

The
Gem



April 2024

B E C K I S H S E N I O R C E N T E R

25th ANNUAL
COLUMBIA SENIORS ORGANIZATION
SPRING TAG
SALE



PLANT SALE AND BAKE SALE

Saturday, April 20th
9 am ~ 2pm

Beckish Senior Center
188 Rt. 66—Columbia, CT

Volunteers Needed!!!

Accepting Donation Starting 4/8 until
4/19—See inside for details and for more
information and questions please call
Sheran at 860-228-9543 or Beckish Senior
Center at 860-228-0759



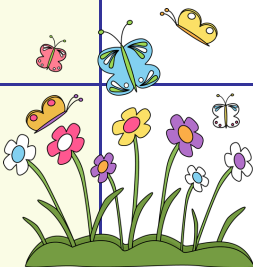


April 2024

BECKISH SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8-12 Haircuts 11-3 Massage 12 TVCCA Meal 1:00 Art Class April Fool's Day!	2 9:00 Women's Club 9:00-Woodcarving 9:30 TOPS 1:00 Open Billiards 2:30 Line Dancing	3 10:00 Ping Pong 12:00 TVCCA Lunch 1:00 Mahjong 12:45 Bridge 1-3 Open Billiards	4 9:00 Virtual Chair Yoga 1:00 Mobile Foodshare @ Rec Park 1:00 Movie Time 6:30—Open Billiards	5 8:45 Strength Class 11 Wellness w/Katie 11:45 CSO Mtg Cake 12:00 TVCCA Lunch 12:45 Duplicate Bridge 1:00 Quilting 1:00 Open Billiards 6:30 Setback Night	6
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21	22 10-12 Paint & Plant 11-3 Massage 12 TVCCA Meal 1:00 Art Class	23 9:00 Women's Club 9:00-Woodcarving 9:30 TOPS 10:00 Depart Windham Tech lunch 1:00-Open Billiards 2:30 Line Dancing	24 9:00 AARP Smart Driver 10:00 Ping Pong 12:00 TVCCA 12:45 Bridge 1:00 Mahjong 1-3 Open Billiards	25 9:00 Virtual Chair Yoga 1:00 Movie Time 6:30—Open Billiards	26 8:45 Strength Class 12:00 TVCCA Lunch 12:45 Duplicate Bridge 1:00 Quilting 1:00 Open Billiards 6:30 Setback Night	27
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Senior Center Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Everyone is welcome to come and participate in all we have here at Beckish!



April LUNCH MENU



Join us for lunch at 12 noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week.

Suggested donation: \$3.00 for HOT MEAL

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<p><u>1</u> <u>Pesto Chicken</u> <u>Herb Roasted Potatoes</u> <u>Corn w/Peppers & Onions</u> <u>Pineapple Tidbits</u></p>	<p><u>3</u> <u>Crispy Cod</u> <u>Macaroni & Cheese</u> <u>Squash Mix w/Carrots & String Beans, Sweet Treat</u> <u>Grape Juice</u></p>	<p><u>5</u> <u>Pineapple Glazed Ham</u> <u>Sweet Potatoes</u> <u>Green Beans</u> <u>Diced Peaches</u></p>
<p><u>8</u> <u>Beef & Bean Chili</u> <u>Pasta Shells w/Herbs</u> <u>Mixed Vegetables Medley</u> <u>Fresh Fruit</u></p>	<p><u>10</u> <u>Meatballs Marinara</u> <u>Penne Pasta</u> <u>Green & Waxed Beans</u> <u>Mixed Fruit Cup</u></p>	<p><u>12</u> <u>Birthday Celebration</u> <u>Creamy Chicken Dijon</u> <u>Garlic Mashed Potatoes</u> <u>Squash Mix w/Carrots & String Beans</u> <u>Birthday Treat, Grape Juice</u></p>
<p><u>15</u> <u>Cheese Ravioli w/ Marinara</u> <u>Green Beans</u> <u>Diced Carrot Coins</u> <u>Applesauce Cup</u></p>	<p><u>17</u> <u>BBQ Pulled Pork w/Bun</u> <u>Baked Beans</u> <u>Green & Yellow Squash</u> <u>Diced Peaches</u></p>	<p><u>19</u> <u>Vegetarian Lasagna</u> <u>Lima Beans</u> <u>Carrot Coins</u> <u>Fresh Orange</u></p>
<p><u>22</u> <u>Whole Grain Fish Sticks</u> <u>Tater Tots</u> <u>Cauliflower, Carrots, & Snap Peas</u> <u>Mixed Fruit Cup</u></p>	<p><u>24</u> <u>Salisbury Steak w/gravy</u> <u>Mashed Potatoes</u> <u>Broccoli</u> <u>Fresh Fruit</u></p>	<p><u>26</u> <u>Pot Roast w/gravy</u> <u>Parsley Steamed Potatoes</u> <u>Corn w/Peppers & Onions</u> <u>Diced Pears</u></p>
<p><u>29</u> <u>Ethnic Celebration</u> <u>Steamed Pork Dumplings</u> <u>Steamed Rice, Broccoli, Peppers, & Mushrooms, Sweet Treat, Apple Juice</u></p>		



1% milk & whole grain bread are served with each meal

Menu is subject to change without notice.

ACTIVITIES

FITNESS CLASSES

Strength & Mobility:
Fridays
8:45-9:45am



See inside for cost

THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE
WITH SUE
MONDAYS STARTING AT 11AM
\$25 FOR 25 MINUTES



SET BACK

Friday Nights
 at 6:30 - 9:00 PM



Bridge

Please come join the Bridge group on Wednesday at 12:45PM

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

The Bridge group will be playing DUPLICATE Bridge every Friday @ 12:45 PM, so if you play, pick a partner and have some fun!



Real People.
Real Weight Loss.®

Tuesday morning at
9:30am.



Pickleball

Thursday at 10am
 Rec Park this
 spring! Must Sign-up!

Billiards

Thursday @ 10 AM

Open Pool ~ Tuesdays @ 1:00–3:00 PM

Open Pool ~ Thursdays @ 6:30 PM

Open Pool ~ Fridays @ 1 PM



QUILTING

Fridays @ 1:00 PM

Learn new and exciting projects.



Chair Yoga & Pilates

Virtual Thursdays 9:00 AM

This is a low impact toning and conditioning and strengthening class for all levels.

LINE DANCING

Tuesdays at 2:30pm

Come join us and dance like no one is watching!



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REIKI

See Calendar



Mind Body Reiki

SCHOOL OF ENERGY HEALING BY TIMMIE POLICARPIC

WOODCARVING

Tuesdays @
 9:00 AM
 - 12 noon

Come join the fun and carve your way into your next



Writing Connection

See inside for more info



The Ladies Group

Tuesday mornings 9:30 AM

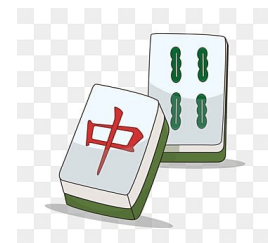
Coffee and snacks

Come join in the fun! And meet new people!

MAHJONG

New Day!!

Wednesdays at 1pm



TRANSPORTATION



The Town of Columbia's Senior Transportation Services provides transportation for residents who are sixty years and older or disabled adults eighteen years and older. The van has accommodations for two wheelchairs, and a maximum of 14 riders. A town-owned SUV allows for up to three people.

Transportation is provided for doctor appointments, shopping, wellness trips, banking, or various errands. Service is offered to and from the Beckish Senior Center for lunch or activities at the center. The hour of operation is Monday through Friday 8am to 3pm, excluding town holidays and inclement weather. Please call the Senior Center at 860-228-0759, extension 2, to speak with Flo or Brittney to schedule your ride. Rides should be made at least forty eight hours in advance. Medical rides should be made as soon as possible, these rides take precedent over all other rides.

Passengers must always wear a seatbelt. Food and drink are not allowed in the vehicle.

