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February Updates & What's Happening at the Center

As we begin our 2026 membership year, we are excited to welcome many new faces to the Keyport Senior Center! It has been wonderful to see so many new members joining us. Welcome to the Center — we're so glad you're here and look forward to getting to know you.

To our returning members, thank you for choosing to join us again for another fun-filled year. We're happy to have you back! And for our non-resident members, we hope you're just as pleased as we are with the reduced membership fee this year — a great savings!

Please note that Spanish class is on hold for February and will resume in March.

February Lunches & Special Events: We have two great lunches planned this month:

- February 11 – Celebrate Chinese New Year with us at the Center
- Thursday, February 26 – Black History Celebration with Jessica

Services:

- Dr. Motasis will be here on Monday, February 23
- South Jersey Legal Services will be visiting on Friday, February 27

Trips:

Our first Atlantic City trip of 2026 takes place on February 27. Sign-ups are open now — please stop by the office to reserve your spot.

I am also actively working on trips for 2026, so be sure to check the trip page in this newsletter for upcoming travel information.

College Nursing Students:

If you are in the building on Tuesdays or Fridays, you will notice a group of college nursing students visiting the Center. Please help us welcome them and show them firsthand why the Keyport Senior Center is such an important and vibrant place for seniors in our community.

Advisors of the Senior Center:

We are pleased to announce that our Advisory Committee has welcomed new officers for 2026 and has officially changed its name from the *Keyport Senior Center Advisory Committee* to the Advisors of the Senior Center, with this change, the Advisors have also applied for Bingo and Raffle licenses, allowing us to expand programming and fundraising opportunities to better support the Center in the future.

I look forward to working alongside this dedicated group of volunteers and extend my sincere thanks to the officers for stepping up to serve. Your time and commitment are truly appreciated.

We look forward to another busy and exciting month filled with connection, learning, and fun. Thank you for being part of our Center!

Birthdays of the Month



Anthony Callandrillo, Joan Vitale, Thomas Wortley,
Joy Fleming, Thomas McConeghy, Zdzislaw Czech,
Kathy Beam, Renhaun Tang, Diane Ombrellino,
David Cofield, Agnes Leyesa, JoAnn Snyder, Maxis Pierre,
Michele A. Gambetta, Gwen Williams, Peter Chiu,
Cherie Piasio, Wen T. Wang, Sandra Errickson,
Carolyn Hardt, Susan Safire, Barbara Joan Colfer,
Eileen A. McConeghy, Mark Orr, Marion Avallone,
Nilda Cabrera, Nidia D'Achiardi, Joan Devino,
Linda Melendez, James E. Cassidy, Carol Battista,
Susan Palaschak, Judy Wilson, Lillian Dekovics,
Judy Lipman, Judi Scibetti, Pamela Basista



wish list

We Thank you for your
generous donations!

- Tissues
- Coffee & Tea



Welcome to our New Members

See a new face? Welcome them! Show them around the Center and get them involved with all the Center has to offer! Who knows... you might just make a new friend!

We are very happy to see our members returning as well as seeing new faces around the Center—Hope everyone enjoys this wonderful center this year!



KEYPORT SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUPPORTS THE PROGRAMS OF THE SENIOR CENTER

President: Laurie Parnaby Vice-President: Bob Thomsen

Treasurer: Darlene Burgess Secretary: Barbara Gianguzzi

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mary Lou Faitoute	Yolanda Gordillo	Julia Hudson
Patti Mascolino	Elba Moreno	Louis Natarcola
Gail Paris	Susan Pike	Virginia Smith
Dawn Staniforth	Barbara Repp	

A message from The Advisors of the KSC

We are starting the New Year with New Board Members:

Laurie Parnaby – President

Bob Thomsen – Vice President,

Darleen Burgess -Treasurer,

Barbara Gianguzzi- Secretary

and a **new name**, we are now known as:

Advisors of the Keyport Senior Center

What else will 2026 bring?

As Advisors of the KSC, we are looking to foster an environment of teamwork and friendliness, working alongside Chris to grow our center, bring in new ideas for programs, trips and events. Hoping to enhance our members experience with greater opportunities for socialization and entertainment.

Think you might be interested in joining the Advisors of the KSC, please feel free to reach out to either Chris at cmcmanus@keyportonline.com or Laurie.

We are excited for what's ahead this year. There will be a lot of hard work ahead, but we are ready to move forward with a positive attitude and a smile on our face! 2026 here we come!



Did you realize that our name page is a fun way of donating to our Center? Below is a list of all the members who contribute to the good work of our center. It's only \$10.00/year! Please stop in the front office to be a part of the center's support.

