

Opportunity House, Inc.

Recreation Newsletter

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People
don't notice
whether
it's winter
or summer
when they're
happy.

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Announcements

Hello to everyone!

As we welcome the beginning of Winter, there are few key pieces of information I'd like to review:

- * Do you follow us on social media? Opportunity House Rec. Department is on Facebook and Instagram! Like and follow us for updates and photos!
FB: Opportunity House—Recreation Department
IG: opportunityhouse_rec
- * Please remember to rank your activity choices by preference (1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice) when you send in your RSVPs.
- * Rec. payments need to be made out in full by the end of each month for that month only.
- * Because space is limited, last minute cancellations should be avoided unless it is an emergency. If the cancellation comes less than 24 hours in advance, the client will still be responsible for paying for that activity.
- * For activities that occur at the OH main building after business hours, please pick up/drop off clients at Side Door #2. Please use the doorbell to alert us of your arrival if we're not there waiting for you!



Announcements

- * We would like to say a very special THANK YOU to all the staff who volunteered their time at our Halloween Dance. We would not have been successful without you! We had 88 people attend our dance from three organizations within our communities!
- * Opportunity House made our return to participating in the Pumpkin Fest Parade. We were so well received by our community. We can't wait to go back next year! A special THANK YOU to Jim Cottone for volunteering his time to build our Wishing Well. It was the best one in the parade!
- * Please note that AKTION CLUB will not be having our regular meeting on the second Wednesday in January. However, on Thursday, January 26th we will be holding a Cap Sorting Pizza Party! All Aktion Club members are welcomed to sign up. We will spend a couple of hours sorting and bagging our caps and lids followed by pizza dinner.
- * Let's all stay happy and healthy this winter! Please remember, do not attend activities if you are not feeling well!

It's time to say goodbye to autumn and welcome all our winter adventures!

- Emily Kvasnicka



Some Fun at Home!

Q: Where do snowmen keep their money?

A: In the snow bank!

Q: What is the best cereal to eat during Winter?

A: Frosted Flakes!

Q: What do you get when you cross a vampire with a snowman?

A: Frostbite!



Some Fun at Home!

Q: Did you hear about the snowman spy?

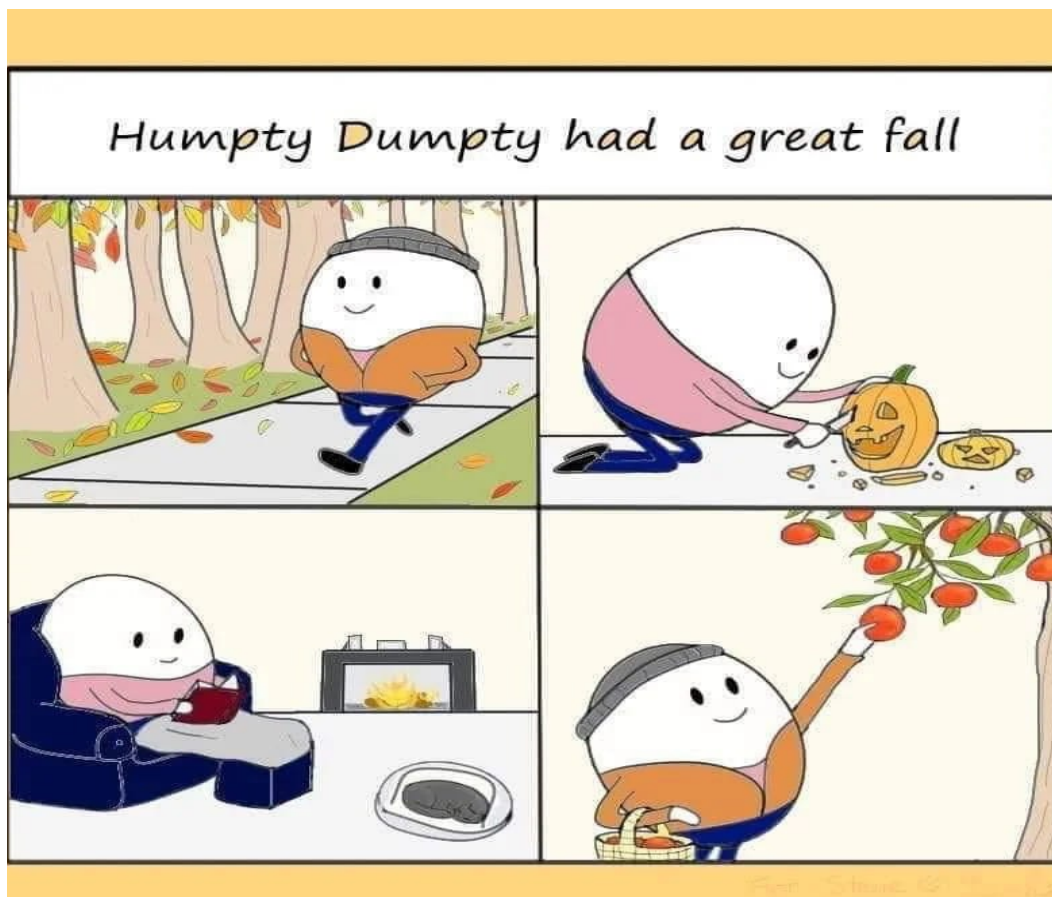
A: He's got a license to chill!

