



# LOWER MAKEFIELD SENIORS

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On the Web at <https://www.lmt.org/information/seniors>

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## FEBRUARY 2026

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone survived the storm last weekend with little difficulty or inconvenience. It has been quite a while since we had a snowstorm the magnitude of what we have just experienced. The challenges of over-exertion removing snow, hazardous driving conditions, and the potential for falls will be with us for a while. The high temperatures for the next few days are not predicted to top the freezing mark, so this snow will be with us for a while.

The weather this past Sunday is a reminder of the dangerous travel conditions we may encounter over the next few months. Keep an emergency kit in your car to be prepared for hazards you may encounter. Check the Pennsbury School District website for closings (also listed as a remote learning day) or delayed openings. The Community Center follows the school district's announcements regarding closures or delays.

As my son and I cleared our sidewalk and driveway and uncovered our vehicles, it was encouraging to see our neighbors with snow blowers cleaning the walks of those that don't have powered snow removal equipment. That cooperation and consideration for others is something we should try to do in all our endeavors.

Winter weather conditions have disrupted our activities at the Community Center, leading to closures, delayed openings, and canceled events. The most recent snowstorm has worsened existing parking challenges. A significant number of our members rely on walkers, canes, or have other mobility issues, making access to the building difficult for them. Past requests by our organization to the Township have resulted in the installation of automatic doors and the placement of temporary handicapped parking spaces during high-attendance days. These changes have been helpful but have not completely solved the parking and access issues. Additional permanent solutions by the Township are unlikely soon.

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### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President – Dave Burkhardt 267-767-6164

Vice President – Meryle Borochaner 215-736-3184

Secretary – Mark Nemiroff

Treasurer – Mary Ann O'Connor

Directors – Alan Handler, Doreene Kaplan, Andrea Lamantia, Gloria Porcaro, Eric Suber, Bob Terc

Newsletter Editor: Andrea Lamantia

## **President's Message...**

In the meantime, there are actions we can take which will make a difference. I am asking for everyone's cooperation and consideration for our less mobile members. If walking is not a problem for you, please park at the far end of the side lot to keep closer spaces available for those who need them. If you have mobility difficulties and find the designated handicapped and other parking near the building is full, park in the driveway by the front doors, come inside, and we will have a member "Valet" park your car. When possible, carpool with other members who are coming to the Community Center for an activity. We are also investigating relocating some of our small group activities to a nearby off-site location. Thank you for your understanding and support as we work through the access challenges at the Community Center.

The new year also requires everyone to renew their membership in our organization. Thank you to those who have paid their 2026 dues. If you have not already done so, please submit your dues along with a membership form listing your current address, preferred phone number, email address and an emergency contact person with a current phone number. Activity coordinators will be checking attendance at their events, against a list of those who have paid their dues by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Since the fee we pay to the Township is based on our membership, we will not continue to carry individuals on our membership role who have not paid their dues by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please also note the Community Center will be closed for the President's Day Holiday on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you soon at one of our events. Stay safe and warm.

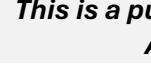
**Dave Burkhardt 267-767-6164**

## **LM SENIORS - COMMITTEES**

	Meet & Greet – Program and Light Lunch – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Second Tuesday of the month (except for July & August) Gloria Porcaro 215-208-1170
	Membership and Sunshine Joanne Westall – 267-274-6764
	Newsletter – Information for inclusion in the newsletter must be emailed for review to: Editor: Andrea Lamantia: <a href="mailto:aplamantia@comcast.net">aplamantia@comcast.net</a> President: Dave Burkhardt: <a href="mailto:daveburkhardt74@gmail.com">daveburkhardt74@gmail.com</a>
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	Trip Committee – Doreene Kaplan – 215-816-1448

**Can you help? Contact Dave Burkhardt at 267-767-6164 or [daveburkhardt74@gmail.com](mailto:daveburkhardt74@gmail.com)**

