

Montgomery Senior Citizens

August, 2023 Newsletter

Dear Fellow Members and Friends,

Our next meeting is on Thursday, August 10th, 1:00PM. This meeting will be **not** be held at our normal place. It will be held under the pavilion of the Montgomery Veterans Park. This is because the gym at the Otto Kaufman Center will be unavailable at that time.

Erika Van Wagner from the Montgomery Township Health Department will be our guest speaker. She will address the preparation for emergencies and providing a list of items that should be readily available if an emergency were to occur including documents, medications, who to share your plan with, and other important contacts/information.

For members, we will be serving pizza and refreshment. In addition, Cris Brown from Foothill Acres Rehabilitation & Nursing Center will be hosting Jeopardy game for about an hour.

We had our casino trip to Wind Creek Bethlehem in July. We had 20 attendees, which was a bit disappointing based on earlier surveys. Our next casino trip will be next year, and as promised, it will be a bus trip to Atlantic City. We really need to do better to continue to have bus trips to casinos. Otherwise, we rather spend our money on other events.

August will be our busiest month for events:

- 8/5 - We have sold out and distributed all our tickets for “Bye Bye Birdie”
- 8/13 - We still have 6 tickets remaining for Somerset Patriots baseball game and all-you-can-eat barbeque buffet for \$35, for members and non-members. This is a great opportunity to bring the whole family. First come, first serve. Reply back to this email or call, if you are interested. Tickets are likely be gone by the next meeting.
- 8/17 – Birthday Breakfast. Free for those with birthdays from May to August. Others pay \$10. **Choices are from a select menu.**
- 8/26 - We have sold out all our tickets for “All Shook Up”. Pay and pick up tickets at the August meeting for those who have signed up.

Our next major event is our Oktoberfest bus trip to The Brownstone (Paterson, NJ). Cost is \$70 (bus, entertainment and lunch) for members and guests of members. Sign up at the August meeting and at the latest, pay at the September meeting. Guests will need to sign a waiver form.

We decided not to pursue the Big Band Holiday Concert at the Music Mountain Theatre. Response for this show has been tepid and we do not have the funding to make the event more attractive. Instead, we worked with Somerset Valley Players to provide group discount for their remaining shows in 2023. We have sent an email providing detail information on this. If you did not get the email, let us know. You can buy the ticket directly with Somerset Valley Players.

The trips committee is still in its early stage. If you enjoy events/trips and can contribute, we love to have you.

As with other recent newsletters, our latest calendar is attached with much more information on all our programs and events/trips.

We hope to see everyone at the next meeting. Let's hope for good weather.

Respectfully,
Montgomery Senior Citizens Executive Committee

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Montgomery Senior Citizens Calendar

Program Plan

- 8/10/23 | This meeting will be held at the Montgomery Veterans Park at 1:00pm.
- (Different Location just for this Meeting) | Erika Van Wagner from the Montgomery Township Health Department will be addressing the preparation for emergencies and providing a list of items that should be readily available if an emergency were to occur including documents, medications, who to share your plan with, and other important contacts/information.
- For members, we will be serving pizza and refreshment. In addition, Cris Brown from Foothill Acres Rehabilitation & Nursing Center will be hosting Jeopardy game (1 hour).
- 9/14/23 | Elizabeth Romanoux, founder of the Princeton Einstein Museum of Science, will be our guest speaker. In addition, Caitlyn Meador from Foothill Acres Rehab and Nursing Center will be hosting Bingo.
- 10/12/23 | Guest speaker, Detective Chris Bleistine, will be talking on how to avoid scams. Afterwards, Lorri Woodward will be entertaining us for an hour with your favorite songs from the '50, '60 and '70.
- 11/9/23 | Joshua O'Neal from the Office of Aging and Disability Services of Somerset County will discuss Medicare and Medicare Assistance programs.
- 12/7/23 | Holiday Party – Cost is \$5. Date TBD. (Will try to coincide when the Senior Wellness Center is closed)
- or
12/14/23

July 27, 2023

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Event/Trip Plan

8/5/23 (Sat) 2:00pm	“Bye Bye Birdie” at the Kelsey Theatre. All tickets sold and distributed.
8/13/23 (Sun) 5:05pm 6 Tickets Left as of 7/19	Somerset Patriots at Patriot Park in Bridgewater, 15 miles away. Baseball game and all-you-can-eat barbeque buffet is \$35. Buffet service is from 4:00pm to 5:30pm. Gates open at 4:00pm. In addition, first 1,500 adults and 500 kids will get a promotional T-shirt. Committed to 30 tickets. Transportation is not provided. Payment due at the August meeting. Checks are preferred, payable to "Montgomery Twp Senior Citizens".
8/17/23 (Thurs) 10:00am	Birthday Breakfast at the Star Diner in Hillsborough. Free for those with birthdays from May to August. Others pay \$10. <u>Choices are from a select menu.</u>
8/26/23 (Sat) 3:00pm	“All Shook Up” at the Music Mountain Theatre in Lambertville. All tickets sold. Pick up tickets at the August meeting upon payment for those who has signed up.
9/8-24/23 (3 Weekends)	Somerset Valley Players “It’s Only a Play”. Friday and Saturday: 8pm; Sunday: 2:00pm. Order tickets directly with SVP. A code will be provided via email to members for a discount of \$2 for online orders. Special discount of \$3 per show when ordering “It’s Only a Play”, “The Miracle Worker” and “It’s a Wonderful Life” on the same order. Regular price is \$18 for seniors/students and \$20 for others. The Somerset Valley Playhouse is located at 689 Amwell Road (Route 514), Hillsborough, NJ 08844. See separate email to members for additional ordering details.

Show Description

It's the opening night of The Golden Egg on Broadway, and the wealthy producer Julia Budder is throwing a lavish party in her lavish Manhattan townhouse. Downstairs the celebrities are pouring in, but the real action is upstairs in the bedroom, where a group of insiders have staked themselves out to await the reviews: the excitable playwright; the possibly unstable director; the pill-popping leading lady, and the playwright's best friend. Add to this a drama critic and a new-in-town aspiring singer, and you have a prime recipe for the narcissism, ambition, childishness, and just plain irrationality that infuse the theatre—and for comedy.

** Please note there is Adult Language in this production. **

10/3/23
(Tues)
Departs Elks
Lodge at
9:15am

Oktoberfest – Bus trip to the Brownstone (351 West Broadway, Paterson, NJ). Cost is \$70 (bus, entertainment and lunch) for members and guests of members. **Sign up at the August meeting and payment due at the September meeting.** Guests will need to sign a waiver form.

This is a spectacular celebration of the arrival of autumn. Fantastic Alex Meixner and his band of Grammy Award nominated musicians put on an incomparable display of musical virtuosity. Combine this with authentic German dancing and bell ringing by Alys Schaefer.

Family-Style Menu

Two Complementary Drinks	Warm Rolls
Fresh Garden Salad	Cream of Mushroom Soup
Knockwurst	Roast Chicken
Roasted Potatoes	String Beans Almondine
Dessert, Coffee, Tea	Free Soda on table all day

Program

9:15 – Bus departs from Elks Lodge*
11:00 – Arrival at Brownstone
11:30-12:30 only – Bar open
11:30 – Show begins with a Dance Set

12:00-12:30 – Soup or Pasta is served
12:30 – Lunch (main course) is served
1:15 – Door Prizes and 50/50 are announced
1:30 – 2:15 First Act
2:15 – Intermission
2:40 – 3:25 Second Act
5:30 – Return to Elks Lodge

* The Elks Lodge is located at 354 Georgetown Franklin Turnpike (Route 518), Skillman, NJ 08558.

10/20/23-
11/5/23
(3 Weekends)

Somerset Valley Players “The Miracle Worker”. Friday and Saturday: 8pm; Sunday: 2:00pm. Order tickets directly with SVP. A code will be provided via email to members for a discount of \$2 for online orders. Regular price is \$18 for seniors/students and \$20 for others. See separate email to members for additional ordering details.

Show Description

The story of Annie Sullivan and her student, Helen Keller, who lost her sight and hearing at the age of 19 months. With compassion, humor and dramatic tension, "The Miracle Worker" explores the volatile relationship between a lonely teacher and her headstrong charge.

11/16/23
(Thurs)
10:00am

Birthday Breakfast at the Star Diner in Hillsborough. Free for those with birthdays from September to December. Others pay \$10. Choices are from a select menu.

12/1-17/23
(3 Weekends)

Somerset Valley Players “It’s a Wonderful Life”. Friday and Saturday: 8pm; Sunday: 2:00pm. For new orders, purchase tickets directly with SVP. A code will be provided via email to members for a discount of \$2 for online orders. Regular price is \$18 for seniors/students and \$20 for others. See separate email to members for additional ordering details.

Show Description

It's a Wonderful Life is an adaptation of Frank Capra's masterpiece film. This is the saga of George Bailey, the Everyman from the small town of Bedford Falls, whose dreams of escape and adventure have been squashed by family obligations and civic duty, and whose guardian angel has to descend on Christmas Eve to save him from despair, and to remind him – by showing him what the world would have been like had he never been born – that he has had, after all, a wonderful life.

2/3/24 (Sat)
2:00pm or
2/4/24 (Sun)
1:00pm
[Idea]

“Annie” at State Theatre NJ. State Theatre NJ is located at 15 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 about 18 miles from the Montgomery Senior Center. Group discount is 10% for groups of 10-14 and 15% for 15-19. Transportation is not provided. Ticket prices range from \$40 - \$105 before any discount or fees. There are already very few tickets left and the seats are spread out especially for lower price tickets.