

The Senior Scoop



A Publication of Berea's Active Senior Network

May & June 2013



The City of Berea will be offering lockboxes and smoke detectors for senior citizens and disabled residents beginning May 1.

The lockbox program will allow safe access to senior citizens in their homes during medical or other emergencies. The lockbox reduces the likelihood of property damage caused by first responders forcing entry into a home during an emergency. When an emergency call comes in, the Berea Police and Fire Divisions can call the dispatcher to find out the location of the lockbox, which can be unlocked by city safety personnel only.

Smoke detectors are available for households that do not currently have smoke detectors. Up to three smoke detectors can be installed depending on the household size. This program is intended for the safety of residents in hopes of preventing a loss of a life due to a fire. Please call Megan Pochatek at (440) 891-3316 if you are interested in this new and exciting program.

-Mayor Cyril Kleem

Safe Seniors Program - Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible for the lockbox and smoke detector program?

Residents who are disabled or 60 years old or older and own and occupy their home.

How much does it cost?

If your total household income is \$28,000 a year or less, the lockbox and smoke detectors are free. If you make over the income qualification, the cost of the lockbox is \$25 and the cost of the smoke detectors would be about \$13 each.

What is a lockbox?

A lockbox is a small metal box that is used to store items such as a house key and important medical information about the homeowner. The Berea Police and Fire Divisions will keep a master key that can open all the lockboxes in Berea.



Where will the lock box be installed?

The firefighters will determine the location when they arrive at your home.

What if I already have smoke detectors?

The purpose of this program is to install smoke detectors

in homes that do not currently have them. If you feel as though your smoke detectors may need new batteries, the Fire Division can test them for you and replace batteries if needed.

How does the program work?

- The eligible participant will complete a residential lockbox program application. The application will need your contact information as well as your medical conditions and emergency contact numbers.
- Along with an application, you must turn in a proof of income if you make under \$28,000 a year.
- Once the application is approved, the Berea Fire Division will contact you to set up a time when they can meet with you to install the lockbox.
- The participant will provide a spare house key to the Fire Division, which will determine where the best location is to install the lock box.

Whom do I contact for an application or for more information about the program?

Please call Megan Pochatek in the Community and Senior Services Department at (440) 891-3316 or e-mail mpochatek@cityofberea.org.

Bus Trips

Please note: Registration deadline for this bus trip has expired. This is just a reminder for those who have registered and paid. A footprint symbol indicates how much walking is involved with each trip: 1 footprint = Easy; 2 footprints = Moderate; 3 footprints = Active.

Roscoe Village Coshocton, Ohio

Wednesday, June 19 | Cost: \$23

Bus will begin boarding: at 7:45 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 276 E. Bagley Road

Departure: 8:15 a.m. | Returning: 6:45 p.m.



Island Hopping Sandusky, Ohio

Wednesday, Aug. 21 | Cost: \$36

Bus will begin boarding: at 7:15 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 276 E. Bagley Road

Departure: 7:45 a.m. | Returning: 8:45 p.m.

Payment due: July 19

Itinerary: Depart on a Goodtime Island Cruise to Kelley's Island where you will enjoy live entertainment and will experience a fun and exciting tram tour of Kelly's Island. Next you will cruise to Put-in-Bay where you will enjoy a luncheon buffet onboard of sliced ham, turkey and roast beef, Swiss & American cheese tray, lettuce, tomato & onion tray, deli breads & rolls, potato salad, homemade desserts, soft drink, coffee or tea. Feel free to shop and sight-see at the fun shops and on the island. Last you will take a cruise to Sandusky.



Bus Trip Registration: Island Hopping

- Phone registration only
- Berea residents have priority on bus trips
- Non-residents will be placed on a waiting list and will be charged the full rate of the trip
- Registration will begin **June 14 at 8:30 a.m.**
- Only two people per registration please.
- The bus hot line number is (440) 891-3316

Pre-registration and payment is required before every bus trip. Checks must be payable to The City of Berea and payment must be mailed to the Division of Community Services: Berea City Hall, 11 Berea Commons, Berea, Ohio 44017

Policies for Cancellation of Bus Trips:

*Last Revised: 2/26/09 - If you have already paid for a bus trip and decide to cancel your reservation, you must do so at least one week prior to the scheduled bus trip in order to receive a credit. You will not be reimbursed for the trip, but will receive a credit that can be applied toward the next bus trip. This credit is valid for only one year from the date of the cancellation. If the next bus trip you attend costs more than what you previously paid, you will be responsible for the remainder of the cost. However, if the trip costs less than what you previously paid, you will **NOT** be reimbursed the difference. If you have any questions regarding how the credit works or to cancel your reservation, please call the Division of Housing & Community Services.*

Clubs



Mystery Lover's Book Club Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 1 p.m. | FREE Active Senior Network Room

If you enjoy a good mystery book, then this club is for you! Members will meet the first Monday of each month in the Active Senior Network Room. Readers are required to get the book themselves from the library. Karen Scopel is the group leader and she can be reached for the book title at 234-2280 or call the Active Senior Network at 234-6080.

New faces are welcome at any time, so enjoy a good book with good company. A beverage and snack will be provided to those who register.

Monday, May 6

Make your reservation by May 4
(440) 234-6080

Monday, June 3

Make your reservation by June 1
(440) 234-6080

Estimated Senior Wheels Pickup Time for all Book Club meetings: 2:30 p.m.

Walking Club Meet & Greet Thursday, June 27 at 11 a.m. Active Senior Network Room

The walking club enables seniors to stay in shape and meet new friends while enjoying the outdoors. At the Meet & Greet, seniors will receive the walking routes for the eight-week program. We will walk rain or shine! Call (440) 234-6080 to register.

The first class will start on Thursday, July 11 at 10 a.m. The location will be given at the meet and greet. If you cannot attend the meet and greet, please call Michelle Skutt at (440) 234-6080 to obtain the necessary information.

Walking Club Eight-week session to begin July 11, 2013



The Active Senior Network Walking Club will meet every Thursday for eight weeks. The walking club will meet rain or shine at a different location each week. Walkers will learn stretching techniques and increase their walking mileage. Anyone can join at anytime, but please call first to find out where the group will be meeting next. Call Michelle Skutt (Walking Instructor) at (440) 234-6080.

Special Programs

Knit Wits & Quilting Bees

10 a.m. - Noon | FREE

Active Senior Network Room

Wednesday, May 15

Registration is due: May 14



Wednesday, June 12

Registration is due: June 11

Space is limited, so please make your reservation by calling (440) 234-6080.

Avoid those spring showers while crafting with friends in the Active Senior Network room. Quilting enthusiasts will be happy to know Carol Schneider is starting quilting classes. You don't have to knit or quilt to join in the fun. Bring the craft you enjoy most!

Space is limited, so please make your reservation by calling (440) 234-6080.

Estimated Senior Wheels pickup time: 12:30 p.m.

"Krafts with Karen"

Patriotic Wreaths Class

Wednesday, June 5

11 a.m. - Noon | \$10

Active Senior Network Room

Registration due: May 10

*Minimum enrollment required for class to be offered

Spend a morning with Krafty Karen creating a wreath for the upcoming Fourth of July holiday. If you can tie a knot, this craft is for you!

Space is limited, so please make your reservation by calling (440) 234-6080

Uno De Mayo

Wednesday, May 1

Noon - 1 p.m. | \$5

Active Senior Network Room

Registration for this event has passed.

This is just a reminder for those who have registered and paid.



Estimated Senior Wheels pickup time:
1:30 p.m.

Computer Access

Take advantage of the computers available to you at any time in the Active Senior Network Room. Check your e-mail, play games, surf the Internet, etc. A printer is available for your convenience.

Special Programs

Pizza Party

Wednesday, May 22

11 a.m. - Noon | \$2

Active Senior Network Room

Registration and payment due: May 14

"When the moon hits your eye it's like a big pizza pie, that's amore!" Join in the fun of a pizza party with musical entertainment. Enjoy two slices of pepperoni pizza, salad and a beverage.

Space is limited, so please make your reservation by calling (440) 234-6080.

Estimated Senior Wheels pickup time: 12:30 p.m.

Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, June 26

11 a.m. - Noon | \$2

Active Senior Network Room

Registration due: June 12



The season of summer is upon us what better way to greet the season of sunshine than with an ice cream social. Enjoy a tasty treat while being entertained!

Space is limited, so please make your reservation by calling (440) 234-6080 or drop off payment to the Active Senior Network Room drop box.

Estimated Senior Wheels pickup time: 12:30 p.m.



