# STILLY VALLEY **CENTER NEWS**



October-December 2024 -Issue 16-

#### Message from the Director:

As the holidays approach we ask that you remember the Stilly Valley Center. The Stilly Valley Center has served as a gateway to the community for the past 54 years, connecting individuals to vital community services that will assist them in remaining healthy and independent. We were notified recently of a funding loss of \$85,000, so this makes our budget even tighter than usual.

Through the years the Center has grown from a community hall to a sprawling campus, including three HUD buildings and one Rural Development, totaling 154 units of low-income senior housing. SVC staff manage and maintain these facilities and provide social services to the residents. Currently services and programs being provided at the Center include health programming, crafts, games, and our Family Caregiving social services, which utilizes a care management protocol designed to support family members who are providing care to adults with dementia or other chronic health conditions.

We also provide a hot lunch meal program, exercise programs, social activities, foot care services, a food bank program, a food room program, a medical loan equipment program, support groups, open enrollment seminars annually for Medicare, day trips, volunteer opportunities and much more. Our goal is to continue expanding the Center's programs to meet the needs of the growing adult population.

SVC serves the greater Arlington community in northern Snohomish County. As with many areas in the Puget Sound region, northern Snohomish County is a fast-growing area. The population age 60 and older is expected to rise from the current 18% in Snohomish County to 21% in just one year. The County anticipates that residents aged 65 and older will account for 52% of the county's population growth between 2010 and 2035 and will represent more than 1 out of every 5 county residents by that time.

As our aging society grows due to longevity, and the baby boomer generation matures, the need for services to support seniors will only increase.

With your generous support, we can continue to be a warm and welcoming place for individuals to stay active and find meaning and purpose in their lives. Thank you for your partnership!

Sincerely, Danette Klemens **Executive Director** 360-653-4551 ex: 105



# Looking ahead...

Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>
Closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day

Thursday & Friday, November 28th & 29th Closed for Thanksgiving

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. December 23rd-25th Closed for Christmas

# Hours: Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM

18308 Smokey Point Blvd. Arlington, WA 98223 https://www.facebook.com/ StillySeniorCenter/ www.stillycenter.org 360.653.4551

# STILLY VALLEY **CENTER**

Center Reception 360 653-4551 Stilly Thrift Store 360 658-4991

**Executive Director:** Danette Klemens

Finance Director: Jonathan Gutierrez

Finance Manager: Julio Gama Program Manager: Lisa Hundley

Kitchen Manager: LaWana King

Maintenance Tech.: Josh Hays

Receptionist: Sonny Roman

#### Family Caregiver Department

Program Manager-Angeles Vesely FCSP & MTP:

MTP Case Managers: Katie Olson

Heidi Grant

Caregiver Specialists: Bre Wammack

Rebecca McIntosh

FCSP Intake/Screener: Terri Knowles

Stilly Thrift & Collectables

Thrift Store Manager: Erica Jensen

**Donation Assistant:** Erick Seyler

Cashiers: Mary Allen

Katelie Hoerner



# <u>Fall Bazaar</u>

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm

Come shop local and check out over 30 vendors that offer fabulous handcrafted items, holiday gifts and much more! We'll be having a food truck here hosted by Miller Meats.



# Day Trip Schedule



Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> Ellie's at the Airport

Skagit Casino Monday, October 28th

Rockaway Bar & Grill Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

Lights of Christmas Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

Olive Garden

# **SHIBA Medicare** Open Enrollment Help! Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

SHIBA can help you review Medicare plans and compare your options for coverage. Please call 425.290.1276 to get signed up.



Starting Oct. 1, you can schedule your free, unbiased consultation.

To request an appointment, here are your options:

- Call our message line: 425-290-1276 (Snohomish) or 360-826-8828 (Skagit)
- 2. Email: shiba.OE@edmondswaterfrontcenter.org
- 3. Go to www.edmondswaterfrontcenter.org/ ewc-programs/shiba
- 4. Use our QR code for an online appointment request form

We're your Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) program





# FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM received a grant from ARPA-American Rescue Plan Act for Senior Centers helping reduce social isolation among older adults.

The grant funds will be distributed through gas cards and SVC vouchers to family caregivers in order to encourage engaging in social activities and day trips.

In the pictures shown above is the first recipient caregiver and care receiver of this grant.

This grant will end on 12/31/2025 or upon completion of distributing the resources.



## FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

of Snohomish County

#### NOTE

If you are a new attendee, please RSVP to your facilitator prior to attending

Bre Wammack bwammack@stillycenter.org 425 320-9546 Angeles Vesely avesely@stillycenter.org 425 248-5156

Rebecca McIntosh rmcintosh@stillycenter.org 425 248-1539 Terri Knowles tknowles@stillycenter.org 360 653-4551 ext. 103

#### MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP SCHEDULE

(Meetings are not held on major holidays)

#### 1st and 3rd WEDNESDAY each month 1:00-2:30pm

(Bre Wammack)

Stilly Valley Center – Board Room (Library) 18308 Smokey Point Blvd. Arlington, WA 98223

# 1st and 3rd WEDNESDAY each month 10:00-11:30am (Terri Knowles)

Marysville Community Center (Baxter Room) 1015 State Ave. Marysville, WA 98270

#### 1st TUESDAY each month 10:00am-12:00noon (Bre Wammack)

Lincoln Hill Retirement Community (Library) 7420 276<sup>th</sup> St. NW. Stanwood, WA 98292

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY each month 9:00-10:00am

(Rebecca McIntosh)

Affinity of Arlington (Meeting Room 2<sup>nd</sup> floor) 3721 169<sup>th</sup> St. NE. Arlington, WA 98223 (for Residents Only)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY each month 9:00-10:00am

(Angeles Vesely)

Snohomish Senior Center (Library) 506 Fourth Street Snohomish, WA 98290

# Stilly Valley Center Sponsors







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The Stilly Valley Center relies on grants in addition to other fundraising efforts to support our center. We contract with a professional grant writer who assists us with our grant applications. We were awarded the following grants in the last quarter of this year:

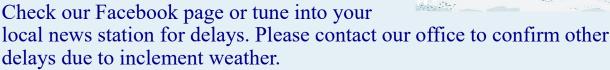
Name of Grant:	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Grant Program area designation:</b>
Snohomish County Community Foundation	\$500	On behalf of our spaghetti dinner fundraiser
Snohomish County ARPA funds to Reduce Social Isolation in Older Adults	\$30,000	Family Caregiver Program for participants
Stillaguamish Tribal Foundation	\$5,000	General Operations
Global Credit Union	\$1,000	Food Room Operation
Snohomish County ARPA HVAC	\$49,999	Air conditioner for our kitchen and HVAC improvements in the main hall

These grants make a tremendous difference in our daily operation and our ability to provide services and programs within our center.

A huge thank you to each of these organization for their generous support!

## **Snow closure reminder**

Our center follows the Arlington School District's severe weather schedule. If schools are closed for snow, we will be as well. If Arlington runs on a late start schedule, our operating hours are subject to change.



# SUMMER EVENTS



We had a booth along with the Family Caregiver's at the Arlington Street Fair.



Happy Birthday to our new friend Robert!



Happy Birthday to the one and only Jackie! Marcia Kester singing him Happy Birthday!



Sid getting his hair cut from a local stylist who is volunteering her time to make sure our participants feel their best.















Lisa & Karlene



Jeanette, Lisa & Geanice taking a break





Getting ready to leave after a long day











# **Earthquake Preparedness**

#### **Before an Earthquake:**

- Eliminate hazards. Make it as easy as possible to get under a sturdy table or desk for protection.
- Secure special equipment such as telephones and tanks of oxygen.
- Keep a list of medications, allergies, special equipment, names and numbers of doctors, pharmacists and family members. Make sure you have the list with you at all times.
- Keep an extra pair of eyeglasses and medication with your emergency supplies.
- Keep walking aids near you at all times. Have extra walking aids in different rooms of the house.
- Put a security light in each room. These lights plug into any outlet and light up automatically if the power goes out. They operate for four to six hours and you can turn them off by hand.
- Make sure you have a whistle to signal for help.
- Keep extra batteries for hearing aids with your emergency supplies. Remember to replace them annually.
- Keep extra emergency supplies at your bedside.
- Find two people to check on you after an earthquake. Tell them your special needs, how to operate equipment you use and where you keep emergency supplies.
- Prepare to be self-sufficient for three days.

#### **During & After an Earthquake:**

- If you are in bed or sitting down, do not get up.
- If you are standing, duck and cover or sit down. You could be thrown to the floor if you are standing.
- Turn on your portable radio for instructions and news reports. For your safety, cooperate fully with public safety officials and instructions.
- Prepare for aftershocks by staying in a safe location.
- If you evacuate, leave a message at your home telling family members and others where you can be found.



# **Foot Clinic**

Foot Clinic is here the

1st & 2nd weeks of the month

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

10:00am -1:00pm

Located in the Rose Room

Call Kathy Epperson to Schedule your appointment 425-355-0852



# **Hearing Aid Cleaning**

by Stanwood Hearing

October 4<sup>th</sup>
November 1<sup>st</sup>
December 6<sup>th</sup>



11:00am-12:00pm (side room of main hall)



Stilly Thrift Store & Collectables 18218 Smokey Point Blvd Arlington, WA 98223 360.658.4991

#### Store Hours:

Monday-Saturday 10:00AM-4:00PM

> Sunday -Closed-

<u>Donation Hours:</u>

Monday & Wednesday

10:00am-2:00pm



#### The Thrift Store needs you!

We are looking for volunteers who are able to sort through our clothing. Must be able to stand and lift up to 30 lbs. Flexible with times & days. Please stop by our store for an application today.



