

Montgomery Senior Citizens

November, 2023 Newsletter

Dear Fellow Members and Friends,

Our next meeting is on Thursday, November 9th, 1:00PM at the Otto Kaufman Community Center. Guest speaker will be Laurie Roome, Director of the Somerset County Volunteer Services. She leads the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) that provides opportunities for seniors to bring their unique skillsets and experiences to help others and make a difference in their community. Another purpose of RSVP is to provide volunteer assistance to help seniors in our community to improve their quality of life, from handyman services to tax preparation to Medicare counseling and more. Whether you want to volunteer or need help from one of our many volunteer programs, this program is here to help. Ms. Roome will discuss how this program can change your life for the better. Coffee, tea and dessert will be served.

During the meeting, you will have the opportunity to sign up and pay for many events:

1. Final chance to sign up and pay (if applicable) for the next Birthday Breakfast to be held on November 16th to celebrate those whose birthday are from September to December.
2. Final chance to sign up and pay for the Holiday Party to be held on December 14th at the Otto Kaufman Community Center.
3. Final chance to sign up and pay for “Broadway Bound” at the Somerset Valley Players for guaranteed seating. There are nine dates to choose from.
4. Sign up and pay for “Dreamgirls”. There are limited tickets remaining.
5. Sign up and pay for “Trailblazing Women of Country - A Tribute to Patsy, Loretta, and Dolly” There are limited tickets remaining.

Details of each event including date/time, cost and description are in the attached Calendar.

We hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Respectfully,

Montgomery Senior Citizens Executive Committee

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Montgomery Senior Citizens Calendar

Program Plan

- 11/9/23 | Laurie Roome, Director of the Somerset County Volunteer Services, is our guest speaker. She leads the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) that provides opportunities for seniors to bring their unique skillsets and experiences to help others and make a difference in their community. Another purpose of RSVP is to provide volunteer assistance to help seniors in our community to improve their quality of life, from handyman services to tax preparation to Medicare counseling and more. Whether you want to volunteer or need help from one of our many volunteer programs, this program is here to help. Ms. Roome will discuss how this program can change your life for the better.
- 12/14/23 | Holiday Party at the Kaufman Community Center. Cost is \$5. Final sign-
12:00pm up and payment are at the **November** meeting.

October 27, 2023

Montgomery Senior Citizens

Event/Trip Plan

10/20/23-
11/5/23
(3 Weekends)
Your choice of
date

“The Miracle Worker” at the Somerset Valley Players located at 689 Amwell Road (Rte 514), Hillsborough, NJ 08844. Friday and Saturday: 8pm; Sunday: 2:00pm. Order tickets directly with SVP. A code has been 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. Final sign-up and payment are at the **November** meeting. Choices are from a select menu.

12/1-17/23
(3 Weekends)
Your choice of
date

“It’s a Wonderful Life” at the Somerset Valley Players located at 689 Amwell Road (Rte 514), Hillsborough, NJ 08844. Friday and Saturday: 8pm; Sunday: 2:00pm. For Opening Night, 12/1, there is a party held on the set after the performance. Enjoy refreshments, look over the set and meet the performers, production staff and director of the production. All at no additional cost.

For new orders, purchase tickets directly with SVP. A code has been 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.

1/19/24 –
2/4/24
(3 Weekends)
Your choice of
date

“Broadway Bound” at the Somerset Valley Players located at 689 Amwell Road (Rte 514), Hillsborough, NJ 08844. Friday and Saturday: 8pm; Sunday: 2:00pm. For Opening Night, 1/19, there is a party held on the set after the performance. Enjoy refreshments, look over the set and meet the performers, production staff and director of the production. All at no additional cost.

Cost is \$20 for senior members and non-members, and \$22 for adults. Final sign-up and payment for guaranteed tickets are at the **November** meeting

Regular price is \$22 for seniors/students and \$24 for others.
(Approximate running time = 2.5 hours including intermission)

Show Description

The final installment in Simon's autobiographical trilogy. You don't need to have seen Brighton Beach Memoirs and Biloxi Blues to enjoy it, but if you have, this play brings closure to the Jerome family story as they go through big life changes when Eugene and his brother, Stan, are hired as comedy writers for CBS.

1/21/24
(Sunday)
2:00pm

“Into the Woods” at the Kelsey Theatre located at 1200 Old Trenton Rd., West Windsor, NJ 08550 (campus of Mercer County Community College). Tickets are all sold out. Distribution of tickets is at the **November** meeting.

Show Description

James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim take everyone's favorite storybook characters and bring them together in a timeless, yet

relevant, Tony Award-winning musical. Equally funny, enchanting and touching fairy tale, with a twist, the story follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. As their individual adventures begin to overlap and their wishes are granted, the characters learn to be careful what you wish for, as it might come true!

3/23/23
(Saturday)
2:00PM

“Dreamgirls” at the Matthews Theatre of McCarter Theatre Center located at 91 University Place, Princeton, NJ 08540. The cost is \$26 for members and \$31 for non-members. The regular price for these tickets is \$33 (\$25 plus \$8 service/facility fees).

We have purchased 20 tickets. Because the tickets are so limited, we had to buy the tickets without a sign-up period. We still have some tickets left. The tickets are available on a "first come, first serve" basis. The most expedient way for sign-up is to contact us via email or phone. Payment is due at the **November** meeting or during sign-up if after November meeting.

