

Opportunity House RECREATION NEWSLETTER

May/June 2026



Community

Out &ABOUTS in May

5/1 - Sounds on 66: 100 Years of Route 66



Experience the vibrant sounds of Route 66 as we celebrate 100 years of this iconic highway with a spectacular car show. Join us to learn about its rich history, enjoy live music, and admire a stunning array of classic and vintage cars that embody the spirit of the open road. Don't miss this unforgettable celebration of Americana!

- Dinner is provided on outing.



5/5 - Michael at Sycamore Theater

Michael Jackson biopic:
A biographical film about the life and music of Michael Jackson, exploring his rise to fame, personal struggles, and legacy as the "King of Pop." The movie delves into his childhood, groundbreaking musical achievements, significant relationships, and the challenges he faced throughout his career.

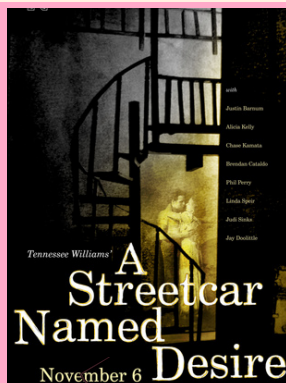
- Snack provided at movie.



Join us for an exciting evening of delicious burgers and fun music bingo games! Enjoy a mouthwatering burger while you test your luck and try to win some great prizes at bingo. It's the perfect way to enjoy good food and good company and test your musical knowledge.

- Dinner provided at outing.

5/12 - Burger's & Music Bingo at Fatty's



5/14 - A Streetcar Named Desire-Stagecoach Players

The play "A Streetcar Named Desire" is by Tennessee Williams. It tells the story of Blanche DuBois, a fragile woman who seeks help from Stella and Stanley Kowalski. The setting is New Orleans. The play shows the struggle between reality and fantasy.

- No snack provided on outing.



5/9 - Brookfield Zoo

Spend a delightful day exploring Brookfield Zoo, where you can discover a wide variety of fascinating animals in their natural habitats. Enjoy engaging exhibits, participate in animal encounters, and take part in educational presentations throughout the day.

- Clients will need to bring a sack lunch on this outing.

5/16 - Adler Planetarium

Experience a full day of exploration and discovery at the Adler Planetarium in Chicago, where you can immerse yourself in the wonders of astronomy and space science. Enjoy interactive exhibits, breathtaking planetarium shows, and engaging activities.

- Clients will need to bring a sack lunch on this outing.



More Out & Abouts in May

5/17 - Kane County Cougar's Game

Please read the details for this activity!



Join us for an exciting Sunday afternoon filled with baseball! We'll have reserved seating on our own private deck, offering fantastic views of the game. Savor a delicious lunch featuring all your tailgate favorites. Come enjoy a day of fun with your friends at the ballpark!

This activity has **no fee**. We have capacity for 33 clients to attend. We ask if you are interested in attending to document this as your first choice in the notes on the sign-up form.

- Lunch Provided

5/22 - Murder Mystery at the Museum



Come and participate in an exciting Murder Mystery event! Murder at the Museum... Immerse yourself in this thrilling interactive experience. Unravel the clues, engage with intriguing characters, and work alongside fellow guests to solve the mystery. It promises to be a night filled with suspense, intrigue, and fun!

- Dinner Provided

5/29 - The Drowsy Chaperone



"The Drowsy Chaperone" is a musical comedy that cleverly intertwines the story of a die-hard theater fan who shares his love for an old Broadway show. As he listens to the record of the musical, the characters come to life in his living room, transporting both him and the audience into the humorous and chaotic world of 1920s theater.

- No snack provided on outing.



5/31 - Paint N Sip



Artist Abby is back for another Paint N Sip! Join us for an evening of creativity and relaxation, where you can enjoy painting a beautiful masterpiece under Abby's guidance. Whether you're a seasoned artist or a beginner, this event promises to be a fun and enjoyable experience for everyone. Don't miss out on this opportunity to unleash your creativity and have a great time.