Suggested Donations for Trips

Sponsored outings by any group or approved organization	\$ 3.00 or \$5.00
1 to 10 miles	\$ 2.00
11 to 19 miles	\$ 5.00
20 to 29 miles	\$10.00
30 plus miles	\$15.00

DIAL-A-RIDE

Dial-A-Ride is door-to-door ride service to and from anywhere within the nine-town region. Dial-A-Ride operates Monday thru Friday 8am to 4pm excluding holidays. Trips are \$3 each way and free to seniors. A suggested donation would be accepted. Forty-eight hours' notice is required.

For more information visit <https://wrtd.org/dial-a-ride/>

BECKISH TRIPS**Beckish Senior Center & Windham Senior Center Presents:
Brimfield Antique & Vintage Flea Market**

When: **Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

Cost: \$25.00 PP

Reservations: **Beckish Senior Center 860-228-0759**

Spend the day browsing America's oldest antique & vintage flea market. You will have plenty of time to stroll and check out all that Brimfield has to offer. Make sure to wear comfortable shoes!

Depart: 8:00 AM Beckish Senior Center, 188 Route 66, Columbia,
Est. Return: 3:00 PM Columbia

Depart: 8:15 AM Windham Senior Center, 1 Jillson Square, Willimantic
Est. Return: 3:00PM Willimantic



BECKISH TRIPS

Beckish Senior Center & Windham Senior Center present:

NEWPORT FLOWER SHOW

Theme: "At Home"

Rosecliff Mansion

Friday, June 21, 2024

Newport, RI

The magnificent Rosecliff Mansion provides a delightful backdrop for the Newport Flower Show. Begin by touring the first floor of the mansion filled with incredible floral arrangements, continue out onto the spacious lawn to enjoy beautiful displays. Explore the Shopper's Marketplace with incredible views!

Spend the rest of your day in downtown Newport....Lots of wonderful shopping and restaurants on Bowen's and Bannister's Wharf!



COST: \$116.pp based on 35-50 passengers

Depart: 8:30am Beckish Senior Center,
188 Route 66, Columbia

9:00am Windham Senior Center
1 Jillson Square, Willimantic

Est. Return: 6:00pm Willimantic 6:30pm Columbia

For Reservations: Bernadette Derring 860-228-0759

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Beckish Senior Center presents:



LOBSTER & A GREAT SHOW

FEATURING: JIMMY RUSSO

The LOG CABIN, Holyoke, MA
July 17, 2024—Wednesday



EXCELLENT MENU !!!

Welcome Tray with Cheese & Vegetable Platter
 Shrimp Cocktail
 House Garden Salad served with Signature Breads
1 1/4 lb Lobster OR Prime Rib
 Potato Salad & Cole Slaw
 Lobster & Crab Cakes
 BBQ Chicken
 Yummy Dessert with Coffee
Advance Choice Required



Jimmy Russo is a dynamic entertainer blessed with a beautiful voice and a love of music from the 60's & 70's. Jimmy will perform many of your favorites from an era you know so well. He is joined by Butch Barbella on keyboard and vocals. Don't miss this trip down memory lane with Friendship Tours

COST: \$147.pp based on 35-50

For Reservations: Beckish Senior Center 860-228-0759

Depart: 10:15am Beckish Senior Center—188 Route 6

Est. Return: 4:30pm Columbia



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Beckish & Windham Senior Centers presents:

CAPE COD CANAL CRUISE, ONSET, MA

Thursday, August 1, 2024



For a unique adventure, cruise the renowned Cape Cod Canal. This man-made canal is the widest sea-level canal without locks in the world. The Cape Cod Canal is 17.4 miles long, 32-feet deep, and depending on location it is between 500 and 700-feet wide.

Departing from Onset, MA, the **Cape Cod Canal cruise** will pass under the impressive railroad and highway bridges, the Bourne and Sagamore, and sail along a parade of pleasure boats and commercial vessels also on the canal. A knowledgeable commentator leads you on a 2-hour cruise detailing the history and natural beauty of this fascinating waterway.

Enjoy a **Buffet Lunch** at Mezza Luna Restaurant in Buzzards Bay prior to the cruise. *MENU: Garden Salad, Homemade Italian Garlic Bread, Cheese Ravioli, Chicken Marsala, Rice Pilaf, Assorted Italian Mini Pastries with Coffee & Tea.*

COST: \$150 pp based on 35-50

Depart: 8:00am Beckish Senior Center, 188 Route 66, Columbia

8:30am Windham Senior Center, 1 Jillson Square, Willimantic

Est. Return: 5:45pm Willimantic 6:15pm Columbia

For Reservations: Bernadette Derring 860-228-0759



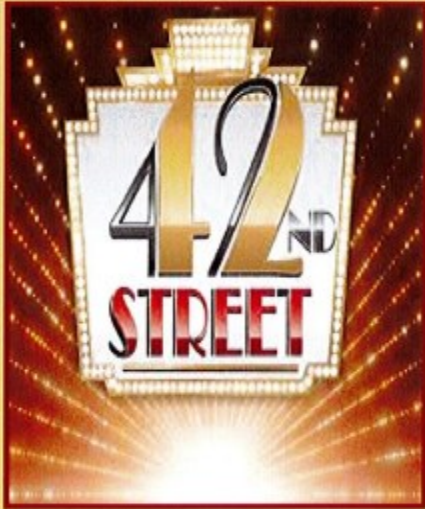
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Beckish & Windham Senior Center presents:



South Kingstown, RI

Orchestra Seating

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Come and meet those dancing feet in *42nd Street*, the glamorous, Tony® Award-winning, 1930's musical spectacular! The stakes are high when a young chorus girl, fresh from Allentown, PA, is given the once-in-a-lifetime chance to become a star in a new Broadway show. This family-friendly classic backstage story features a hit parade of songs including "Lullaby of Broadway," "We're in the Money," "Shuffle Off to Buffalo," and the spectacular title number. With sensational tap numbers, lavish costumes, and one show-stopping tune after another, *42nd Street* is Broadway razzle-dazzle at its finest!

Delicious Pre-Show **lunch at George's of Galilee** on the waterfront. **Menu:** Salad, Choice of Baked Cod or Roasted Chicken Thighs with Sundried Tomatoes & Mushrooms in a Mustard Cream Sauce or Roasted Beet Salad, Seasonal Sides & Dessert. **Entrée choice in advance**



COST: \$177.pp based on 35-50 passengers

Depart: 9:15am Beckish Senior Center, 188 Route 66, Columbia

9:30am Windham Senior Center, 1 Jillson Square, Willimantic

Est. Return: 6:00pm Willimantic

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For Reservations: Bernadette Derring **860-228-0759**



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9/11 Memorial Museum & Memorial

Brookfield Place

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Lunch on your own at **Brookfield Place**, an upscale food court in the heart of Lower Manhattan.

The 9/11 Museum: The National 9/11 Memorial & Museum is the country's principal institution concerned with exploring the implications of the events of 9/11, documenting the impact of those events and exploring 9/11's continuing significance. Multimedia displays, artifacts and narratives commemorate the lives of each & every victim of both the 2001 & 1993 attacks.

The Memorial: The Memorial's twin reflecting pools sit within the footprints where the Twin Towers once stood. The names of every person who died in the terrorist attacks are inscribed in bronze around the pools.

COST: \$130.pp based on 35-50

Reservations: Beckish Senior Center 860-228-0759

Depart: 7:00am Windham Senior Center, 1Jillson Square

Est. Return: 7:30pm Willimantic

Depart: 7:30am Beckish Senior Center,

188 Route 66, Columbia, CT 06237

Est. Return: 7:00pm Columbia

There will be a moderate amount of walking on this trip.



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Escorted Viking River Cruise Tulips & Windmills 2025 Discover Holland and Belgium



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This cruise historically sells out more than a year in advance—we are holding a block of cabins until 4/17/2024 or until we are sold out
Call the Ship Shop to book your cabin ASAP!

Included Cruise Features:

- Roundtrip Motorcoach to airport
- 9 Nts onboard the Viking Edgir, a state of the art Viking Longship
- All onboard meals created by Swiss-trained chefs featuring fresh ingredients & regional specialty options
- Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks with onboard dinner and lunch service, bottled water and complimentary cappuccino, coffee and tea at the 24-hour hot beverage bar.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi onboard
- 8 Guided Shore Excursions led by knowledgeable local guides utilizing an audio headset system
- Attentive Service from award-winning, English-speaking staff, plus the personalized assistance of your onboard Viking Concierge
- All Taxes and Port Fees
- Ship Shop Tour Director

Not Included: Roundtrip air—Viking air promotions are determined at the time you reserve your cabin. Call The Ship Shop for more information.

