THE ACCOA NEWS CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING

"We're not aging, we're actively living..."

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Services Available

Bill Pay - Pay all your bills in one place

TSA Precheck through Idemia

Prescription Assistance - Let us help you afford your Prescriptions.

Fitness Classes

Education - Guest speakers to keep you current on the latest health trends.

Nurse - A nurse comes to do blood pressure and glucose screenings.

THINGS TO WATCH FOR!

Ice Cream Social Halloween Party Friendsgiving Christmas Party Noon Years Party Valentines Party September 26, 2025 October 31, 2025 November 26, 2025 December 18, 2025 December 31, 2025 February 14, 2026

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Birthdays of the Month It's a BIG Birthday Bash!

Wishing you a year of amazing moments and reasons to smile. Happy Birthday!

	Eilene Deeter	9/1
	Sandra Fetters	9/6
	Cheryl Imrie	9/8
	Karen Allison	9/9
	Regina Hill	9/9
	Mary Simmons	9/9
	Judy Dowler	9/11
	Stella Jackson	9/11
	Joy <mark>ce Santilli</mark>	9/11
	Betty Cherry	9/12
	Gwendolyn Stegall	9/12
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Florie Gaskell	9/17
Barbara Bessant	9/20
Thomas Caruso Sr	9/20
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Ted Hall	9 /2 2
Becky Laakso	9/23
Dee Foltz	9/24
Deanna Hansford	9/27
Mary Ann Plitt	9/27
Carol Valitsky	9/28
Sandra Davis	9/30

Please join us for a birthday party to honor our friends who have birthdays in SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER 2025!!

Fri., September 19, 2025 RSVP BY 09/12/2025 *Fri., October 24, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.* RSVP BY 10/17/2025 Games, Cake, Ice Cream and Beverage

Are you friends with any of the birthday peeps? Give them a call and wish them Happy Birthday!!!

Reservations are required one week prior to the event and can be made by calling 440-998-6750 or online at https://schedulesplus.com/ashtabula

HAPPY TRAVELER'S BUS TRIPS

New York City Bus Trip
Depart: Dec. 5, 2025-11:15pm
Return: Dec. 7, 2025-at 8:00am
Cost: \$160.00 per person.
A non refundable deposit of
\$60.00 will hold your seat.
Open to adults 18 and older.
Children over six when
accompanied by a parent.

Happy Travelers Meeting September Meeting Mon. Sept. 15, 2025 at 6pm

October Meeting Mon. October 20, 2025 at 6pm At the Center

Grief/Loss Support Group Tues., Sept. 30, 2025 at Noon Tues., October 28, 2025 at Noon Host: Joslin Seeds Open to the public.

Coloring Club Join us on the second Monday of each month at 10:30 AM Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, September 08, 2025
- Monday, November 10, 2025

Bring your own supplies or use ours. All are welcome to relax, create, and enjoy good company!

Conversation Cafe

Enjoy coffee & conversation. We will keep you entertained! Bring a snack to share if you like!

Big Bang Bingo
Fri., Jan 30, 2026-1pm to 4pm
Cost \$10.00
Includes: bingo packet, dauber and a
late picnic style lunch.
Purchase extra books for \$7
or extra sheets for \$1
RSVP BY 1/23/2026
Late Registration plus \$5

Make Home-made Dog Treats
Tues., October 21, 2025 at 2:30 PM
Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop
where we'll make healthy, homemade
treats your furry friends will love!
Cost: \$3 for newsletter subscribers
\$8 for non-subscribers
R.S.V.P. by October 14, 2025

LET'S PLAY BINGO

EVERY MONDAY 1:00PM TO 4:00PM Unless Monday is a holiday, then we play on Wednesday

EVERY THURSDAY 1:00PM TO 4:00PM

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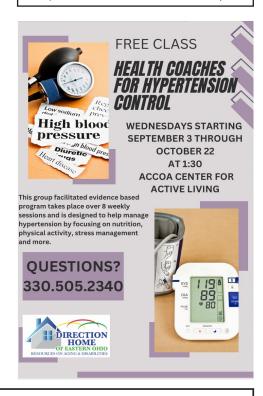
HEARTstrings Orchestra directed by Dr. Carol Linsenmeier. will perform for us on: Thursday, September 18, 2025 Thursday, November 20, 2025 Start time is 12:30 pm prompt! Bingo will start at 2:00pm

SNAP-Ed Seminars
Join Dan Sommers at 11:00 AM
September 11, 2025
Learn how to make healthier
food and lifestyle choices through
engaging SNAP-Ed sessions.
Open to all; come learn and
grow!

