

Introduction to Chess

Shuffle Off From Buffalo

Symphonies of Ludwig Van Beethoven

Chair Volleyball

Dumbbell Fitness

Tennis - Beginner

Wisdomkeeper: Age-ing to Sage-ing

Ballroom Dancing

Belly Dancing

HIIT To Be Fit



AMHERST CENTER FOR SENIOR SERVICES 2025 CANCELLATION GUIDE

The safety and well-being of our members and visitors is a primary concern.

The following information is for your reference.

STANDARD OPERATING HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am-7:30pm

STORM CLOSINGS:

If Amherst, Sweet Home, or Williamsville school districts are closed due to weather, Center classes, clubs, and programs will be cancelled. This includes activities scheduled at other Town Buildings.

If you want to know if the building or activities are cancelled during bad weather, please watch "WEATHER CLOSING" announcements on:

TV Stations:

Spectrum-Channel 1

WGRZ-Channel 2

WIVB-Channel 4

WKBW-Channel 7

Only upon notification by the Amherst Town Supervisor can the Amherst Center for Senior Services be officially closed.

MYACTIVECENTER TRAINING

Tuesday April 1 at 10:30am

Are you new to using MyActiveCenter to register for classes, clubs, lunch and programs? Do you need help setting up your account or trying to find the class you are interested in? Come learn how to navigate MyActiveCenter. If are planning to use your tablet, laptop or phone bring it with you and we will teach you on your own device.

RESOURCES

Social Work Services are Here for You!

Your needs are important to us and we want to assure you that we are still committed to working diligently to provide information and referrals for programs and services. Social Workers are available to meet for in-person office visits **by appointment only**, as well as telephone or virtual appointments. Please call the Social Work office at 636-3055 ext. 3165 for Vijaya, or John at ext. 3129

Caregivers Group

Wednesday, April 16 at 1:00pm Caregiving can be overwhelming and we are here to offer support.

Loss & Grief Group

Thursdays at 10:30am

Thursday, March 27 NEW 6 week session begins We will discuss coping strategies, healing techniques, and stages of loss and grief.

Men's Support Group

Tuesdays April 1 and 15 at 10:30am "Getting to know us: A man's perspective" Talk about issues that are specific to men.

Parkinson's Group:

Thursday, April 24 at 2:00pm

If you or a loved one have received a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease, you may wonder what to expect. Join us and feel more in control.

Veteran's Coffee Group

Monday, April 7 at 10:00am

Come for a cup of coffee and share with others who understand your story and lend support.

Widow/Widowers Group

Tuesday, April 8 at 10:30am

Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00pm **NEW Group option

If you are facing a stressful life change due to losing your spouse, you don't have to go through it alone.

Women's Support Group

Wednesday, April 2 at 10:30am

Join us for open conversations about issues that women face.

Kinship Group: See page 12



There is an accessible private bathroom located off the hallway by Room 2 of the Senior Center

SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICES 636-3070

Through a partnership with Erie County Department of Senior Services, the Center has an in-house senior outreach program. Trained staff are available to provide assessments for home and community—based services, such as Meals on Wheels, Home Care, Adult Day Care, and Personal Emergency Response Buttons. There may even be funds available to assist in the cost of services. Call Senior Outreach Services.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING TAG

If you need assistance with an application, we are **available by appointment** only. Daytime hours are 8:30—4:00 and evening hours on April 8 are from 4:00-7:00 pm and on April 15 until 6:00pm.

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS SHORT TERM FOOD ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know is in need of non-perishable food items, we have on-site assistance. Please contact a Social Caseworker to make arrangements.

FROZEN MEAL PROGRAM

If you are an older adult or caregiver and are finding it harder to prepare meals, this Erie County Program may be just what you need. Registration paperwork must be completed prior to participation. Meal pick-ups are on Fridays. Please call our Nutrition Site Coordinator, Christin Estrada at 716-636-3055 ext. 3131 for more information.

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

HEAP is a federally funded program, which is administered by New York State to assist low-income families with their energy needs. Multiple components are available to apply for heating assistance or services while the funding is available. To see if you are eligible, please contact the Senior Outreach Services.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Monthly benefits can be used to purchase food at authorized retail food stores. If you are eligible, an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) account is set up for you, and every month your benefits will be deposited right into your account. To see if you are eligible, please contact the Senior Outreach Services.

YOUTHWORK\$

Youthworks is a service that works as a liaison between residents and Amherst youth ages 12-20. Jobs include: yardwork, gardening, weeding, mowing, raking, and snow removal. To hire a youth, please contact John Jones at 716-636-3055, ext. 3129 or Vijaya at ext. 3165.

VOLUNTEER & CLUB

SERVICE HOURS

Volunteers, please submit your service hours, both inside the Center and those performed out in the Community, on a monthly basis. See staff for assistance, if needed.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

Wednesday, April 30 at 9:00 am Registration is **REQUIRED** by Monday April 21, by calling 636-3051 or stopping at the Reception Desk

April is National Volunteer Month and we are celebrating all of our dedicated volunteers!