Q: What did one snowflake say to the other?

A: You're one of a kind!

Q: How does a snowman make their bed?

A: With fresh sheets of ice and a thick blanket of snow!



Looking Back!



Libby, Kevin, Monica, David, BJ, and Joanna look ready to go to war during Out & About at the World War II Re-Enactment in Rockford. That was an exiting adventure!



Sara, Sheila, Jane, Mary, Rec. Assistant Jil, Janet, Rach, Diane, Sam and Sarah all keeping warm on a brisk fall day during Gal's Night Out. We went on a scavenger hunt nature walk through Afton Forest Preserve, had dinner at Panera, and delicious cupcakes from Cakes by Lorry.

Looking Back!



Hear ye! Hear ye! Sarah, Marie, Janet and Randy went Out & About to the Olde English Faire in Oregon.



We saw live performances, vendors selling handmade wares, Vikings, royalty, horses, jesters, merriment, dancing, castle tours, and much more! We even had time to stop at Culver's on the way home for an ice cream treat.

Looking Back!



Guy's Night Out at Honey Hill Orchard in Waterman was a success! Here's Bobby, David, John, Lance, Craig, Josh, Rick, and Kevin enjoying the sunny afternoon.



We enjoyed some apple cider donuts, picked our own pumpkins, and enjoyed looking at the apple orchard, animals, and activities. Afterwards, we went to Pot-belly's for dinner. 10/10 great time!

Looking Back!



Rach, Carol, and Janet showing off their fantastic Fall Flower Wreaths that they made during one of our Wednesday Crafts.



Rec. Assistant Jil explaining to everyone the steps to put together their fantastic Fall Flower Wreaths.

Looking Back!



Our theater was packed for Movie & Popcorn night! We watched Beetlejuice and everyone had fun with some Shake, Shake, Shake Senora!



Gal's Night Out in October was a little chilly but lovely ladies Dana, Jane, Lisa, Jenny, Sydney, Laura, Kathy and Diane didn't mind!

Looking Back!



We warmed up with hot chocolate and apple cider donuts at Honey Hill Orchard.



We went and picked our own pumpkins and were amazed when someone generously offered to pay for our group's pumpkins. Thank you!

Looking Back!

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Jess, Laura, Jane, and Monica are standing strong and mighty while practicing The Mountain pose during Center & Flow Yoga.



Having some spooky fun and making Halloween Paint-Chip Bookmarks together during one of our Wednesday Craft days.

Looking Back!



Stretching high before Fun & Fierce Fitness! We have over one minute of our dance routine memorized now!



We marched with a group of over 30 in the annual Pumpkin Fest Parade for the first time in many years. We look forward to returning next year with an even bigger group!

Looking Back!



David, Joanna, Rec. Assistant Jil, Marie, Sara, Mary and Rec. Coordinator Emily are Out & About in Wisconsin!



We went spelunking at Cave of the Mounds! We learned all about stalactites, stalagmites and how a cave is formed. Did you know that it takes millions of years to form a cave? It takes over 100,000 years to form a space big enough for one person to fit in!

Looking Back!



Monica, Roxanne, John, BJ, Sydney, Craig, Jane, and Libby enjoying an Out & About to South Moon BBQ in Hinkley. The food was amazing and we had so much fun at the arcade!



Laura, Diane, Sam, Joanna, Rec. Assistant Jil, Sarah, Lisa, David and Mark enjoyed an afternoon of murder and comedy at Clue: On Stage at Stagecoach Players.

