

MAY 2021



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Evergreen Forum Summer Sampler All courses are virtual using Zoom

The Evergreen Forum Summer Sampler is coming in June Here's your chance to embrace the Evergreen experience. Four weeks, four subjects, all for you. Stay tuned for details.



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FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Walking the Journey Together

Dear Friends,

For several years, I straddled the line that many have straddled before me — between being a parent to my growing children and a child of my aging parents. One of the greatest blessings of my life was to watch the relationship that formed between my mother and my children as a result of my mother's decision to retire early to spend significant time with my children. As she aged, and they grew into young adults, the strength of those relationships served us all. In the last years of her life, my children shared the role of caregiver alongside of me, and we all grew to understand the joys and struggles of caregiving.

The Princeton Senior Resource Center is committed to walking this journey alongside caregivers as well as the older adults for whom they are providing care. Throughout this issue, you will read several features and find information that will support you in the caregiving/ care-receiving journey. The story below is a first-hand account of a daughter who connected her mom with PSRC — and the difference that it has made in their journey. As you read these stories, and review the available resources and programs, think about someone in your life who would benefit from what PSRC offers — and pass it along!

All the Best, Drew A. Dyson, PhD, Chief Executive Officer

Through a Child's Eyes

During this time when maintaining social distance to ensure the health and safety of our elderly loved ones, many adults of aging parents are faced with new challenges. Not only are we responsible for our parents' physical health, but also their mental well-being. And sometimes it comes as a surprise that our elderly parents, normally so active and busy with their own lives, can fall victim to the effects of loneliness.

In the fall of 2019, my mother had finally decided to retire from her job. One would think at the age of eighty, she would now slow down. But this was not the case. Living in a senior living community with my sister and brother-in-law, she had no need of a senior center because classes and social engagements filled her calendar. She would regularly drive herself to a nearby town to paint with her art group and meet to lunch with friends. She took advantage of the chair yoga group and free library in her senior community and she attended church every Sunday.

Mom frequently enjoyed area music events with family. Her last such outing was in February 2020 when she and several of her six grown children and their spouses gathered at a local Irish music event complete with dancing, beer, and bagpipers. It was a grand celebration!

Then, within a few weeks, things slowed down due to Covid-19 fears. My mother was put on lockdown and quarantined to her home. At first it was just a small hinderance and a bother to reschedule regular doctor appointments. In March 2020 our family gathered on Zoom to do what would turn into a weekly check-in call. Mom had a tablet that she used for art and photographs and that was the device she would use to log on to Zoom. Not too adept with technology and hearingchallenged, she did her best to participate. But honestly, just seeing everyone's faces seemed to lift her spirits. For three months, this appeared to be a bright spot to her weeks of confinement. She had my sister and brother-in-law with her, but we could see the toll of the loss of social contact weighing on her.

In May 2020 we signed mom up for the PSRC Zoom chair yoga class. Encouraged by the family she was willing to try this exercise. This boosted her physical activity and gave her more confidence on Zoom. My brother-in-law was still setting up her tablet for each Zoom event, but she was getting better with the technology. The assistance of the PSRC technology team helped her take her "zooming" to the next level. And then in June, we began a second Zoom meet-up for art. Mom would log on to gather with the daughters and granddaughters to work on painting projects and have some virtual social time.

By the end of the summer, we sensed that she was feeling down again. A few of her friends were coping with illness and mom was unable to assist them as she normally would. Instead, she would speak to them over the phone, but being such a social person, we could see depression was beginning to settle in again. Looking for further ways to help, we persuaded her to join the PSRC Fireside Chat and the Let's Talk groups on Zoom. The friendly engagement with her peers widened her communal network. This was just what the doctor ordered.

Through fall of 2020, mom was enrolled in PSRC's Art in the Academy lectures and regularly participating in PSRC chair yoga and support groups. She then discovered how to attend church online and even joined an online prayer group with other members of her congregation. For Christmas my brother gifted her with a "seniors" online art class. Her calendar was filling up again. These groups and classes helped her endure the dark days of fall and winter.

Thankfully for PSRC's programs, our family had resources to keep our mom connected with other seniors online. She now has the confidence, and a new laptop, to connect to her Zoom groups and classes without assistance. She still looks forward to new PSRC groups and classes and is thankful to the PSRC social services, programs, and tech teams for making it possible for her to navigate her way during the pandemic.

