ELDER NEWS

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023



Practical Information Related to Aging

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Rothchild Conference Center 8807 Kingston Pike in Knoxville

For 39 years, the Office on Aging has been proud to host its annual Aging: A Family Affair event, providing practical information related to aging. It's a fun day of workshops covering a variety of topics of interest to older adults, their families, caregivers, and professionals. We will have many vendors on hand offering programs and services for older adults. Lunch is provided with your registration.

We are honored to host Mia McNeil, State Director of AARP Tennessee, as she delivers the Peggy Wirtz Keynote Address.

Some of this year's workshop topics include:

- Estate Planning
- Medicare Update
- Stroke
- Exercise and Staying Active
- Gut Health and the Brain Connection
- Housing Issues



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Information & registration at knoxseniors.org



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mia McNeil

AARP TN, State Director



Mia joined the AARP Tennessee team as State Director in January of 2022. She brings a deep understanding of effective advocacy and community outreach. In her former role as Director of Government and Community Relations at the University of Michigan-Flint, she was responsible for managing community relationships and local, state, and

federal lobbying on behalf of the university.

Prior to her tenure at the University of Michigan, for nine years she was an attorney/lobbyist for Lansing-based multiclient lobbying firm Kelley Cawthorne PC, where she represented a broad portfolio of clients on a wide range of issues. In addition, Mia directed Michigan's Rock the Vote campaign and served on the legislative staff of Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Mia earned a J.D. from Thomas M. Cooley Law School and a B.A. from Tennessee State University, and she is very active invarious community organizations. She is a member of the Boards of Directors for the Pearls of Excellence Foundation and 100K Ideas. She is also a member of the State Bar of Michigan, Nashville Rotary Club, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®. ■

SENIOR JOB FAIR for everyone 50+

Wednesday, October 11

9:00 am - 11:00 am

O'Connor Senior Center

611 Winona St., 37917

Job opportunities in fields such as clerical, retail, service industry, home health care, hospitality industry, and more.

Questions? Call the Office on Aging at 865-524-2786.

The Senior Employment Service is a program of the CAC Office on Aging

AGING ADULT RESOURCE FAIR

Friday, October 20

10 am - 2 pm **Carter Senior Center** 9036 Asheville Highway, 37924

A wide variety of organizations and businesses that serve Knox County will be present to answer questions and explain programs that are available to assist familes, caregivers, and older adults in our community.

Medication Take Back

Bring your expired or unwanted medication for disposal

Free Document Shredding

Two legal boxes of documents per person











SENIOR CENTER OUTREACH

Stop by and get answers to your questions from staff at Senior Information and Referral!

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH SCHEDULE

September 6 - Karns Senior Center, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm September 7 - South Senior Center, 8:30 am - 10:30 am September 11 - West Senior Center, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm September 12 - Corryton Senior Center, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm September 18 - Halls Senior Center, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm September 19 - O'Connor Senior Center, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm **September 27** - Carter Senior Center, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

OCTOBER OUTREACH SCHEDULE

October 5 - South Senior Center, 8:30 am - 10:30 am October 10 - Corryton Senior Center, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm October 16 - West Senior Center, 9 am - 11 am October 17 - O'Connor Senior Center, 10 am - 12 pm October 23 - Halls Senior Center, 10 am - 12 pm October 25 - Carter Senior Center, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm October 31 - Karns Senior Center, 9 am - 11 am



The SIR office is located in the Ross Building at 2247 Western Avenue in Knoxville.

Call SIR at 865-546-6262



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The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) presents:

2023 SENIOR SAFETY SUMMIT





Are you prepared?

Join us for a senior resource fair with over 35 vendors representing emergency services, disaster response, medical resources, and organizations that help older adults with end of life planning. We will also have a COVID-19 vaccine clinic.



Friday, September 15 9 am - 12 pm O'Connor Senior Center 611 Winona Street

For more information, call 865-524-2786 or email rsvp@knoxseniors.org. *RSVP is a program of the CAC Office on Aging.*

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

What are commodities?

Commodities are a shelf-stable food program with food resources provided by USDA. Each household will receive two bags of food.