BECKISH TRIPS

Day 1: Fly to Amsterdam, The Netherlands: Board your deluxe motorcoach to the airport for your flights to Amsterdam- a city famous for its many canals, art museums and much more.

Day 2: Amsterdam, The Netherlands: Arrive in Amsterdam and after clearing Customs, transfer to your beautiful Viking Longship. After boarding, the afternoon is yours to relax or explore the city on your own. You may wish to visit the Anne Frank House or the Rijksmuseum. (D)

Day 3: Amsterdam, The Netherlands: Amsterdam is a city of charming canals, elegant gabled houses, its patchwork of waterways forms about 90 islands connected by 1500 bridges. Today embark on an included canal tour by glass-topped boat to see architecture from the city's Golden Age. Take in some of Amsterdam's interesting sights as you pass a variety of vessels, including many charming houseboats moored canalside. (B, L, D)



Day 4: Scenic sailing & Enkhuizen, The Netherlands:

Early this morning, sail across the IJsselmeer (once known as the Zuiderzee) to Enkhuizen, once a small fishing village, now a prosperous harbor. During the 17th century, the city flourished as a center of maritime trade and shipbuilding. The silting up of the Zuiderzee at the end of the century ended this golden era; the sea eventually became an inland lake, cut off from the North Sea, with the completion of a dike in 1932. The era's wealth and prosperity remain evident in several impressive landmarks, including the Drommedaris, a former city gate and watchtower, and the striking Gothic-style Zuiderkerk. Explore the historic sights of Enkhuizen during an informative walking excursion. Enkhuizen is known as one of the most beautiful Dutch East India Company cities in the Netherlands and still exudes much of its Dutch Golden Age charm. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Arnhem, The Netherlands : A picturesque town nearly destroyed by WWII, Arnhem is graced with an array of beautiful parks and gardens. In 1443, Arnhem joined the Hanseatic League, the powerful merchant conglomerate that dominated Northern Europe's medieval trade world. During the 19th century it evolved into a more leisurely town, renowned for its scenic landscapes. Today visit Operation Market Garden, the sites of a crucial wartime operation and the basis for a 1977 Richard Attenborough Film "A Bridge Too Far" (B, L, D)

Day 6: Kinderdijk, The Netherlands: Today we arrive in Kinderdijk and disembark for a tour of this ingenious 18th-century community. Kinderdijk is most known for its 19 remarkably preserved 18th century windmills. Learn why the windmills were built and see how they work to help control flooding, then tour a working windmill to see its pumping mechanism and living quarters at this UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Antwerp, Belgium: A cosmopolitan city, Antwerp is one of the world's major seaports. Its unique atmosphere comes from the contrasts between old and new, commerce and art. The Old Town and the expansive Grote Markt are filled with narrow, winding streets and medieval guild houses. The Gothic Cathedral of Our Lady, Belgium's largest church, contains works by 17th century painter Peter Paul Rubens; he lived in the city and is entombed in the Church of St James. Antwerp is also renowned for diamonds and chocolate. Many diamond cutters can be found here alongside countless confectioners. See Antwerp's dazzling historic quarter up close as you explore by foot. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Middelburg & Veere, The Netherlands: The capital of Zeeland, Middelburg's historical significance can be seen in its well-preserved medieval buildings. The magnificent 15th century Gothic-style Town Hall stands as a testament to Middelburg's past grandeur. The soaring abbey tower of Lange Jen offers panoramic views of the city. After a walking tour of this beautiful area, we depart for Veere, a picturesque town also located in the province of Zeeland. Veere has a rich history dating back to the 13th century. A bustling port, the town grew in prominence during the Dutch Golden Age and became a hub for the wool and fishing industries. Pleasure yachts anchor in its harbor, which is lined with historic buildings and quaint shops. The annual Veere Regatta, one of the Netherlands' oldest and most prestigious sailing competitions, highlights the town's nautical traditions and draws enthusiasts from around the world. Explore the quaint town of Veere and its pretty marina during your walking tour. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Zeeland, The Netherlands:

Explore the remarkable Delta Works and the fascinating landscapes that they have forever altered. Drive with your guide into the Walcheren region in the southwestern corner of The Netherlands. Once an island, the dam across the Oosterschelde helped connect it to the mainland. In Ouwkerk, visit the Watersnoodmuseum and browse the exhibits that tell the story of the last great flood, which occurred in 1953. The museum is housed in three Phoenix caissons that were used to close dike breeches during the disaster. Continue to Zierikzee for a walking tour of this timeless town with a rich history tied to the tides. After taking in its seaside charms, travel to the Delta Works, a massive storm surge barrier. This ingenious system protects the area from floods while still allowing the tide to ebb and flow through the Oosterschelde. After time for photos, return to your ship. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Keukenhof Gardens & Amsterdam, The Netherlands: Walk the flower-lined footpaths of one of the most renowned flower gardens in the world. Every spring, a vibrant, multihued carpet blankets the 70 acres at Keukenhof Gardens. Some 7 million flowers are said to bloom here: tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, lilies, bluebells, crocuses and countless others form graceful ribbons along pathways and brooks and fill greenhouses and fields to bursting. Stroll among 100 varieties of tulips on these 15th-century hunting grounds. Breathe in glorious scents as you loop through Gerbrand's circular garden and mingle among sculptures and statuary. Admire Keukenhof Castle, where a countess once sorted herbs in her "kitchen garden." You can also step back in time in the historical garden, where old tulip varieties and 17th-century daffodils grace a castle's garden. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Flights Home:

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flights home taking with your wonderful memories of Holland & Belgium. Upon arrival home in the States, your motorcoach will be awaiting your arrival to transfer you to Connecticut. (B)

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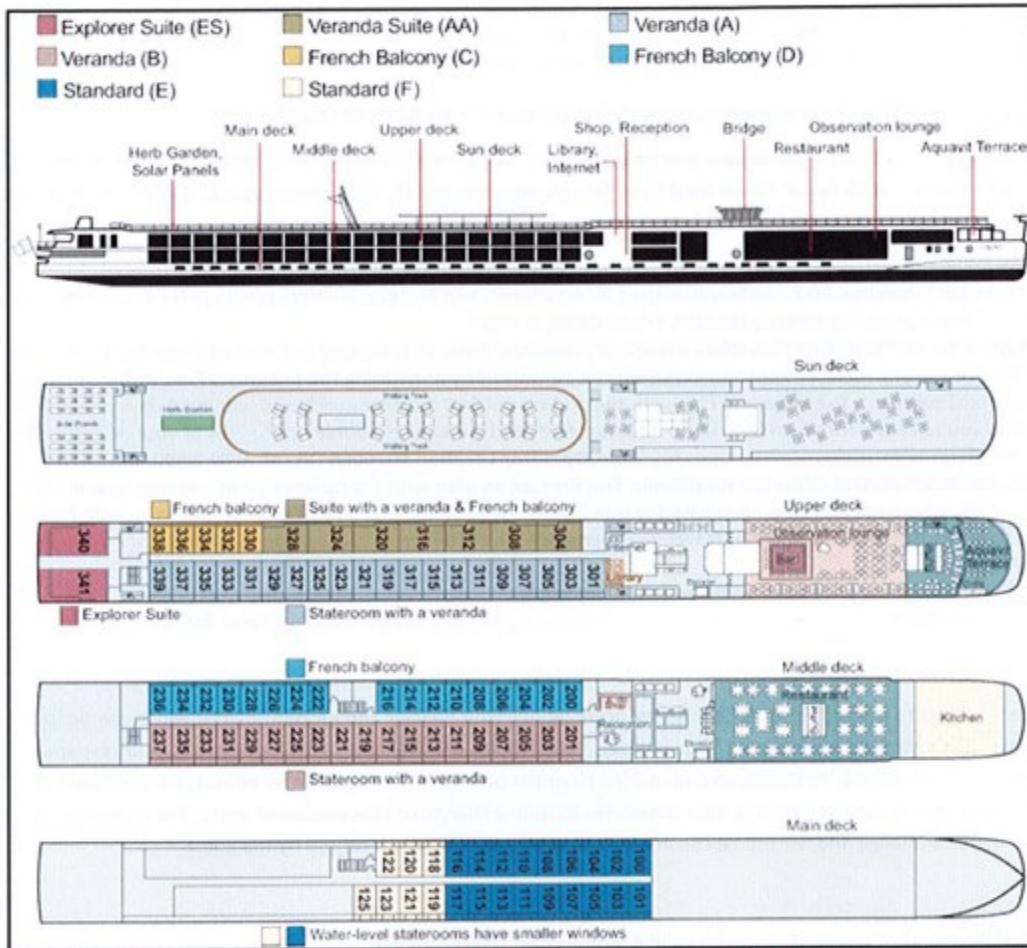
Costs are Per Person, Twin occupancy