Perennial Exchange

Tuesday, May 7 | 9 - 11 a.m.

Active Senior Network Room | FREE

Bring bags or containers for plants

Registration due: April 30

Do you have an abundance of perennials? Here is your chance to share your plants and swap perennials you don't have. Bring two plants take two plants bring more take more the idea is to take as many plants as you bring. Share plants and your passion for gardening with other gardeners. Spring is in the air!

Estimated Senior Wheels pickup time: 11:30 a.m.

Fun & Games

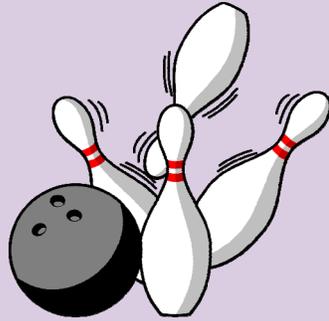
Wii Bowling Meet & Greet

June session will meet & greet on Thursday,
May 30 at 10 a.m.

Active Senior Network Room

See what the hype is all about with Wii Bowling! If you have not played before, this will be a perfect opportunity to learn how to play and the rules of the game.

The Wii Bowling League will be held Tuesday or Thursday for eight weeks. Times will vary depending on what time slot you have signed up for. If you are unable to make the meet and greet, but would like to participate, please call (440) 234-6080 to register and receive more information.



To register for the Meet & Greet, please call (440) 234-6080.

Estimated Senior Wheels pickup time: 11:30 a.m.

Wii Bowling League

Tuesdays or Thursdays beginning at 9:30 a.m.

League will begin the week of June 4 | FREE

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Details about the league:

- Eight weeks long
- Two players per team
- Each team will play two games each week
- Highest score overall will win the league

Wii Bowling Absentee Policy

*To ensure that the scores are posted in a timely fashion, the Active Senior Network staff is asking that if a player is not able to attend a week of bowling that he/she make it up. Making up a bowling session can be done by pre-bowling or by coming in the following week. Please call Michelle at 234-6080 to schedule a time. You can make up your bowling during Rec. Center hours. If you are unable to pre-bowl or come in the following week, a blind score of 140 per game will be added to the team total.

Board Game: Pictionary

Wednesday, May 8

11 a.m. – Noon | FREE

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Enjoy a morning of fun with friends while playing Pictionary.

Space is limited, so please make your reservation by calling (440) 234-6080. *Registration is due: May 1*

Estimated Senior Wheels pickup time: 12:30 p.m.

Fun & Games

Wii Golf

“FORE!!!!” Play a round of golf on the Wii Golf interactive video game. You will feel like you are actually out on the green as you tee off and putt just as you would on a regular golf course!

Registration is not required

Men's Wii Golf:

Every Monday at 9:30 a.m.
Active Senior Network Room
Cost: FREE



Estimated Senior Wheels pickup time: 11 a.m.

Women's Wii Golf:

Every Monday at 11 a.m.
Active Senior Network Room
Cost: FREE

Estimated Senior Wheels pickup time: 12:30 p.m.

Corn Hole

Every Friday from 10:30 a.m.- Noon
Active Senior Network Room | FREE

Corn Hole is a fun bean-bag toss game that is similar to horseshoes. Opponents take turns pitching their bean bags at the boards until a team scores 21 points. It's a fun and exciting game that has people of all ages playing. Learn how to play or perfect your playing skills, so you can show your grandkids how it is done at the next family get together!

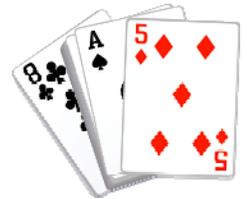
Registration is not required

Cards

Fridays from 1-3 p.m. | FREE

*No cards on Movie Days

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Try your hand at Pinochle, Bridge, Rummy or any card game you wish to play with other card players. Card games are subject to change depending on what others like to play.

Registration is not required

Monthly Luncheons

Tuesday, May 14 at noon
St. Paul Lutheran Church | \$5
Catering by Eastland Inn

Registration and payment due: May 7

It's time for the "Senior" Prom! Don Disantis will provide the music all you need are your dancing shoes.

Space is limited, so please make your reservation by calling (440) 234-6080 or drop off payment to the Active Senior Network Room drop box.

