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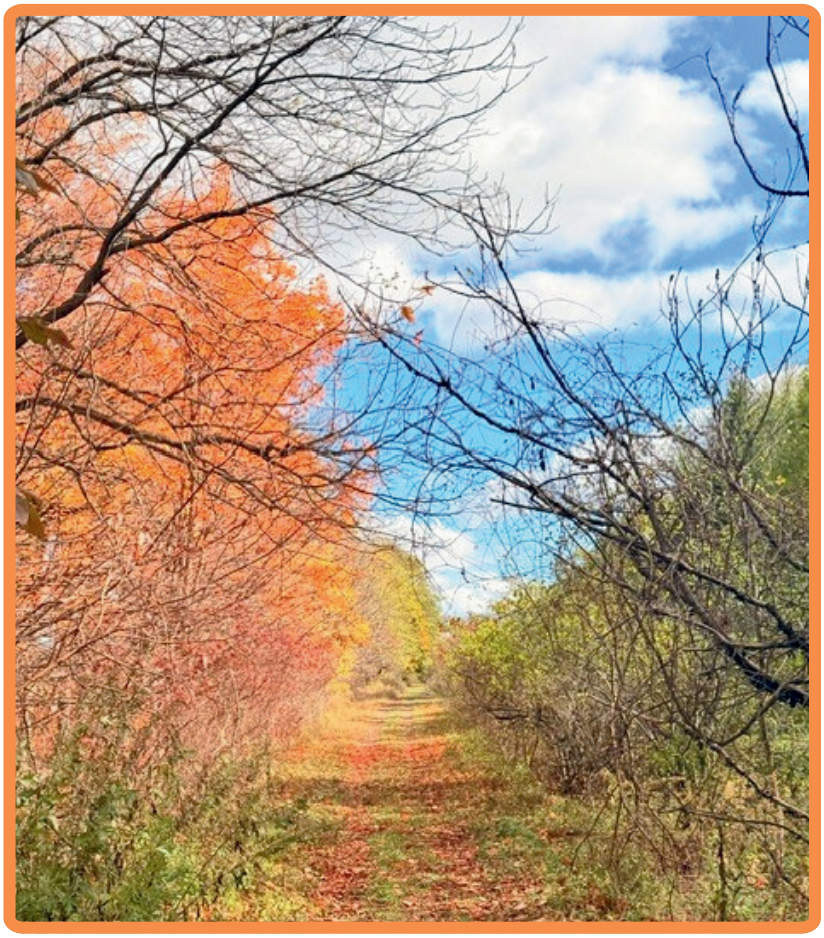
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An Office for the Aging staff shares this colorful pathway. A reminder to slow down, enjoy the changing seasons and appreciate the quiet moments and beauty in every step along the way

LIVE MUSIC, DANCING AND DINNER!

Wednesday, October 21st at Batavia Downs Event Center



Celebrate the season at the October Harvest Ball! Genesee County residents age 55+ are invited to an evening of autumn fun and festivities!

Pre-Sale Tickets Only! Thanks to the generous support of the Genesee Senior Foundation, tickets are just $15 per person — all tickets must be purchased in advance. Call 585-343-1611 for more information.

The Office for the Aging will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2026 for the holiday.



MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Jessica Riley

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2027: OFFICE FOR THE AGING PLANS, MEDICARE UPDATES & LUNCH

October is a time for looking ahead! Join the Genesee County Office for the Aging (OFA) on Wednesday, October 14th for our Annual Public Hearing and Medicare Open Enrollment Overview, along with lunch and conversation about what's ahead for 2027.

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, | 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (Registration required)
Town of Bethany Community Center
10510 Bethany Center Rd., Bethany

Don't Just Renew—Review!

It can be easy to think, "My Medicare plan worked this year, so I'll just keep it." But Medicare plans, premiums, prescription drug coverage, provider networks, pharmacies, costs, and benefits can change each year. That doesn't mean you need to change plans. After reviewing your options, you may find that your current coverage is still the best choice. The important thing is to make that decision based on good information.

Think of it as an annual checkup for your Medicare coverage. Are your prescriptions still covered? Are your doctors and pharmacy still participating? Have your costs changed? Could another option better meet your needs?

With Medicare Open Enrollment beginning October 15th, our October 14th program will provide an overview of changes for 2027 and help you know what to look for when reviewing your coverage.

