NOVEMBER 2022



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A Message from Brandi...

Thanksgiving is the perfect time for family and friends to gather together; enjoy good food, and spend quality time with one another in a festive atmosphere! At Mat-Su Senior Services:

- We give thanks to the amazing staff and volunteers who have been working tirelessly to ensure the needs of the center are met.
- We give thanks to all the people who work in essential services. The men and women who continue to stock the shelves, deliver the mail, fill our prescriptions, pick up our trash, care for the seniors, and keep our country safe.
- We encourage everyone to reach out to family and friends who cannot join you at the Thanksgiving table and take a moment to show your love and gratitude.
- We extend our appreciation to the ones who have paved the way for the life we are blessed to have.

Our Board meeting is Monday, November 7th, and our Membership meeting is that Wednesday the 9th, at 11:30 am. Coffee Chit chat will be Friday, November 18th, at 10 am.

The month ends with our November 30th movie matinee of "Home for the Holidays" at 2 pm. We are looking forward to completing our First Annual Holiday Ball & Fundraiser on November 5th thanks to your support and volunteerism. Our Seniors will be planning a dance in December. More details to come later. Lastly... (drum roll please), I am excited to announce that BINGO, BINGO, BINGO is back. We will have Bingo in the dining room on Thursday, November 10th, and Thursday, November 17th, from 1-3 pm.

Our seniors have so much to be thankful for, such as vast knowledge and the many contributions they've made to society. Sometimes, it's easy to forget the enriching opportunities you each have experienced. Our seniors have taught us important lessons, have shared stories we'll never forget, have offered the best advice, and have become our biggest cheerleaders in life. Mat-Su Senior Services is eternally grateful for the unconditional support we receive from all of you. We happily return that sentiment. To all of our Seniors, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and send our warmest wishes for a holiday filled with everything that brings you joy. Most importantly, it is in this spirit that we say simply, but sincerely, **Thank You!**

Brandi Burchett

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Mat-Su Senior Services

CORE PURPOSE

Seniors Quality of Life

CORE VALUES

Respect-Trust-Independence-Security Compassion-Unity

Mission Statement

MAT-SU SENIOR SERVICES' primary mission is to promote honor, dignity, security, and independence for older Alaskans and to assist them in maintaining meaningful, quality lives. Our clients include older Alaskans, individuals with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders, and anyone of any age on the Home and Community Based Medicaid Waiver Program.

Services available:

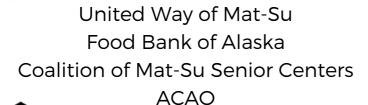
- CONGREGATE MEALS: Monday Friday, 11:30am 12:30pm at the center
- HOME DELIVERED MEALS: Call-in by 9am Monday-Friday to start or make changes
- ADULT DAY SERVICES: Monday Friday, 7:30am 4pm
- CHORE & RESPITE & SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES: Call Monday Friday, 8am 4pm
- NOTARY SERVICE: Traveling notary available
- VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Call Admin 745-5454
- SENIOR HOUSING CHUGACH & COLONY ESTATES: Call 761-5001
- FACILITY RENTAL & CATERING: Call 761-5006
- **TRANSPORTATION:** Medical rides in the Palmer or Wasilla area, call 761-5050 one week in advance

Voluntary donations accepted for all services.

Suggested donation amounts are:

- CONGREGATE MEALS: \$5
- HOME DELIVERED MEALS: \$6.50
- TRANSPORTATION: \$5 (Palmer, RT) \$8 (Wasilla, OW)









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DEPARTMENT MANAGERS

CEO	Brandi Burchett
COO/HR	Beth Westland
HR CONSULTANT	Kirk Henke
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Transportation/Faciliti	esTim Pettit
Adult Day ServicesC	hristopher Koops
Chore/Respite Service	sLisa Mecham
Kitchen/Food Services	Yossi Assis