Who is eligible to receive food items?

Any low-income Knox County resident providing proof of residency with name and address (ID card, KUB bill, etc.) upon pick-up. One distribution per household.

How do I sign up?

No sign-up necessary. Just go to the pick-up location with your proof of Knox County residency and self-declaration of income will be required.

MOBILE MEALS KITCHEN/ MALCOLM MARTIN PARK

1747 Reynolds St.

Tuesday, Sept. 5 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

522 Maryville Pike

Monday, Sept. 11 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

O'CONNOR SENIOR CENTER 611 Winona St.

Friday, Sept. 15 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Commodities Distribution is a program of the CAC Nutrition Services.

TENNCARE CONNECT

PREPARE FOR YOUR TENNCARE REDETERMINATION AT O'CONNOR SENIOR CENTER (611 WINONA ST.)

GET FREE HELP WITH YOUR APPLICATION!

September 19, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm October 17, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm November 7, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm December 13, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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Questions?
Call the Office on Aging at 865-524-2786

Save the Date!



Saturday, February 17, 2024

6:00 pm—9:30 pm Rothchild Conference Center 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

Watch for more information in the next issue of Elder News & Views.



The Council on Aging presents

Your Best Shot: The Importance of Vaccines for Older Adults



with Denette Jackson, BSN, RN/Community Registered Nurse Navigator, East Region

> **September 14, 2023** 2:30 pm O'Connor Senior Center 611 Winona Street

As you get older, your immune system weakens and it can be more difficult to fight off infections. You're more likely to get diseases like the flu, pneumonia, and shingles — and to have complications that can lead to long-term illness, hospitalization, and even death. Join us as Denette Jackson with The University of Tennessee College of Nursing highlights the importance of vaccination, debunks common myths and misconceptions, and addresses the need for vaccinations later in life.

Denette Jackson is a registered nurse and graduate of East Tennessee State University. She is currently in pursuit of her doctorate degree at The University of Tennessee. Previous work experience includes women's health, public health, and medical/surgical acute care. She worked through the COVID-19 epidemic at The University of Tennessee Medical Center and later at Knox County Health Department. It was at Knox County Health Department on the Community Vaccine Team that she discovered her passion for working with trusted community leaders to improve the health of her community.

Currently, she is the East Region Community Registered Nurse at The University of Tennessee College of Nursing. In this role, she works with trusted community leaders to provide education and opportunities for vaccination.

This event is free and open to the public! **Questions? Call 865-524-2786**



WANT TO JOIN THE COUNCIL ON AGING? See page 10.



Join us for lunch! 11 am - 1 pm **Monday - Friday**

O'Connor Senior Center

611 Winona St, 37917

ARE YOU RAISING YOUR GRANDCHILD OR THE CHILD OF A RELATIVE?

You are not alone. Over 2.5 million grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren. Grandparents as Parents (GAP) is committed to making a difference in the lives of relative caregivers and the youth they care for by encouraging and supporting, providing education, and connecting them to valuable resources. There are no age or income requirements to join GAP. For more information, call 865-524-2786.

GAP Needs Sponsors, Board Games, Art Kits & More for Family Game Nights

You can support grandfamilies through the holidays in two ways:

BECOME A SPONSOR

Make a child's, grandparent's or grandfamilies' Holiday Season special by being a sponsor. Call GAP for more information.

DONATE GAMES & THINGS

Donate new or gently-loved board games/cards for family game nights, puzzles, art kits, books, toiletries, family game night snacks, or gift cards.

Donations may be dropped off at the CAC Ross Building, 2247 Western Ave. Call the Grandparents as Parents program to schedule a contactless drop off. Call 865-524-2786.

Donations will be accepted now through November 30.

GAP addresses the unique needs of grandparents and family caregivers raising children whose parents were unable to care for them. GAP provides several programs, support meetings, resources and referrals to help families on their caregiving journey. There are no age or income requirements to join this free program. Call our office to join GAP and receive the monthly newsletter and other information.

Call GAP at 865-524-2786

Learn more about GAP at knoxseniors.org/grandparents.

