

# FOREST PARK SENIOR NEWS

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## November

## December

## 2024



Dear Friends:

The festive holiday season is upon us again! We have some great trips planned to celebrate this special time of year.

November starts with a trip to Music Theater Works in Skokie to see *Little Shop of Horrors* and lunch at Coopers Hawk in Morton Grove. The next trip in November is to see *Teatro Zinzanni* at the Cambria Hotel. This is a fantastic show with lunch included. Our last trip in November is a bit of a long day, we travel to see the *Nutcracker Castle* in Oshkosh, WI. We follow that up with lunch and then on to make our own Christmas wreath at the *Wreath Factory* in Plymouth, WI.

December is full of Holiday Fun! Our first stop this month will be to White Pines in Mount Morris to see *Scrooge the Comedy*. This show features a great cast and audience members also. The next December trip will be to the Oil Lamp Theater to see *A Christmas Carol, A Live Radio Play*. We will have lunch at Hangar Two in Glenview. The last event of the year is our famous *New Years Eve Party!* This year's theme is sure to please all!

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 and Milly



## ...DON'T FORGET...

Monday	Shopping Trader Joes
Tuesday	Senior Club meets 9am – 1pm
Wednesday	Shopping Jewel
Friday	Walmart *Walmart shopping 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 2025.

### Senior Movie 1:00pm

The Senior Movie is the second Thursday of the month.

November 14 = “Planes, Trains & Automobiles”      December 12 = “Meet me in St. Louis”



### 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 26, December 17, 24, 31

### 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 6th

## Little Shop of Horrors/Coopers Hawk

Level of walking:



*Little Shop of Horrors* at the North Shore Center in Skokie is a sci-fi horror comedy meets love story meets rock musical as a carnivorous plant from outer space takes over Mushnik's Flower Shop. The plant takes over meek employee Seymour's life and threatens to ruin his hope of finding love with his secret crush, Audrey. Lunch is served family style before the show at *Coopers Hawk Winery and Restaurant* in Morton Grove and includes:

**Menu: Pre-set** - House Salad, Dana's Parmesan-Crusted Chicken, Gnocchi Carbonara, Assorted Dessert Platter, Coffee, Tea and Soda.

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

Min 20/ Max 25 Payment due: Friday, October 25

Community Center Bus Pick-up is 10:15am


Coach Bus Leaves at 10:45am

Approximate return 6:15pm

THURSDAY, November 14th

## Teatro Zinzanni / Love & Chaos

Level of walking:



*Teatro Zinzanni* is an original form of entertainment combining a unique fusion of cirque, comedy, cabaret, spectacle and live music all while serving up a delicious meal. *A must see show!...Broadway World*. Lunch starts with a Caramelized Onion & Tomato Savory tart with whipped Marscapone cheese, Doily's Garden Salad, Blackcurrent Nightmare for Dessert, Beverages. **Your choice of:**

- Menu:**
1. Airline Chicken: Roasted Chicken, Soft Yellow Corn Polenta, Roasted Mushroom, Fig and Port Reduction
  2. Salmon Filet: Salmon, Wild Rice, Mustard – Summer Chive Cream Sauce, Roasted Broccolini
  3. Mr. "Z" Summer Medley: Slow Roasted Green and Purple Cabbage, Tofu Whip, Pickled Shiitake and Maitake Mushroom, Cashew Chili – Oil Crunch

Cost is \$ 150.00 (Resident) \$ 153.00 (Non-Resident)

Min 20/ Max 30 Payment due by Friday, November 1

Community Center Bus Pick-up is 9:30am

Coach Bus Leaves at 10:00am

Approximate return is 5:00pm



## Wednesday, November 27th

### Nutcracker Castle / The Wreath Factory

Level of walking:



We have a long, but fabulous day trip today! First we head to the Paine Art Center to see the *Nutcracker Castle* in Oshkosh, WI. This castle is filled with Christmas nutcrackers and decorations galore. A sight to be seen to get us in the mood for the holiday. Next we will take a break for lunch at *Roadside Bar & Grill*. Our last stop of the day is to the *Wreath Factory* in Plymouth, WI. Here you will decorate your own live wreath with many different Christmas ribbons, ornaments and such. We will also have time to do a bit of shopping at this wonderful location. A box breakfast containing sweet rolls, fruit and a bottle of water will be available. Coffee will also be available inside the center. Lunch includes soup or salad, bread basket and your choice of potato and vegetable. Also included is Coffee, Tea and Dessert of the day .