Sneak Peek at December Movies!

12/2 Ice Age (2002 film) PG

20,000 years ago, Earth is a wondrous, prehistoric world filled with great danger, not the least of which is the beginning of the Ice Age. The story revolves around sub-zero heroes: a woolly mammoth, a saber-toothed tiger, a sloth and a prehistoric combination of a squirrel and rat that is known as Scrat.



12/16 Klaus (2019 Film) PG

After proving himself to be the worst student at the academy, a postman is sent to a frozen town in the North where he discovers a reclusive toymaker named Klaus.



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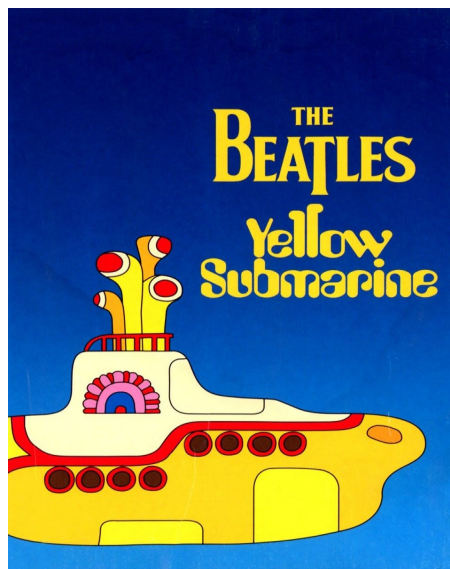
1/13 Fun with Dick and Jane (2005 Film) PG-13

After Dick Harper loses his job at Globodyne, he and his wife, Jane, turn to crime in order to handle the massive debt they now face. When the couple hears that Globodyne boss Jack McCallister actually swindled the company, they plot revenge.



1/27 The Beatles: Yellow Submarine (1968 Film) G

The inhabitants of Pepperland are under siege by the Blue Meanies. The Beatles ride a yellow submarine to the occupied Pepperland, where the Blue Meanies have no chance against the Fab Four's groovy tunes.



Sneak Peek at December Craft Events!

There is a snack and beverage served during crafts.

12/7 Melted Crayon Ornaments



12/28 New Years Noise Makers



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1/18 Snow Globes



1/25 Sock Snowmen



Sneak Peek at Out & About December!

12/10 Guy's Night Out—Christkindlmarket Aurora

Come enjoy the smell of roasted nuts, fresh pretzels, bratwurst, sound of festive music, and the glimmer of sparkling Christmas ornaments, all in a cozy atmosphere. Clients should bring additional spending money for the market. Cost for this event includes transportation and dinner at Panera after exploring the marketplace.



12/11 Egyptian Theater: White Christmas

Join us at the historic Egyptian Theater in DeKalb for an afternoon of winter magic. Cost for this event includes transportation, ticket, and a large popcorn and medium drink at the show. Rec. will transport clients home at the end.



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12/27 Brookfield Zoo Light Show

'Tis the season for Holiday Magic at Brookfield Zoo—Chicago's longest-running light festival featuring over 2 million twinkling lights! We will enjoy a hot chocolate and stroll through the lights. We will have an early dinner at Bill's Place. Cost for this event includes dinner, transportation and zoo entry.



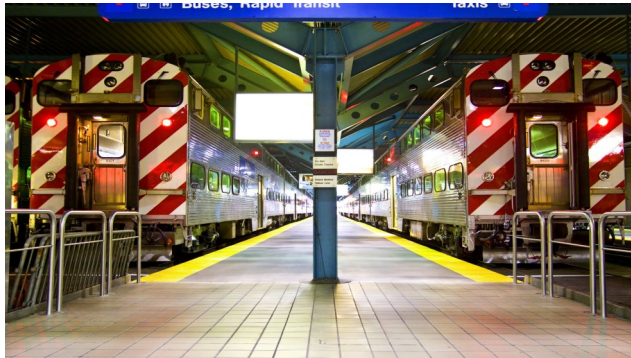
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Sneak Peek at Out & About January!