There, you will also find helpful resources such as our Grandparents as Parents Guidebook.

Grandparents as Parents (GAP) is a program of the CAC Office on Aging.

O'CONNOR CENTER'S SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER SCHEDULES



Classes are subject to change. Please visit our Facebook page (facebook.com/oconnorseniorcenter) or call us at 865-523-1135 for a list of current programming as activities may have been added after the time of calendar submission for this publication.

The O'Connor Senior Center will be closed on Monday, September 4th, for Labor Day.

PHYSICAL FITNESS - HEALTH EDUCATION - HEALTH SCREENING

Blood Glucose Checks: Thursdays, \$1.50. A 12-hour fast is recommended to ensure a correct reading.

Blood Pressure Checks: Monday-Friday, 10:30 am-11:30 am.

Exercise – Arthritis Foundation: Tuesdays and Thursdays. Designed for anyone with arthritis or related health issues – reduce pain and stiffness, maintain joint range of motion, improve muscle strength, endurance, balance, and coordination. In addition to exercise, the O'Connor Nurse ensures the class meets your daily requirement of fun and fellowship.

Advanced Class has good physical exertion; **Basic Class** offers seated exercise with limited physical exertion.

Health Fair & CarFit: September 22, 8:30 am -12:00 pm. TOUCHDOWN FOR GOOD HEALTH! Join us for our annual Health Fair - complimentary screenings and health information. Knox County Health Department will be conducting balance screenings. We will have flu and COVID-19 vaccinations. Call 865-523-1135 to schedule an appointment for a balance screening and your flu shot. CARFIT CHECKUP! Learn how to make your car "fit" you. This is an educational program developed by AAA, AARP, and American Occupational Therapy Association. The checkup takes about 20 minutes. This is not a driving test or mechanical inspection. Call 865-523-1135 to schedule your CARFIT appointment.

Loss & Life Changes Support Group: Mondays. Support Group led by Pat Green, Group Leader/Social Worker and Bereavement Counselor.

Newcomers are welcome to this informal time of sharing which always ends on a positive note. Call ahead for information.

KCBC Mammogram Van: Appointments must be made in advance by calling KCBC at 865-583-1003.

Taoist Tai Chi Set Practice: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 am. Instruction unavailable at this time for Taoist Tai Chi.

Tai Chi for Arthritis: Mondays at 10:00 am. Improve balance, reduce stress and obtain arthritis pain relief through slow, gentle movement.

Qigong: Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Integrate physical postures and breathing techniques, along with focused attention, to improve health, healing and increase flexibility and balance.

Thursday Walkers: This group meets in the community at parks and greenways to get in their exercise, enjoy the outdoors, and fellowship. Currently in search of a volunteer to help lead walks. For information, call 865-523-1135.

Toenail Clipping Clinic by Appointment Only: Cost is \$12. Call 865-523-1135 to schedule an appointment. Sept. 6, 13, 27 and Oct. 4, 11

Yoga: Cost is \$3. This class is adaptive for all participation levels. Taught by Susan French, ACE Group Fitness Instructor Certified by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies.

Artist & Crafter's Window, September 13, 11:30 am. Members have a love for expressing through all types of art; including - crafts, music, and upcycling or making old items new again. Join our group if you are interested in sharing your creative side, sharing ideas, and a time to socialize. Membership is \$3. Call the Center at 865-523-1135 for more information.

Billiards: Come and play a friendly game of billiards. Bring a friend to shoot some pool anytime the center is open!

Bingo: Enjoy this friendly game on Mondays at 1:00 pm.

Cards & Games: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30. pm Enjoy a game of cards, Rummikub,

or a relaxed table game with new friends! Instruction available.

Commodities Distribution: Friday, September 15, 9:00 am -12:00 pm. Commodities are a shelf stable food program with food resources provided by USDA. Each household will receive 2 bags of food. Any low-income Knox County resident providing proof of residency with name & address (ID card, KUB bill, etc.) upon pick-up. One distribution per household. No sign-up necessary. Just go to pick-up location with your proof of Knox County residency and self-declaration of income will be required.