Information & Referral Services Available Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PMThe Center provides year-round assistance to seniors and their families by offering trusted information and referrals in areas such as health care, insurance, finances, family matters, and housing options. Printed resources are also available to support informed decision-making. In addition, a variety of informative presentations are offered throughout the month. Visit the Center or call us at 440-998-6750 to learn more. We're here to help you live the life you choose.

with Donetta
from Huntington Bank
Tues., Sept. 23, 2025 at 1:30 PM
Learn how to spot fraud through
a fun and interactive game of
Fraud Bingo!
Bring your questions, concerns
and a friend!
Open to everyone
Refreshments provided
R.S.V.P. by 9/16/25

Quilt Club with Regina Hill Tuesdays at 5 pm *no class the third Tuesdays* (9/16/25 & 10/21/2025)



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DO YOU OWN YOUR OWN HOME? ARE YOU OVER 60 YEARS OLD? DO YOU NEED HELP WITH MINOR HOME REPAIRS?

The Center for Active Living can help you with home maintenance. We can install grab bars, replace fixtures, perform minor plumbing, minor electrical, minor carpentry, and odd jobs. We will supply the labor and time you supply the materials.

Current wait time is minimal
Call 440-998-6750 to schedule an appointment.
Funded by the Ashtabula County Senior Services Levy.



Five Crowns

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 1:30 PM
Come learn a fun and easy to learn card game!
"It ain't over 'till the kings go wild!"
No experience needed — just bring your curiosity and a smile!

Medical Equipment Lending

Need a walker or wheelchair?
We have all kinds of medical equipment for rent. You can borrow for a small deposit! When you return the equipment, your deposit will be returned to you!

Some items available:

Wheelchairs, Walkers, Rollators, Bedside Commodes, Shower Chairs & Raised Toilet Seats. Call 440-998-6750 for more information

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Board Members and Director

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ACCOA board meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 8:00am at the Center in the board room.

Lisa Bruckman, Executive Director

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025 at 8:00am at the Center for Active Living; 4148 Main Avenue; Ashtabula, OH 44004.

Join Us For An

Ice Cream Social
Friday, September 26, 2025
at 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m
\$2.00 for subscribers
\$7.00 for non subscribers
at ACCOA Center for Active Living
4148 Main Avenue, Ashtabula
RSVP BY: Friday, September 19, 2025
Entertainment and all the ice cream you can eat!

Support the Renewal of the Ashtabula City Senior Center Levy on November 4, 2025

There's something for everyone; you just have to come see for yourself!

Since 2001, the Ashtabula City Senior Center Levy has helped provide a safe, welcoming, and engaging space for our city's older adults. This 0.3-mill, five-year levy generates approximately \$50,000-\$56,000 annually to fund the daily operations of the Ashtabula City Senior Center.

These funds help cover:

- Building maintenance and utilities
- •A space for seniors to stay active, connected, and informed

As **federal**, **state**, and **local funding for seniors continues to decline**, this levy is more important than ever.

"The primary purpose has been to provide a safe and comfortable place where seniors can come and enjoy themselves in the company of other seniors."

— Mary Church, Treasurer, Yes for City Seniors Committee

Why Vote YES to Renew?

- No increase in taxes this is a renewal, not a new tax
- It costs homeowners just 3¢ per \$100 of property value
- · Helps local seniors live independently, stay active, and connect with others
- Supports the continued operation of a vital community resource

Make Your Vote Count November 4, 2025

Help us continue providing meaningful services, companionship, and care to the seniors of Ashtabula City.

Vote YES to renew the Ashtabula City Senior Center Levy!

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CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING 2025 Golf Season

Third Thursday of the month, shot gun start at 9:00am
August 21, 2025 - Hickory Grove Golf Course
September 18, 2025 - Hickory Grove Golf Course
\$23.00 a golfer per game

Includes 9 holes, cart, lunch, beverage, and prizes.
In addition, you can opt to play skins \$8.00/team and enter the 50/50 drawing and pie raffles.

For more information or to reserve a spot for yourself or team by Monday prior to the outing. Call Lisa at (440) 998-6750.

"Please have team captains collect all monies" and turn the money in all at one time."