## LM SENIORS – ACTIVITIES & COORDINATORS

	Art Class – Fridays @ 10 AM – Noon (not in summer) Ann Goren - 215-962-1099
	Book Club Discussion – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month, 12:30 PM Ellie Hammill – 215-321-1763
	Bridge for Beginners – Mondays @ 9 AM Dave Burkhardt – 267-767-6164
	Bridge – Open Seating – Tuesdays @ 12 PM & Thursdays @ 10:30 AM Alan Handler – 917-846-6540
	Bridge - Duplicate – Wednesdays @ 9 AM – Partner Required John LaBar – 267-789-3993
	Bridge – Duplicate – Fridays @ 11:30 AM – Partner Required Paulette LaBar 267-789-3993 / Martha Zintl 973-715-6172
	Chair Yoga – Thursdays @ 9:30 AM (1 hr) Gloria Porcaro 215-208-1170
	GAMES DAY – Wednesdays @ 9 AM (Assorted Board & Card Games) (Rummikub / Uno / Five Crowns & more) Beverly Carter – 215-321-3454
	Hearts / Spades – Fridays @ 1 PM Ed Stack – 215-776-0019
	Line Dancing – Saturdays @ 10 AM Mary Ellen Eckman – 215-493-8854
	Mah Jongg – Mondays @ 12 PM Meryle Borochaner – 215-736-3184 / Judy Henderson – 215-208-1433
	Mah Jongg for Beginners – Tuesdays @ 9:30 AM Meryle Borochaner – 215-736-3184
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	Movies – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month at @ 1:30 PM Russell Bukwa – 267-573-4009
	Pinochle – Tuesdays @ 12 PM Anthony Cardone – 215-493-6019 / Nathan Bass – 267-259-4843
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	Stitch & Chat – Wednesdays @ 10 AM to Noon Peg Boysen – 215-321-1688

***This is a published list on our website, which is available to the public. It is important that it stays current. Any changes need to be sent to Meryle Borochaner (email: [mimmie121@yahoo.com](mailto:mimmie121@yahoo.com)).***

## NEW MEMBERS

**Lower Makefield Seniors welcome...**

- Elyse Batoff
- Maryanne Bennett
- Dan Brennan
- Ann Gallagher
- Linda Geyer
- Barbara Kennedy
- Helene Robidoux
- Robin Terr
- Thomas Woollam



Please introduce yourself to these new members at the next Meet & Greet and invite them to take part in our many activities.

## TUESDAY MAH JONGG

This is a reminder that we've added a 3rd day during the week to play Mah Jongg -- Tuesdays from 9:30am to 11:30am.

The day was added to encourage players new to the game to feel comfortable playing with others having a similar skill level. **HOWEVER**, the day is also open to all LMS members who are MJ players. There are enough tables and MJ sets for 6 groups. We meet in the LMS classroom.



## MOVIE MATINEE

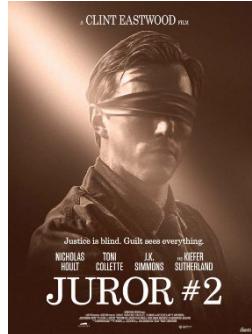
(At Lower Makefield Community Center)

**Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> - 1:30pm**

### **JUROR #2**

Drama/Mystery/Thriller – **R** (1h 54m)

Cast: Nicholas Hoult, Toni Collette, J.K. Simmons



*“While serving as a juror in a high-profile murder trial, a family man finds himself struggling with a serious moral dilemma, one he could use to sway the jury verdict and potentially convict or free the wrong killer.”*

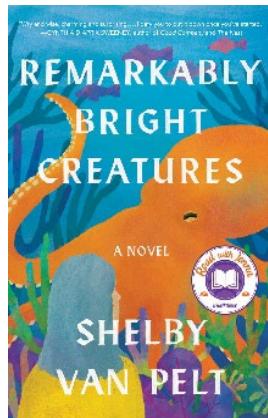
**\$1.00 COVERS COST OF POPCORN / SODA  
EVERYBODY WELCOME – BRING A FRIEND!**

The movie's rating has been provided. Please research the selection to determine if there may be content you would find objectionable. By doing so, you can decide whether or not to attend.

## BOOK CLUB

Join us Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm for interesting and lively discussion. All are welcome!

The current choice:



*“Elderly Tova befriends Marcellus, a smart octopus in Sowell Bay Aquarium. As Tova confronts her painful past and estranged family, Cameron, searching for his father, comes into her life. Through surprising revelations, they discover their deep connection and the truth behind Tova’s son’s death.”*

Questions? Contact Ellie Hammil (215-321-1763)

## NEW ACTIVITIES

### ❖ **MahJongg Beginner Classes**

Because of the popularity of the game plus the wonderful response we had to last year's classes, we are considering having another 6-week program starting in April. This, of course, would be dependent on the number of responses we get. As a reminder, we do not charge for lessons. They are free to LMS members. Non-members would need to sign up and pay the annual LMS membership fee in order to join the classes. If you (or someone you know is interested in learning the game, please send name(s) and contact information to Meryle Borochaner (email: [mimmie121@yahoo.com](mailto:mimmie121@yahoo.com) ).

### ❖ **Bocce**

Before COVID, Bocce was a popular activity with the seniors. It was played seasonally on the field next to the Center. Several members have expressed a renewed interest in starting this activity



again. There needs to be enough members interested in participating in this activity for us to pursue making it happen. We are looking for those who would be interested. Please send your name and contact

information to Meryle Borochaner

(email: [mimmie121@yahoo.com](mailto:mimmie121@yahoo.com)).

## BCHIP FREE PROGRAM

The Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (BCHIP) is offering a five-session Smoking Cessation Program free to Bucks County residents. The sessions are available either in person or online by Zoom. Details are provided in the attached flyers. Please share with family and friends who may benefit from participation in the program.

## MEET & GREET

Our next Meet & Greet is **Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** from 10am-12:30pm. Please arrive by 9:45am to sign in.

We will be welcoming Kimberly London from the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission. Among the topics she'll be discussing:

- How Covid has changed the alcohol/drug trend and how it has affected our age group.
- The importance of disposing of expired or discontinued medications and where and when to do so.
- Opiate prescriptions and the importance of having Narcan on hand as well as someone trained in its use.
- Free support resources for those with a loved one struggling with substance abuse.
- Basic signs of substance use disorder.
- Resources available to all Bucks County residents.

There will be a question-and-answer period and free handouts. Hope to see you there. Bring a friend!

We are asking all who attend our Meet & Greet luncheons to bring a non-perishable food item (*including, but not limited to spices and seasonings*). This is completely voluntary and all items will be donated to a local food bank. It is our hope that this will be a continuing and successful program that will help friends and neighbors. Your support would be most appreciated.

## MEDIA

Lower Makefield Seniors are now visible on Facebook, Yardley Patch, and (Yardley) Nextdoor. Look for us!

## BRIDGE SCORES

### Wednesday Duplicate Bridge Winners:

12/3/25 N/S Steve Stein/Darius Rogers  
E/W Tom Salmon/Alan Handler

12/10/25 N/S Tie: Larry Edwardson/Gail Edwardson  
Tie: VJ Patel/Jim Rothenberg  
E/W Dave Burkhardt/Eric Suber

12/17/25 N/S Steve Stein/Darius Rogers  
E/W Tom Salmon/Alan Handler

12/24/25 N/S John LaBar/Paulette LaBar  
E/W Jim Rothenberg/Al DiMari

12/31/25 N/S Dave Burkhardt/Eric Suber  
E/W Susan Cridge/Barbarann Stauffer

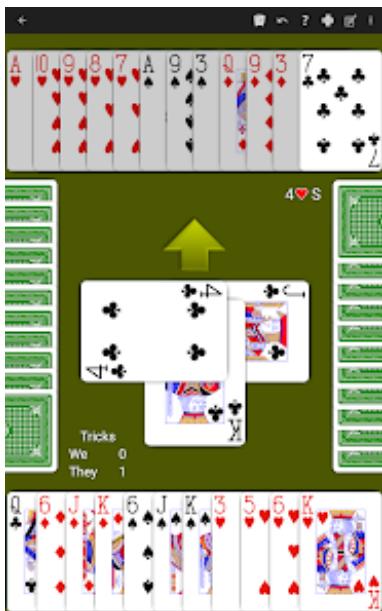
### Friday Duplicate Bridge Winners:

12/5/25 N/S Dave Burkhardt/Eric Suber  
E/W Tom Salmon/Alan Handler

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E/W Tom Salmon/Alan Handler

12/19/25 N/S Ken Goldstein/Martin Abrahamson  
E/W Gail Edwardson/Larry Edwardson

12/26/25 N/S Barbarann Stauffer/Paulette LaBar  
E/W Dave Burkhardt/Eric Suber



## COMEDY CORNER



get a dog they said



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.....

On Tuesday, January 13th, Lower Makefield Seniors held their inaugural Meet & Greet of 2026. The event commenced with the swearing-in ceremony for the new Board of Directors: President Dave Burkhardt, Vice President Meryle Borochaner, Secretary Mark Nemiroff, Treasurer Mary Ann O'Connor, and Directors: Alan Handler, Doreene Kaplan, Andrea Lamantia, Gloria Porcaro, Eric Suber, and Bob Terc.

After the Oath of Office, representatives from the Yardley-Makefield Emergency Unit—Chief Maria Ferrara and Office Manager Ellyn Fisher—addressed the group about their mission to provide top-quality ambulance service and promote health and safety in our community. They discussed when to call 911, how to prepare for emergencies, and the benefits of joining their 2026 Ambulance Subscription Program. The session concluded with a brief CPR demonstration, leaving attendees feeling empowered to potentially save a life.



## TRIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

You may still be able to sign up for the March 12<sup>th</sup> trip to Li Greci's Staaten to see "St. Patrick's Festival -From Ireland to America". Everyone enjoyed our visit to Li Greci's last year – we found the venue beautiful, the food plentiful and delicious, and the entertainment enjoyable. Please contact Andrea Lamantia at 267.987.6778 or at [aplamantia@comcast.net](mailto:aplamantia@comcast.net) before February 7<sup>th</sup> if you're interested.

The following trips have already been scheduled for 2026, and the Trip Committee is working out the details for a possible multi-day trip in September.

March 12, 2026	<b>All Star @ Li Greci's Staaten:</b> "St. Patrick's Festival - From Ireland to America"	\$140pp
May 14, 2026	<b>Hunterdon Hills Playhouse:</b> "Some Enchanted Evening - The Music of Rodgers & Hammerstein"	\$135pp
June 16, 2026	<b>The Shore Club:</b> "Let the Good Times Roll"	\$129pp
July 9, 2026	<b>Fulton Theatre:</b> "West Side Story" with lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord	\$145pp
October 22, 2026	<b>Jim Thorpe, PA:</b> LGSR Autumn Foliage Train Ride, with lunch at The Broadway Grill, and Trolley Tour	\$140pp
December 3, 2026	<b>American Music Theatre:</b> "Winter Wonderland" with lunch at Hershey Farms	\$138pp



## February 2026

## Lower Makefield Seniors Activities Calendar

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		
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\* meets at Lower Makefield Township Building - 1100 Edgewood Road



# TAKE THE FIRST STEP

## Join us for a **FREE** 5 SESSION Smoking Cessation Program

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### Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership 2026 Course Locations and Schedule

St. Luke's Hospital  
Quakertown, PA

Weekly on Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30  
January 6th - February 3rd

Zoom  
Link will be sent to participants

Weekly Thursdays, 6:00-7:30  
January 8th - February 5th

Zoom  
Link will be sent to participants

Weekly Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30  
February 4th - March 4th

Penndel-Middletown  
Emergency Squad  
**\*Open only to staff\***

Weekly Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30  
February 4th - March 4th

NICOTINE REPLACEMENT THERAPY IS AVAILABLE TO ALL  
ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS

MUST PLAN ON ATTENDING ALL SESSIONS

### COURSE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Register by calling 267-291-7879  
or by visiting our website [www.bchip.org](http://www.bchip.org)

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March 3rd - March 31st

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