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FIRST FRIDAY FILM — "MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM"

Friday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m.

Based on the play written by August Wilson, the story unfolds in a Chicago recording studio in 1927 where African American band members and blues singer Ma Rainey reveal the conflicted feelings they have about their status in the white man's world. Tensions rise between the ambitious horn player, white management, and the uncontrollable *Mother* of Blues. Golden Globe awarded to Chadwick Boseman. Starring: Chadwick Boseman, Viola Davis, Taylor Paige, Glynn Turman **Running time: 1 hour, 34 minutes;** Genre: Drama, Music; Rated: R Registration required, no fee.



FYI SEMINAR — "FRAUD WATCH NETWORK BASICS"

Friday, May 14 at 11:45 a.m.

This presentation helps empower individuals in the fight against fraud with proven resources and tools to help you spot and avoid identity theft and other fraud such as cyber safety and investment scams. Rich Sodon is a volunteer for AARP New Jersey Speakers Bureau which is dedicated to empowering the 50+ population. He advocates for the implementation of efforts to protect our digital and personal lives from fraud. Registration required, no fee.



FYI SEMINAR — "THE LIFE SAVING POWER OF BLOOD DONATION" Friday, May 21 at 11:45 a.m.

We see ads all the time telling us to donate blood. But do we really know why it's so important? Our presenter, Ariel Fishman, was a recipient of seventy pints of blood after a major accident almost cost him his life. Through his personal story, you will learn that he is a tenacious advocate for blood donations and their tremendous impact on individuals and their families. Registration required, no fee.



FYI SEMINAR — "WHAT AARP CAN DO FOR YOU"

Friday, May 28 at 11:45 a.m.

If you don't think "real possibilities" when you think AARP, then you don't know AARP! While you might know a lot about what this organization offers, this session will provide information that may surprise you and will help you to get more from your membership. Rich Sodon is a volunteer for AARP New Jersey Speakers Bureau which is dedicated to empowering the 50+ population. Registration required, no fee.



TED TALKS

Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. First we watch a TED Talk, then we discuss it. Discussions are facilitated by Helen

Burton. All are welcome. This month's topics:

May 4 — Brittany Packnett: How to build your confidence and spark it in others

May 11 — Tyler Dewitt: Online learning could change academia – for good.

May 18 — Jennifer 8 Lee: The hunt for General Tso (Hunt for the origins of familiar Chinese — American dishes)

May 25 — Vinay Shandal: How conscious investors can turn up the heat and make companies change

Registration required, no fee.

This month's FYI sponsors are McCaffrey's Food Markets, Novi Wealth Partners, and Silver Century Foundation. TED Talk sponsors are Bryn Mawr Trust, Capital Health, and Stark & Stark Attorneys at Law.

SPECIAL NOTICE

PSRC is closed on Monday, May 31 for the Memorial Day holiday To request a program scholarship, please fill out this confidential form. https://princetonsenior.wufoo.com/forms/senior-scholarship-request-form/



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Ethno-music-what?

Musical Instrument Museum, Phoenix Arizona Wednesday, May 5 at 11:00 a.m.

Across the globe, music has the power to transform people. From ritual and religious ceremonies to Friday night jam sessions, music crosses both real — and imaginary — borders and boundaries. Ethnomusicology is the study of music and world cultures, and it's everywhere. Join Katie Palmer, curator of education at the Musical Instrument Museum, to learn more about MIM, challenge some preconceived notions about music, and think critically about the ways that music transcends and transforms. This session will focus on sounds from Africa. Please be prepared to recall your personal experiences with music — from both near and far.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Mozarthaus, Vienna, Austria Wednesday, May 12 at 11:00 a.m.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Vienna years lasted from 1781 to his death in 1791. It was in the "City

of Music" that Mozart composed most of his oeuvre, and this apartment in the heart of Vienna was his residence for several of those years. We will learn about Mozart's life and work with special emphasis on his time in Vienna and the unique social and cultural circumstances of his life there.

American Jazz Museum Virtual Tour, Kansas City, Missouri

Wednesday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Join us on a guided virtual tour of the American Jazz Museum. The museum showcases the sights and sounds of jazz through interactive exhibits and films. Since its inception in September 1997, the Museum has hosted thousands of students, scholars, musicians and fans of the arts for over 200 performances, educational programs, and special exhibitions, providing an opportunity to learn about the legends, honor their legacy, or simply enjoy the sounds of modern-day jazz.