Cat F	Standard Outside Cabin	\$4399.
Cat E	Standard Outside Cabin	\$4499.
Cat D	French Balcony Cabin	\$4899.
Cat C	French Balcony Cabin	\$5099.
Cat B	Veranda Cabin	\$5699.
Cat A	Veranda Cabin	\$5899.

Space is subject to availability at time of booking.

Roundtrip transportation is based on a minimum # of passengers.

Roundtrip air is not included in above fares and is based on when you deposit.



Standard Cabin (E)



French Balcony (D & C)



Veranda Cabin (B & A)

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Costs:

Cat F	Standard Outside Stateroom	\$4399.pp twin
Cat E	Standard Outside Stateroom	\$4499.pp twin
Cat D	French Balcony Stateroom	\$4899.pp twin
Cat C	French Balcony Stateroom	\$5099.pp twin
Cat B	Veranda Cabin	\$5699.pp twin
Cat A	Veranda Cabin	\$5899.pp twin

Ship Shop Escort & Transportation to Airport is based on a minimum # of passengers.

Air: Air is not included in above rates. If cabin is booked by Feb 28, 2024 air cost is \$599 per person roundtrip

Mobility: This tour involves moderate-level walking tours in each port, mostly on uneven surfaces. This cruise may not be suitable for passengers with mobility issues.

Deposit: \$900.pp due with reservation. Reservations are recommended ASAP for best cabins. Space is subject to availability at time of deposit. Check with the Ship Shop at any time for current availability on this sailing.

Final Payment: May 31, 2024. Final payments paid with E-check save 3.3 %. Ask Ship Shop for details

Cancellation Penalty: If cancelled after deposit and before Nov 15, 2024 fee of \$250.pp; Nov 16-Dec 16, 2024 fee of 50% of total fare; Dec 17, 2024-Jan 17, 2025 fee of 75% of total fare; No refunds after Jan 18, 2025. Air penalties are not included in above and may be additional.

Trip Protection Coverage is strongly recommended. Friendship Tours offers Travel Protection insurance through 2 insurance providers: NTA Travel Protection Plan and Travel Insured International. Trip Protection offers coverage for Cancellation for covered medical reasons, Interruption, Emergency Medical, Travel Delay, & more.

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Plan details are available at <https://www.friendshiptours.net/protection-plan>. Call Friendship Tours 860-243-1630 for assistance in enrolling.

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Proof of Citizenship:

U.S. Citizens: Valid Passport required—must be valid 6 months past the return date

Non U.S. Citizens are responsible for obtaining proper documentation for travel.

Friendship Tours / The Ship Shop is not responsible for passengers not having proper documentation for travel

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: The Ship Shop 860-243-1630 800-243-1630



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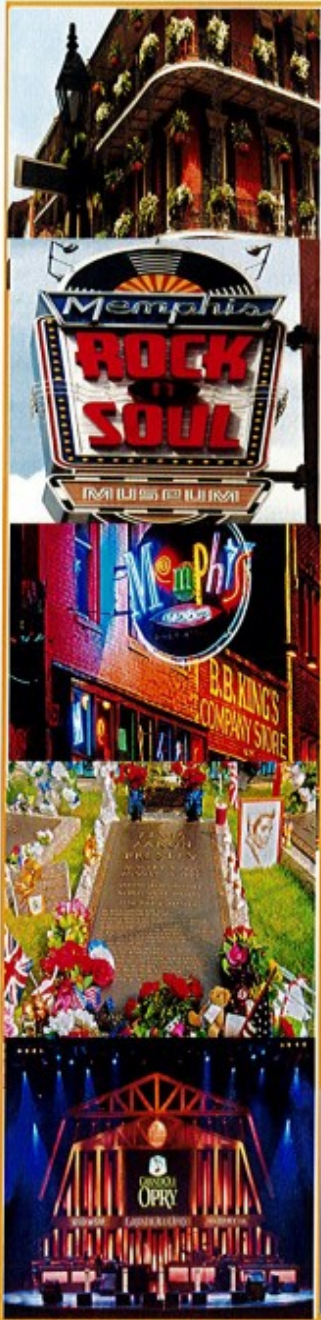
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BECKISH TRIPS

BECKISH SENIOR CENTER PRESENTS:

Escorted - America's Music Cities New Orleans, Memphis Nashville September 15 - 22, 2024



- * French Quarter Riding & Walking Tour * Jazz Review * Grammy Museum
- * Visit Graceland, home of Elvis Presley * Civil Rights Tour * Memphis Sun Studios * Rock N Soul Museum* Historic RCA Studio B * Ryman Auditorium
- * Grand Ole Opry Show * Country Music Hall of FameMuch More...!

Day 1: New Orleans, Louisiana

Motorcoach to Bradley Airport for your flights to New Orleans. Step back in time on a cultural getaway that opens in the "Jazz Capital of the World," New Orleans! This soulful city abounds with rich history, mouthwatering Cajun and Creole cuisine, and of course, an incomparable soundtrack. Take in the sights, flavors, and sounds of New Orleans on your own today.

Day 2: New Orleans

Explore the many sides of New Orleans and how jazz began and thrives here. Start with a panoramic city tour, seeing the famous St. Louis Cemetery #3 and Esplanade. Then, it's a walking tour of the French Quarter viewing St. Louis Cathedral, Pirates Alley and more. Tonight enjoy a New Orleans-style dinner before going to Maison Bourbon, a live jazz club in the French Quarter. B, D

Day 3: New Orleans - Oxford, Mississippi

Leave New Orleans on a high note and head to the next music landmark. Explore the history of one of the world's most prestigious awards in music at GRAMMY Museum Mississippi. Later, arrive in the charming college town of Oxford for a laid-back evening. B, D

Day 4: Oxford - Memphis, Tennessee

Travel to Memphis, the birthplace of the Blues, Rock 'n' Roll, and Soul. Enjoy Southern hospitality at your hotel before jiving along to "Jailhouse Rock" as you visit Graceland, the stately mansion of the "King" himself, and tour Elvis's 14-acre estate, including his home, private jets, and Meditation Garden. B, D

Day 5: Memphis

This morning, embark on a civil rights history tour via coach and follow the route of Martin Luther King Jr.'s last march, stopping at Mason Temple where he gave his famous "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech the night before he was assassinated. Take time to explore the National Civil Rights

Museum and grab lunch on your own. Later, get acquainted with the musical history of Memphis with a visit to Sun Studio, perhaps the most famous recording studio in the world before continuing on to the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum, highlighting the musical journey of the city! B

Day 6: Memphis - Nashville

Roll along Music Highway to Nashville – the "Music Capital of the World." Tour the historic Ryman Auditorium*, the original home of the Grand Ole Opry. What began as a building where a local radio broadcast show aired once a week in 1925 has grown to become an entertainment complex that attracts music fans from all over the world. This evening, take your reserved seat at the renowned Grand Ole Opry* (*based on performance schedule) B

Day 7: Nashville

Explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, the world's largest museum of popular music, and check out the vast collections of memorabilia, costumes, recordings, and instruments. Tour RCA Studio B and gain an insider's look at Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio, where Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, and Charley Pride once recorded classic hits. You may even have the opportunity to record your own hit! After one more lunch together, **it's your choice!** Join a hands-on chocolate-making lesson at the iconic Goo Goo Candy Shop -OR- visit the Johnny Cash Museum where you'll be immersed in the life and legacy of Johnny Cash, a "100 Greatest Artists of All Time" honoree and the biographical inspiration for the blockbuster film, *Walk the Line*. B, L

Day 8: Nashville - Tour Ends

Your rockin' musical journey comes to a close today. Return flight to Bradley Airport and motorcoach home. The country music of Nashville, the sounds of Memphis and New Orleans Jazz & food compromise a journey full of experiences that will be with you long after you return home! B

COST: \$4099* pp twin (based on 25 and current air tariffs)

* If booked by 2/1/2024 - After 2/1/2024 the price is \$4199 pp twin

INCLUDES:

Transportation to Bradley, Round trip flights from Hartford/Bradley, Sightseeing by Deluxe coach, Professional Tour Manager upon arrival in New Orleans, 7 night hotel accommodations, 7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners, Sightseeing per Itinerary, Friendship Tours Escort



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B E C K I S H T R I P S

DEPOSIT: \$900 pp with reservation to secure your space. Space is subject to availability at the time of reservation.

