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Greetings Members,

It has been a while since you've had an update. Your Board has been meeting monthly, since the beginning of the year, working to get the Senior Center re-opened. Things have been moving very slowly toward opening, while we finalize the lease/support agreement with the Township and Friendship YMCA. As the saying goes; "All good things come to those who wait"; **we now have Tuesday, September 7th, as our re-opening date!**

THANK YOU for the surveys you completed and returned, earlier in the year. We received many more than we expected and we appreciate the comments and suggestions. The surveys were a great help in getting us started on a plan.

As excited as we are to re-open, the opening comes with **temporary adjustments**. We will re-open with limited hours and limited activities while we follow the course of the COVID virus, the number of returning members and our needs.

TEMPORARY ADJUSTMENTS:

Office opens at 8:30 AM

Activities start at 9:00 AM.

No beverages or snacks will be available (Please provide your own beverages/snacks as needed)

As of May 31, 2021, **COVID-19 mitigation** measures have been lifted in Pennsylvania. Effective June 28, 2021, the masking order has been lifted. However, as recommended by the Department of Health and CDC, in order to achieve the best protection for our members, these are the

SENIOR CENTER COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Masks: not required but, encouraged if unable to maintain social distance

Social Distance: required

Hand Washing/ Sanitizing: required

If you are not feeling well, coughing, sneezing, fever: STAY HOME!

If you have been exposed to someone with COVID or contact COVID yourself, please be caring of other members and advise staff, immediately!

Membership: Knowing there will be questions about membership, we provide the following:

Current Members (on Membership List February 2020): **NO** membership donation until September 2022.

New Members (not on Membership List February 2020): Membership Donation \$15.00

Based on the surveys and considerations of the Board, the following activities will start our re-opening:

Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday, Friday @ 9:00 AM

Card Playing & Table Games: Tuesday & Thursday @ 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

Cash Bingo: Tuesday @ 12:00 noon-2:00 PM

Spanish Class: Wednesday @ 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Knit/Crochet: Thursday, Friday @ 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

These adjustments, guidelines and activities, are subject to change as circumstances dictate, but they are a start to getting us back together as safely as possible.

This newsletter is an adjustment, also. In order to have it inserted in the Township Newsletter, as before, we need to convert to flat sheet or "profile" format. Joy Radic, our newsletter designer is recuperating from surgery. As soon as she is "up to par", she will get the new design done. In the meantime, you are stuck with my feeble attempts.

Take Care,
Mary

Friendship Senior Center Board of Directors:

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