#### Your choice of:

#### **Menu:**

1. Center Cut Pork Chops: Two 8oz, tender and juicy pork chops. Served with choice of potato, applesauce and vegetable
2. Italian Sausage Pasta: Italian sausage pieces, fire roasted tomatoes and cavatappi pasta combined with a creamy tomato sauce.
3. Chicken Parmisiana: Tender chicken breast topped with mozzarella and smothered in a tangy marinara. Served with spaghetti

Cost is \$ 140.00 (Resident) - \$ 143.00 (Non-Resident).

Min 20 / Max 25      Payment due: Friday, November 15

Community Center Bus Pick-up is 7:00am

Coach Bus Leaves at 7:15am      Approximate return is 7:30pm



## THURSDAY, December 12th

### Scrooge the Comedy/ White Pines

Level of walking:



Today we travel to White Pines in Mount Morris, IL. *Scrooge the Comedy* is a wacky, zany, audience participation comedy. Each performance is different from the next since you never know who will end up on stage. White pines also has a beautiful shop that will be filled with many types of Christmas goodies.

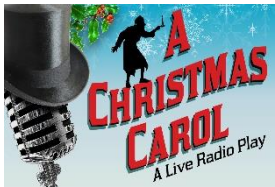
**Menu:** Pre-set - A buffet lunch is included with bread and butter, two entrees, sides and dessert. Coffee and tea are also included

Cost is \$100.00 (Resident) - \$103.00 (Non-Resident).

Min 20/Max 30      Payment due: Friday, November 29

Community Center Bus Pick-up is 9:00am

Coach Bus Leaves at 9:15am      Approximate return 5:30pm



## Wednesday, December 18th

### A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play / Hanger Two

*A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play* is at the Oil Lamp Theater in Glenview. This is a smaller venue that we will all enjoy. The theater turns into WBFR Studios on Christmas Eve in 1946! Follow Ebenezer on his journey to find the true spirit of the holiday season, complete with live sound effects, radio jingles and more! We will have lunch at *Hanger Two by Tangled Roots Brewing Company* which offers free beer samples! Auntie Bee's Biscuits with maple cinnamon butter and strawberry butter, dessert and coffee, tea (hot or cold) included. **Your choice of:**



#### **Menu:**

1. French Dip: Thinly sliced prime rib, horseradish crema, pepperjack, au jus, on a french roll served with French fries.
2. Chicken Club: Grilled LaSalle Lager brined chicken breast, avocado, applewood smoked bacon, lettuce, tomato, and chipotle aioli on a toasted brioche bun served with French fries
- 3 Char Crusted Fish Tacos: Hickory char crusted Icelandic cod, chipotle aioli, citrus slaw, avocado, pico de gallo, corn tortilla, served with corn tortilla chips and salsa roja

Cost is \$100.00 (Resident) - \$103.00 (Non-Resident)

Min 20/Max 30      Payment due: Friday, December 6

Community Center Bus Pick-up is 10:00am

Coach Bus Leaves at 10:30am      Approximate return 6:00pm

## Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

### New Years Eve Party!



Join us for a New Years 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", 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 to this outstanding party by Friday, December 20th!

Cost is \$60.00 (Resident) - \$63.00 (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 20

# UPCOMING TRIPS FOR 2025

***\*FOUR WINDS CASINO***

***\*POTAWATOMI CASINO***

***\*MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS  
AT FIRESIDE THEATER***

***\*BEAUTIFUL, THE CAROL KING STORY  
AND SISTER ACT AT DRURY LANE***

***\*MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET  
HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR  
AT MARRIOTT LINCOLNSHIRE***

***\*CATS AT PARAMOUNT THEATER***

***AND***

***MANY MORE***