FINAL PAYMENT: June 25, 2024

FOR RESERVATIONS: Call Barbara at Friendship Tours: 860-243-1630

CANCELLATION POLICY: If a passenger cancels from deposit date to June 25, 2024 the cancellation fee is \$700 pp; June 26, 2024 to July 25, 2024 the cancellation fee is \$2500 pp; no refunds if cancelled after July 25, 2024. All cancellation fees are plus any non-refundable airline fees.

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C S O A R T C O M M I T T E E



By Elli Sharpe—The Day the Elephants Cried as told by a child of seven

It was July and a very special day for many but especially her. It was an early birthday present, and Daddy was taking her to the circus. In one month and twelve days she would be seven and more than halfway to being a teen, just like Violet, her best friend's older sister. She loved Violet so much but now all these years later she can't remember why. I regress.

At the last-minute Daddy was called into work, Mommy couldn't take me so I went with my babysitter, Ann. Nothing short of a miracle, Mommy said later.

We had to take two buses to get all the way to the north end of Hartford from the south end of Hartford, two tokens each and Ann let me pay and get the transfers because, at almost seven, I was a big girl now and needed responsibility.

We got there early because Ann wanted to show me everything, get cotton candy, pet the animals, if allowed, and talk to the clowns. I didn't like cotton candy, so she bought me popcorn. Much better. I was anxious to see the animals up close, so we walked around for a while. I saw a black and white bear and was surprised that bears came in so many colors, I was disappointed because most of the animals were in cages, and we couldn't see them very well but then one of the clowns took me to pet an elephant. The clown told me that elephants were gentle and loving animals and should always be respected. I really didn't know what respected meant but I loved the elephants and would until the day I die, I promised myself.

We went inside and Ann took us up high, better to see up here, my dear, she said like the fox in Little Red Riding Hood. I giggled and climbed.

There was a lot to see at once, I loved the lion tricks and thought them one of the most beautiful animals in the world. The clowns did funny tricks and then a beautiful streak of light crawled across the top of the tent, and I asked Ann how they did that and the next thing I knew I was falling, she took me by the arms and dropped me down, through the seats. to the ground. Then she jumped down and pushed me outside the tent, it collapsed shortly after. She grabbed me and started yelling something about being trampled. Somehow, we were clear.

C S O A R T C O M M I T T E E

This is fun, I said to Ann, but she isn't having fun. She pulled me away and tried to cover my eyes. There were people running around and Ann kept pushing me away from the crowd. I heard people crying and screaming and climbing over others who were lying on the ground and then I saw the smoke and fire for the first time.

I saw people on fire and worst of all the cry of the elephants. It was so loud, I worried they were hurt, and I started to cry while all the time Ann pulled and pushed till, she finally got us to safety on the sidewalk toward home. We walked, no buses at all.

Soon we spotted Daddy running toward us, Ann began to cry and then she fell, Daddy picked me up and put me on his shoulders and then picked Ann up and carried us both all the way home. My daddy was so strong.

Mommy was waiting when we got home, she hugged me till I couldn't breathe. My father had to take me from her, afraid she'd hurt me... then she noticed a burn on my hand, when Ann saw it she started crying, Mommy told her not to cry, told her she saved my life and said if she had taken me I probably would have died. **Why** did Mommy say that I wondered?

I did find the answer to that question many years later. There are a few misunderstandings in my young childhood. The reason for this one is simple. My mother would have panicked and believed we both would have perished in the circus fire. As for my babysitter, she was a seventeen-year-old girl who kept her cool and got us out of there with barely a scratch. Unfortunately, many years later I learned that Ann didn't fare so well. I now know she suffered from PTSD. My family lost contact with her a couple of years later.

The next two days were all about Ann and me and how brave we were...and what a good girl I was for minding what Ann told me.

The following two days were overcast in mourning for Little Miss 1565 and how awful it was to die all alone...*anyway Mrs. Lonergan's baby started walking when she was only nine months old and was into everything, one day that little imp will lead this nation.* At the moment that news was the best news in these dire times.

Soon after that all was forgotten and the conversation went back to war, ration stamps and the shortage of eggs. Life goes on, my Daddy said.

What promised to be a day for fun and laughter turned into a horrific tragedy for more than a thousand victims, including families who would never see their loved ones again.

Those who died, those who cried and for Little Miss 1565, I still remember but, in my memory, it will always be, The Day The Elephants Cried...

CSO ART COMMITTEE
POETRY CORNER

By Carol Wheelock Hall



Two AM Sleep Intermission

Up from slumber, elusive sleep!
 Gone was dreaming, buried deep.
 The new day hardly just begun,
 And hours before a glimpse of sun.

No need to just lie there awake,
 When time be early, or is it late?
 A wagging tail and wet-nose "Hi"
 Says "I'm with you no matter why."

Blessed silence to read or think,
 Perhaps turn thoughts to paper, ink.
 My rocking chair bids "Sit the night,
 And if desired, then start to write".

But no bright thoughts come from my head.
 An hour plus passed...so back to bed!
 And now more weary off I go,
 Where I relax and dreams can flow.



★ Send in your poetry and we will share in the monthly newsletter. Send poems to: Beckish@columbiact.org or stop in and drop one off!

C O L U M B I A ' S A R T C O U N C I L

Bob's Art Class

Join us for Bob Oxenhorn's Art Class here at Beckish
Every Monday from 1-3pm.



All levels welcome!

Cost: \$10pp per class— cash only

Please bring to class—any materials and tools you need to participate in class. Instructor will provide material if you are in need.



Artist Corner

En Plein Air Event

All Artists are welcome to become a member of a Plein Aire group. This group includes all mediums as well as photographers. This is a opportunity to paint or photograph outdoors with the artists subject in full view. Plein air artists capture the spirit and essence of a landscape or subject by incorporating natural light, color and movement into their work.

The event date and locations are to be determined. If you are interested, please contact **Kim@kordo.org** or **fpolek@columbiact.org** for further information.

C O L U M B I A W R I T I N G C O N N E C T I O N

The Columbia Writing Connection

You may be wondering...

Are you a writer, or hoping to become one? The Columbia Writing Connection may be the group for you.

Our primary purpose? To offer space and time to fellow writers and would be writers, where they can share their work and gather valuable feedback from one another.

Anything else? Sure. We're a lively and friendly group, full of ideas and wanting to help. You'll learn about competitions, workshops and volunteer opportunities, along with hearing about the accomplishments of your fellow CWC writers. One other thing, and it's kinda hush hush...

a person in our group came up with a fun thing we're trying: the Litera Assembly Line. Pretty cool, and you just may want to try it, too. Come to one of our meetings to find out more.

When and where? We meet TWICE MONTHLY, on the second Monday of each month from

2 - 4 pm at the Beckish Senior Center AND on the last Wednesday of each month from 5:45 – 7:45 pm at the Saxton B. Little Library, both in Columbia Center.

