Dates to Remember

Wednesday, April 8th—Passover Begins
Friday, April 10th - GOOD FRIDAY Center closed at noon
Saturday, April 11th—Community Garden Opening
Sunday, April 12th - Happy Easter
Wednesday, April 15th - Easter Celebration
Wednesday, April 29th - Wanskuck Library
Tuesday, May 5th - Cinco de Mayo Celebration
Sunday, May 10th - Mothers Day
Wednesday, May 13th - Mothers Day Celebration
Monday, May 25th - Memorial Day - Center Closed
Wednesday, May 27th - Wanskuck Library

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Easter Celebration

Easter celebration will be held on Wednesday April 15 at noon here at the center. During this Easter season we celebrate new life and a chance to make all things better and renewed. Even nature joins in the spirit with flowers and trees budding and coming to life. We will have live music and an Easter Bonnet Contest! Call 24 hours ahead For Your Reservation.

Mothers Day Celebration

We will honor that very special person in all of our lives who gave us the gift of the miracle of life and nurtured us, protected us, taught us, encourage us and gave us the courage go into the world to make it a better place. We celebrate our mothers on Wednesday May 13 at the noon Meal with live music and with a beautiful rose for each mother and for those who acted as a mother to anyone. May the good lord bless them wherever they may be.

CINCO DE MAYO

We will celebrate Cinco De Mayo on Tuesday May 5 at the noon meal with recorded Mexican music and snacks. This holiday celebrates the Mexican army’s 1862 victory over France at the battle of Pueblo.

Be patient, this will be over soon—stay safe.

When we do get the “all clear” and when we are able to resume classes we will offer the following standard classes.

Exercise Classes

Mondays from 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

Art Classes for Beginners

Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 PM.

GED Classes

Wednesday and Thursday evenings 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM and Friday mornings 9:30 AM to noon.

ESOL Classes

Fridays 12:30-2:30 PM
DON’T BE A VICTIM OF SCAMS

During these days when all of the routines we are used to become somewhat unsettled there are some unconscionable individuals and companies who try to take advantage of us and make an effort to separate us from our hard-earned money. Scams run rampant during these times some of which are related to COVID-19.

You may be approached with many offers to have the “magic cure” for or protection from the VIRUS. You will receive solicitations in the mail, by telephone, E-mail, etc. with these claims. None of these are valid. The only ones to believe are your primary health care provider or pharmacist.

Imposters claiming to be National Grid employees may contact you to collect “past due” balances or even threaten to disconnect your service. National Grid never demands direct payment through use of prepaid debit card and never accepts payments through these cards. Whenever in doubt go to www.nationalgridus.com/our-company/scam-alert.

During Income Tax season the IRS communicates with you by mail never by telephone. Many people receive phone calls from imposters who say that overdue taxes must be paid immediately and to send payment to their account number immediately or they will send a Sheriff to your home or office. DO NOT believe this! If you are approached for these and other doubtful solicitations call the RI Attorney General’s Office at 274-4400 to report it.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a special time to pause and remember those who have passed on especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives for the sake of our country and the freedom we enjoy today. Let us show the proper respect and use our freedom wisely because it was bought with the price of the lives of many who cared about us.

Please note that the Presidential Preference Election (PRIMARY) which was to be held at the Da Vinci Center in April will now be held on June 2nd. This election is for you to choose the person that you wish to represent your party for President of the United States in the General Election. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Be sure to vote!

The last Wednesday of the month we are pleased to announce Denise Brophy librarian from the Wanskuck Library will be here at the Center at 11:30 AM. She will be here on April 29th and May 27th.

SENIOR LUNCHES— We will continue to offer you prepared food in the form of a “sandwich of the day”, fruit, juice, and milk each day at noon. You may pick up the lunch but you need to eat it somewhere else (better know as “GRAB AND GO”). We will be glad to reserve one for you if you call in 24 hours ahead at 272-7474 to make your reservation. We look forward to serving you.
**WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU**

During these days of the threat of COVID-19 or Corona Virus the Da Vinci Center is open with caution as our staff remains on campus 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Classes as well as Tax Preparation have been postponed until further notice but we feel an obligation to public service by offering basic needs such as casework, counseling and job development, Food Pantry, and box lunches to seniors who wish to “grab and go”. Information and referral is available during all business hours.

We hope that you are staying safe and that you are adhering to personal and group safety recommendations. There is a bright side to these days of restricted work and socializing. Perhaps it’s a time to slow down and reevaluate how we spend our time – it forces us to get reacquainted with our families and with some good old fashion family games and means of communicating with one another.

Happy Easter and Passover!

Stay safe- it will be over soon!

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**NOTE:**

Do you know where the name COVID-19 comes from? CO from Corona, VI from virus, D from disease, 19 from 2019 which is the year that it started.
What are you doing during these days when you stay at home to protect yourself from the Virus? We asked a few senior citizens and this is what they said.

- Cooking some of my old recipes like escarole and beans, polenta with tomato sauce, Pasta Fagioli, and a good ol’ pizza.
- Looking through my family albums.
- Talk to my grandchildren on the phone for hours.
- Reading some good books I didn’t have time for when I was running here and there.
- I pray the rosary and I watch EWTN, Mother Angelica’s TV station.
- I knit and crochet.
- Play cards with the couple across the hall.
- Listen to the radio.
- Read the newspapers.
- Watch my old favorites on TV.
- Do Jigsaw puzzles.

What do you do? Let us know.

Looking for someone to talk to? During these days of restricted mobility some of you may be looking for someone who has similar interests to talk to on the telephone. If so, we may be able to match you with a good listener and interesting conversationalist.

We will screen anyone in the chat loop before recommending them. Please call Chanthy at 272-7474 if you are interested. Good luck.

Isn’t it a fact........
To those who are complaining about the quarantine period and curfews, just remember that your grandparents were called to war, you are being called to sit on the couch and watch Netflix. You can do this.
Welcome our new Meal Coordinator
Ann Montaquila will be serving you as Senior Meal Coordinator and Food Pantry Manager. She comes to us with Safe Food Handling Certification and with a vast experience in Cooking and Baking. With Ann’s talents she will also offer some great recipes and cooking demonstrations for all ages. We look forward to Ann as a great addition to our staff.

Sanitation for your Safety
It is good for you to know that the Da Vinci Center employs daily high quality maintenance personal who are well versed in sanitation procedures. In addition a professional sanitation team comes in weekends to do detailed cleaning and apply sanitation chemicals for killing viruses.

ANNUAL DINNER on HOLD
The Da Vinci Center Annual Community Humanitarian Award Dinner honoring Providence College Basketball Coach Ed Cooley originally scheduled for May 2020 has been postponed until the Spring of 2021. Corporate sponsors and ad sponsors for the event are still being accepted. Please stay healthy and come join us for this joyous event.

CHARLES STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN
Do you have a green thumb?
Across the street from Esek Hopkins Middle School at 480 Charles Street is a large plot of land which is managed by the South Side Community Land Trust and it is for public use to have persons like you to do gardening. If you are interested in leasing a 4 Ft. x 10 Ft. piece of land for this growing season they are available for $25 for the season. (If you don’t have the $25 we may waive the cost) The water and rich loam is provided. All you need is the seeds and the TLC (Tender Loving Care) to enjoy a bountiful harvest in the Summer and Fall. Opening day will be on Saturday April 11th at 10:00 AM. If you are interested application forms are available at the Da Vinci Center.

Just think of the joy of sitting down and eating food grown by your own hand. They always taste better when you grow it yourself.