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Join us at our next

MEMBERSHIP

MEETING WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9TH AT 11:30AM

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ALL ACTIVITY LOCATIONS WILL BE LISTED IN THE LOBBY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT LISA MECHAM AT 907.761-5026	25 *CLOSED*	18 10AM SENIOR STRENGTH 10AM COFFEE & CHIT-CHAT W/CEO, BRANDI BURCHETT 12:30PM BIBLE STUDY 3PM MOVE, DANCE, LAUGH -W/KAY SLACK	11 *CLOSED*	4 10AM SENIOR STRENGTH 12:30PM BIBLE STUDY	ES ₽















NOVEMBER 2022 LUNCH MENU | 12PM - 1PM MON-FRI

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WEEK 2	7 CHILI FRIES VEGGIE DESSERT	8 CHICKEN A LA KING RICE VEGGIE DESSERT	9 GOULASH PASTA VEGGIE DESSERT MEMBERSHIP MEETING	10 SHEPHERD'S PIE MASHED POTATOES VEGGIE DESSERT	11 **CLOSED** VETERANS DAY
WEEK 3	14 BEEF MEATBALLS PASTA VEGGIE DESSERT	15 CHICKEN MARSALA MASHED POTATOES VEGGIE DESSERT	16 HAMBURGERS FRIES VEGGIE DESSERT	17 HOT DOGS CHIPS VEGGIE DESSERT	18 FISH LASAGNA FRIES VEGGIE DESSERT
WEEK 4	21 BRISKET MASHED POTATOES VEGGIE DESSERT	22 PORK LOIN RICE VEGGIE DESSERT	23 TURKEY STUFFING VEGGIE DESSERT	24 **CLOSED**	25 **CLOSED**
WEEK 5	28 PORK CUTLET BATTER BITES VEGGIE DESSERT	29 TIBS MASHED POTATOES VEGGIE DESSERT	30 CHICKEN MEATBALLS RICE VEGGIE DESSERT	MENU IS SUBJEC MEAL CO NON-ELIGIBLI \$14 - FULL ME \$6.00 - KIDS \$5.00 - KIDS	OST FOR E INDIVIDUAL AL UNDER 60 8-12 YEARS



Before you sit down to consume your share of 736 million pounds of turkey and 250 million pounds of mashed potatoes this Thanksgiving, pause to consider all your many blessings. Consider friends, family and the relative safety and security in which you live. We are all blessed in many ways. Go around the table this Thanksgiving and share a blessing with one another. Remember that Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate all that is good in our lives much like those first fifty pilgrims and ninety Wampanoag Indians who were simply grateful to be alive. Like them, plentiful sustenance and camaraderie amongst our fellows are linked to the celebration of Thanksgiving. The last two years have been very tough for most of us. Fortunately, things are much improved. Covid seems to be in the rearview mirror and two years of isolation are behind us, so CELEBRATE!

Add to the quality of your Thanksgiving celebration with shrubs. No, not those plants populating the area around your abode, but a trendy and healthy new drink in the form of mocktails and cocktails to kick off your Thanksgiving celebration. Shrubs are drinking vinegars made from fruit, vinegar and spices. They actually have great health benefits including the stabilization of blood sugars, lowering of cholesterol, and the promotion of liver detoxification while tasting great. Long ago the Romans and Babylonians mixed vinegar and water and consumed it as a tonic. The term shrub is derived from the Arabic "Shabah" which means drink. Even sailors from the 16th to the 18th century drank shrubs to prevent scurvy!

The gift shop carries the perfect Alaskan shrub bases with birch syrup infused vinegars in flavors such as Birch and Blueberry, Birch and Jalapeno, Birch and Chokecherry Rhubarb and Birch and Apple Pie. Make yourself and your guests a shrub in your favorite Alaskan flavor. Fill a glass with ice, pour in a splash of infused vinegar mixed with a large dollup of honey or guava nectar, add a shot of gin or vodka (or not, for a mocktail), and fill with seltzer or sparkling water. Here's to your healthy and happy Thanksgiving!

With Christmas right around the corner, the gift shop is adding many new gifts. Come by frequently to see all that is new. Quantities are limited and inventory does not last long. Currently we have added a huge collection of tees, hoodies, shawls and ponchos from Native Northwest as well as decorative mugs and hot cups. Give the gift of light with whimsical nightlights in rustic metals featuring antique cars, tractors, Alaskan animals and native flora.