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LIBRARY READS - MONDAY, MAY 3, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

Calling all readers — Princeton Public Library staff will showcase some great recent and notable book titles to add to your to-be-read list. You can also ask for personalized book recommendations. *Presented by Princeton Public Librarians*

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Meet and Greet with Beethoven Beethoven-Haus, Bonn, Germany Wednesday, May 26 at 11:00 a.m.

Take a virtual walk with us through Beethoven's House in Bonn, Germany and get to know the famous composer from totally new perspectives. Find out why he didn't wear a wig, what inspired him, why he stayed a bachelor his whole life, and why he compared his household to a shipwreck. Naturally we'll also listen to some of his compositions and experience how Beethoven perceived them when his hearing failed.

PSRC Making Music Series is sponsored by Mobility Doctor and Star of David Memorial Chapel

LIMITED SERIES PROGRAMS

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May 6 — *World Cultures* with docent Ximena Skovron

May 13 — American Art with docent Leslie Sullivan

May 20 — World of Prints (Prints from the Collections) with docent Allegra D'Adamo May 27 — Impressionism and Post-Impressionism with docent Jennifer Yuan

June 3 — *Women in Art* with docent Ximena Skovron

June 10 — *Depictions of Gardens* with docent Leslie Sullivan

FRENCH RENDEZ-VOUS

Tuesdays, May 11 through June 15 at 11:00 a.m. Fee: \$70 for the six-session series

Students will practice and improve their intermediate level French language speaking-skills in a friendly and supportive environment through oral exercises, role playing games or sketches. You will be invited to discuss a variety of topics ranging from the visual arts, movies, visits of cultural sites both in France and Francophone countries, and published memoirs that inspire you. Limited to 12 participants.

Instructor: Brigitte Aflalo-Calderon

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP — "WINDOWS 10 BASICS" *Tuesday, May 11 at 1:00 p.m.*

Is your Windows computer a bit of a mystery to you? In this basic skills class, we'll cover what the operating system does, how to manipulate windows on your desktop, how to organize and back up your files, and some basic programs to browse the Web, read your email, and work with documents and spreadsheets.

Important: This hands-on workshop is only for Windows laptop and desktop computers. You can try out many of the things we'll cover during the class on your computer.

Instructor: Evelyn Sasmor Registration required, no fee.

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP — "MAC OS BASICS" Tuesday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m.

This is a basic skills class on the Mac Operating System. We'll cover what the operating system does, how to manipulate windows on the computer desktop, and trackpad and mouse gestures. We'll also discuss files and folders, Time Machine backups, several common applications that Apple includes on its Mac computers, and the Apple App Store.

Important: This hands-on workshop is only for Mac laptop and desktop computers. You can try out many of the things we'll cover during the class on your computer.

Instructor: Don Benjamin Registration required, no fee.

To request a program scholarship, please fill out this confidential form. https://princetonsenior.wufoo.com/forms/senior-scholarship-request-form/

SPECIAL INVITATION: MEET JAMES DEMETRIADES, NEWLY APPOINTED CEO OF PENN MEDICINE PRINCETON HEALTH

Friday, May 21 at 1:00 p.m.

Please join us for an informational discussion with James Demetriades, CEO, Penn Medicine Princeton Health, Mr. Demetriades succeeded Barry Rabner, who had served as President and CEO since 2002. Though James is new to this role, he has held leadership positions at Princeton Health since 2017.

MORNING TECH SERIES: EXPLORE PPL'S ELIBRARY COLLECTIONS

Wednesday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Explore the Princeton Public Library's eLibrary resources and learn how to download ebooks, audiobooks and magazines, stream movies, learn a language or take an online course. You will need a valid PPL library card and PIN (last 4 digits of your phone number) in order to access the eLibrary resources such as Overdrive/Libby, hoopla, Kanopy, Mango, and lynda.com.

Registration required through the library. This program will be held on Zoom. A link will be sent to all registrants the morning of the program. Presented in partnership with the Princeton Public Library and PSRC.

RETIREMENT PROGRAMS

WOMEN & MEN IN RETIREMENT - "ANTI-INFLAMMATORY EATING" Friday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m. This May the Men in Retirement are joining the Women in Retirement with speaker Heather Bainbridge, registered dietician, who will share which foods promote and reduce the body's inflammatory response. She will discuss how to seamlessly incorporate delicious anti-inflammatory foods as well as lifestyle changes, in order to improve your functionality, quality of life, and health conditions. All are welcome. Registration required, no fee.

growth as an institution. Drew Dyson, PSRC's

CEO, will moderate. We hope you can join us!

TRANSITION TO RETIREMENT Friday, May 21 at 3:00 p.m.

James will provide a brief

recap of how PMPH pivoted

policies and procedures that

Registration required, no fee.

have been put into place to

face current challenges, as well as PMPH's vision for

its operations during the

Covid-19 pandemic, new

This group addresses the many kinds of issues that can arise during the transition to retirement. The group is facilitated by Dave Roussell, MSEd, MSW, LSW, PSRC care coordinator, and HomeFriends coordinator.

Registration required, no fee.

ELDER JUSTICE: A CALL TO ACTION ELDER JUSTICE AND PREVENTION MEASURES No meeting this month

To request assistance registering and securing appointments for coronavirus vaccines, fill out a form at https://princetonsenior.wufoo.com/forms/vaccinenavigator-registration-form/. You may also contact Carla Servin, Vaccine Navigator coordinator, at vaccine@princetonsenior.org or 609.751.9699, ext. 118.



VACCINE **NAVIGATORS**

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EXERCISE & FITNESS

GENTLE YOGA + NIDRA — Spring Quarter

Mondays through June 28, 10:00 a.m. (no class on May 31)

Fee: \$75 per quarter

This expansive workshop encompasses yoga postures, yogic breathing, an explanation of the science of yoga sound which creates profound deep relaxation, and some meditation. It is suitable for new students and seasoned practitioners. Participants will need a yoga mat and/or clear floor space, water bottle, and comfortable clothes.

Instructor: Joy Cline-Okoye

MINDFUL CHAIR YOGA & MEDITATION — Spring Quarter

Thursdays through June 24, 10:00 a.m. Fee: \$75 per quarter

Chair yoga is a gentle, versatile form of yoga utilizing a chair that is adaptable for all skill levels and abilities and for those with balance issues and injuries. This includes participants who spend their time commuting, sitting at a desk, or suffer with limited mobility or chronic conditions. It is therapeutic in nature and welcoming to all populations. Participants will enjoy a restorative experience that is breath, body, and spiritually focused. Students will learn techniques to gain flexibility, strength, balance, and energy while increasing range of motion and delving into the serenity of a relaxing class that moves at a mindfully slow pace. **Important note: please do not use a rolling chair or a chair with arm rests.** *Instructor: Lyn Lilavati Sirota*



ENRICHMENT

MEMOIR WRITING WITH JENNIFER — Spring Quarter

Thursdays through June 24, 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$75 per quarter

What's your story? In our online memoir workshop, you will learn how to get started on mining your memories and shaping them into well-crafted pieces. We will engage in writing exercises, discuss the craft of writing, and share examples from several published memoirs to inspire you. Limited to 12 participants. **This class is full.** *Instructor: Jennifer Altmann*

PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS Mondays at 2:00 p.m.

Join master art instructor Christina Rang on Zoom for a painting class designed specifically for beginners. You'll learn the basics of layout, color, design, and more! Class is full. To add your name to the waitlist, please go to https://princetonsenior.wufoo.com/ forms/virtual-painting-for-beginners-waitlist/. Instructor: Christina Rang

PAINTING AND SELF EXPRESSION

Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. This class will emphasize the components of

the creative painting technique. Class is full. To add your name to the waitlist, please go to https://princetonsenior.wufoo.com/forms/ virtual-painting-self-expression-waitlist/. Instructor: Christina Rang