Concert Band: Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Pick up and dust off your old instrument because

we're looking for new members! Trumpet, trombone, tuba, clarinet, and flutes etc. are all welcome. Call group leader Linda 865-640-1856 for more information. Also see "Jazz Band".

Creative Writers Workshop: Meets 2nd and 4th Monday. Classes for aspiring and experienced writers. There is a story in all of us! Call for more information.

Dance:

Intro to Line Dance: Tuesdays. For those with no line dance experience. \$2/class.

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Beginner Ballroom Dancing: Instruction available on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday by Gaberial Akers, Professional Ballroom Instructor from Timeless Ballroom, will be teaching this fun class. Put on your dancing shoes and join us! \$3/class.

Beyond Ballroom Dancing: For those who know the basics but would like learn more technique; available on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday by Gaberial Akers, Professional Ballroom Instructor from Timeless Ballroom, will be teaching this fun class. Put on your dancing shoes and join us! \$3/class.

Beginner Line Dance: Wednesdays. No experience necessary. \$2/class.

Intermediate Line Dance: Mondays. For those with moderate experience. \$2/class.

Dine-a-Mite Diner: Stop by for a lunch-time meal 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

Flower Lovers Garden Club: 2nd Fridays at 12:00 pm. Come for the knowledge, stay for the friendships. Call the volunteer group leader, Sharon, for more information and additional meeting times at 865-640-5700. New members are always welcome!

Fun Film Friday: Enjoy a weekly movie every Friday at 1:00 pm. Call to register and for the movie title. Light snacks provided, donations appreciated.

French (Intermediate): Tuesdays. We cover culture, language, and history in this class. Intermediate students welcome; students should have a basic knowledge of grammar and an interest in finessing and improving listening and speaking skills. Enjoy expanding your French vocabulary! Oui? Peut-être? Call the Center for more information.

German: Thursdays. Intermediate students welcome; students should have a basic knowledge of grammar and an interest in finessing and improving listening and speaking skills. Enjoy expanding your German vocabulary!

Greenhouse: Open Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Bring your troubled houseplants for hands on care, repotting assistance, and general growing advice. If you cannot bring your plant, a photograph will do. You can also stop by and give us a hand with repotting and care of the Center's greenhouse plants. We also have plants for sale. No registration required. Plant Care Volunteer Needed! We are seeking volunteers to help care for plants inside the O'Connor Center – help us turn the Center into a jungle oasis! Call 865-523-1135.

Italian (Intermediate): Tuesdays. Intermediate students welcome; students should have a basic knowledge of grammar and an interest in finessing and improving listening and speaking skills. Enjoy expanding your Italian vocabulary!

Jazz Band: Wednesdays after Concert Band rehearsal. Call group leader Linda 865-640-1856 for more information. Also see "Concert Band".

Jam Band: Fridays. Any type of musician or genre is welcome to play or just hangout and listen with this chill and eclectic group!

Knitting & Crocheting: Thursdays. Meet new friends and enjoy crocheting in this low key social group. Crochet may be a good alternative for crafters who have set aside more intricate crafts due to vision loss or loss of mobility in the hands. Bring your own craft to work on; instructions and advice provided for beginners, and newcomers are always welcome!

Library: The O'Connor Center Community Library is open! Volunteers organize, sort, and shelve all books. Feel free to stop by and peruse the collection. All of the books in our library are donations. We can use books that are in good condition. Large print books are needed - mysteries, novels and non-fiction. Donations must be hardback and are accepted during business hours. Books can be dropped off at the front desk or the library hallway.

Mahjong: Mahjong classes for beginners offered on Mondays. Call to register for this class.

Painting Open Studio: Tuesdays. Painting studio open to participants to work on their own paintings. Call for more information.

Ping Pong: Fridays at 8:30 am. Beginners and experts are all welcome. We'll play games of single players or bring a friend to play doubles.

Spanish:

Beginner – Wednesdays. Hola! We'll be guided by "Madrigal's Magic Key to Spanish", an accessible and affordable basic textbook. Call the Center at 865-523-1135 to sign up or express interest.

Advanced - Fridays. Class is conversational.