We also encourage you to become familiar with Medicare.gov and Medicare Plan Finder. You can explore available plans, enter your prescriptions and preferred pharmacies, compare estimated costs, and see your options side by side. Being involved in the process can help you become a more informed and confident Medicare consumer. When you need assistance, OFA's Medicare counselors are available to provide free, unbiased help.

Your Voice Matters, too!

October 14th is also OFA's Annual Public Hearing. We'll share a brief update on our priorities and plans for the coming year—and we want to hear from you. What is working? What could we do better? What do older adults and caregivers need from us in 2027?

Call Office for the Aging at 585-343-1611 to register! Come for the information, enjoy lunch, ask questions, and help us plan for the future!

ADVISORY MEETINGS

Office for the Aging Advisory Council
Wednesdays, October 7th and November 4th - 2:30pm

Genesee Senior Foundation
Thursday, November 19th - 2pm





CARDS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

HAND AND FOOT
Monday | 9:30am

BRIDGE
Monday | 1pm
Wednesday | 1pm

EUCHRE
Thursday | 10am

CRIBBAGE
Thursday | 1pm

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Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL) Fitness Program
Monday | 9:30am
Thursday | 9:30am
An evidence based class that is fun and energizing. SAIL is designed to help build strength, improve balance, and boost confidence in everyday movement. Keep moving with power and purpose!



MAHJONG
Tuesday
10am - 12pm
Enjoy an engaging and intellectually stimulating game in a welcoming, relaxed environment.



QUILTING/SEWING GROUP
Wednesday
9:30am - 12pm
Learn, create, and connect with others.



LINE DANCING
Friday
9:30am - 11 am
A way to stay active, boost balance, keep your mind sharp, and enjoy great company.



YOUNG AT ART
Friday
1pm - 2:30pm
$10 per class to cover all supplies. All experience levels welcome!

ATTENTION! IMPORTANT

While the building at 2 Bank Street, Batavia is closed, activities will be at alternate locations/times.
Please call 585-343-1611 for more information

OFFICE FOR THE AGING MEAL SITES

Food nourishes more than the body—it also supports connection. Shared meals and nutrition programs bring people together, boosting mood and reducing isolation and loneliness.
Please call ahead to reserve your meal!

LUNCH SERVED AT NOON
$4 suggested contribution per meal

Havenwood - 240 Richmond Ave., Batavia
Monday through Friday - 585-344-1330

Batavia Senior Center - 2 Bank St., Batavia
currently at Havenwood location.
Monday, Thursday and Friday - 585-343-1611

Leisuretimers - 364 Bloomingdale Rd., Akron
Tuesday - 585-343-1611

Corfu Presbyterian Church - 63 Alleghany Rd, Corfu
Thursday - 585-343-1611

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Prescreen for programs you may be eligible for at: www.mybenefits.ny.gov



GENESEE COUNTY LONG TERM CARE TASK FORCE

Have you ever wondered how our community can better support older adults, people with disabilities, those needing long term care services, and the families and caregivers who help them? You can be part of the conversation!

The Genesee County Long Term Care Task Force brings together more than 25 local agencies, organizations, and businesses that work with older adults and people with disabilities. Members represent a wide variety of organizations, including skilled nursing facilities, adult care homes, hospice and comfort care, hospitals, veterans' agencies, independent living organizations, adult day care programs, senior housing, home care agencies, and Genesee County Departments.

The Task Force works collaboratively to identify needs, improve long-term care planning, and help ensure that individuals and families have access to the services and resources they need to remain safe, healthy, and independent in the community.

The Long Term Care Task Force is more than a committee. It is an opportunity to learn, connect, and stay informed about services and issues affecting older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers in our community. Meetings provide opportunities to hear from local professionals, learn about community resources and programs, share information, and participate in educational presentations and learning opportunities.

Whether you are a professional, caregiver, older adult, or community member, the Long Term Care Task Force is a great way to expand your knowledge, build connections, and learn about resources that may benefit you or someone you care about.

We Need Caregiver Voices!

While professionals bring valuable knowledge and experience to the Task Force, caregivers and family members bring their personal experience. If you care for a spouse, parent, child, family member, friend, or loved one, your perspective can help identify gaps in services, challenges families face, and opportunities to make our community more supportive and accessible.

We welcome caregivers, older adults, people with disabilities, family members, and community members who are interested in improving long-term care in Genesee County.