COSMOLOGY

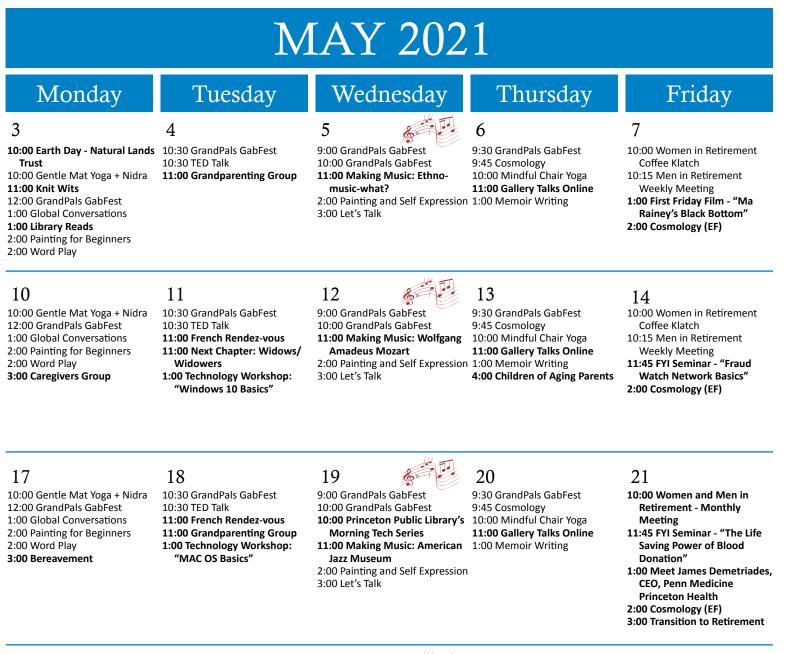
Peer-led science discussion. Contact **brucewallman@** gmail.com for more information.



TECHNOLOGY LAB

While the PSRC building remains closed, the Technology Lab continues to serve clients remotely. Our dedicated volunteers are available and responding to requests. Once you submit a request, one of our volunteers will contact you, normally within one business day, to set up an appointment to help you.

To learn more about PSRC's technical assistance, go to our website at **princetonsenior.org/psrc-tech**resources/ or to fill out a request form go to https://princetonsenior.wufoo.com/forms/technology-assistancerequest/. All programs and groups meet virtually on Zoom



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10:00 Gentle Mat Yoga + Nidra 12:00 GrandPals GabFest 1:00 Global Conversations 2:00 Painting for Beginners 2:00 Word Play 3:00 Caregivers

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10:30 GrandPals GabFest 10:30 TED Talks 11:00 French Rendez-vous 11:00 Next Chapter: Widows and Widowers

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3:00 Let's Talk

9:00 GrandPals GabFest 10:00 GrandPals GabFest 11:00 Making Music: Meet and **Greet with Beethoven** 2:00 Painting and Self Expression 1:00 Memoir Writing



9:30 GrandPals GabFest 9:45 Cosmology 10:00 Mindful Chair Yoga 11:00 Gallery Talks Online

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10:00 Women in Retirement Coffee Klatch 10:15 Men in Retirement Weekly Meeting 11:45 FYI Seminar - "What AARP Can Do For You" 2:00 Cosmology (EF)

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PSRC IS CLOSED FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

LOOKING AHEAD: JUNE IS LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR PSRC EVENTS DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE.

Want to know how it began? Read about the history of LGBTQIA+ Pride Month here: https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/pride-month-2021/

Virtual programs are added daily. Visit https://www.princetonsenior.org/coming-soon/ often to see what's new!

A QUICK GUIDE TO AREA RESOURCES

Access Princeton 609.924.4141 Affordable Housing 609.688.2053 Arm-in-Arm 609.921.2135 **Central Jersey Legal Services** 609.695.6249 **Community Without Walls** 609.921.2050 **Cornerstone Community Kitchen** 609.924.2613 **Funeral Consumers Alliance** 609.924.3320 **Meals on Wheels** 609.695.3483 **Mercer County Nutrition Program** 609.989.6650 Mercer County Office on Aging 609.989.6661 or 877.222.3737 **NJ Consumer Affairs** 973.504.6200 NJ Division of Aging Services 800.792.8820, ext. 352 **One Table Café** 609.924.2277 PAAD (Pharmaceutical Aid) 800.792.9745 **Princeton Community Housing** 609.924.3822 **Princeton Housing Authority** 609.924.3448 **Princeton Human Services** 609.688.2055 Princeton Police (non-emergency) 609.921.2100 **Princeton Public Library** 609.924.9529 **Reassurance Contact** 609.883.2880 **Ride Provide** 609.452.5144 Senior Care Services of NJ 609.921.8888 Senior Citizen Club 609.921.0973 Social Security 800.772.1213 SHIP (Medicare) 609.273.0588 T.R.A.D.E. (Transportation) 609.530.1971

Top 10 Mistakes When Planning for Incapacity, Crisis, and Long Term Care (Ethics)



May 6, 2021 at 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Jerold E. Rothkoff, Esq., a practicing New Jersey and Pennsylvania attorney, is the principal of the Rothkoff Law Group, where he dedicates his practice to serving clients in the areas of elder law, life care planning, asset protection, estate planning, and long-term care advocacy. rothkofflaw.com

This CEU seminar is hosted by Rothkoff Law Group and sponsored by Akin Care Senior Services and Princeton Senior Resource Center. CEUs are awarded by NASW-NJ.