Co-Ed Softball: The Knoxville Senior Co-ed Softball League — for men 60 and older and for women 50 and older — plays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am Tuesdays and Thursdays, April through October, at Caswell Park. Our non-competitive league plays for fun and exercise. All skill levels welcome. Cost: \$10 for entire season. 865-424-0933.

Technology Tutoring: Available one-on-one appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays for computer questions and answers. Please call to schedule an appointment with our volunteers.

Tech volunteer needed! Currently seeking volunteers to help our seniors navigate the technological world. No need to be an expert; if you're tech savvy and patient call us at 865-523-1135. All ages are encouraged to apply!

Texas Hold 'Em: Wednesdays. Enjoy fellowship and competition with experienced and inexperienced card players; newcomers welcome!

Woodcarving: Fridays. Woodcarvers of all abilities are welcome and instruction is available. Bring tools and something to carve on. Call for more information.

LUNCH & LEARN

If you are always looking to increase your knowledge and learn something new, this is the program for you! We will be featuring an educational speaker once or twice a month to talk on topics that are pertinent to you. Call ahead to register. Diner lunch is provided and donations are appreciated.

All About Vaccines.

Monday, September 18, 11:30 am

Denette Jackson, from The University of Tennessee College of Nursing, will present information on routine immunizations for Flu, Pneumonia, Tetanus, and Shingles. She will answer any questions you may have about safety, efficacy and side effects. She can review schedules and records if requested.

Bulging Belly? How to Know If It Is Extra Weight or Hernia!

Monday, October 2, 11:30 am

Not all belly bulges are the result of excess fat or weight gain. Dr. Kaela Blake, University Surgical Associates, will present this informative talk. Learn more about the signs that may reveal you have an issue that needs attention.

Proton Therapy

Monday, October 23, 11:30 am

Proton Therapy is one of the most innovative and advanced forms of radiation treatments available. Shauna Oakley & Nikki Dickson, from the Thompson Proton Center, will be discussing how it works. They will, also, highlight the world-class cancer care, screening and prevention, and patient support services that Thompson Cancer Survival Center provides.



SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM SPONSORS

In Mobile Meals' Adopt-A-Senior program, you can provide Mobile Meals for a month, or more, for a homebound senior citizen for \$80 a month. Your contribution will be recognized in this list in the next newsletter issue following your donation. For information about Adopt-A-Senior, call the Senior Nutrition Program, 865-524-2786. The following people and organizations contributed to Mobile Meals in May and June 2023.

MOBILE MEALS

Anonymous (46) Barbara Abner Wilbur Adkins Diana Amann **Bob Andres Ieffrey Austin**

Auto-Owners Insurance Company Robert M Bartholomew

Don & Ruth Batten

Bearden United Methodist Church Beaver Creek Cumberland

Presbyterian Church

Lee Benedetti Kenneth Bielak David Breckenridge Melissa Brenneman Joyce Brown

Robert and Mary Bryant

William Bugg

Blake and Marcus Bumgarner

Matthew Buttrev T. Gaile Caudle Connie Cole

Church

Colonial Heights United Methodist

Kevin Cook Gary Cooper **Covenant Health Dominick Dalonges** Karen Dotson Peggy Duffy Julie Elepano Wayne & Jo Evans

Farragut Presbyterian Church

Fidelity Charitable Dr. & Mrs. Howard Filston

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Wilson Horde Terry Hummel

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Knoxville Fire Fighters Association Local 65

Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union

DeMonte Lackey

Charles & Annette Levin Diana Lee Loper

Debbie Lowe

Gloria Ann Lunsford

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Mount Olive Baptist Church

Katelyn Mull John & Janet Mullins Pintail Capital Partners Dawson E. Patty Deborah Perry

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John & Elizabeth Smith **Smithwood Baptist Church**

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Hanno & Carol Weitering **Anthony White** Gary Wolfe