#### **Gentle Joint & Muscle Relief**

**Monday 9:30-10:15AM** in the side room. Learn how to ease the stiffness of your own joints & muscles with a few easy techniques. Exercises change weekly.

Suggested \$5 donation to support SVC.

#### **Gentle Yoga**

Tuesday 10:00-11:00AM in the Multipurpose Room. Come try out gentle yoga. Bring a yoga mat or thick towel. All ages and abilities are welcome! First class is free.

#### **Sew Days**

Every other Wednesday 9:00AM-4:00PM All in Stitches Quilt Guild will meet in the Arts & Crafts Room. Bring your projects & sewing machines and join for one-on-one instructions, collaboration and team projects. Have fun and connect. Grow your skills by teaching, listening and working together. Feel free to bring your lunch, or enjoy lunch at the center in the main hall.

#### Tai Chi/Qi Gong

Friday 9:00-10:00AM in the Multipurpose room. Benefits better sleep, improved mood, increased physical activity, more clarity & focus, helps reduced depression, stress & anxiety.

Members \$3

Non members \$5

# Friday's Entertainment Schedule



October 4 Marcia Kester

October 11 Mark Robison

October 18 Lee Howard

October 25 GoldRush

November 1 Rick Cooper

November 8 Rick Haugen

November 15 Doug Williams

November 22 Oyster Bay

November 29 CLOSED

December 6 Marcia Kester

December 13 Rick Cooper

December 20 GoldRush

December 27 Lee Howard



## **Line Dancing**

Tuesday & Thursday

10:45-11:15AM •Free beginner class

11:15AM-12:15PM •Regular Line Dancing

#### **Dancing Fees:**

Members \$2 (both classes)
Non-Members \$3 (both classes)

## **Chair Dancing**

Tuesday & Thursday 12:30-1:30<sub>PM</sub>







The North County Regional Fire Authority invited the community to Station 46 in downtown Arlington for the annual 9/11Remembrance Ceremony. Members of the public, council members, police, and firefighters all gathered to honor and remember the lives lost and pay tribute to the first responders.

During this ceremony, the Phoenix award was presented to **Kevin Doyle** with the Stillaguamish Apartments Housing staff. The Phoenix Award is presented to individuals who made critical judgments and actions in efforts to preserve life in severely ill or injured patients on the scene of an emergency. Kevin Doyle, the maintenance man on duty, rushed to help the tenant who lives in the unit where the fire originated from. Kevin's efforts proved to be instrumental & lifesaving, making a significant difference in the outcome of the incident. In recognition of his actions, the North County Regional Fire Authority presented Kevin with the Phoenix Award during their annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.



# Book Club October-December 2024 SVC Book Club Reads

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Multipurpose Room
1:00-2:30pm

When Two Feathers Fell from the Sky October

The Last List of Miss Judith Kratt November

Unsheltered **December** 



# Medical Equipment Loan Program

We are pleased to offer an Equipment Loan Program to the members in our community. Please call us to check our inventory as it can change daily. Our program operates Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm. Equipment we accept *and* loan out are items such as...



- Toilet Seat Risers
- Shower Transfer Bench
- Shower Chairs
- Crutches
- Canes
- Incontinence Products

- Wheelchairs
- Transfer Chairs
- Seated Walkers
- Metal Walkers
- Knee Scooters
- Portable Commodes

We can only accept items that are in **good working order and clean**. Items will be accepted at our discretion. To support the continuation of our Loan Program, a suggested \$5 DONATION OR MORE would be greatly appreciated when accessing the program. You are welcome to use the equipment for as long as needed.





# Food programs available at our Center

The Arlington Mobile Food Bank will be in the north end of the parking lot with a free market on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 11:00<sub>AM</sub>-12:00<sub>PM</sub>. All are welcome to check this out.

<u>The Food Room</u> is open from 10:00-11:30<sub>AM</sub> on Thursday only. We ask that you stop in at the front desk to sign in, then you'll be given a food room ticket. You may then wait over in the Arts and Crafts Room until your number is called.

<u>Costco</u> sometimes delivers food on Sunday evening. We put food out in our Main Hall in the morning. Please don't miss this opportunity to grab a few goodies.

**Homage Lunch Program** Monday through Friday from **12:00-12:30PM** for a suggested donation of \$4 for eligible persons 60 and older. Anyone younger than 60 is a required \$8.00 per meal. No eligible person is denied a meal for the inability to donate.

# Monthly Event Calendar



Wednesday
10:00a - Foot Care Clinic 10:00a - Canasta/Samba <b>12:00p - Lunch</b> 1:00p - Family Caregiver Support Group 6:00p - Zumba 7:00p - CA Meeting
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