Registration required: http://bit.ly/LearningWithPSRC_AkinCare Sharon Hurley • shurley@princetonsenior.org • 609.751.9699

TRANSPORTATION

CROSSTOWN

The Crosstown Transportation program is currently following these safety protocols:

- Cleaning and disinfecting procedures in vehicles before, between rides, and at shift end.
- Installation of sneeze guards in cars.
- All drivers must wear masks.
- All riders must wear a mask (unless medically unable). We will provide a mask if the rider doesn't have one.
- Riders must sit in the back seat.
- No rideshares, except with family or an aide.
- Daily driver health screening check list.
- Health screening questions for rider with the ride confirmation call prior to the trip.

Door-to-door car service within Princeton for people over age sixtyfive. Call 609.751.9699 to **register for the program and purchase \$3 vouchers**. Then call Ride Provide at 609.452.5144 to schedule a ride. Free to Penn Medicine Princeton Health (hospital) and medically prescribed rehabilitation at Princeton Fitness and Wellness Center.

COMPUTER GURU

by Don Benjamin

Technology Lab Programs sponsored by: Stark & Stark Attorneys at Law

Phone and Text Scams

You just received a call from Verizon that your computer is infected with a virus. The voice on the far end offers to remove the malware and provide a security service for \$799 for life (not sure who's life). "The service will cover all your computers, tablets, and smartphones." But he needs access to your hard drive to install the special security application.

You agree to a five-year plan and give him your credit card information. He then hangs up without doing anything. Or, if you let him access your computer, he may add a password or encrypt your files and demand payment to restore your hard drive.

Of course, it's a scam.

So is the text message you received from your bank that they froze your account, but if you call a special number you can regain access. So is the phone call from Amazon that someone in Moline, Iowa, has charged an item to your account and "... please press '1' so we can reverse the charges on your credit card." Nope. Not legit.

We've noticed an increase in phone, email, and text scams that sound and look official but can cost you hundreds or thousands of dollars or render your computer unusable. The scammers aren't trying to get your information, just your money. Most of the scammers work from call centers in India and use fake American names, like "Bob Jones" or "Kevin Wilson," or Mary-Lou Philips." (None of my many friends from India are named Bob or Kevin or Mary-Lou.)

Here are some general facts to keep in mind:

- 1. Internet service providers, such as Verizon and Xfinity, don't monitor your computer and will not call to tell you that you have a computer virus.
- 2. Computer companies, like Apple or Microsoft, won't call you, either. None of these companies monitor your equipment.
- 3. Webpage pop-ups that warn you've been infected are usually bogus. Just close your browser.
- 4. Your bank will not text you that your checking account has been locked, and if you want to unlock it, "simply enter your account number." If you're worried, call your bank.
- 5. The Social Security Administration will not call you to report that your social security number has been found in an abandoned Toyota Corolla near El Paso along with twenty-two pounds of illicit drugs.
- 6. PSE&G will not call you demanding immediate payment in Walmart gift cards. Nor will American Water or the IRS.
- 7. Your credit card company may send you a text to confirm that recent purchases are legitimate. Those are OK—you usually answer with a Y or N. But don't click any links. Call your bank if you're concerned.

And here are some tips to keep you safe:

- 1. If you are uncertain of a phone caller's integrity, hang up.
- 2. Don't give anyone you don't know access to your computer.
- 3. Never click on links in emails or text messages that ask you to confirm your account information, ID, or password. Call the company from the phone numbers you already have or check your account from their website.
- 4. If you're worried about suspicious messages, webpages that warn you that you've been hacked, or phone calls from Kevin, contact our Tech Resources webpage **princetonsenior.org/psrc-tech-resources/** for help.

Latrina kvetches after she realized she'd been scammed.



Randy is the victim of a scammer who installed a small thermonuclear device on his laptop.