James and Nancy Wright

Hubert Wrushen

MOBILE MEALS IN HONOR OR MEMORY

In Memory of Kenneth Crowell Roberts

by Anonymous

In Memory of Mary Ellen Keith

by Anonymous

In Memory of Emma Lou Coffin

by John & Lynn Blackburn In Honor of Dave and Mary Fredna **Danford**

by Ms. Ola Blackmon-McBride

In Honor of Wilma Templin-Branner by Chris & Mari Brooks In Honor of Susan Long

by Anna Haese

In Honor of June Trbovich by L Russell Hagood

In Honor of Nancy Bohannon by Evelyn Cherry & Frank Herring

In Honor of June Trbovich by Michael & Nancy Lofaro

In Honor of Nancy and Chuck Maland by Dr. Reuben & Barbara Pelot

In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hoskins

by Barbara Ryan

In Honor of Charley Wood by Robert Aldridge Jr.

In Memory of Emma Lou Coffin by Pat Chester

In Memory of Emma Lou Coffin

R.J. and Lynn Coker

In Memory of Emma Lou Coffin

by Catherine Cooper In Memory of Dorothy Frost

by Callie H Cullom

In Memory of Emma Lou Coffin by Kay and Gerry Eastman

In Memory of Emma Lou Coffin by Ed & Sharon Penico

In Memory of Emma Lou Coffin

by Mary Jane Elmore

In Memory of Emma Lou Coffin

by Kathryn Howard

In Memory of Emma Lou Coffin

by John and Kimberly Googe In Memory of Emma Lou Coffin

by William W Jones

In Memory of Emma Lou Coffin

by Judith R Lantz

In Memory of Jim Brannon

by David & Susan Long

In Memory of Ann Campbell Payne

by Matlock Tire Service

In Memory of Emma Lou Coffin

by Kim McMillan

In Memory of Emma Lou Coffin by John and Elizabeth Preston

In Memory of Jim Brannon

by Nancy Shackelford

In Memory of Emma Lou Coffin

by Wynn Ware

In Memory of Emma Lou Coffin

by James R Watterson

In Memory of Nancy Bohannon

by Gary & Patti West

In Memory of Emma Lou Coffin by Charlotte Whaley-Perez

"When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed."

Maya Angelou



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LOOKING FOR PLAYERS!

The Knoxville Senior Co-ed Softball League is looking for players to play the rest of the season, which ends in October.

The league plays April through October on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am - 11 am at Caswell Park.

Call 865-424-0933 for more information.

- For men 60+ and women 50+
- Non-competitive
- All skill levels welcome
- Cost: \$10 for entire season

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ELDER ABUSE: SELF-NEGLECT

Self-neglect occurs when an older adult becomes unable to meet their basic daily needs. Self-neglect in older adults does not involve a third-party perpetrator; however, it is still considered a form of elder abuse. Self-neglect by an older adult can put an already vulnerable person's health, safety, and well-being at risk.

What are the signs of self-neglect?

- Lack of essential food, clothing, or shelter
- Malnutrition and/or dehydration
- Poor personal hygiene
- Unkempt appearance
- Neglecting household maintenance
- Living in unsanitary conditions
- Neglecting needed medical treatment
- Inability or unwillingness to take medication or treat illness or injury

For more information or resources on self-neglect and other forms of elder abuse, please contact the Rise Above Crime program at the CAC Office on Aging.



865-524-2786

Are you an advocate for older adults in Knoxville and Knox County?

JOIN THE COUNCIL ON AGING!

The Knoxville-Knox County Council on Aging is the advisory body to the Office on Aging. Membership is open to organizations and individuals and we are looking for members!

Any older adult or retiree group, community organization, or agency providing services to older people as well as any adult interested in older adult issues in Knoxville or Knox County is eligible for membership. There are no dues or membership fees.

An elected Executive Committee handles the council business. but members have a voice at general meetings and vote on all important issues. The council meeting is held on the second Thursday of each month (except for July and August) at the O'Connor Center.

> Call 865-524-2786 for more information or to become a member.



GET VACCINATED. STAY VACCINATED.

The CAC Office on Aging has received a grant from the National Council on Aging to provide flu and COVID-19 vaccinations for older adults and people with disabilities. Vaccination clinics are being planned throughout the year for anyone who needs the flu shot or COVID-19 shot.

