

# The Senior Times

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## It's Time for Rain Barrels!

It has been a long and cold winter, but the groundhog did not see his shadow predicting that Spring is right around the corner. Here at the Senior Center, that means its time to get the rain barrels ready. For two years, volunteers have converted 55-gallon olive barrels into functional rain barrels. The barrels are then sold as one of the Centers fundraising projects.

Harvesting rainfall in barrels is an easy and inexpensive way to save water and help the environment. Believe it or not, for every inch of rain that falls on a catchment area of 1,000 square feet, you can expect to collect approximately 600 gallons of rainwater. Ten inches of rain falling on a 1,000 square foot catchment area will generate about 6,000 gallons of rainwater! Williamsburg averages almost 50 inches of rain per year producing potential collection of 30,000 gallons. Wow, that's a lot of water!



We also recycle the olive barrels into planters, basically one half of a barrel. These large pots are excellent for container gardening on patios and in gardens. We sell them unfinished, but they can easily be painted into whatever color suits your needs.

Senior Center member Pete Morelli has been the main volunteer converting the barrels. Pete is a retired New York auto mechanic now living in Williamsburg. He enjoys building and working with his hands so he was happy to take charge of the rain barrel program.

HTSC sell the rain barrels for \$50 each and the planters for \$20. James City County residents are eligible for a \$25 rebate on rain barrel purchases.

So when you are ready for your own rain barrel, just call the Senior Center at 259-4187 and ask for Pete!

**Hey Pete! Make me a rain barrel!**



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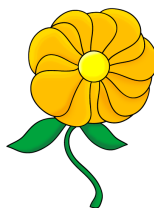
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**Membership Dues Update**

To ease any undo financial strain on our members, the \$50 annual membership dues can now be paid in \$25 installments, due each July and January. You can still pay the entire amount each July if you desire.

**Check out the changes and updates to our website [www.theseniorcenter.org](http://www.theseniorcenter.org).**

**If you have suggestions for website improvements, contact Nancy at 259-4181 or email her at [nancy.newman@htsc.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:nancy.newman@htsc.hrcoxmail.com)**



**New Director of Programming and Development**

The Historic Triangle Senior Center welcomes Nancy Newman as the new Director of Programming and Development. Nancy came on board in November to help guide the Center and its members to a vibrant and financially sound future.



She is responsible for maintaining current programs and developing new educational and social activities. She will also be promoting the value of corporate sponsorship to the local business community and coordinating new fundraising efforts for the Senior Center and for the RIDES program.

Nancy has a degree in marketing from Virginia Tech and has many years of experience in marketing, public relations, and event planning with both for profit and non-profit organizations. She has just returned to Williamsburg after living in the Blacksburg, VA area for many years.



**Maureen Brown  
1929 - 2011**

It is with great sorrow that we share the news of the passing of long-time Senior Center member and volunteer receptionist Maureen Brown. Her vivacious personality will be missed. In her honor, a GPS was purchased to use on Senior Center trips.

## Upcoming Trips *Time is running out!* *Sign up NOW!*

### March 5,6,7—Philadelphia Flower Show

- Leave March 5 ,Return on March 7
- Singles—\$450/members, \$490/nonmembers
- Doubles—\$400/members, \$440/ nonmembers
- Trip includes visits to Liberty Bell and Longwood Gardens
- Cost includes 2 nights accommodations, 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners.

### March 15—Trip to Virginia Zoo in Norfolk

- Leave Center at 9:00am, return at 4:30
- \$15/members, \$20/nonmembers
- Lunch on your own at the Zoo

### April 5— Hampton Roads Harbor Cruise

- Cruise on the Victor Rover out of Norfolk
- Leave Center at 9:00am, return after lunch
  - \$25/members, \$30/nonmembers
  - Lunch on your own at Freemason Abbey

### May 10—Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Richmond

- Leave center at 8:45am and return approximately 3:30pm
- Lunch on your own at the Garden Café
- \$18/members, \$22/non-members.

### June 20—Morman Tabernacle Choir at the Norfolk Scope Arena

- Leave center via coach at 5:15pm and return immediately following the show.
- Two levels of pricing depending on choice of seating -
  - Good: \$63/members, 70/non-members
  - Better: \$78/members, \$85/non-members.



Senior Center travelers visited the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and the Holocaust Museum on January 6.

## Wii **Historic Triangle Senior Center** Bowling Tournament

Saturday  
March 5, 2011  
3:00pm - 6:00pm

The Historic Triangle Senior Center announces our first Wii Bowling Tournament. The event will be held at the James City-Williamsburg Community Center on Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Wii Bowling is rapidly becoming a favorite activity for all ages and we are looking to capitalize on that enthusiasm while raising funds for our organization.

**Winning Team wins \$200!**

**REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!**

For registration information, visit our website at [www.theseniorcenter.org](http://www.theseniorcenter.org) or contact Nancy Newman at 259-4181.

## Do you like BINGO?

We play BINGO every Wednesday at 2:00 in the Senior Lounge. The first Wednesday of each month, Bingo is called by Jessica Szahowski from Dominion Village. She will bring snacks and special prizes.



## Remembering the *Day of our Lives*

The *Days of our Lives* group meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1:30. Each month a different topic relevant to your youth is examined and explored with activities and lively discussion.

**Let's Go to the Casino!**

Our February casino trip was so well-received, we are planning another one for April or May. Look at the website or come to the Senior Lounge for the latest details.



**Spring Luncheon Celebrates St. Patrick's Day!**

Join us on Friday, March 11 for our Spring luncheon as we celebrate the festivities of St. Patrick's Day with a traditional meal of corned beef, cabbage, bratwurst and potato salad. Live music entertainment and door prizes. \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members.

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