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# **Directors** Update

### Nya:wëh Sgeno!

October is here already! September went by fast! Let's get ready for the winter months, remember to tune up your furnaces, and also if you have not signed up for the Emergency Management's "In Case of Emergency Survey", please let us know we have one for you to fill out. Also, sign your snowplow waivers and remember that priorities are for dialysis and chemo/radiation patients for on territory Seneca Elders.

Upcoming dates to remember. AOA Advisory Committee Potlucks are Cattaraugus: Monday, October 16, 2023 at the AOA Wini Kettle Sr. Center at 5:00 pm. Allegany: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 5:00pm location tbd. Please bring a dish to pass. The AOA Advisory Council are your peer advocates and would like for you to hear what they have been meeting about, what their goal/plans are for our Elders. Hope to see you there.

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## Monthly In-Person Legal Assistance @ AOA

With Thomas Warren, Center for Elder Law & Justice 4th Friday of Every Month \*\*Appointments required\*\*

To make an appointment:

- Call Tina Law in Catt. at (716)532-5777
- Call Bridgette John in Allegany at (716)945-8990



# HEAP Assistance

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps low-income people pay the cost of heating their homes. If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year and could also be eligible for emergency HEAP benefits if you are in danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off.

The 2023-2024 Regular HEAP benefit opens November 1, 2023. Eligibility and benefits are based on income, household size, the primary heating source, and the presence of a household member who is under age 6, age 60 or older or permanently disabled.

For more information or assistance applying for HEAP, please contact Briana Snyder, AOA Options Counselor, at (716) 532-5777, ext 3624.

# **Preparing for Winter**



Fall is a beautiful time of year, but seasons change quickly! We want to make sure that our Elders are prepared for winter and aware of the services available to help them stay safe.

### **Snow Plowing**

During the winter months the Seneca Nation DPW may be able to provide snow plowing for eligible Elders on-territory. Please remember that DPW's first priority is clearing parking lots and walkways at SNI facilities. After SNI sites are cleared, work begins to plow driveways for Seneca Elders/Disabled members that have requested service. DPW makes every effort to schedule early plowing for those eligible who need to be able to get out of their driveways for dialysis, chemotherapy, etc.

<u>Cattaraugus Elders:</u> To apply for snow-plowing through SNI DPW, please contact Lindsey Cooper, AOA Senior Support Specialist, at (716) 532-5777 ext. 5504.

<u>Allegany Elders:</u> To apply for snowplowing through SNI DPW, please contact Shanelle Mohawk (Alleg. DPW) at (716) 945-5441.

### <u>Medicare's Open Enrollment is October 15 – December 7, 2023</u>

Medicare allows health and drug plans to make changes regarding their cost and coverage and allows for those plans to update their networks of providers and pharmacies.

During Open Enrollment, Medicare beneficiaries can change their Medicare health plans and prescription drug coverage for the following year to better meet their needs. Any applicable changes will have an effective date of January 1, 2024.

### What You Can Do

Change from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan
Change from a Medicare Advantage Plan back to Original Medicare
Switch from one Medicare Advantage Plan to another Medicare Advantage Plan
Switch from a Medicare Advantage Plan that doesn't offer drug coverage to a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers drug coverage
Switch from a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers drug coverage to a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers drug coverage
Switch from a Medicare Plan that doesn't offer drug coverage
Join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan
Switch from one Medicare Prescription Drug Plan to another Medicare Prescription Drug Plan
Drop your Medicare prescription drug coverage completely

their plan sends such as the 'Evidence of Coverage' (EOC) and 'Annual Notice of Change' (ANOC). If the individual believes their current plan will still be offered and will meet their needs for the upcoming year they don't need to change their health or prescription plan.

For further information and assistance regarding your Medicare coverage, please contact Briana Snyder, Seneca Nation AOA Options Counselor at 716-945-8991.



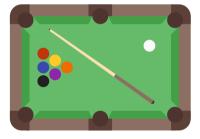
# **Upcoming Activities** *@* **Elder Centers**

### Wini Kettle Senior Center:

Mondays- Potluck & BINGO @5pm CLOSED - Monday, October 9, 2023 Tuesdays- Card Club @10am Shuffle Board @1pm 10/10 & 10/24 Womens Pool 10/3 @1pm Corn Hole 10/17 @1pm Halloween Partners Pool 10/31 @1pm Wednesdays- Balance Class @1pm & Seasonal Craft @2pm Thursdays- Bingo @1pm DIY Halloween Treats @1pm 10/26 Fridays- Card Club @10am Shuffle Board w/Allegany @2pm 10/6 & 10/20 Sunday, October 8th, 2023- Bills Brunch

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HOURS Monday-Friday 8AM-7PM Saturday & Sunday 10:30-7PM





### <u>Movies for October</u>

10/2 Practical Magic 10/9 Beetlejuice 10/16 Hocu Pocus 10/23 Hocus Pocus 2 10/30 Paranormal Activity HOURS Monday-Friday 8:30AM-7:00PM Saturday & Sunday 9:00AM-2:00PM

### Seneca Allegany Elders Center:

### Everyday- Coffee Social 9-10am

Mondays- Puzzle time 11am-2pm, Adult Coloring 1-3pm Movie Night 4-7pm Tuesdays- Lunch 12-1pm Prevention Falling w/ Andrea Spako 1-2pm, Open Pool 5-7pm Wednesdays: Card Class 11am-1pm Board Games 2-4pm Open Pool 5-7pm Thursdays: Lunch & BINGO 12-3pm Scrabble 3-5pm Open Pool 5-7pm Halloween Party 10/26 12-4pm Fridays: Seneca Language 11am-12pm Card Games 2-4pm Open Pool 5-7pm Shuffleboard on 10/6 & 10/20 in Catt Saturdays- Halloween Wreath 11am-1pm on 10/7, Open Pool 10/14 & 10/28, Bills Slippers 10/21 11am-1pm Sundays- Buffalo Bills Games 10/1, 10/8 & 10/22, Open Pool 11am-1pm on 10/15 & 10/29



### UPCOMING SENECA ELDER EVENTS

Sign-up sheets for shows will be available **1 MONTH** prior to the event. Numbers are

turned in to the Casino 1 week prior, if you have a change in plans please cancel before then.

### Please arrive 2 hours prior to the show for buffet at the casinos.

Be sure you will be attending when you sign-up as there has been an increase of last-minute cancellations, resulting in a waste of Elder entertainment funds. Nya:weh!

Gary Allan Saturday, September 30th 7 p.m. Seneca Allegany Event Center Dustin Lynch Friday, October 13th 8 p.m. Seneca Niagara Event Center Magic of Motown Saturday, October 14th 7:30 p.m. SHEA'S Theater LeAnn Rimes Saturday, October 28th 7 p.m. Seneca Niagara Event Center LIVE Saturday, November 11th 7 p.m. Seneca Allegany Event Center Air Supply Saturday, November 25th 8 p.m. Seneca Niagara Event Center





# FALL PREVENTION CLASSES

### 6-WEEK PROGRAM

Instructor: Andrea Spako, Seneca Nation Health System, Exercise Specialist Attendance for all six classes is highly recommended for safety and effectiveness.



<u>Allegany</u> Area Office of Aging Every Tuesday Sept. 26th- Oct. 31st I-2 pm <u>Cattaraugus</u> Area Office of Aging Every Wednesday Oct. 4th- Nov. 8th I-2 pm

Reserve Your Spot Today! Call Stephanie John: 716-945-8414 (Alleg. AOA) Call Raven Lay: 716-532-5777 (Catt. AOA)

Special Diabetes Program for Indians Grant



# October 2023 Menu



Seneca Nation Area Office for the Aging

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Butternut Squash Soup And Carrot Sticks Pears	3 Chicken Noodle Casserole Brussels sprouts, Harvard Beets, Apple Slices, and Healthy Apple Dip	4 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Side Salad, and Pear Crisp	5 Four Cheese Baked Ziti Served with Roasted Carrot Apple Crisp	6 Salisbury Steak and gravy o Seasoned Brown Rice Roasted Cauliflower and Broccoli Soft Pumpkin Cookie
9 CLOSED	10 Spaghetti & meat sauce Side Green Salad Bread Stick Cinnamon Pears	11 Chicken Broccoli Rice Bake Side Salad Apple	12 <u>TRADITIONAL</u> 3 Sisters Vegetable Soup With Side Pork, Beans, Biscuit And a Pumpkin Pie Bar for dessert	13 Lasagna Florentine Vegetable Medley Apple Crisp
16 Macaroni & Cheese w/Ham Zucchini & Yellow Squash Warm Cinnamon pears	17 Turkey and Dumplings Steamed Green Beans Apple Crisp	18 BBQ Grilled Chicken Sweet potato wedges Butter Beans Orange	19 <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Pork Chop with ½ Baked Potato Seasoned Peas Birthday Cake for dessert	20 Hearty Potato & Ham Chowder Garden Salad, Wheat Roll Fruit and Yogurt Parfait
23 Beef Tips with Egg Noodles Seasons Peas Apple Cake	24 Zuppa Toscana Bread Stick Side Salad Banana and Peanut Butter	25 <u>BRUNCH</u> Breakfast Sandwich Sausage, Egg, and Chees served on a Warm Biscui Carrot Sticks, V8, and Mandarin Oranges		Garden Vegetable Pizza Side Green Salad Fruited Jell-O
30 Chicken Noodle Soup Turkey Bologna and Cheese Sandwich Crackers Peaches	31 Ghoulash, Dinner Roll, Green Beans, and an Orange		In Allegany, please call 716-945-8414 or in Cattaraugus, please call 716-532-5777 to make a reservation or cancel a meal by 3:30 pm the day prior to the meal	Please enjoy a ½ pint of milk served with each mea

# **October Trips**

29	22	15	∞	1	Sun
<sup>30</sup> Rider's Choice	23 Rider's Choice	16 Big Lots Bradford, PA 1pm	9 CLOSED Indigenous People Day	2 PUMPKINVILLE Ipm	Mon
31 LOCAL	24 Regal Quaker Crossing Cinema Movie & Dinner Orchard Park Departure 11am	LOCAL	10 Buffalo Botanical Garden Departure @ Noon	3 LOCAL	Tue
	25 Walmart	<sup>18</sup> Sprague's <sup>1pm</sup>	n Rider's Choice	4 Olive Garden Ipm	Wed
	26 LOCAL	19 LOCAL	12 LOCAL	5 LOCAL	Thu
	27 Fallsview Niagara Casino Departure @ noon	20 Shuffleboard @ Cattaraugus Departure @ Noon	<sup>13</sup> Rider's Choice	6 Shuffleboard @ Cattaraugus Departure @ Noon	Fri
	28 <b>1</b>	21	14 The Magic of Mowtown @ Shea's Theater Departure @ 4pm	77	Sat

# October 2023



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