UPCOMING VACCINATION CLINICS

September 15

RSVP Senior Safety Summit O'Connor Senior Center 611 Winona Street 9 am -12 pm **COVID-19 Vaccine**

September 21

CAC Ross Building 2247 Western Avenue 10 am - 1pm **COVID-19 Vaccine**

September 22

O'Connor Health Fair O'Connor Senior Center 611 Winona Street 8:30 am - 12 pm **COVID-19** and Flu Vaccines

September 22

CAC Ross Building 2247 Western Avenue 1 pm - 3 pm Flu Vaccine

October 2

CAC East Center 4610 Asheville Highway 1 pm - 4 pm COVID-19 and Flu Vaccines

October 11

Senior Job Fair O'Connor Senior Center 611 Winona Street 9 am - 11 pm COVID-19 Vaccine

October 19

CAC Ross Building 2247 Western Avenue 10 am - 1 am COVID-19 Vaccine



Participants who receive the flu or COVID-19 vaccine will receive a \$10 Kroger gift card.

Please note: Dates and locations are subject to change. Call ahead to confirm the details before you go.

CAC Ross Building 865-546-3500

O'Connor Senior Center 865-523-1135

CAC East Center 865-546-5125







This COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccine Uptake Initiative for Older Adults and People with Disabilities is supported with funding from the Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Medicare Open Enrollment Period is from October 15 through December 7

To help beneficiaries make sometimes confusing decisions, complete and reliable information about Medicare is available online at www.medicare.gov and at 1-800-633-4227.

In addition, the CAC Office on Aging offers a free service to people who would like assistance with research and choosing a plan. Assistance is available through Affordable Medicine Options for Seniors (AMOS).

Call the Office on Aging at 865-524-2786.

AN EVENT OF THE KNOX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



"S.A.I.L.* DAY IN THE PARK" FRIDAY, SEPT. 15, 2023 10:00 A.M.

COME JOIN US FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL S.A.I.L. DAY AT LAKESHORE PARK FOR A FUN HOUR OF EXERCISE, GREAT MUSIC, VARIOUS EXHIBITS (SEE BELOW). FOOD TRUCK, ICE CREAM TRUCK, RAFFLE DRAWING, & OTHER GIVEAWAYS.

EXHIBITS presented by:

*Stav Active & **Independent for Life**

- doTERRA Leah Crawford
- Equalize Sports & Therapeutic Massage Ingrid Beverly
- Knox Physical Therapy Dr. Lee Easley
- Lakeshore Park Conservatory Julieanne Foy
- LifeWave Ann Lorimer
- The Empirical Herbalist Ruth Shelton







Fore more information, contact rachel.frazier@knoxcounty.org, kat354@tds.net or call 865-215-5175

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THE COUNCIL ON AGING PRESENTS

THE LONGEST RESCUE

WITH CAPTAIN WILLIAM (BILL) A. ROBINSON

October 12, 2023 2:30 pm at O'Connor Center 611 Winona Street

From 1961 to 1973, the North Vietnamese and Vietcong held hundreds of Americans captive in North Vietnam, and in Cambodia, China, Laos, and South Vietnam. In North Vietnam alone, more than a dozen prisons were scattered in and around the capital city of Hanoi. American POWs in Vietnam struggled to survive horrid conditions, physical pain, and psychological deprivation, often for years on end. Local veteran, Captain Bill Robinson was one of those brave Americans. Join us as he tells his story of hope.

Bill Robinson was born in 1943 in Roanoke Rapids. North Carolina. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force on November 22, 1961, and was trained as a helicopter maintenance technician at Sheppard AFB, Texas. He deployed to Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai AFB, Thailand, with the 38th Air Rescue Squadron from April 1965 until his helicopter crashed during a rescue mission over North Vietnam and he was captured and taken as a Prisoner of War on September 20, 1965. After spending 2,703 days in captivity, MSgt Robinson was released during Operation Homecoming on February 12, 1973.



CAPTAIN WILLIAM (BILL) A. ROBINSON

This event is free and open to the public! **Questions? Call 865-524-2786**