Interested in joining or learning more? We would love to have you join the Genesee County Long Term Care Task Force. Contact Jennie Hawkins at Genesee County Office for the Aging, 585-343-1611 to learn more about the Long Term Care Task Force and how you can get involved.

WELCOME MARISSA



We're excited to have Marissa join our Office for the Aging team. Once the Senior Center in Batavia reopens, you will find her serving meals to older adults on Monday, Thursday and Friday. Marissa will also be serving at Leisuretimers on Tuesdays.

Marissa brings a cheerful, friendly personality every day and is committed to providing our community members with a nutritious and welcoming meal experience. Please join us in giving Marissa a warm welcome!

WHAT IS HIICAP/SHIP AT THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING?

HIICAP – Health Insurance Information Counseling Assistance Program in New York State.

SHIP – State Health Insurance Program is a federally funded program in the United States.

Trained HIICAP/SHIP counselors are available to answer New Yorkers' questions about Medicare, Medicare Advantage programs (Parts C & D), Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medigap, and other health and long-term care insurance.



Maureen and Kimberly
HIICAP Staff

HIICAP works directly with Medicare beneficiaries to educate them about the Medicare Program, Medigap policies, Medicaid, Medicare Advantage Plans, Long-term Care Insurance, Low-Income Subsidy Programs, employer-sponsored insurance, and other health insurance programs that are available in New York State.

HIICAP/SHIP counselors are NOT sales agents or brokers. They look at ALL plans available to you in the county and assist in narrowing down the top choices of companies that cover all your medication (and at best price) as well as ensuring all your physicians and facilities are IN NETWORK (you can pay up to 50% of costs with some PPO's if you are out of network). From there, you go on to the agent or broker to sign up yourself. Agents/brokers may not sell all available plans within your area. HIICAP/SHIP can give you the entire picture.

OPEN ENROLLMENT IS OCTOBER 15TH-DECEMBER 7TH

Medicare Advantage Comparison charts, that provide plan information for Genesee County, will be available for distribution starting Thursday, October 15th. Charts can be picked up at Info on the Go locations (see page 8) or with the Office for the Aging staff stationed at the YMCA. For digital access, please visit our website at www.geneseeny.gov/Department-Content/Office-For-The-Aging/Medicare-Insurance-Assistance or email OFA.Dept@geneseeny.gov to request a copy. We highly recommend you review the charts to compare the Medicare Advantage Plan options for the upcoming year.

MEDICATION COVERAGE

It's extremely important to make sure all your medications will be covered in 2027. Please read every notice your current plan sends you — they are required to inform you if they will no longer cover any medication you currently take.

If you use high-cost medications or have more complex medical needs, feel free to call us to schedule an appointment so we can double-check your coverage for you. When you call, please let us know about your situation. You can reach us at 585-343-1611.



SPOTLIGHT ON HIICAP ~ Where will they be this month?

Thursday, October 1st – 400 Towers Health Fair, Batavia (residents only), 1pm-3pm

Saturday, October 3rd – Autumn in the Village of Corfu, 11am-5pm

Tuesday, October 13th – Ladies of Charity, St. Brigid Parish, Bergen, 7pm presentation

Wednesday, October 14th – Public Hearing, Medicare Changes presentation with lunch
Town of Bethany Community Center - 11:00am-1pm (must call for reservation 343-1611)

Thursday, October 15th – The Greens, LeRoy, (residents only) 10:30am presentation

Thursday, October 15th – 400 Towers, Batavia, (residents only) 2pm presentation

Friday, October 16th – Washington Towers, Batavia, (residents only) 10:30am presentation

Friday, October 16th – Alabama Firehall, Basom, 5pm-8pm

Friday, October 23rd – Oakfield Town Hall, Oakfield, Medicare assistance with plan choices 10am-2pm

Medicare Advantage Plan Vendor Fairs!

Come sign up with a Medicare Advantage Plan directly! Please call 585-343-1611with any quesitons and to ensure the company you are looking for will be in attendance.

- Tuesday, October 27th – Batavia First United Methodist Church, 8221 Lewiston Road, Batavia ~ 10am-2pm
- Monday, November 16th – Batavia Downs, 8315 Park Road, Batavia ~ 10am-2pm

UPCOMING EVENTS!

At the time of this article, the Senior Center remains temporarily closed and some programs have been relocated or cancelled. We hope to reschedule the programs in the near future. Please contact our office at 585-343-1611 with any questions.