Each and every volunteer helps to make our Center and Community a wonderful place to be.

Thank you Volunteers!

You must have had volunteer service hours in 2024 or 2025 to attend this year's breakfast.

MENS GOLF

Tuesday, April 8 at 1:30pm Organizational meeting for 2025 season

BAKERS RACK SALE

Tuesday, April 15 at 9:00 am Pick yourself or someone special a sweet treat!

CLUB MEMBERS

You must register prior to attending your meeting. Swiping in at the kiosk is not registering.

AM-CENTER PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Tuesday, April 8th at 1:00 pm Presentation by Scott Simons, from Niagara Falls, Ontario is a long-time member of the Niagara Fall Canada Club and active contributor for photographic education in the region. Scott has been recognized for his many exemplary photographic creations during his career.

Tuesday, April 22 at 1:00 pm Members will select their best images of the 2024-2025 year to be projected and reviewed by a panel of judges who will select the Digital Image of the Year.

Everyone is welcome of attend these meetings and see the images and what inspires member photographers.

BOOK CLUB

Monday, April 28 at 1:00 pm

The book is "Flight Behavior" by Barbara Kingsolver. All participants are required to register for the meeting. ZOOM participants must register 24 hours in advance to receive the automated link. Comprehensive book selection lists can be found at the Senior Center on the racks across from the Fitness Room.

HOT DOG SALE

Wednesday, April 23 11:00am First Hot Dog Sale of the year!

OPEN PICKLEBALL

OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL GUIDELINES

We are looking to provide more Open Play Pickleball times.

- Members can sign up for a maximum of 3 time slots PER WEEK for Open Play Pickleball.
- We are seeing large Waitlist numbers for Open Pickleball and want everyone to have a chance to play.
- If you are already signed up for 3 time slots and an Open Pickleball Session is NOT full, you can sign up the DAY OF that Pickleball session.
- Please cancel when you cannot make a Pickleball time to allow someone else a chance to play!

We're all in this together. Let's respect each other's time and opportunities. Thank you

See page 12 for Open Play Pickleball at the Northwest Amherst Community Center.

PICKLEBALL

Tuesday, April 1, 8, 22, 2:00-3:45pm, 3:45-5:30pm or 5:30-7:15pm (1 court)

Tuesday, April 29, 9:00-10:30am, 10:30am-12:00pm (Beginner), or 12:00-1:30pm

Wednesday, April 2, 2:00-4:00

Wednesday, 16, 30, 12:00-2:00 or 2:00-4:00

Wednesday, April 9, 12:00-2:00pm (Intermediate) or 2:00-4:00pm (Beginner)

Wednesday, April 23, 12:00-2:00pm (Beginner) or 2:00-4:00pm (Intermediate)

Thursday, April 3, 10, 17, 24 3:45-5:30

Friday, April 4, 12:00-2:00pm (Men) or

2:00-4:00pm (Women)

Friday, April 11, 12:00-2:00pm or 2:00-4:00pm

Friday, April 25, 12:00-2:00 (Women) or 2:00-4:00 (Men)

You must bring your own paddle

CLUBS

If you are interested in more information or joining a Club, please register and go to the next meeting to speak with the leader. For a description of clubs, go to AmherstCenterforSeniorServices.com or pick up a brochure at the Center.

Am-Center Photography Club	Dinner Club	Poker Club	
2nd and 4th Tuesday, 1:00-3:00pm	See Club Info across from Fitness Room	Thursdays, 1:00-2:30pm	
Amherst Men's Senior Softball League	Dominos Club	Pool Club	
Fridays, Seasonal	Wednesdays, 12:30-4:00pm	Tuesdays, 2:00-5:00pm	
Amherst Senior Singers	Duplicate Bridge Club (Monday)	Quilting Club	
Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00pm	Mondays, 1:00-4:00pm	1st & 3rd Mondays, 1:00-3:30pm	
Art Club	Duplicate Bridge Club (Friday)	Reader's Theater Club	
Mondays, 1:00-3:30pm	Fridays, 1:00-4:00pm	Mondays, 1:00pm	
Backgammon Club	Euchre Club	Reading Poetry Aloud Club	
Thursdays, 12:30pm	Tuesdays, 1:00pm	Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00am	
Biblical Hebrew Grammar Club	French Club	Rocky Blues Band	
1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30pm	2nd & 4th Mondays, 12:30-2:00pm	Fridays, 12:30pm	
Bike Club	Hand & Foot Club	Rummikub Club	
Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30am Seasonal	Thursdays, 3:30-5:00pm	Fridays, 1:00-4:00pm	
Board Game Club-Afternoons	Indian Senior Citizens Club	Scrabble Club	
Wednesdays & Thursdays, 12:30-3:30pm	2nd Thursday, 4:30pm	Tuesdays, 10:00am-12:30pm	
Board Game Club- Evenings	Genealogy Club	Spanish Club on ZOOM	
Thursday, 6:30-10:00pm at Northtown Ctr.	1st Tuesday, 10:30am-12:00pm Thursdays, 1:30pm		
Book Club	Knitting Club	Speaking Italian Language Club	
4th Monday, 1:00pm	Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30am (not instructional) Fridays, 1:00-2:30pm		
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Bridge Club	Mah Jongg Beginner Club	Stained Glass Club	
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NORTHWEST AMHERST COMMUNITY CENTER

SOCIAL WORKERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR WALK-IN VISITS AT THE NORTHWEST AMHERST COMMUNITY CENTER

The first and third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Northwest Amherst Community Center

220 Northpointe Parkway, Amherst 14228

EASTER SWEET TREAT

Monday, April 7 at 10:00am

Birds Nests Cookies. Please bring a cookie sheet and a small microwave safe bowl. Fee is \$3.00. No refunds after 4/4.

TALK AND TASTE

Monday, April 7 at 6:00 pm Celebrate National Coffee Cake Day with a slice

KINSHIP SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday, April 9 at 11:00am

Are you "parenting for a second time?" Many in today's world find themselves in this situation at a time when maybe you were planning a more relaxed lifestyle. If this is you, consider coming to this support group to share ideas, get support, comfort and resources. You are not alone, so join others to talk and share ideas!

CIRCUIT FITNESS WORKOUT

Monday, April 14 at 6:00pm Monday, April 21 at 6:00pm

Try various workouts with weights. There are multiple stations that have different types of exercises. Strength, Balance, and Cardio are highlighted in these classes.

BINGO

Monday, April 21 at 10:00am

Please bring an item from the Dollar Store for the prize table.

TAKE APART DAY

Monday, April 28 at 10:00am

Ever wondered what's inside the gadgets you use every day? You'll get the chance to open up various devices and explore their inner workings. It's a hands-on way to satisfy your curiosity and learn about technology from the inside out!

JUST ONE PARTY GAME

Monday, April 28 at 6:00pm
Can you guess the answer with just one clue!

PICKLEBALL Northwest Amherst Community Center

Mondays, April 7, 21, 28

9:00-11:00am (Intermediate)

11:00am-1:00pm (Beginner)

Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, 28

5:30-7:30pm (All Levels)

Tuesdays, April 1, 8

8:45-10:15am (All Levels)

FITNESS ROOM

The Fitness Room at NWACC is open during Open Play Pickleball hours. See schedule above.

Kindness is the new cool!

The Northwest Amherst Community Center is embarking on a mission to spread kindness in our community. We are constructing a paper flower garden of good deeds for the wall of our large meeting space. Youth and senior program participants are invited to perform an intentional act of kindness and write it on a paper flower, bumble bee, raindrop and add it to our mural. Examples might be paying a compliment to a cashier for good service, or calling a friend who does not get out much. Even If you do not currently attend classes or programs at NWACC, feel free to participate. Garden cutouts will be available at the Senior Center as well as the Community Center.



APRIL NUTRITION

The Amherst Center for Senior Services is a location for the Erie County Stay Fit Dining Program. The Erie County Nutrition Program is open to anyone 60 years of age or older at a suggested contribution of \$3.50. Guests under 60 are welcome for \$5.50.

- Lunch is served Monday-Friday, 12:00-1:00pm
- Dinner is served at 5:00pm on Tuesday evenings
- Meal registration begins the 3rd Tuesday of each month. See page 4 for instructions.
- We are unable to accept walk-ins.
- If you are not able to attend lunch or dinner, please cancel your reservation.
- The menu is subject to change.
- Estimated calories/carbohydrates are listed for each lunch.



FROZEN MEAL PROGRAM

See page 4 for information

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DINNERS

Dinner is served at 5:00pm

Tuesday, April 1—Philly Cheesesteak Sub, Tater Tots, Chef Salad, Mixed Fruit Cup

Tuesday, April 8—Breaded Chicken w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Dinner Roll, Diced Peaches

Tuesday, April 15—Pasta Bake w/Marinara Sauce, Roasted Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Fresh Fruit

Tuesday, April 22—1/2 Reuben Sandwich, Vegetable Soup, Side Salad, Brownie

Tuesday, April 29—Salisbury Steak w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Pudding Parfait



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COMMUNITY

Assisting older adults to remain independent by working with families, volunteers, and community partners by building strong bonds through shared objectives.

DIVERSITY

Embracing differences in skills, knowledge, cultural heritage, ethnicity, and gender orientation of older adults and their families.

INCLUSION

Offering individuals a sense of belonging, identity, and support by recognizing, respecting, embracing, celebrating, and valuing the unique abilities, perspectives, and experiences that each individual brings.

KNOWLEDGE

Committed to Life-Long Learning that encourages growth, engagement, and innovation among its members.

SUPPORT

Demonstrating understanding and empathy with the unique needs of our members by providing programs, activities, and services dedicated to ensuring satisfaction and building lasting relationships by extending a helping hand.