Show Description

A 1960s Motown girl group catches their big break in an amateur competition and rises from obscurity to superstardom. But will their friendship—and their music—survive the rapid rise from obscurity to pop super stardom? With dazzling costumes and powerhouse vocal performances, this smash hit sizzles with sparkling spirit and dance and features the unforgettable chart-topping hits, “And I am Telling You I’m Not Going” and “One Night Only.” A six-time Tony Award-winner and Grammy Award-winner, Dreamgirls followed a path from long-running hit on Broadway, to London’s West End, to a movie musical starring Beyoncé.

5/1/24
(Wednesday)
[Tentative]

“Ragtime” at the Dutch Apple Theatre (Lancaster, PA). Bus trip. Still in the planning stage. Approximate Run Time = 2 hrs 45 mins.

Show Description

Set in early twentieth century New York, three diverse American family tales are woven together. United by their courage, compassion, and belief in the future, they confront history's times, contradictions of wealth and poverty, freedom and prejudice, hope and despair.

4/14/24
(Sunday)
7:00pm

“Trailblazing Women of Country - A Tribute to Patsy, Loretta, and Dolly” at McCarter Theatre. The cost is \$26 for members and \$31 for non-members. The regular price for these tickets is \$33 (\$25 plus \$8 service/facility fees).

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Show Description

An all-woman ensemble performs works from three titans of country music that forever shaped the genre's voice, tone, and point of view.

4/19/24-
5/5/24
(3 Weekends)
Your choice of
date

“Ripcord” at the Somerset Valley Players located at 689 Amwell Road (Rte 514), Hillsborough, NJ 08844. Friday and Saturday: 8pm; Sunday: 2:00pm. For Opening Night, 4/19, there is a party held on the set after the performance. Enjoy refreshments, look over the set and meet the performers, production staff and director of the production. All at no additional cost.

Cost is \$20 for senior members and non-members, and \$22 for adults. Sign up at the January and February meeting for guaranteed seating. Payment is due at the February meeting. Distribution of tickets is at the March meeting. MSC membership for 2024 applies. Transportation is not provided.

Regular price is \$22 for seniors/students and \$24 for others.

Approximate running time = 2 hours including intermission

Show Description

Abby Binder makes life so miserable for her roommates at the Bristol Place Senior Living Facility that they change rooms when a bed becomes available. But not Marilyn Dunne, a relentlessly cheerful woman who grinds on Abby's nerves! The women make a bet to determine whether Marilyn stays or goes. Which one in this "odd couple" will win?

5/4/24
(Sat)
2:00pm

“Nonsense” at the Kelsey Theatre located at 1200 Old Trenton Rd., West Windsor, NJ 08550 (campus of Mercer County Community College). Cost is \$20 for members and \$24 for non-members. Sign up at the January and February meeting for guaranteed seating. Payment is due at the February meeting. Distribution of tickets is at the March meeting. MSC membership for 2024 applies. Transportation is not provided. For more information visit kelsey.mccc.edu/.

Regular ticket price is \$24 for senior/student and \$26 for adults. In addition, there is a \$1 service charge per ticket.

Show Description

After a bad batch of vichyssoise killed off fifty-two of the Little Sisters of Hoboken, the survivors emptied the coffers to bury the deceased, but ran out of cash before the last few bodies could be laid to rest! (Don't worry – they're in the kitchen freezer!). To raise funds, they decide to put on a variety show. Will their prayers be answered before the health department discovers their secret? With hilarious talent acts, tongue-in-cheek musical numbers, and help from the audience, the show – the 3rd longest running Off-Broadway musical -- will tickle your fancy.

10/18/24 –
11/3/24
(3 Weekends)

"Miss Holmes" at the Somerset Valley Players located at 689 Amwell Road (Rte 514), Hillsborough, NJ 08844. Friday and Saturday: 8 PM; Sunday: 2:00 PM. For Opening Night, 10/18, there is a party held on the set after the performance. Enjoy refreshments,

Your choice of date

look over the set and meet the performers, production staff and director of the production. All at no additional cost.

Cost is \$20 for senior members and non-members, and \$22 for adults. Sign up at the July and August meetings for guaranteed seating. Payment is due at the August meeting. Distribution of tickets is at the September meeting. Regular price is \$22 for seniors/students and \$24 for others.

Approximate running time = 2.5 hours including intermission

Show Description

In Walsh's enjoyable take on the famous detective, both Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson are women! This fast-paced mystery begins when a young wife receives an anonymous threatening letter and goes to 221B Baker Street for help. Miss Holmes faithfully follows the tradition established by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

12/6/24-
12/22/24
(3 Weekends)
Your choice of date

"Annie" at the Somerset Valley Players located at 689 Amwell Road (Rte 514), Hillsborough, NJ 08844. Friday and Saturday: 8 PM; Sunday: 2:00 PM. Special 2:00 PM Saturday matinee on 12/14. For Opening Night, 12/6, there is a party held on the set after the performance. Enjoy refreshments, look over the set and meet the performers, production staff and director of the production. All at no additional cost.

Sign up at the August and September meeting for guaranteed seating. Payment is due at the September meeting. Distribution of tickets is at the October meeting. Regular price is \$22 for seniors/students and \$24 for others. Approximate running time = 3 hours including intermission

Show Description

Leapin' Lizards! The irrepressible comic strip heroine takes center stage in one of the world's best-loved musicals. Full of great tunes and high spirits, Annie is a delightful, heartwarming way to prepare for the holidays!