- Dinner Provided

Fun & Fierce Dance



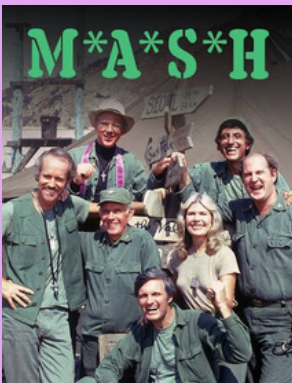
Our Fun & Fierce Dance program at Ovation Performing Arts Studio offers a unique opportunity for clients to commit to regular practices and perform in the Spring show. Only clients that signed up starting in March need to sign up for this activity.

Performance is on June 6th!

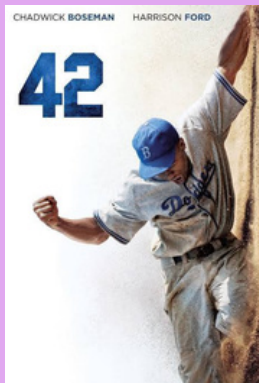
OVATION
Performing Arts Studio

Other Activities-Movies at OH:

5/26: M*A*S*H



6/15: 42



Yoga Wellness: 5/11 & 6/8

Bingo: 6/2

Video Gamers Club: 5/21 & 6/11

Karaoke Groovin' (Formerly known as Movin' & Groovin'): 5/28 & 6/25





6/5 - Movie in the Park: Charlie & the Chocolate Factory

Summer is the ideal season for enjoying an outdoor movie experience. We will head to Elgin to take part in various fun activities before settling down for a movie under the stars in the park. It promises to be a delightful evening filled with laughter, entertainment, and the joy of being outdoors.

- Snack included in outing.



6/18 - SpongeBob Musical: Stagecoach Players



Join us for the Stage Coach Players' vibrant production of "SpongeBob: The Musical!" Experience the beloved characters, catchy songs, and lively performances in an entertaining show for the whole family. Don't miss this chance to dive into SpongeBob's wacky adventures!

- No meal or snack provided on outing.

6/20 - Brickworld: Lego Show



Experience the ultimate Lego adventure at Brickworld, where you can explore stunning displays of cities, castles, and imaginative scenes made from colorful bricks. Brickworld offers an unforgettable experience filled with creativity and fun for Lego fans of all ages.

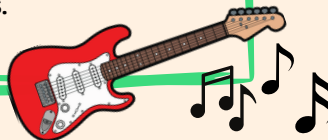
- Clients will need to bring a sack lunch.



6/26 - Rock of Ages

"Rock of Ages" is a musical set in a bar on the Sunset Strip during the 1980s. The story follows a young couple, Drew and Sherrie, who want to succeed in the music industry. The show features popular rock songs from that time, including hits by artists like Journey, Bon Jovi, and Poison. With its lively storyline and memorable music, "Rock of Ages" captures the excitement of rock music while exploring love, dreams, and ambition.

- No meal or snack provided on outing.



Out & Abouts in June



6/7 - Indiana Dunes Beach

The sun is shining brightly as summer is in full swing, and we can't wait to spend a glorious day at Indiana Dunes Beach. With the sound of the waves crashing and the warm sand beneath our toes, the beach beckons us for a day of relaxation and adventure. Pack your beach towel, sunscreen, and sand toys to enjoy a day with friends.

- Clients will need to bring a sack lunch and dinner will be provided on the way home.



6/23 - Toy Story 5 at Sycamore Theater

With high anticipation for the release of Toy Story 5, we can't wait to see how Woody, Buzz Lightyear, and their friends face new adventures and challenges. The franchise always beautifully explores themes of friendship, loyalty, and new friends.

- Snack provided at movie.



6/30 - Concert & Bingo in the Park

Join us for a summer outing at Hopkins Park for a lively concert! We'll enjoy some fun bingo games and delicious snacks while we enjoy the summer evening.

- Snack provided on outing.

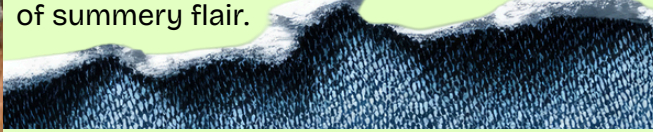


CRAFTS – MAY & JUNE



5/13 - Denim Wreath

We will craft a beautiful denim wreath that will serve as a charming décor piece for your door all summer long. This unique wreath will combine various shades of denim, giving it a textured and vibrant look that captures the essence of the season. Perfect for welcoming guests, it will add a touch of summery flair.



5/27 - Mosaic Art

Mosaic crafting involves putting together colorful pieces, like plastic, glass, ceramic, and stone, to create beautiful pictures and patterns. You will learn how to choose colors and place them correctly. Each project is a chance to show your creativity, whatever you're making with mosaic pieces. Enjoy the process of crafting and transforming simple surfaces into stunning works of art.



6/10 - No Sew T-Shirt Tote Bag

Let's transform our old t-shirts into stylish tote bags. We'll select our favorite shirts, cut them to size, and tie them. With some creativity, we can personalize each bag, making them both functional and a fun expression of our style.



6/24 - Cool Jar Lid Magnets

Create your own unique magnets by transforming ordinary jar lids! With a little creativity, you can personalize each lid to reflect your style or showcase special memories.



NOTE:
We are looking for Jar Lids! Please save them, we'd love to use them!

Arts & Crafts Club

5/20 & 6/17 - Sewing

Join us for two sessions in our Arts & Crafts Club where we will cover the basics of sewing! We will start with an overview of essential supplies, including fabric, threads, and tools, before moving on to fundamental hand sewing techniques. You'll have the opportunity to practice these skills on small projects. Future meetings will focus on advancing your sewing abilities. All skill levels are welcome!



5/7 - Tin Can Wind Chime

Let's turn an old tin can into a fun wind chime!



6/3 - Crystal Seashells

We will do a little science and a little bit of art in the creative process of crystalizing seashells!



Recreation Reminders & Notes:

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- Please be sure to give us a 24-hour notice (unless ill) if you aren't able to attend an activity that you are scheduled for. Otherwise, it'll be noted as a "no-show", and you will remain responsible for the activity fee.
- If you have any questions regarding upcoming activities/outings or Recreation account balances, please reach out to Rich or Jil.

Please note that sign-ups close Tuesday 4/14 at 9:00 pm.

Be sure to answer all the survey questions at the end of the sign-up link. We always appreciate the suggestions & feedback that is provided.

QR Code:



Drop offs & Pick-ups:

Thank you as we navigate things due to construction.

Activities at 2:45: Drop off at Door #1 (Main OH Door).

Please be sure arrivals are not before 2:30 pm.

Pick-ups for all activities: Pick-ups for all activities will be at Door #3. When picking up, please allow us a few extra minutes to walk around the building to get to Door #3 at the end of the activity.

Drop offs for other activities/outings NOT Mon-Fri at 2:45:

Use Door #3. Please use the doorbell to alert us of your arrival. Please do not arrive any earlier than times noted on activity information.

Donations:

Our Recreation Department is unfunded. We always are looking for:

- Pre-packaged snacks
- Water bottles
- Various craft supplies-glue, scissors, fabric, clay, painting supplies, yarn, paper, etc...

Please reach out if you would like to see our Recreation Wish List or have any questions.

Thank you for your support!



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OPPORTUNITY HOUSE

ART EXHIBITION

ART IN BLOOM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH

Save the date! Join us in celebrating the artistic talents of Opportunity House!

Blumen Gardens
403 Edward St, Sycamore, IL 60178

**Art Show:
5/6**

**Give DeKalb County:
5/7**

Do you have any of these items you are looking to rehome?

- Demin Jeans (any size)
- T-Shirts (any size)
- Jar Lids (from jelly, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce (larger sizes, metal or plastic))
- Misc sewing supplies





Self Portraits



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Circus of Bubbles



Nin Basketball



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Trading Card Show



International Women's Day



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St. Patrick's Day Parade

Intuit Art Museum



Dinner with friends

Junk Journaling





Making Pom Poms



First Day of Spring Picnic



Paint N Sip



Watercolor Painting



Niu Basketball



Lunar New Year Parade

Underground Retrocade



Fun Day Out & About



Dumpling House

Opportunity House's 6th Annual:

Watermelon Explosion



Don't miss this!

More info to come at the end of May!



Come join our annual event for all OH Clients, Staff, and OH Families!

Sunday, June 28th

11 am-2 pm

Hopkins Park

Fun for everyone!

DJ Frost will be spinning tunes!

How many rubberbands will it take to explode the watermelon?!