FALL FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Bring a little autumn beauty to your home! Join us for a fun and creative morning as we make a beautiful fall flower arrangement using a charming faux pumpkin base. The arrangement will be a lovely seasonal decoration that you can enjoy through Thanksgiving and beyond!

Wednesday, October 21st - 10:00 AM–12:00 PM at the YMCA Community Room, 211 East Main St., Batavia. $20 per participant. Please call 585-343-1611 to register!

MEN'S WALKING CLUB – BATAVIA, NY

Looking for light exercise and friendly connection? MenLiving invites men 18+ to a simple monthly walk-and-talk. Join us the first Saturday of each month at 9:15 a.m. at Centennial Park (SW corner). We walk for about an hour, and afterward you can grab coffee, chat more, or head out—no pressure.

MenLiving is a nationwide nonprofit creating welcoming spaces for men to connect, support one another, and build community. Every man is welcome. Learn more at menliving.org. No RSVP needed, but details sometimes change,email tressjeff@gmail.com to confirm or ask questions.



08 INFO ON THE GO

NY CONNECTS: INFO ON THE GO — COMING TO YOUR COMMUNITY!

Office for the Aging is hitting the road! Stop by to connect with staff, learn about services and benefits, and enjoy a special program at each location. Call 585-343-1611 for more information.

October 7th: 9am-4pm Village of Bergen, 11 North Lake Ave., Bergen
Everyday Independence, 1–2pm: SAIL exercise, free Healthy Aging Kits and easy-to-use health tools.

October 14th: 10am-1:30pm Town of Bethany, 10510 Bethany Center Rd., East Bethany
Looking Ahead to 2027, 11am–1pm: Medicare updates, OFA Public Hearing and lunch.

October 20th: 8:30am-4:30pm Town of Oakfield, 3219 Drake St., Oakfield
Caring for You, 10–11:30am: Meditation, relaxation and self-care especially for caregivers.

October 26th: 9am-3:30pm Town of Darien, 10569 Alleghany Rd., Darien Center
HEAP & Home Energy Programs, 12–1pm: Learn about HEAP, energy savings and other benefits. Pizza provided!

November 5th: 11am - 2pm 400 Towers, 400 East Main St., Batavia
Bites & Buddies, 11am–1:30pm: Cooking demo, healthy eating, games and prizes.

November 10th: 8:30am-3:30pm Town of Elba, 7133 Oak Orchard Rd., Elba
Info on the Go: Stop in with questions and connect with OFA programs, benefits and resources.

November 18th: 11am-4pm Woodward Library, 7 Wolcott St., Leroy
Be Evergreen—Volunteer!, 11am–2pm: Explore volunteer opportunities and make a "Purpose Journal."

December 2nd: 12pm-4pm Town of Alexander, 3350 Church St., Alexander
Advance Care Directives & Legal Services, 12–1pm: Health Care Proxy, Living Will, Power of Attorney and more.

December 8th: 11am-2pm Leisuretimers Apartments, 364 Bloomingdale Rd., Akron
Carols & 12 Days of Case Management, 12–2pm: Holiday carols, case management, bingo & prizes!

December 10th: 8:30am-3:30pm Village of Oakfield, 37 Main St., Oakfield
Tech & Tai Chi, 10:30–11:30am: Gentle Tai Chi plus free technology tools for fitness, connection and caregivers.

December 15th: 9am-1pm Town of Pavilion, 1 Woodrow Dr., Pavilion
Holiday Time Gifts & Treats, 10–11am: Discover the Marshall Fund, then enjoy holiday trivia and cookie decorating.

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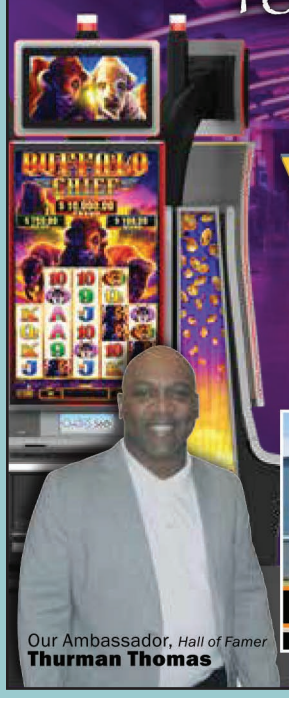
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SCREEN FOR BREAST CANCER

Submitted by: Vianiliz Echevarria Rivera, Cancer Services Program, Coordinator - GOWN Healthy Living UMMC/RRH

The message is simple. Get screened for breast cancer when you reach age 40 and repeat as recommended. This will give you the best chance of finding breast cancer early, when it's easier to treat. General guidelines suggest that females start mammograms at age 40 and repeat at least every other year through age 74. This recommendation is also for transgender males and people who are nonbinary. However, you and your health care provider can decide if you need to be screened at a younger age or more often based on your risk factors.

If you do not have insurance, the Cancer Services Program (CSP) of Genesee, Orleans, Wyoming and Niagara is ready to help you get FREE breast cancer screenings. The CSP can also help you get screened for cervical and colorectal cancer. Screening is open to people who do not have health insurance and who meet other program requirements. If more testing is needed, our program can pay for that too. We will help enroll eligible people in the New York State Medicaid Cancer Treatment Program if cancer is found.



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Jennifer Klein, RD, CDN, WNY Integrated Care Collaborative

The relationship between dental hygiene and nutrition is a two-way street: what you eat can affect your dental health, while the condition of your teeth can influence the types of foods you are able to eat. Tooth decay occurs when plaque breaks down sugars from food, producing acids that erode the enamel of the teeth. Over time, this can lead to cavities, pain, and even tooth loss, making it increasingly difficult to chew.

People with poor dentition may have cracked or missing teeth, which can make it difficult to eat harder foods such as raw vegetables, nuts, and tough cuts of meat. Dental caries, or cavities, can be prevented by maintaining a healthy diet that is low in added sugars, brushing and flossing daily with fluoride toothpaste, and visiting the dentist regularly.

Foods that may cause gum disease and tooth decay:
- Sugar-sweetened beverages such as soda pop, fruit drinks, energy drinks, and sweetened teas and coffees
- Sticky foods, such as raisins and gummy candies
- Slowly dissolving candies
- Sugary starchy snacks such as cookies and cakes
- Simple sugars such as sucrose, honey, and molasses

Eating patterns such as frequent and prolonged intake of foods rich in simple sugars, eating sticky foods, and sipping sugar-sweetened beverages regularly are associated with increased dental disease risk.

Foods that may strengthen dental health include:
- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- High-quality protein foods including meats, eggs, cheese, fish, beans, and legumes
- Whole-grain, low-sugar breads and cereals
- Sugar-free chewing gum
- Calcium and Phosphorus rich foods such as milk and cheese

Eating patterns such as spacing food and beverage intake at least two hours apart and selecting more fresh, unprocessed whole foods are associated with decreased dental disease risk.

Choosing nutritious foods and practicing good oral hygiene, including brushing regularly with fluoride toothpaste, can help keep your teeth healthy and strong. It is also important to visit your dentist every six months for a professional cleaning and routine checkup. For more information about how your diet can affect your dental health, consider following up with a registered dietitian.



DO YOU HAVE A NUTRITION QUESTION OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION?

The Genesee County Office for the Aging works with Registered Dietitians who specialize in nutrition for older adults. If you are a Genesee County resident, age 60+ you qualify for this program! Please call 585-343-1611 for more information or to make an appointment with a Registered Dietitian.

LINDA RICHTER RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Genesee County resident Linda Richter was recently recognized by the New York State Office for the Aging for her nearly three decades of dedicated volunteer service to older adults, children, and families throughout the community.

Richter was nominated for the statewide recognition by Lisa Wittmeyer of Catholic Charities. Genesee County participated in the statewide nomination process for the first time this year.

A resident of Basom, Richter began volunteering around 1998, before her retirement. She and her husband, Tim, initially assisted with ushering and ticket sales at Lancaster Opera House. They later volunteered with Home Delivered Meals, providing companionship and support to older adults throughout Genesee County.

Richter joined Genesee County's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in 2001. During nearly 25 years with RSVP, part of the AmeriCorps Seniors program, she has contributed 8,381 hours of service through local partner organizations.

Her volunteer work has included patient care and fundraising at Crossroads House, supporting Catholic Charities' Home Visitation Program, and assisting with Lifespan of Greater Rochester's Financial Management Program.



Linda and Tim Richter also helped bring Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to the area by establishing a local chapter, expanding access to books for children and families across nearly every school district in the county.

Richter's service is defined by her compassion, humility and willingness to help wherever she is needed. Together, Linda and Tim Richter have inspired people locally, regionally and across New York State through their commitment to strengthening the community.

"Don't retire from something, retire to something, you'll get more back from volunteering... you've got to do something." ~ Linda Richter

SUPPORT GROUPS WITH HOMECARE AND HOSPICE

Online Caregiver Support Group –Free virtual support for all caregivers via Microsoft Teams on October 7th, November 4th and December 2nd - 10:30 am to 12pm. Call 585-343-7596 for information.

Batavia Bereavement Support Group – Free monthly grief support at 29 Liberty St., Batavia. October 26th, November 23rd and December 28th 5pm to 7pm. Call 585-653-5290 for information.

CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER - presented by Rochester Regional Health Palliative Care Team

November 4th, 10am - 11am - Caring for a loved one can be rewarding, but it can also be challenging. Learn strategies for self-care, recognize signs of caregiver stress and burnout, and discover resources available to support caregivers. Refreshments will be provided.

Healthy Living Classroom, 211 East Main St., Batavia. Call 585-922-6772, Option 2 with questions or more information.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP



Caregiver Staff:
Julie and Laurie

A caregiver support group is where people who care for others can connect, share experiences, and feel understood. Caregiving can be deeply meaningful, but it can also be exhausting and isolating. This group exists to counter that isolation. It gives caregivers a place to breathe, know they are not alone and that their well-being matters too.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group - a group for individuals caring for a loved one with memory impairment. **3rd Thursday of the month at 1pm.**

ARE YOU CARING FOR A LOVED ONE WITH MEMORY IMPAIRMENT?

The Alzheimer's Association – WNY Chapter and the eight WNY Offices for the Aging, including Genesee County are part of the Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Support Initiative (ADCSI). This program is funded through the New York State Department of Health and designed to support caregivers and people with dementia in the community. The core services of this program include: Caregiver Assessments, Education, Support Groups, Safety Services, Respite Services and Legal Services. To learn more about this program, call 585-343-1611.

MEMORY CAFE

A Memory cafe is a gathering place for caregivers and their loved one to relax, socialize and enjoy a meal and music. Caregivers and their care partner are invited to join us. Please call with any questions and to register at 585-343-1611.

- November 16, 2026 at 1pm we welcome back Onesong at Batavia First United Methodist Church.
- December 1, 2026 at 1pm we welcome Ladies First Quartet.

RALPH C WILSON CAREGIVER DAY TRIP

Caregivers along with their care partner are invited to join us for a day at Letchworth State Park and lunch at The Glen Iris Inn on Thursday, October 22, 2026.

Space is limited for this free event, please call to register 585-343-1611

ALZHEIMER'S PROGRAM: CARE PARTNER HOLIDAY GATHERING:

Join us for a discussion of Caregiving Through the Holiday's and enjoy refreshments, Monday October 26, 2026, 10:45 am- 12pm. This program will held at the First Presbyterian Church- 300 East Main Street, Batavia. Please call 800-272-3900 to register or scan the QR Code. Respite may be available- call 585-455-5940 to inquire.

CARING FOR A LOVED ONE

Are you a caregiver? If you run errands, prepare meals, drive a loved one to appointments, or provide support in any other way — you are a caregiver. Help is available for those caring for a person age 60+ or caregivers of those with a cognitive impairment of any age. Please call the Office for the Aging at 585-343-1611 for more information!

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LIBRARY VISITS PROGRAM- Submitted by Lucine Kauffman, Coordinator

Many of us are fortunate to have fond memories of visiting the library. But what if you were no longer able to travel to the library due to a long or short term illness; disability; a lack of transportation; or caregiver duties?

For many of our county's older adults, being cut off from the library leaves a huge hole in their lives.The books, music, movies, and magazines that once brought them pleasure and enriched their lives are no longer easily accessible.

The Library Visits Program (LVP) at the Richmond Memorial Library brings library services to Genesee County residents who are 60+ years old and unable to visit the library. Through personalized visits, LVP volunteers bring the library to older adults so they can remain independent and engaged.

We also offer basic technology tutoring with smart phones, tablets, and personal computers such as: accessing your library account online; accessing our online digital library; downloading apps; creating and managing social media and email accounts; and using the NIOGA online catalog.Together, we are making NEW fond memories of the library!

If you or someone you know needs our service or would like to volunteer-- please contact us at askmarshall@geneseeny.gov or call *ask marshall* at 585-815-7979.



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