Adele Gries, Ann Albano, Barbara Repp, Bridget Broderick, Carole Grabowski, Cookie Pizzi, Dan Rosato, Diana Rasmussen, Donna Robichaud, Eileen Decicco, Fred Pizzi, Gail Paris, Helen Dahlgren, Jessica McGee-Callandrillo, Joan Devino, June Dougherty, Laurie Parnaby, Lenora Eddy, Lou Natarcola, Lynn Case, Mary Ellen Murach, Mary Pazos, Mattie Anderson, Nancy Brandine, Nancy Deodato, Phoebe Mazzucco, Regina O'Reilly, Sue Miller, Terri Magistro, Tony Callandrillo, Verona King-Mottley, Virginia Smith, Wendy Esannason, Yolanda Gordillo

SOCIAL WORKER ANN INFORMATION

Food Stamps, otherwise known as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), is a government assistance program created to help lower-income individuals and families afford nutritious food. SNAP provides monthly benefits through an EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) card which can be used at authorized supermarkets and farmer's markets to purchase eligible food items. Food assistance supports the goal of healthy eating and better health outcomes.

The program also helps support local food providers.

Applicants must apply for assistance and meet current financial and residency requirements. Applicants need a current, valid ID; proof of residency, proof of income, proof of resources and a Social Security number or immigration status document. Some college students may be eligible and need to submit proof of student status. Other information may be required.

More resources and income eligibility requirements are available at www.nj.gov

Department of Human Services or the Social Worker Bulletin Board at the Keyport Senior Center.

Applications can be filed online or by mail.



Art Projects with Mary Lou

Spaces are limited due to supplies, so please sign up early to reserve your spot.

Diamond Art

Thursday, February 12 & Thursday, February 19 1:30 PM

Please note: This project only has a schedule change from Wednesday to Thursday.

Paint & Pour – With a Twist!

Back by popular demand in March—Paint & Pour returns with a twist!

Wednesday, March 11

MOVIE IN FEBRUARY

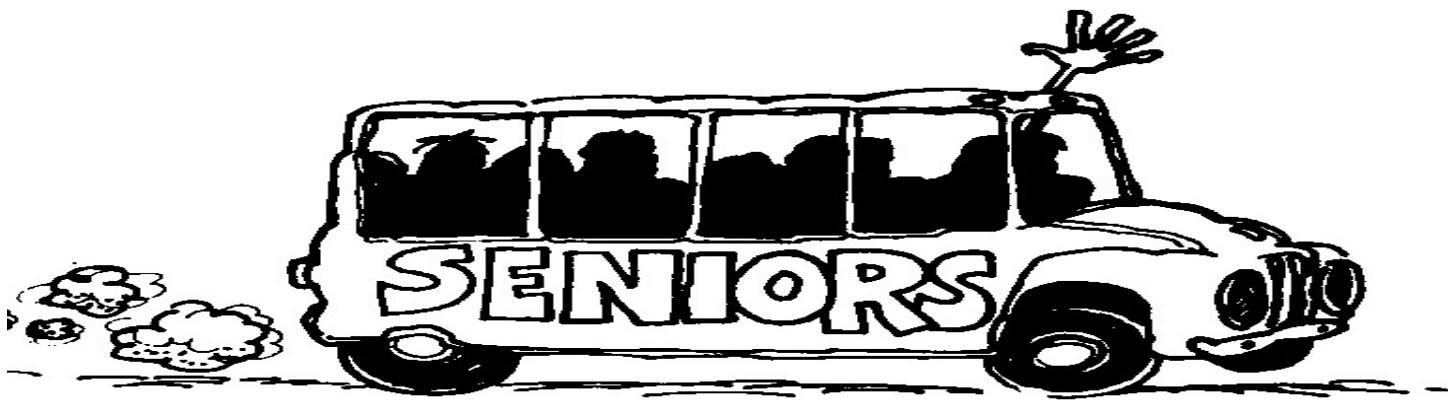
Movies starting at 10:30AM.

Snacks and drinks are not provided at all movies, you're welcome to bring snack and drinks.

Funny People- Recently learning that he has a fatal disease, comic George Simmons (Adam Sandler) spots a struggling performer named Ira (Seth Rogen) and decides to become his mentor. The men become close friends as George teaches Ira the art of stand-up comedy, and Ira helps George define his legacy. When an old flame (Leslie Mann) reappears and the disease goes into remission, George gets a chance to re-evaluate his life and figure out what is truly important to him.

Eat Pray Love- Liz Gilbert (Julia Roberts) thought she had everything she wanted in life: a home, a husband and a successful career. Now newly divorced and facing a turning point, she finds that she is confused about what is important to her. Daring to step out of her comfort zone, Liz embarks on a quest of self-discovery that takes her to Italy, India and Bali

Twister- During the approach of the most powerful storm in decades, university professor Dr. Jo Harding (Helen Hunt) and an underfunded team of students prepares the prototype for Dorothy, a ground-breaking tornado data-gathering device conceived by her estranged husband, Bill (Bill Paxton). When Harding tells Bill that Dorothy is ready for testing -- and that their privately funded rival Dr. Jonas Miller (Cary Elwes) has stolen the idea and built his own -- Bill rejoins the team for one last mission.



For more information on these trips, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the hallway at the center

Trips are subject to change

March 25– Culinary School– Asbury Park

Enjoy a bus short bus ride on a School Bus to the Brookdale Community College Culinary Education Center, where students who are learning culinary skills that will cook us lunch. Menu includes an appetizer, soup or salad, entrée, dessert. Their bakery will be open for purchase.