The schedule of meetings and locations for the 2023 -24 Columbia Writing Connection are as follows:



Monday April 8th BSC
 Wednesday April 24th SBL
 Monday May 13th BSC
 Wednesday May 29th SBL
 Monday June 10th BSC
 Wednesday June 24th SBL
 Monday July 8th BSC
 Wednesday July 31st SBL
 Monday August 12th BSC
 Wednesday August 28th SBL

You may contact the CWC through Lekwurtzel@gmail.com
 Information is also available through the Saxton B. Little Library and the Beckish Senior Center

Meetings are always worthwhile, and we hope you will be joining us!

S O C I A L S E R V I C E S

Katie Wilt

Community Social Services Coordinator

Monday– Thursday 8:30am – 4:30pm

Friday’s 8:30am-12:30pm

Contact at 860-228-1008 or kwilt@columbiact.org.

Snow Removal Grant Pilot Program

If you are a Columbia resident who is a senior 55+ or disabled and have an emergency where you needed to get your driveway and or walkway snow plowed and are having trouble paying the bill please contact Columbia Social Services at 860-228-1008 or kwilt@columbiact.org to apply to the Snow Removal Program. Income eligibility is 60% of CT’s state median income (household of 1 is \$41,553 and household of 2 is \$54,338) Required documentation includes gross income (or current Energy Assistance approval), proof of age or disability, completion of the application and release, and invoice from a vendor with a W-9. Household must be willing to share why the service was needed as part of the application.

ELDERLY AND DISABLED PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Elderly and disabled homeowners who qualify (disabled or 65+ in 2023) can apply for reduced property taxes on their homes until May 15, 2024. If you are currently on the program the Assessor’s Office will send you a letter if it is your year to reapply. This year’s income limits are \$43,800 maximum for an individual and \$53,400 for a couple. All gross income is counted including Social Security benefits. Documents you will need: Signed 2023 1040 Federal Tax form (if you file); 2023 Social Security Statement (SSA-1099); 2023 Pension Statement(1099); 2023 Bank Interest Statement(1099); Any other 2023 Income 1099.

For assistance, feel free to contact Katie Wilt at 860-228-1008. Or, visit the Columbia Assessor’s office to apply.

SOCIAL SERVICES Senior Wellness Group

With Katie



Friday, April 5, 2024

11:00am-11:45am—

Ending early for CSO Member meeting
at the Beckish Senior Center

“The More You Know” Wellness Series meets once a month at the Senior Center. This free program has covered topics such as integrating hope into our thoughts when we feel concern, coping strategies when feeling stress, how to keep an open mind when communicating, tips on talking to a loved one who may be misusing substances. We are building a community that believes in “being kind to your mind” and “mental health is just as important as physical health”. Come join us! To make suggestions, share ideas or get involved in future prevention work for the Town of Columbia please contact Katie Wilt at 860-228-1008 or kwilt@Columbiact.org.

Heating Assistance

The State of CT Energy Assistance Program: Applications for the 2023-24 energy assistance program are underway. This program is available regardless of heating source. Gross income cannot exceed \$41,553/year (single) and \$54,338 (couples).

There is no asset limit.

Documentation needed: last four weeks of gross income and utility bills, as proof of rent/mortgage. If you are receiving cash assistance or SNAP you can provide benefit documentation instead of proof of income. If you are new to the program DSS requires your Identification and Social Security cards for everyone in the household as well as income and utility bills.

To apply please contact Katie Wilt at 860-228-100/kwilt@Columbiact.org or visit https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Economic-Security/Winter-Heating-Assistance/Energy-Assistance---Winter-Heating/How-To-Apply?gclid=EAiaIQobChMI8fCk44LOgQMVLPLjBx1NwAYhEAAYASAAEgKzB_D_BwE.

FOOD PANTRY



With the rising cost of food, check out these resources to support!

Mobile Foodshare

Mobile Foodshare provides an opportunity to receive perishable food. Food varies depending on the supply, but can include things like fresh fruits and fresh vegetables. You do not need to show any ID. There is not income eligibility test and you can attend any location. Mobile Foodshare comes to the Columbia Senior Center twice a month as well as other location throughout the state. For a schedule and locations see below. If you have questions about the Columbia location please contact me at 860-228-1008. <https://ctfoodshare.org/get-help/programs/>



For Columbia residents in need of non-perishables and to check availability of toiletries, please contact Katie Wilt at 860-228-1008 to access the **Town of Columbia Food Bank**.



Hebron Interfaith Human Services

Provides a client choice pantry open to Columbia residents. Pantry hours are EVERY Tuesday and Thursday (9 am to 6 pm), and on Friday from 12 pm to 5 pm and is located at 26 Pendleton Drive, Hebron CT



See if you qualify for **SNAP** (formerly Food Stamps)
End Hunger CT has a free SNAP prescreener that is confidential. Visit www.endhungerct.org/prescreener or call (866)974-SNAP (7627)

MOBILE FOODSHARE

COLUMBIA'S

MOBILE FOODSHARE



Recreation Park

60 Hennequin Rd, Columbia CT
06237

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY

April 4, April 18, May 2, May 16, May 30, June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25, Aug 8, Aug 22, Sept 5, Sept 19, Oct 3, Oct 17, Oct 31...

1:00PM TO 1:30 PM

NOTE:

LOCATION CHANGE: As of April 4 thru November Columbia Mobile Foodshare will be located at the upper lot at Columbia Rec Park at 60 Hennequin Rd.

BRING YOUR OWN BAGS.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME—NO PERSONAL INFO
REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION**



**Connecticut
Foodshare**

Our Community, Our Food Bank

MOBILE FOODSHARE



IMPORTANT: MOBILE FOODSHARE CHANGE OF LOCATION **APRIL 4th- thru NOVEMBER**

Columbia Mobile Foodshare will be located at the upper lot at Columbia Rec Park at 60 Hennequin Rd., Columbia, beginning April 4th- thru November. Columbia Mobile Foodshare will be located at the Columbia Beckish Senior Center on December 12th- thru March.

April-November: Columbia Rec Park 60 Hennequin Rd, Columbia, CT 06237

December-March: Beckish Senior Center 188 Rt 66/Middletown Rd, Columbia CT 06237



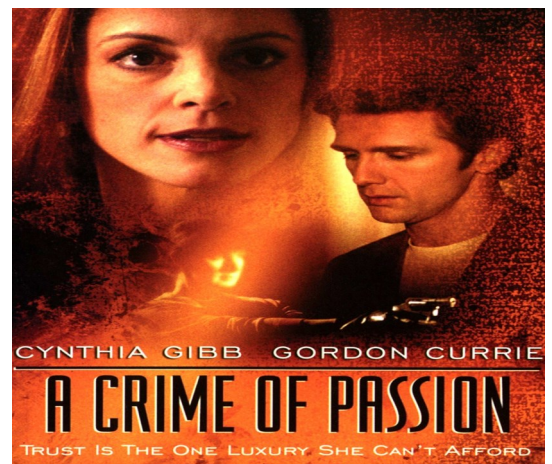
Thank you for your flexibility and understanding!

To see current schedule and locations, visit: <https://ctfoodshare.org/get-help/connecticut-food-banks-mobile-pantry-schedule/>

EVENTS

MOVIE DAY AT BECKISH

Movies start at 1PM

April 4— Quo VadisStarring: Robert TaylorApril 11 — The InheritanceStarring: Meredith BaxterApril 18 — A Crime of PassionStarring: Cynthia Gibb, Gordon Currie, Alexandra Kamp**Director's Movie Picks**April 25— The Miracle ClubStarring: Kathy Bates & Maggie Smith

EVENTS

Columbia Senior's BBQ

The Columbia Senior's Organization
is hosting
Annual BBQ Luncheon on:

Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 12 noon.

Cost: \$7.00



Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers,
with all your favorite toppings, chips, refreshments
and dessert.

Please sign up in advance so we can get a proper count.



SENIOR INFO



Haircuts with Lynn



\$15.00 Hair Cuts & Style
2024 Schedule

April 1, May 6, June 10, July 15,
August 19, September 23,
October 28, December 2

First appointment is at 8am and every 15 minutes after. Lynn will be at the Beckish Senior Center every 5 weeks.



Sue Mccaffrey's Reflexology & Therapeutic Massage

Every other Monday from 11-3pm
Last appointment at 3pm
April 1st, 8th, 15th 22nd, 29th
 Call for an appointment (860) 228-0759
\$25.00 for 25 minutes Massage



BECKISH EVENTS

Spirit Of The Lotus Reiki with Robin

Robin is the founder of Spirit of the Lotus. She is a hands-on healer specializing in **Integrative Manual Therapy**, a medical intuitive, Shaman, Medium and Spiritually Guided Coach as well as being an Advanced Soul Coach (R), Adv. Past Life Coach (R) & Holographic Sound Healer.

Robin works with Spinal Cord & Traumatic Brain Injury, Digestive Issues, Trauma, PTSD, Abuse Clients with amazing results. She stocks a full line of Homeopathic Remedies, Functional Medicine, Complete Detox programs for Lymes' to HPV and more.

Spirit of the Lotus is in Columbia CT but works with people around the world, in person, virtually & by phone.

More info: <https://spiritofthelotus.org/>

Every 3rd Thursday, from 10am-3pm

Thursday, April 18th

Session are \$25 for 25 minutes

What to Expect:

Please wear comfortable clothes, such leggings, and a tee shirt, rather than jeans. She can treat lying down or in a chair. The session is a hands-on, energy healing much like Rieke or Cranial Sacral. First, she will check to see if you're in fight or flight, which can inhibit digestion, create brain fog and agitation. Robin can look to help digestion or any number of other issues such as pain, headaches, back issues.

Not sure if you believe... why not try a session just for the relaxation and fun of it.

SENIOR INFO

Windham Hospital Foundation

<https://windhamhospital.org/giving>

The Windham Hospital Foundation exists to strengthen the relationship between donors and the hospital. Through cultivation of those treasured relationships and ongoing education, the community will have a better understanding of the need to provide financial resources to support the Foundation and the hospital. Our gratitude and appreciation will be demonstrated through a variety of stewardship activities that recognize the impact of giving through the Foundation. The Windham Hospital Foundation is recognized for its excellence in supporting Windham Hospital to meet the health needs of our community.

To learn ways you can support the Windham Hospital Foundation, visit our website at <https://windhamhospital.org/giving>.

Shawn Maynard, Executive Director
Windham Hospital Foundation
Phone 860.456.6861, or email:
Shawn.Maynard@hhchealth.org




Healthy Hobbies



Healthy Hobbies

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024
Time: 9:30 AM Registration
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Location: Beckish Senior Center
188 Route 66
Columbia



Windham Hospital 
Foundation

SENIOR INFO

Healthy Hobbies

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024

Time: 9:30 AM Registration
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Beckish Senior Center
188 Route 66
Columbia

Windowsill/Container Gardening

Jonni Illinger
Zen Hollow Greenery
Hanover, CT

Exercise-Based Line Dancing

With Kelly Wybieracki, an award-winning dancer and instructor

Cooking with Herbs

Chef Janet Tourigny
Nanni's Bella Cucina
North Franklin, CT

HEALTHY HOBBIES REGISTRATION

To register, please mail this form to the address below or contact Barbara Jacques (contact information below). Following registration, you will receive a confirmation by email.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____

Email _____



Yes! I plan to attend this complimentary session as a guest of the Windham Hospital Foundation.

Mail to:

Barbara Jacques
Windham Hospital Foundation

112 Mansfield Avenue
Willimantic, CT 06226

Phone: 860.456.6112

email: Barbara.Jacques@hhchealth.org

Coming this Fall:

The ABC's of Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans

Date and location TBD.



SENIOR INFO

MAKEUP FOR MATURE WOMENTM FORUM

Presented by
 Celebrity MakeUp Artist • Educator
JOBY ROGERS

WHAT WE'LL EXPLORE

- Proper MakeUp Application Techniques
- Keeping Your MakeUp & Brushes Clean & Sanitary
- Choosing the Right Concealer & Foundation
- Grooming & Defining Eyebrows
- Natural Day & Evening MakeUp
- Contouring & Highlighting & Blushing
- Choosing the Perfect Eye & Lip Colors
- Must Have' Products & Tools for Your Kit
- Evaluation & Questions About Your Personal Makeup Concerns
- ... & Much More

BRINGING YOUR PERSONAL MAKEUP IS ENCOURAGE • But Not Required

Space Is Limited!

Date: • Time: Monday, May 20th 10am-12pm

Location: Beckish Senior Center

Information: \$5pp—Must sign up by May 13th

**PIZZA
 PARTY**

Pizza will be served after class
 at 12 noon with refreshments!!

SENIOR INFO

Makeup for Mature Women

Featuring: Joby Rogers

Monday, May 20th

10am—12 pm Pizza after class

Cost: \$5 pp and you must sign-up!

Joby Rogers is Certified Professional Makeup Artist & Educator. Joby will be giving a 2 hour class. Its the perfect place for mature women and women of all ages and experience to learn how to create a makeup style that compliments their personal features and skin tone.

We will explore products and tools and ‘must haves’ for your personal makeup collection. You will participate in ‘hands-on’ makeup demonstrations and convey knowing that with a little practice you can perfect your personal appearance for all occasions.

Essentials:

Keeping your Makeup & Brushes clean & sanitary

Correct MakeUp Application Techniques

Interpreting your skin tone & color

Choosing the Right Foundation & Concealer

Contouring, Highlighting, Blushing

Eye Shadow Color choices & application advice

Grooming & Defining Eyebrows

The perfect Lip Color suggestions & advice - re-shaping

Natural Day & Night Application MakeUp

Evaluation & Questions & About Your Personal Makeup Concerns

PARTICIPANTS REQUIREMENTS— Participants are encouraged to bring their own personal makeup and brushes for a professional evaluation. It is preferable that Participants attend the forum ‘makeup free’ BUT NOT required.



SENIOR INFO

Paint & Plant

Marlborough

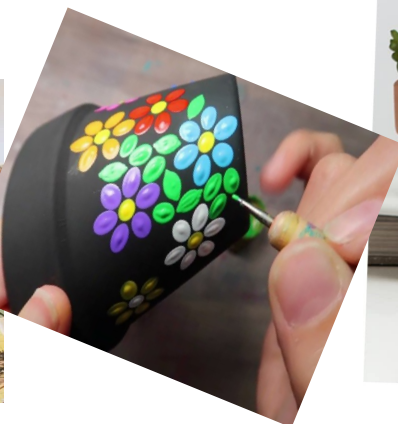
Health & Rehabilitation Center

Join us on our **Free Spring Craft Day**, sponsored by **Marlborough Health & Rehab!** We will be painting pots and planting herbs to take home and enjoy or gift to someone special. This event is free, space is limited so sign-up today! Refreshments & Snacks will be provided!

Monday, April 22, 2024

Time: 10am-12pm

Beckish Senior Center



SENIOR PROGRAMS



Take Off Pounds Sensibly

THIS IS THE PLACE TO HELP YOU GET HEALTHIER AND LEARN HOW!

Beckish Senior Center
188 Route 66
Columbia, Ct



Real People.
Real Weight Loss.®

Tue 9:30am weight 10:00am Meeting

Only \$32 Annually—Chapter Dues \$3.00 Weekly, 1st Meeting FREE



Only \$49 Annually - Chapter Dues \$5.00 Monthly First Meeting Free

Cheryl LaCosse—203-215-6160



AARP

“Smart Driver Class”

Every 3 months

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

from 9am to 1pm



Please sign up if you are interested in taking the class.
Cost is \$20.00 per AARP member and \$25.00 Non AARP Member
Payment is due at the time of class.

EXERCISE

Line Dancing



Line Dancing with Susan! Variety of music and tons of FUN!

WHERE:

BECKISH SENIOR CENTER
188 ROUTE 66 COLUMBIA

WHEN:

EVERY TUESDAY AT 2:30 PM

COST: \$5.00 PER CLASS

THE CLASS IS OPEN TO EVERYONE COME JOIN IN THE FUN! CLASSES RANGE FROM BEGINNER AND UP... DON'T BE SHY, AND COME CHECK IT OUT!



