

FOREST PARK SENIOR NEWS

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November December 2025

Dear Friends:

As the days fade and it gets colder, we find the holiday season is upon us again! We have great trips planned to celebrate this special time of year. And a special New Year's Eve daytime party that will sweeten up the new year!

November starts with a trip to *White Pines* in Mount Morris IL on Wednesday, November 5th. At White Pines we will see *Vito Zatto* and have a delicious buffet lunch. The next trip in November we will keep close to home as we travel to *Drury Lane* in Oak Brook to see *Sister Act* on Wednesday, November 19th. We will have lunch at a restaurant in Oak Brook before the show. The *Lazy Dog* is somewhat of a new place to check out.

December is full of Holiday Fun! Our first stop this month will be to *Marriott Lincolnshire* to see *Million Dollar Quartet...Christmas* on Wednesday, December 3rd. We will have lunch before the show at *Prairie House Tavern* in Buffalo Grove, IL. Our next stop this month is to *The Fireside Theater* in Ft. Atkins, WI on Wednesday, December 17th. *It's a Wonderful Life* is sure to please all. We will enjoy a plated lunch at the Fireside Theater Restaurant. Fireside has many shops if you need to get any last minute gifts. We end out the year with our annual New Year's Eve Party! Come join the fun!

On behalf of everyone at the Community Center, we would like to wish you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Karen, Brenda, Meghan
Matt, Milly and Keyah



...DON'T FORGET...

Monday	Shopping Trader Joes
Tuesday	Senior Club meets 9am – 1pm
Wednesday	Shopping Jewel
Friday	Walmart **can also be scheduled Monday, Wednesday, Thursday**



****Shopping trip pick up begins at 9:30am. Call the Center at least 24 hours in advance to schedule.**

Pace Transportation

Please call the Center **at least 24 hours before** your scheduled appointment. Cost is \$2.00 per ride. Coupons are available for purchase. 708-771-7737

Senior Bingo & Lunch 12:00noon (Bingo begins at 1:00)

Senior Bingo is on a break and will begin again in January 2026.



Senior Exercise Reservations required. (must have at least 5 people)

Class meets Tuesday at 1:00pm. 45 minute chair exercise program with occasional standing/walking.

No Class November 4, 11, 18 December 23, 30

Are You OK Program

If you live alone, please consider signing up for this program. It is FREE to Forest Park residents and offered by the Forest Park Police Department at 708-366-2425.

Gift Certificates

Tired of the kids asking what you want for Christmas? Tell them you would love a gift certificate for a day trip with the Howard Mohr Community Center! Gift Certificates are available in any dollar amount.



- ❖ **Payment for trips are due on or before date noted. Programs may be cancelled if minimum is not met.**
- ❖ **No refunds of trips unless we are able to find someone to take your place**

- ❖ **Please save the first row behind the driver for the trip escort**
- ❖ **And the first two rows of seats for those with limited mobility**

DAY TRIPS

Wednesday, November 5th

White Pines Theatre/Vito Zatto

Level of walking:



You will feel like you are in a Vegas nightclub where a fun-filled time is in store for you when highly acclaimed, Vegas-style singer & entertainer, Vito Zatto performs his show that is full of hilarious stand-up comedy, celebrity impersonations, incredible singing, audience participation and lots of good times! The audience can be guaranteed one thing; you will somehow be part of the show! Lunch is buffet style at the Lodge and includes a beverage and dessert.

Menu: **Pre-set** : Buffet, beverage, dessert

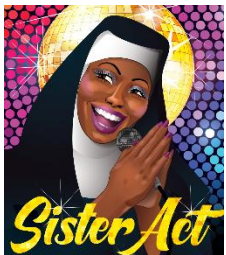
Cost is \$ 110.00 (Resident) \$ 113.00 (Non-Resident)

Min 25/ Max 35 Payment due: Friday, October 24th

Community Center Bus Pick-up is 9:00am

Coach Bus Leaves at 9:15am

Approximate return 5:45pm



Wednesday, November 19th

Drury Lane/Sister Act & Lazy Dog Restaurant

Level of walking:



Sister Act at Drury Lane is based on the hit 1992 film starring Whoopi Goldberg. In this musical, a Vegas performer must join the sisterhood to protect herself as she is a witness to a mob crime. This divine, feel-good comedy will have you rejoicing. A great way to start the holiday season! We will begin this trip with a family-style buffet lunch at Lazy Dog in Oak Brook.