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SOCIAL SERVICES by Sharon Hurley, CVA

CAREGIVING FOR A PARENT DURING A PANDEMIC

It has been one year since the passing of my dad. If you think about what was happening in April/May 2020 you will remember that everything in the world was upside down. When my dad got really sick with kidney failure and admitted to a hospital in South Jersey, visitation was still allowed. Following what was happening around the country, I knew that my time to visit with him could soon be limited.

After nine days of visitation, one of the nurses told me to be prepared, because if I came to the hospital on the tenth day, I may arrive to find out that there was no visitation allowed in the hospital. No notice, no heads up, just turned away. I consider myself blessed that I had developed a positive and collaborative relationship with my dad's healthcare team. I was able to have my in-person good-bye with my dad, on that ninth day, because there was one person who shared news with me, that wasn't public yet.

Caregiving is hard. Plain and simple, hard, in a pandemic, or not. Each day was filled with so many decisions to be made. Having someone as an advocate to share and discuss options is so important. I was lucky to have my sister on my side, every step of the way. Even



PHOTO: Sharon Hurley's dad with waitress at his favorite diner for his birthday in January 2020.

with my sister's medical background and my social services background, there were many times when we wondered whether we were doing things the right way. If you have ever been a caregiver, you know that the right way, is only what is right in that moment.

Having a support team will help in the most difficult times. That support may come in the form of a sibling, friend, support group, therapist, or in a bereavement counselor. Having all documents in order will help tremendously. Searching for things while under so much stress will be less time with your loved one.

I'd like to end with a small tribute to my dad. I was his first born and he called me honey, and sweetheart most of my life. I always knew that he loved me unconditionally, and what more could a child ask of a parent. My dad was full of laughter and loved to give people a hard time, especially the waitresses at his favorite diner. A month before he went into the hospital, I called the diner to let them know I would be bringing him in and that he had just celebrated his birthday. They said, "We've got this". After our meal the whole restaurant staff came out singing a birthday tune, and they presented him with an Oscar the Grouch cupcake. He absolutely loved it, and we all laughed for quite a while. I cherish this memory.

PSRC is unique in many ways and one of them is that we have a social services team ready to assist in difficult times. We are here to offer support, give referrals to resources needed, and be a listening ear. We have a general Caregiver support group twice a month and a Children of Aging Parents support group once a month. There is a Bereavement group once a month. In addition to the groups, we have a Health Care Decisions Day, twice a year. We have a recording of April's presentation by our social worker, Dave Roussell, about which documents you should have prepared in advance of any illness. Reach out if you missed his talk.

If you have any questions, need some guidance and support, please reach out to us by email at **socialservices@princetonsenior.org** or call 609.751.9699.

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

NEW VISITATION GUIDELINES FOR LONG TERM CARE

On March 22 the NJ Department of Health updated its long-term care visitation guidance. The new visitation memo states that every resident has a right to social visits, including anyone of the resident's choice (ex. grandchildren, friends, clergy, etc.).

Both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated residents have a right to social visits. Unvaccinated residents may have their visits restricted if fewer than seventy percent of the center's residents are vaccinated and the CALI (Covid-19 Activity Level) score in the area is high or severe. Residents who have Covid-19 or who are in quarantine are not permitted social visitation.

Most importantly, a positive case in one section of the facility no longer shuts down the entire facility for a month, or months. If anyone tests positive, all staff and residents are tested within a few days of that positive test. If the virus has not spread to other units, social visitation may resume immediately in unaffected areas.

Facilities may require social visits to be scheduled to ensure it is prepared to handle the volume of visitors at one time.

In some cases, visits can occur in your room, especially if you are in a single room, but many visits will occur in an area of the facility designated for safe social visitation. You can hug your loved ones as long as they are wearing a closely fitting mask and you are fully vaccinated. Mask wearing and handwashing must be followed at all times.

Ask the facility when they are opening to social visitation. If staff tell you that you are not eligible for social visitation or if you are not comfortable with the length/frequency of your visits, contact the Ombudsman's Office.

> VA US Department of Veterans Affairs One-stop resource for Veterans and their caregivers www.va.gov/geriatrics | 800.698.2411



BEREAVEMENT Monday, May 17 at 3:00 p.m. (Usually third Monday of each month) Call Sherri Goldstein 609.819.1226 to attend.

CAREGIVERS Monday, May 10 & 24 at 3:00 p.m. (Usually second & fourth Monday of each month)

CHILDREN OF AGING PARENTS Thursday, May 13 at 4:00 p.m. (Usually second Thursday of each month)

> GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

GRANDPARENTING *Tuesday, May 4 & 18 at 11:00 a.m.* (First & third Tuesday of each month)

KNIT WITS Monday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m. (Usually first Monday of each month)

> **LET'S TALK** Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.

MEN IN RETIREMENT MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m. (Usually first Friday of each month, this month the Men in Retirement join the Women in Retirement)

NEXT CHAPTER: WIDOW/-ERS

Tuesday, May 11 & 25 at 11:00 a.m. (Usually second and fourth Tuesday of each month)

> **TED Talks** Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

TRANSITION TO RETIREMENT *Friday, May 21 at 3:00 p.m.* (Usually third Friday of each month)

WOMEN IN RETIREMENT MONTHLY MEETING Friday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m. (Usually third Friday of each month)

THERE ARE NO FEES FOR THESE GROUPS.

ALL GROUPS MEET VIRTUALLY USING ZOOM.

Sign up for virtual groups on our website or call 609.751.9699 for assistance.

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE



Spotlight on Akin Care Senior Services: Proud PSRC Annual Sponsor

When we began Akin Care Senior Services, our goal was to provide the best possible care for our clients. Everything we do begins and ends with the wellbeing of our clients. By selecting the right match from our highly trained, reliable, and compassionate caregivers, we help you remain *independent*, *in control*, and *in your home*.

There is significant evidence that elders heal more quickly and remain independent longer with home care and that it is the most satisfying form of care available to the American public. We work with you to ensure you, or the one you love, lives independently and in control of their days, wherever they call home. We provide a 100% guarantee of a good fit between you and your caregiver.

Many of our caregivers have nurse's aide training as well a number who are Certified Dementia Practioners. Our expectation is that our caregivers have had the life experiences of raising their own children as well as caring for their parents or grandparents at some point in the past. We feel that these experiences are invaluable. A guiding philosophy is that we will never hire someone we wouldn't have felt comfortable caring for our own parents.

Akin Care caregivers are OUR employees, licensed by the New Jersey Board of Nursing, bonded, and insured. We thoroughly interview, screen, and background/reference check (national, state, and county). Our caregivers are trained, oriented to each client, and competency tested.

Our family and staff are rooted in the greater Princeton area and we care deeply about building the kind of environment that fosters deep respect for the elders among us. That is why we support the Princeton Senior Resource Center and appreciate the assets it brings to this community.

To learn more about Akin Care and all the services we can provide, please give us a call for a personal free consultation at 609.450.8877, email Ann at ann@akincare.com, or visit https://www.akincare.com/.

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FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

PSRC Legacy Corner — Live Well, Give Well



A former president of the board of trustees, Billie Emmerich is the quintessential PSRC ambassador. Billie currently serves on the advisory council and remains an active supporter of PSRC and The Evergreen Forum. Billie loves PSRC's commitment to social services and the outreach to the community through its dedicated social workers. Not only is Billie a consistent donor to the PSRC annual fund and events, she is also a member of the Jocelyn Helms Legacy Society.

"PSRC is an important part of our community and by including PSRC in my will, I am helping to ensure the organization's future."

Did you know there are creative ways to support PSRC? Ways in which PSRC, you and your loved ones all benefit at the same time? Such giving techniques are called "planned gifts," because with thoughtful planning, you create a win-win solution for you, your family, and PSRC.

We invite you to learn more about PSRC's planned giving program and become part of the Jocelyn and Carl Helm Legacy Society. For information visit

https://princetonsenior.plannedgiving.org/



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The Princeton Senior Resource Center community is saddened by the passing of PSRC advisory council member Phyllis Marchand.

Phyllis was a beloved member of the community — and an important contributor to the success of PSRC through the years. Many will remember her contributions to the community through her public service. We at PSRC remember the wonderful kindness — and an incredible amount of wisdom passed along to all those she encountered and nurtured. On behalf of the PSRC board of trustees, advisory council, staff and participants, we extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the entire Marchand family.





PSRC is honored to announce that in June we will be celebrating LGBTQIA+ Pride Month. We invite all of you to join us as we recognize the influences and challenges of this community. More details to come.



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Did you know you can support PSRC by giving us your McCaffrey's receipts? PSRC receives a percentage of the total receipts. They can be up to three months old. Mail to: PSRC, 45 Stockton St., Princeton, NJ 08540 OR drop them in our mailbox on the porch at the Suzanne Patterson Building.

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