April 22 Princeton Art Museum– Princeton

Join us for a day of art and good company as we visit the Princeton University Art Museum in Princeton, NJ. We'll explore an impressive collection spanning ancient to contemporary works, followed by a group lunch at a local restaurant (details to be announced). A perfect outing for art lovers and anyone looking to enjoy a cultural afternoon together.

July22– Jersey Shore Blue Claws– Lakewood

Celebrate summer with a trip to the Jersey Shore to catch a Jersey Shore BlueClaws baseball game! Enjoy the excitement of minor league baseball, ocean air, and classic ballpark fun. It's a perfect day out filled with sunshine, team spirit, and great company. No Rain Date– This is a Rain or Shine event

August 27– 1766 at Surf light Theatre– Beach Heaven

Join us for a special trip to Surflight Theatre to see “**1776**,” a lively and patriotic production that helps kick off the America 250 celebration. Enjoy an entertaining performance that brings history to life as we come together to honor this milestone in our nation’s story.

September 9– Elvis is in the Building– Riverview Inn (Matamoras (Pike County) PA)

Elvises are in the Building! Join us for a bus trip to the Riverview Inn in Pennsylvania for a day of unforgettable fun. Enjoy live Elvis-style entertainment along with a delicious, all-you-can-eat buffet lunch. It's music, memories, and a whole lot of rock 'n' roll!

October 1– Doo Wop to Disco– Shore Club, Spring Lake

Step back in time with a trip to the Shore Club in Spring Lake to enjoy a classic Doo Wop show! Relive the golden hits and smooth harmonies of this beloved era in a lively, nostalgic setting that's sure to have you smiling and singing along.

December 4– Hunterdon Hills Playhouse– Hampton

Get into the holiday spirit with a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to enjoy their beloved Christmas show. Delight in seasonal music, laughter, and cheer, all paired with a warm, festive atmosphere that makes this a perfect way to celebrate the season.

GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!

Try your hand at writing. The KSC Writers' Corner is having a writing contest for YOU to enter. Your entry could be in any form you choose. It could be a poem, an anecdote, a memoir, an exposé, a joke, an essay, an “impression,” an “expression,” a chapter from the novel you are secretly writing, a “letter to the editor” expressing your outrage, or if you are not outraged, expressing approval, or a letter to anyone you know or ever wanted to address—or set straight...there are so many possibilities! Your inspiration is your guide.

Please don't shake your head modestly and say “Oh, I can't write.” Of course you can write. You learned to write in the first grade. You know you've long wanted to express yourself in writing. **HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!**

RULES:

1. No shorter than a paragraph (or eight (8) lines of a poem); no longer than five (5) pages (unless you really, really need to cheat just a little, like, six (6) pages max)
2. Entries in by March 13, 2026
3. Stand proud! Sign your work with your own name.
4. Your entry may be in English or Spanish.

What's the prize?

Publication in our Keyport Senior Center Newsletter

Be part of KSC Writers' Corner “You will love it—we have fun”

Have your masterpiece posted at the Center on a bulletin board.



Love to write?

Join the KSC Writer Corner
Fridays 1pm



Supporting Keyport Public Schools

Keyport Public Schools is hosting their 4th Annual Cereal Box Domino Challenge, and the Keyport Senior Center is proud to help!

Last year, over 1,100 boxes of cereal were collected for the Keyport Ministerium. Let's help them beat that number this year!

How You Can Help

We will be collecting unopened boxes of cereal to support this community-wide effort.

Bring your Unopen Cereal Boxes to the Center by 12pm on Monday March 2

Main Event: March 6 (with the schools)

The Cause

All donated cereal supports the Keyport Ministerium, helping provide nutritious meals to local families in need.

Every box counts — let's work together to make a BIG impact!

Spanish Class

Our Spanish class returns in **March** and meets **Mondays at 12PM**. This enjoyable, beginner-friendly class is taught by **Elba**, who generously volunteers her time to help members learn and practice Spanish in a relaxed setting. All are welcome!

Table Tennis (Ping Pong)

Looking for a fun way to stay active? Our **Table Tennis** group is looking to welcome new players! Whether you're experienced or just want to try it out, join us **Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 2:00 PM**. Come play, socialize, and have fun!

February 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 9am Cruise Meeting 9:00-10:30 -Table Tennis 11:00-4:00- Canasta 11:30- Senior Group Fitness 1:30—Ceramics 2:30—Table Tennis	3 10:00- Center Meeting 10:00-Cards/Poker 10:30-11:45-Bingo 11:30— Table Tennis 12-1:00- Chorus 12-2-Chess Class 1:00-Chair Yoga 2:00-4:00— Open Art 2:15— Zumba	4 10:00-Cards/Poker 11:30— Exercise w/ Cara 1-3:30-All Medium Art 2:30-Table Tennis	5 **12-4 Social Worker** 10:00-Gentle Fitness with Oscar 10:30— Movie 11:00-Canasta 11:30-Table Tennis 12:30— Tai Chi 1:30-Guitar Lesson	6 RED SHIRT DAY 9:00-10:15-Table Tennis 10:30-Latin Groove 11:30-History with David 2:00-Table Tennis 2:00-4:00— Open Art
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