Menu: Includes: Thai Chicken Salad, Cobb Salad, All-American Burger, Cuban Sandwich, Butter Cake Bites and Beverage. (Burger: quarter-pound beef patty, American cheese, shredded lettuce, tomato, red onion, pickles, bark & bite sauce) (Cuban: hickory-smoked beelers ham, port shoulder, Swiss cheese, pickles and our liquid blanket IPA mustard melted between sliced sourdough)

Cost is \$ 120.00 (Resident) \$ 123.00 (Non-Resident)

Min 25/ Max 35 Payment due by Friday, November 7th

Community Center Bus Pick-up is 10:15am

Coach Bus Leaves at 10:30am

Approximate return is 5:15pm



Wednesday, December 3rd

**Marriott Lincolnshire/Million Dollar Quartet –
Christmas & Prairie House Tavern**

Level of walking:



The boys are back in a rockin holiday special. Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley and Carl Perkins come together again to celebrate at the Sun Records studio. The studio is filled to the brim with Christmas cheer and enough musical talent to power a city. Jam packed with the sounds of the season, the gang is up to their usual antics filled with stories of Christmas past, present and future. Lunch will be before the show at the Prairie House in Buffalo Grove, IL. Lunch includes salad, dessert and beverages.

Your choice of:

- Menu:**
1. Godfather Sandwich: Sirloin of beef with sauteed mushrooms, caramelized onions & melted mozzarella cheese.
 2. Brisket Sandwich: Beef brisket served on a brioche bun with BBQ sauce
Choice of Sides (fries, chips, coleslaw, sweet fries, tater tots)
 3. PHT Chopped Salad: Chopped lettuce, pasta, scallions, tomato, blue cheese crumbles and bacon in our sweet mustard dressing
 4. Grilled Chicken Sandwich: Grilled chicken breast, choose plain, BBQ, buffalo, or blackened
Choice of Sides (fries, chips, coleslaw, sweet fries, tater tots)

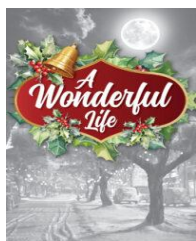
Cost is \$ 115.00 (Resident) - \$ 118.00 (Non-Resident).

Min 25 / Max 35 Payment due: Friday, November 21st

Community Center Bus Pick-up is 10:00am

Coach Bus Leaves at 10:15am

Approximate return is 5:00pm



Wednesday, December 17th

Fireside Theater/ It's a Wonderful Life

Level of walking:



Today we are off to a favorite destination, Ft. Atkinson, WI. Fireside Theatre has it all...great food, amazing plays and if you need to do a bit of last minute shopping, they have that too! It's a Wonderful life is a beautiful story everyone can somehow relate to. It makes you all warm and fuzzy and reminds us how grateful we are for family, friends and experiences. Lunch will be before the show and includes loaded baked potato soup, artisan breads and butter, scalloped potato, garlic green beans, Baileys Irish cream cheesecake, beverages.

Your choice of:

- Menu:**
1. Sliced Roast Beef Tenderloin: Medallions of roast beef tenderloin with traditional peppercorn sauce
 2. Grilled Atlantic Salmon served with Citrus Beurre Blanc sauce
 3. Chicken Monterey: Breast of Chicken, dipped in egg, lightly breaded with Panko Crumbs, sautéed to a golden brown, topped with a blend of Spinach, Artichoke, Parmesan, Monterey Jack, and Cream Cheese, finished with Havarti Cheese and presented on a Sun-Dried Tomato Cream Sauce.

Cost is \$130.00 (Resident) - \$133.00 (Non-Resident).

Min 25/Max 30 Payment due: Friday, December 5th

Community Center Bus Pick-up is 7:45am

Coach Bus Leaves at 8:00am

Approximate return 6:30pm



Wednesday, December 31st

New Year's Eve Party! 11:00am – 3:00pm

Level of dancing:



Join us for a New Year's Eve party that you sure will remember.

We always have a secret theme for the party, and this year will not disappoint. We will have live music, raffles, dancing, delicious food and beverages, a champagne toast at "midnight" (3:00pm), party hats and poppers and much more! Our center staff will be working hard to make sure your experience is top notch. Join the countdown and make your reservations for this outstanding party by Friday, December 12th!

Cost is \$65.00 (Resident) - \$68.00 (Non-Resident)

Call 708-771-7737 for Reservations

Event Time: 11:00am – 3:00pm

Community Center Bus Pick-up is 10:30am – 10:45am

Payment Due: Friday, December 12th

"Every action generates a force of energy that returns to us in like kind...*what we sow is what we reap*. And when we choose actions that bring happiness and success to others, the fruit of our karma is happiness and success." ~

Deepak Chopra

UPCOMING TRIPS FOR 2026

****FOUR WINDS CASINO***

****POTAWATOMI CASINO***

****HAIRSPRAY***

AT FIRESIDE THEATER

****MADAMA BUTTERFLY***

AT THE LYRIC OPERA

****DEAR EVAN HANSEN***

AT PARAMOUNT THEATER

****CANDY, WINE & CHOCOLATE***

TOUR IN OAK PARK

****I LOVE YOU BECAUSE***

AT THE OIL LAMP THEATRE

AND

MANY MORE