Estimated Senior Wheels pickup time: 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11 at noon
Coe Lake Pavilion | \$5
Rain Location St. Paul Lutheran Church

Registration and payment due: June 4

Safety Director Kenneth Adams will discuss the Berea Safe Seniors program and the procedure for use of the lockbox.

Space is limited, so please make your reservation by calling (440) 234-6080 or drop off payment to the Active Senior Network Room drop box.

Estimated Senior Wheels pickup time: 1:30 p.m.

Brown Bag Buddies
Wednesday, May 29
11 a.m. - Noon | FREE
Coe Lake Pavilion
Registration due: May 28

The birds are singing and the trees are blooming. Spring is in the air! Enjoy lunch al fresco at the beautiful Coe Lake Pavilion. Pack a lunch and share an afternoon with friends.

Estimated Senior Wheels pickup time: 12:30 p.m.



Once you sign up for the Boxed Lunch & Movie, you will need to pay and give your lunch order one week in advance. You may drop off your money in the Active Senior Network drop box, the Active Senior Network Office or at Berea City Hall.

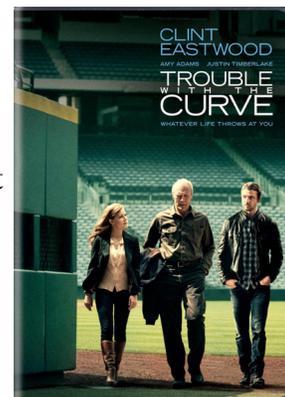
Movie: "Trouble with the Curve,"

Drama (PG13)

Friday, May 18 at noon | \$5
Active Senior Network Room

Registration and payment due: May 11

An expert but aging baseball scout is joined by his daughter on his latest trip. Forced to spend time together for the first time in years, each reveals long-held truths about their past. Starring Clint Eastwood, Amy Adams and Justin Timberlake.



Estimated Senior Wheels pickup time: 2:30 p.m.

Movie: "Hope Springs,"

Comedy/Drama/Romance (PG 13)

Friday, June 15 at noon | \$5
Active Senior Network Room

Registration and payment due: June 8

Kay and Arnold are a devoted couple, but decades of marriage have left Kay wanting to spice things up and reconnect with her husband. When she hears of a renowned couple's specialist in the small town of Hope Springs, she attempts to persuade her skeptical husband, a steadfast man of routine, to get on a plane for a week of marriage therapy. Just convincing the stubborn Arnold to go on the retreat is hard enough - the real challenge for both of them comes as they shed their bedroom hang-ups and try to re-ignite the spark that caused them to fall for each other in the first place. Starring Meryl Streep, Tommy Lee Jones and Steve Carell.



Hope Springs

Estimated Senior Wheels pickup time: 2:30 p.m.

2013 Senior Grass Cutting, Leaf Raking and Snow Removal Application

Berea is one of the few communities that continues to offer Grass cutting, Leaf raking and Snow removal. These programs are available to income-eligible senior residents who meet all qualifications:

- Be a senior citizen (60 yrs or older) or disabled
- Own and occupy the home in Berea
- Make \$28,000 a year or less
- Not reside with an able-bodied individual
- Must provide proof of income for every individual in the home

Applications were mailed out March 1. If you meet all qualifications and did not receive an application, please call (440)891-3316.

Become an Active Senior Network Sponsor

The Active Senior Network has grown over the three years it has been open, and we are continuing to provide fun programs and activities for senior citizens at a low cost. Sponsorship packages are now available to offer advertising opportunities to businesses and organizations. Your sponsorship will enrich our neighborhood by encouraging older adults to remain active and engaged. Please call Megan Pochatek at (440) 891-3316 for more information or visit www.cityofberea.org.

Summer Band Concerts At Coe Lake

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy your summer evenings listening to the Summer Band Concerts at Coe Lake. Concerts start at 7:30 p.m. and go until 9 p.m. every Friday starting in mid June through the first week in August.

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| June 14: | Haywire |
| June 21: | Hollywood Slim Band |
| June 28: | New Century Beatniks |
| July 12: | Northcoast Jazz Collective |
| July 19: | Ronnie Fiorentino |
| July 26: | Don Disantis |
| Aug. 2: | Clayton Brothers |
| Aug. 9: | TBD– Sponsored by Berea Arts Fest |



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SENIOR SCOOP SPOTLIGHT