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An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association®



Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 1:30pm At ACCOA Center for Active Living

> ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION



Please Join us for our Annual Friendsgiving Dinner Wednesday, November 26 | 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m at ACCOA Center for Active Living Cost: \$5 for everyone Entertainment: Doug Kalil Everyone must RSVP by November 19, 2025

Bring a Friend who has never been to the Center FREE and both of you will be entered into a special holiday drawing!

Cards & Games

Join us for Cards Daily 10:00am to 4:00pm

LRC (Bring 12 nickels)	10:30 AM	Tuesday, September 2, 2025
Chinese Checkers	10:30 AM	Thursday, September 4, 2025
Pokeno (Bring a roll of pennies)	10:30 AM	Tuesday, September 9, 2025
Wii	1:30 PM	Wednesday, September 10 , 2025
LRC (Bring 12 nickels)	10:30 AM	Tuesday, September 16 , 2025
Wii	1:30 PM	Wednesday, September 17, 2025
Pokeno (Bring a roll of pennies)	10:30 AM	Tuesday, September 23, 2025
Chinese Checkers	10:30 AM	Thursday, September 25, 2025
LRC (Bring 12 nickels)	10:30 AM	Tuesday, September 30, 2025
LRC (Bring 12 nickels)	10:30 AM	Tuesday, October 14, 2025
Pokeno (Bring a roll of pennies)	10:30 AM	Thursday, October 16, 2025
LRC (Bring 12 nickels)	10:30 AM	Tuesday, October 21, 20256
Wii	1:30 PM	Wednesday, October 22, 2025
Pokeno (Bring a roll of pennies)	10:30 AM	Thursday, October 23, 2025
LRC (Bring 12 nickels)	10:30 AM	Tuesday, October 28, 2025
Wii	1:30 PM	Wednesday, October 29, 2025
Pokeno (Bring a roll of pennies)	10:30 AM	Thursday, October 30, 2025



Jeopardy with Sarah

Join us every Monday at 11:00 AM for a fun game of Jeopardy!

Test your knowledge, challenge your memory, and share some laughs with Sarah as your lively host. No experience needed—just come ready to play and have fun!



Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 10:30 AM
Are you a Grandparent raising Grandchildren?
Christy from DHEO Kinship Care will be here with information on support options, including legal assistance, potential financial assistance, support groups, and access to Medicaid. Direction Home of Northeast Oho is part of a broader statewide Kinship Care system. This seminar is open to all seniors in Ashtabula County. Please tell a friend. Refreshments will be provided.

R.S.V.P. by October 1, 2025



How to Charcuterie: Holiday Shapes
Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 2:30 PM
Learn how to create festive holiday-themed charcuterie
boards and displays, perfect for entertaining!
Each participant will leave with a sample they created
to take home.

Cost: \$5.00 for subscribers | \$10.00 for non-subscribers R.S.V.P. by October 21, 2025

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Arts & Crafts

Draw Silhouettes Tue., Sept. 9, 2025:2:30 PM Capture a timeless profile! Learn to draw classic silhouette portraits in this fun and creative session. No experience needed! Cost: \$3.00 for subscribers \$8.00 for non-subscribers RSVP by September 2, 2025

Mason Jar Scarecrows Tues., Sept. 16, 2025 · 1:30 PM Get crafty this fall! Join us to create adorable Mason Jar Scarecrows—perfect for seasonal decorating or gifting. Cost: \$3.00 for subscribers \$8.00 for non-subscribers RSVP by September 9, 2025



Craft with Lori September 30, 2025 at 1:30 pm Farmhouse Ghosts Cost:\$5.00 for subscribers

\$10.00 for non subscribers R.S.V.P. by Sept. 23, 2025

CROCHETING

WEDNESDAYS AT 1:30PM Beginner-Friendly. FREE - newsletter subscribers \$5.00 non - subscribers PLUS MATERIALS

SEPT 3, 10 & 17 FOLDABLE MESH BAG SEPT 24 BIRTHDAY HAT **WRITTEN PATTERN PROVIDED EVERY WEEK!**

Join Lisa on Tue., October 7 at **1:30 PM** to make easy Halloween **door mats!** Come ready to paint & get a little messy.



No two mats will be the same. Cost: \$14 - newsletter subscribers \$20 - non subscribers All materials included RSVP BY 9/30/2025 Seating Limited to 10.

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 1:30 PM Fall Craft with Lori Cost is \$3.00 for subscribers \$5.00 for non-subscribers R.S.V.P. by Oct. 7, 2025

Reservations are required one week prior to the event and can be made by calling 440-998-6750 or online at https://schedulesplus.com/ashtabula

September Book Club - September 23, 2025 at 1:30 Vanishing Half by Brit Bennet

The Vignes sisters are identical twins. They run away at sixteen. From there, the girls life diverge in different directions.