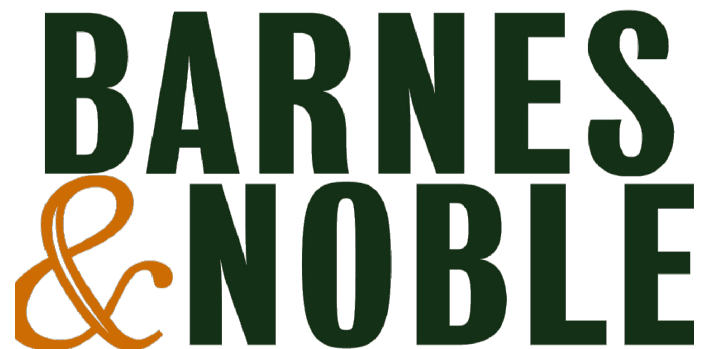
1/14 Train Ride to Chicago + Lunch at Potbelly

All aboard! Next stop—Chicago! We will take a train ride into the city. There is a short walk to Potbelly where we will be having lunch. Cost for this activity includes transportation and lunch. Clients may bring additional spending money if they want to purchase a souvenir at the train station.



1/17 Guy's Night Out

We're dressing up and headed for a fancy evening out of town! Join us for dinner at Red Lobster in St. Charles. After dinner we will head to Barnes & Noble for some browsing. Cost for this event includes dinner and transportation. Clients may bring additional spending money for the bookstore.



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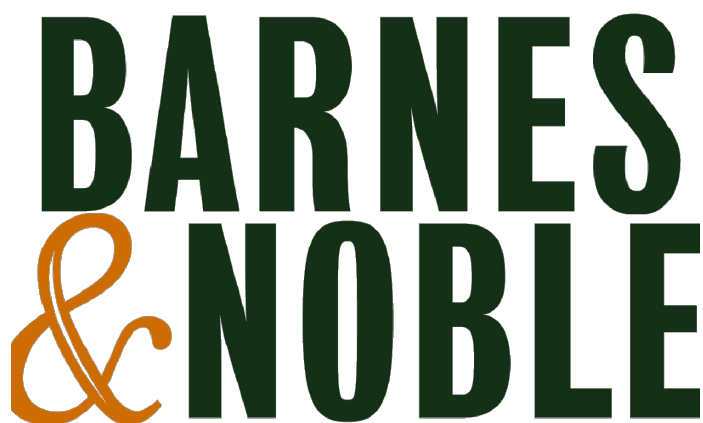
1/21 Black Light Mini Golf + Lunch in Batavia

Get ready to sink a hole-in-one at Funway and their Black Light Mini Golf course! This 12-hole course will take you on a journey under the sea, through the jungle & to the buried treasure! Clients will also be given \$10 to use at the arcade. Before mini golf we will have lunch at Jersey Mike's Subs.



1/22 Gal's Night Out

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For any questions or RSVPs, please contact Emily at:

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December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Movie & Popcorn: Ice Age Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm Location: 357 Cost: \$5 Limit: 16	3
4	5 Movin' & Groovin' Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm Location: 357 Cost: \$5 Limit: 10	6	7 Craft: Melted Crayon Ornaments Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm Location: 357 Cost: \$5 Limit: 8	8 Prize Bingo Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm Location: 357 Cost: \$5 Limit: 10	9 Fun & Fierce Fitness Time: 4:15pm-5:45pm Location: 357 Cost: \$10 Limit: 8	10 Out & About: Guys Night Time: 3:00pm-8:00pm Location: DO/@ 357 Cost: \$35 Limit: 6
11 Out & About: White Christmas Location: DO @ 357 Time: 1:00pm-4:30pm Cost: \$30 Limit: 8	12 Center & Flow Yoga Time: 3:00pm-4:00pm Location: 357 Cost: \$5 Limit: 6	13	14 Aktion Club Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm Location: 357 Cost: \$5 for snack	15	16 Movie & Popcorn: Klaus Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm Location: 357 Cost: \$5 Limit: 16	17
18 Out & About: Gals Night Time: 3:00pm-7:00pm Location: DO @ 357 Cost: \$35 Limit: 6	19 Movin' & Groovin' Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm Location: 357 Cost: \$5 Limit: 10	20	21	22	23 Holiday DT/WS Closed	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26 Holiday DT/WS Closed	27 Out & About: Brookfield Zoo Light Show Location: DO @ 357 Time: 3:00pm-8:30pm Cost: \$40 Limit: 6	28 Craft: New Years Noise Makers Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm Location: 357 Cost: \$5 Limit: 8	29 Prize Bingo Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm Location: 357 Cost: \$5 Limit: 10	30 Holiday DT/WS Closed	31 New Years Eve

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