The gift shop has a great array of stocking stuffers thanks to senior Dave Troutman who was forced to find "small" hobbies after retiring to an apartment size home. He has created a colorful line of paracord keyrings, survival bracelets, deer horn necklaces and a great variety of wire wrapped rings, all at very affordable prices.

If you're planning to send holiday greetings to friends and family, be sure to check out Pendelton Fine Arts Christmas cards. They feature whimsical Native art guaranteed to bring a smile to all who receive them. Many other unique and unusual cards are available as well. The gift shop also features a wide variety of tree trims beautifully rendered by local artists. They include everything from Alaskan native dolls and angels to a huge grouping of Alaskan wooden ornaments and gift tags. Holiday wall hangings, pillows, and bags are also in stock, all available to enrich your Christmas season.



Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10am - 2pm Questions? Call 907-761-5043





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BIRTHDAY



Our seniors (and volunteers) are amazing and we want to let everyone know how grateful we are for them.

OVEMBER

This month we thank you ALL!

A special thank you to our volunteers who help everyday around the center. We know who you are, we see your faces each and every day. You are appreciated! Thank you for taking the time to volunteer and support Palmer Senior Citizen's Center, dba Mat-Su Senior Services. We love our volunteers!

Why Be A Volunteer?

It's not for money, it's not for fame, and it's not for any personal gain. It's just for love of fellow man. It's just to lend a helping hand. It's just to give a little of self. That's something you can't buy with wealth. It's not the medals worn with pride. It's just for that feeling deep inside. It's feeling that you've been a part of helping others far and near. That's what makes you a VOLUNTEER.

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DRESS TO IMPRESS - BLACK TIE EVENT



SLOW & GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS

DO YOU HAVE A PHYSICAL Challenge?

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Do you prefer an exercise class tailored to your needs and abilities? Do you want to enjoy friendship and laughter while doing seated stretches and listening to great music?

Then come join Toni Truesdell Thursdays at 10:30 am starting Nov 3rd in the exercise room



Those with minimal or no exposure to Move-Dance-Laugh can now learn the basic steps in this new class starting Friday, November 18 at 3:00 pm. Class is in the downstairs exercise studio Our only rules include moving and having fun!Improve your flexibility, balance and strength with aerobic-style exercise that lets you move your body to music., Kay 907-745-8526 (call or text).



INDEPENDENT SENIOR HOUSING

SAFE & SECURE | NON-SMOKING | 55+ COMMUNITY | PET FRIENDLY (1 PET) | HEAT, WATER & TRASH INCLUDED IN RENT

CHUGACH ESTATES 1102 S. Chugach Street, Palmer



- 3 floors, 31 units
- elevator
- on-site laundry
- in-floor heating
- community room
- additional storage

COLONY ESTATES 920 S. Chugach Street, Palmer

- 1 floor, 24 units
- adult day services facility attached
- on-site laundry
- in-floor heating
- community room
- additional storage



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JOIN OUR TEAM COME BE ART OF SOMETHING GREAT!

All positions require a fingerprint background check, must be 18+ years of age and have a valid ADL. Please email resume to COO, Beth Westland at bethw@matsuseniors.com, apply on indeed, or come fill out an application in person today! Call 907.745.5454 for more information.

Now Hiring

Chore & Respite Worker Kitchen Worker



Volunteers Opportunities

Gift Shop Kitchen Lunch Desk Class Instructors (arts, exercise) Membership Support

For more information about volunteer opportunities available, or to schedule your volunteer orientation, please contact Lisa Mecham at 907.761.5026 ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST ATTEND ORIENTATION.



THANK YOU TO OUR Board Members!

Linda Combs, Sue Welton, Russ Ingram, Elda McCraw, Catherine Hall, Dora Wheeler, Ginger Sweeney, Merle Beeter



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Are you over 50? If so, YOU can be a member!

Our next Membership Meeting is Wednesday, November 9th, at 11:30am.