October Book Club - October 28, 2025 at 1:30 PM The Women by Kristin Hannah

It's 1965 and Frances McGrath is a 20 yr. old nursing student. When her brother is shipped to Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse corps and follows his path.

You can find these books at the Ashtabula Public Library

Calling All Card Sharks!

Do you enjoy playing Pinochle, Bridge, or Canasta? We're looking to start weekly groups for each of these classic games; and we need YOU to make it happen! Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking to brush up your skills, this is a great way to have fun, meet new friends, and keep those minds sharp! Interested in joining or helping lead a group? Stop by the Center to sign up! Let's bring back the joy of card playing—one hand at a time!

Wellness Clinics with University Hospitals Held Monthly on Mondays - No RSVP required Health checks are provided first come, first serve. 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (unless noted) September 8, 2025 – Glucose & Cholesterol - 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM October 20, 2025 – Blood Pressure November 10, 2025 – Glucose & Cholesterol December 8, 2025 – Blood Pressure

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Activity Registration Information

ACCOA Center for Active Living offers various types of in-person and virtual programming to keep members engaged and connected. Mask requirement for in-person activities are based on current CDC, Governor and local Health Department guidelines. Due to social distancing guidelines, in-person activities will have a limited number of participants, so please sign up early to reserve your seat.

To register for any activity you can visit https://schedulesplus.com/ashtabula or call 440-998-6750. If you are unable to register online, or have difficulties please contact us.

ACCOA Center for Active Living Refund Policy
If an activity is canceled by ACCOA, which had a registration fee,
you will receive a refund for that activity's registration fee. Should you
cancel an activity, you registered for, that has a registration fee, you
will not receive a refund for the registration fee unless there is a
waiting list and/or ACCOA is able to fill your place at the
activity/program.

Bring a Friend Promotion September 18 – December 18, 2025

Bring a friend who has never been to the Center for Active Living! Their **first activity is FREE**, and both of you will be entered into a drawing for a **\$50 Walmart gift card**.

Join the fun, make new friends, and you could be our lucky winner!

Eligibility

- The promotion is open to all current ACCOA Center for Active Living participants.
- Guests must be first-time visitors who have never attended the Center before.

How It Works

- Bring a new guest to the ACCOA Center for Active Living. Your guest's activity fee is FREE for their first visit.
- Both you and your guest will be entered into the special holiday Gift Card drawing.

Entries

- One entry per person, per new guest.
- You may bring multiple new friends on different days for additional entries.
- Guests must sign in at the front desk as a first-time visitor to validate the entry.

Holiday Drawing

- All eligible entries will be placed into a drawing to be held at our Christmas Party event December 18, 2025.
- You must be present at the holiday event to claim your prize, or an alternate winner will be drawn.

Other Details

- Staff and volunteers are not eligible to participate in the drawing.
- If someone's name is already in the Center's computer system, it will be considered that they have previously attended, and they will not qualify as a "new" participant.
- The Center reserves the right to verify eligibility and make final decisions on entries.

Movie and Popcorn Friday, September 5, 2025 at 1:30 pm A Man called Otto Grumpy Otto meets his match in new neighbor Marisol, leading to an unexpected friendship.

Friday, October 3, 2025 at 2:30 pm Devil in a Blue Dress Black war veteran turned detective Easy Rawlins as he looks for a missing person and ends up running into bodies.

PEN PAL CLUB WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24, 2025 WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22, 2025 at 10:30am This Pen Pal Club aims to connect people from all walks of life who would never meet and share the joy of sending and receiving a letters.

Pinochle Every Tuesday & Thursday 1pm to 4pm

Medicare Q&A Seminars Have questions about Medicare? We've got answers!

Join us

Mon., Sept. 22, 2025 at 6:00PM - with Andy from Pelorus Financial Wed., Sep. 24, 2025 at 1:30PM - with Andy from Pelorus Financial Friday, October 3, 2025 at 1:30PM - with Zach from Wiley Insurance Fri., Oct. 24, 2025 at 1:30PM - Isom from TLC Insurance Group These representatives will be here to help explain Medicare options and answer your questions in an easy-to-understand way. Open to all seniors – don't miss this opportunity to get informed! Refreshments Provided

Culture Club

Join us each month as we explore a new culture through engaging presentations and guest speakers! Lenape (Delaware Nation) - Friday, September 12, 2025 at 1:30 PM R.S.V.P. by September 5, 2025

Mexico, Day of the Dead - Friday, October 10, 2025 at 1:30 PM R.S.V.P. by October 3, 2025 Come learn, connect, and celebrate cultural heritage! Let us know if you'd like to reserve your spot.