CLANCY'S HIIT & FIT

Exercise Packages:

More info to come

Stay tuned!

Walk-in \$8.00

Friday 8:45-9:45am:

Strength & Mobility

—A fun light weight bearing workout focused on balance, mobility, and strength to give you the confidence to go about your day.

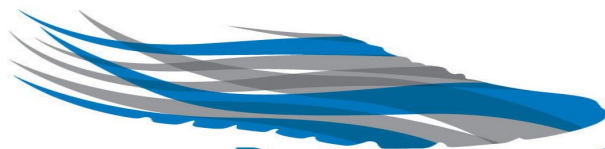
Workouts accommodate all fitness levels, chair or standing. Upbeat fun music and rhythms make the time fly. Chair or mat.



EXERCISE

SilverSneakers Coming To The Beckish Senior Center

Stay Tuned—We could possibly be starting soon—we are waiting availability of instructors in our area.



SilverSneakers[®]
by Tivity Health

Virtual Chair Yoga & Pilates

Thursday Mornings at 9am VIRTUALLY

Cost: \$20.00 a month or \$7.00 walk in

Join Tina on Thursday mornings at 9am virtually with some mindful Chair Yoga and Pilates. This class will help with balance, strength and relieve tension. Yoga is an excellent way for older adults to loosen and stretch painful muscles, reduce stress, and improve circulation. It also reduces anxiety, helps lower blood pressure, protects joints, and builds strength and balance.

For more information, contact
Tina at 860-836-0420 or
Email: yogamama43@yahoo.com



EVENT

Duplicate Bridge March

Winners -

Week of 3/1/24

NORTH/SOUTH

1. Connie & Marion	57.14%
2. Mary & Joe Ann	52.86%
3. Elli & June	50.00%
4. Bob & Athene	48.57%

EAST/WEST

1. Victor & Pat N	63.34%
2. Pat L & John	54.59%
3. Chris & Kathy	54.16%
4. Margaret & Chris	48.75%

Week of 3/8/24

NORTH/SOUTH

1. Barb & Athene	69.10%
2. Elli & June	49.65%
3. Connie & Marion	49.65%
4. Margaret & Chris	48.61%

EAST/WEST

1. Joe & Mary Ann	65.88%
2. Joan & Dave	57.15%
3. Margot & Judy	55.57%
4. Bob & Bob	48.81%

Week of 3/15/24

NORTH/SOUTH

1. Mark & Debby	60.32%
2. Joan & Dave	57.94%
3. Mary & Joe Ann	51.19%
4. Barb & Athene	50.60%

EAST/WEST

1. Marie & Shirley	61.11%
2. Victor & Pat N	59.52%
3. Joe & Mary Ann	55.92%
4. Bob & Bob	52.78%

Week of 3/22/24

EAST/WEST

1. Joan & Dave	64.68%
2. Debby & Mark	58.73%
3. Marion & Connie	57.14%
4. Ellie & June	51.98%

1. Bob & Bob	55.95%
2. Garish & Athene	55.56%
3. Judy & Margot	52.38%
4. Bernie & John	52.38%

Week of 3/28/24

EAST/WEST

1. Marion & Connie	57.50%
2. Barb & Athene	50.83%
3. Pat N & Victor	50.00%

1. Mary & Joe Ann	54.17%
2. Bob & Bob	51.05%
3. Tie Garish & Pat L	50.00%
4. Margaret & Chris	50.00%

DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Please Join Us

for a Democratic  Town Committee
Fundraiser

This Celebration will honor

Leah Osborn

SUNDAY, April, 28, 2024

11:00am-1:30pm

**Heartstone Winery
468 Rte.87, Columbia**

A donation of \$20 per person at the door would be appreciated

Or mail checks with names payable to Columbia DTC

RSVP by 4/24/24 to Judy Ortiz

15 Columbia Landing, Columbia, CT 06237

(860) 208-9881 jortiz6151@gmail.com



Paid for by Columbia Democratic Town Committee, Judith S Ortiz, Treasurer

C O L U M B I A H I S T O R I C A L S O C I E T Y

Columbia Historical Society Annual Meeting

April 26, 2024

Yeomans Hall, 323 Rte. 87, Columbia, CT

6:00pm-9:00pm

Potluck Appetizers



**Archeologist Dr David Leslie will discuss how
Ground Penetrating Radar helped him to
discover historical Artifacts at Columbia's Hop
River Property**

C O L U M B I A L I O N S



**Join Us
We Serve Our Community**

We Serve

**The Columbia Lions Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays,
6:30PM at the Columbia Senior Center.**

Lions serve. It's that simple, and it has been since Lions first began in 1917. Our club is a place where individuals join together to give their valuable time and effort to improving our community and the world.

It is also a great way to develop personal friendships and gain valuable leadership skills.

We Serve

Our Good Reaches Our Community And Spans The Globe

Interested in learning about your local Columbia Lions Club?
Thinking about joining this world wide organization of volunteers that serve their communities?

If you are interested in membership, contact a Lion or the Columbia Lions Membership Chairperson, Arlene Snyder at snyderam@comcast.net or at 860-989-0985.



C O L U M B I A S E N I O R S O R G A N I Z A T I O N

CSO Board Members



President: Sheran Smith
 Vice President: Pat Lanza
 Treasurer: Margaret Schatz
 Secretary: John Allen
 Member at Large: Yvon Desautels
 Finance/Budget: Pat Lanza
 Membership—Vacant
 Gifts/Memorial—Sheran Smith
 Way & Means—Pat Lanza/Sheran Smith
 Program Committee—Maureen Allen

Committees & Chairmen

Get up & Go—Margaret Schatz/John Allen/Henriette Sardi
 Women's Club—Sheran Smith
 Bridge Group—Debby Smith/Margaret Schatz
 Duplicate Bridge—Noreen Steele/John Allen/Barbara Willard
 Quilting—Alice Desautels
 Pool Group—Yvon Desautels
 Set Back—Debby Smith
 Wood Carving—Dennis Tormey
 Movie—Maureen Allen
 Art Committee—John Allen/Margaret Schatz/Henriette Sardi/Janice Knight/Andrea
 Stannard/Kim Kordonowy



C O L U M B I A S E N I O R S O R G A N I Z A T I O N

CSO Member Meetings



The CSO (Columbia Seniors' Organization) next monthly members meeting is on **Friday, April 5th**. Come to the meeting starting at 11:45, stay for lunch (Sign-up required by Wednesday at 12pm) and then enjoy our monthly birthday celebration cake. At the meeting you will hear about upcoming events, member info—does someone need support or an encouraging card, and other news from the CSO. Come join us!!

The CSO Member Meetings are held on the first Friday of every month.

The CSO Executive Board Meetings are held on the Monday prior to the Member meeting.



TOWN OF COLUMBIA DONATIONS

Would you like to Donate?

Here is a list of programs that are looking for donations:

- 1) **Beckish Senior Center Programs**— Improves Isolation issues by providing exercise classes, special guests, entertainment and other important programs for seniors. (Checks paid to Town of Columbia—In memo add BSC Programs)
- 2) **Columbia Senior Organization**: Non-Profit within the Beckish Senior Center. (Checks paid to Columbia Senior Organization or CSO, inc.)
- 3) **Town of Columbia Transportation Program**—(Checks paid to Town of Columbia—In memo add Transportation)
- 4) **Columbia's Senior Community Assistance Fund**: — This program helps seniors with snow removal, yard work, small house repairs etc. (Checks paid to Town of Columbia—In memo add Senior Assist Fund)
- 5) **Town of Columbia Food Pantry**: This program provides food to families & seniors in need. We accept all food donations— Perishable and nonperishable food items accepted. Checks paid to Town of Columbia—In memo add food pantry. Contact Katie Wilt for question regarding food pantry at 860-228-1008.



**BECKISH SENIOR
CENTER**

Beckish Senior Center
188 Route 66
Columbia, CT 06237

BERNADETTE DERRING, Director
Phone: 860-228-0759
Email: beckish@columbiact.org
Website: www.columbiact.org

Senior Center & Transportation HOURS:
Monday - Friday
8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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... AND MUCH MORE