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HELP for Heating/Cooling Bills There is a programs offered by the State of Ohio to help you with your heating and cooling bill. You may receive financial assistance or efficiency improvements for homes or apartments. If your gross household income from all sources is less than the following amount for the number of members in your household you may qualify:

1 person up to \$21,780

2 people up to \$29,420 3 people up to \$37,060

4 people up to \$44,700

5 people up to \$52,340

\$7,640 each additional household member.

> The Ohio Energy Assistance application is available Now. Please call the Community Action toll-free at 440-997-5957 for more information.

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU COULD PAY YOUR BILLS AT THE **CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING?**

You can make payments to many of the companies that send you a monthly bill including: Electric, Gas, Wireless, Cable/Satellite, Insurance, Credit Cards, Car Loans, Leases and many more! Right at the Senior Center! Paying bills in person has benefits. Receive a receipt as proof of payment. Pay bills using cash... Pay multiple bills in one location... Same day posting... Bills have a small transaction fee of less than \$2.00 Walk In. Pay Bills. Support your Activity Center, Done.

Get Help With Your Electric Bills

The winter/summer crisis program offers electric assistance to low-income elderly households and individuals with certain medical conditions. Money obtained from the winter/summer crisis program can be used either to: Pay vour electric bill or Purchase a new air conditioning unit (if you have not received one in the last 3 vrs.)

To be eligible for the crisis program:

- ◆ A household member must be at least 60 years of age OR have a doctor
- statement establishing a medical necessity.
- ♦ Cannot have a disconnect notice
- ♦ Be below 200% of the federal poverty level.
- ♦ Do not have to be on PIPP.

Applications are available at Community Action Agency 440-997-5957.

Jigsaw Puzzles Daily 10am to 4pm **Enjoy Unique and** Challenging Puzzles. Fun way to use your brain.

> The Center will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday, September 1, 2025 In Observance of Labor Day
- Monday, October 13, 2025 In Observance of Columbus Day
- Tuesday, November 11, 2025 In Observance of Veterans Day
- Thursday November 27 & Friday November 28, 2025 In honor of Thanksgiving

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UPPER CRUST

"UPPER CRUST LUNCH BUNCH"

Fri., Oct. 17, 2025 at Noon Brants Apple Orchard RSVP by Fri., Oct. 10, 2025

November Upper Crust Kardohely's Friday, November 14, 2025 RSVP by Fri., Nov., 7, 2025

Reservations are made based on the number of guests that RSVP.

Join US for Dessert and Coffee After Lunch At the Center for Active Living

Wellness Clinic with ARMC Thursday, September 25, 2025 Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 11:00 am Blood Pressures, Glucose and Cholesterol screening

Mobility Matters
Presented by:
Joe from Mobility Plus
Tues., Sept. 2, 2025 at 2:00 PM
Join us for an informative session
on mobility aids designed to support
individuals with mobility challenges.



Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Every Friday at 10:15 AM No RSVP needed all are welcome!

TELEPHONE REASSURANCE PROGRAM

Not able to visit the Center?
Need someone to chat with?
Need more human conversation?
Our Telephone Reassurance
program provides a daily
check-in calls to help you start
your day off the right!
To join our call list
call 440-998-6750

PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ACCOA will help Ashtabula County residents age 60 years old and older enroll in pharmaceutical prescription assistance programs, and help you navigating through Social Security Part D programs. Call 440-998-6750 for an appointment!

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DEVILISH GOOD TIME

Halloween Party

FRIDAY, OCT. 31, 2025 - 2PM to 5PM at ACCOA Center for Active Living 4148 Main Avenue, Ashtabula RSVP BY October 24, 2025

Costume Contest!

Prizes for the Best, Funniest, & Scariest

costumes!

DON'T GET CAUGHT WITHOUT A COSTUME!

Eerie Entertainment & Creepy Confections! Ghoulish Games & Spook-tacular Prizes!

Cost:

\$5 for newsletter subscribers \$10 for non newsletter subscribers

Reservations are required one week prior to the event and can be made by calling 440-998-6750 or online at https://schedulesplus.com/ashtabula

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Current Resident or:



