

April Feature

Here's hoping March showers bring APRIL flowers! In between storms there was a lot of fun happening in March from BINGO to line dancing to cement mosaic garden stones! Get ready to celebrate Earth Day this April. Our Hands on Art Workshop will be creating living terrariums that you can take home to enjoy. All materials are provided free of charge to members, but please RSVP with the 55 Plus Office so that we can purchase the correct supplies. Our Earth Day themed guest speakers are the Santa Clara County Green Team and Plant Based Advocates! Fraud Prevention has also been a frequently requested topic and the FBI will be presenting important warning signs and how to avoid the most current scams. That's right, this April, we are bringing members not one, not two, but three guest speakers! For our April Social Dance, we'll start to heat things up for summer with instructor Agnes who will be teaching us Salsa. By popular demand, we have added a spring Tuesday ZUMBA Gold class with instructor Kiana. ZUMBA Gold is exclusive to 55 Plus Members and you can drop in to try a class for just \$5. Be sure to mark your calendars for upcoming events: May 11 – Resource Fair, May 15– Mother's Day High Tea with Live Music from Jazzbery Jam, June 13 – Vasona Boats and BBQ, and the July 26 – Senior Picnic.

Sincerely, Lisanne Kennedy (Recreation Coordinator)



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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AARP Tax Aide *Apt Required (Hall) 9:00AM-11:30AM	Tuesday Town Walk (Lounge) 9:15AM–11:00AM	Game Day (Hall) \$5 9:30AM-12:30PM	Mexican Train (Rm 3) 10:00AM-12:00PM	Artist Workshop (Hall) 9:00AM-12:00PM
St. Mary's Bridge (Rm 5)	Mah Jongg (Hall)	Ping Pong (Rm 5)	55+ ZUMBA Gold	Coffee Corner (Lounge)
10:00AM-1:30PM Wood Carving Group (Rm 206)	10:00AM–12:30PM Super Scrabble (Rm 3)	10:00AM-12:00PM Art and Music Appreciation	(YRC Rm B) *Register \$5/Class 11:30AM-12:20PM	10:00AM-11:30AM Ping Pong (Rm 5)
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10:30AM-12:00PM Stay Fit (Hall)	(YRC Rm B) * <i>Register \$5/Class</i> 11:30AM-12:20PM		Current Event Group (Lounge) 1:30PM–3:00PM	Balance Awareness
1:00PM-2:00PM	Pinochle (Rm 5)		Democracy Tent w/ Rob Moore	First Friday (The Palms Restaurant) \$15
Our Democracy in Peril (Rm 3) 1:30PM–3:00PM	1:00PM-4:30PM		(Rm 214) 7:00PM-9:00PM	4:00PM-5:30PM
Balance Awareness (Hall) 2:00PM-3:00PM				
Hand & Foot Canasta (Rm 5) 2:00PM-4:00PM				
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Our Democracy in Peril (Rm 3) 1:30PM–3:00PM	11:30AM-12:20PM Guest Speaker:	Single Again (Rm 3) 12:30PM-2:30PM	Current Event Group (Lounge) 1:30PM-3:00PM	1:00PM–2:00PM Balance Awareness (Hall)
Balance Awareness (Hall)	Green Team Talk (Hall) 1:00PM–2:00PM	Reader's Theatre (Lounge) 3:00PM–5:00PM		2:00PM-3:00PM Social Dance \$5 -
2:00PM-3:00PM Hand & Foot Canasta (Rm 5)	Pinochle (Rm 5)			Salsa with Agnes (Hall) 6:00PM-8:00PM
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Calendar Legend:				
Monthly Event				
Guest Speaker				
Social Dance				
Community Event				
Service Group				

Group Descriptions

- **55 Plus ZUMBA Gold** Instructor Kiana is back on land to teach this 10-week program. Join this easy-to-follow dance workout perfect for the active older adult. *Pre-registration required \$5/class.*
- AARP Driver Safety 2 Day Course and 1 Day Refresher offered in person bi-monthly. Contact the 55 Plus Office to schedule an appointment.
- **AARP Tax Aide** In person appointments will be available every Monday in February-April. Contact the 55 Plus Office in January to schedule an appointment.
- Art and Music Appreciation Interactive class exploring and discussing influential artists and musicians followed by the West Valley College Instructor playing guitar and leading the group singing well-known songs. Participants are welcome to bring their own instruments in! Sign up with the 55 Plus office required.
- Artist Workshop Open workspace. Bring in your materials and work on your individual projects with our welcoming community of artists. No formal instruction and all levels are welcome.
- **Balance Awareness** Join Mary Ann Smith, a certified personal trainer, from West Valley College for this balance class. *Sign up with the 55 Plus office required.*
- **Book Club** Meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Pick up the booklist from the 55+ Office.
- **Bingo** Get out your dauber and get ready to have some fun! Join us monthly for prize BINGO.
- **Bunco** May the dice be in your favor in this social, luck-based game. Sign up with the 55 Plus Office Required so tables can be arranged. 12 players (or more) needed!
- Coffee Corner Join us Friday mornings in the lounge to chat and enjoy a hot cup of coffee.
- **Current Events** Lively and informative discussions regarding local, state, national and world current events. Attendees are encouraged to bring topics that are important to them to discuss.
- **Democracy in Peril** -Take some. Leave some. Share some of what you take. That is capitalism. What say you???
- Democracy Tent Nonpartisan. Discuss the most pressing issues in Los Gatos in an open environment to prompt understanding and change. Facilitators provide topics for discussion but are open to suggestions. Zoom access <u>bit.ly/32MyTmx</u> or meet in person.
- Guest Speaker Check inside the PRINT for more information on this month's guest speaker(s)

Live Oak Nutrition

Daily meal program at Los Gatos Methodist Church. Call 408.354.0707.

- Hand and Foot Canasta Calling all Canasta players! See the 55 Plus office for a list of rules and a description of play.
- Jeopardy Put your thinking cap on and test your general knowledge on ever rotating topics. Come out to join our discussion and learn something new!
- Magic Movie Tour Lights, Camera, Action! Join Sandy Decker each month for a movie, discussion, and fun facts about the world of cinema...and maybe some popcorn!
- **Mah Jongg** Friendly American Mah Jongg players group. All levels are welcome. If you are interested in learning to play, please sign up with the 55 Plus office.
- **Needle Craft Corner** Join other knitters, crocheters, crossstitchers or hand-crafted project enthusiasts.
- **Pinochle** Double Deck Pinochle. Experienced players only, no instruction.
- Reader's Theater Read aloud modern and classic plays without having to memorize the lines! Sign up with the 55 Plus office required.
- Scrabble The ultimate crossword game in which every letter counts! Contact the 55 Plus Office if you are interested in playing 55plus@lgsrecreation.org
- **Single Again... But Not By Choice** For women who are widowed. Meet others who will understand and provide support in dealing with this life-changing transition.
- Social Committee Meeting Volunteer opportunity. Help shape what programs, activities and socials are available through the 55 Plus program. Help plan and decorate for upcoming social events.
- **Stay Fit** Join Mary Ann Smith, a certified personal trainer, from West Valley College for this chair-based exercise class. *Sign up with the 55 Plus office required.*
- St. Mary's Bridge Looking for intermediate level bridge players interested in subbing. *Sign up required, inquire with 55 Plus office.*
- **Tech with Teens** Bring your devices and questions on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Our knowledgeable high school volunteers are available to assist you with tech support.
- Tuesday Town Walkers Get Moving! Walk to local areas at your own pace, socialize and explore Los Gatos.
- Wednesday Game Day Bridge and Canasta. Come join our friendly group. To reserve your spot, please contact Lisanne 408.596.6813 or 55plus@lgsrecreation.org
- Women's Artist Connection Share examples of your artwork in a friendly and non-judgmental atmosphere. Please bring 2 examples of your artwork (painting, drawing, collage, photography, poetry, etc.)
- Wood Carving Turn plain pieces of wood into objects of art. Open to beginners and experienced carvers alike. Group helps mentor all levels of carvers to improve your skills. Pop in to check out what projects they are working on...)

55 Plus Program Highlights

APRIL GUEST SPEAKERS Santa Clara County Green Team

Tuesday 4/11 @ 1:00PM-2:OOPM

In spirit of Earth Day learn how to make the most of your recycling efforts!

Plant Based Advocates Co-Founder

Friday 4/14 @ 12:15PM-1:00PM



Mary Mackey is a co-founder of the plant-based advocates of Los Gatos. <u>www.plant-basedadvocates.com</u>

Learn the health and environmental benefits of a whole food plant-based lifestyle. We will identify the problematic impacts of factory farming and what positive actions we can take for a healthier and more sustainable planet.

FBI – Fraud Prevention

Thursday 4/20 @ 1:30PM



Join this workshop by FBI representatives as they cover the latest scams, most common financial frauds, warning signs of financial fraud, and what to do if you become a victim. Learn more online <u>bit.ly/3TLHhJ0</u>

MAY SAVE THE DATES

• HUB Launch Resource Fair May 11th@ 10:00AM-12:00PM



 Mother's Day High Tea with Entertainment by Jazzberry Jam May 15th @ 12:00PM-2:00PM



- CTAP iPhone Training *RSVP Space is Limited May 16th @ 1:00PM-3:00PM
- CTAP Android Training *RSVP Space is Limited May 23rd @ 1:00PM-3:00PM

THANK YOU TO MARCH GUEST SPEAKER DENTIST JAMES LIN DMD

Dentist James Lin – March Tip

Q: Should I brush before or after breakfast?

A: Lots of us enjoy drinking coffee or orange juice with our breakfast. However, many of these morning beverages are acidic and high in sugar. Brushing right after spreads the acid and sugars onto your teeth. This can weaken your teeth enamel faster, cause more sensitive teeth, and increase the chance of cavities.

Brushing before breakfast, and then rinsing your mouth with water after breakfast is the best way to protect your teeth. For those wanting to stick to a post-coffee brushing, please wait at least 30-60 minutes to allow your saliva to neutralize the acidic environment in your mouth.



55 Plus Program Highlights



5 Plus Social Dance Friday April 14th 6-8pm

Salsa Instructor Agnes Gregorian will be leading a 30 minute lesson before we open the floor. All levels welcome! Light refreshments will be served.

Purchase Tickets Online or With the 55+ Office 408-354-1514 \$5 for 55 Plus Members SCAN ME \$10 for Non-Members



Please note this event is intended for adults aged fifty-five and above. his is an alcohol-free event. Alcohol will not be sold or permitted to be

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AGE 55+ ALL DAY



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TUESDAY AND THURSDAY CLASSES NOW AVAILABLE

Tuesday April 4th – May 9th @ 11:30AM-12:20PM 6 classes \$30

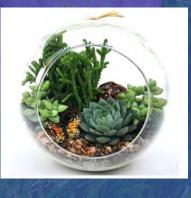
Thursday April 6th – June 8th @ 11:30AM-12:20PM 9 Classes \$45 *no class 5/25 Visit the front desk or call the 55 Plus Office 408 354 1514 to register



APRIL HANDS ON ART PROJECT TERRARIUMS

Thursday April 27th @ 10:00AM (Hall) Please RSVP with the 55 Plus Office ALL Materials Provided

Relax and recharge as we get hands-on with nature with terrariums! These self-sustaining mini gardens are lowmaintenance and compact enough to fit into any space. Add a touch of whimsy with miniatures you can paint yourself and create a beautiful and unique little world all your own. We can't wait to see you there!



Monthly-Quiz & Puzzles

Come "Rain" or "Shine"

Use the clues to determine words that rhyme with rain or shine.

1.	Public transport	
2.	Jet	
3.	Bicycle part	
4.	Narrow street	
5.	Particle of sand	
6.	Bathtub feature	
7.	Common street name	
8.	Prop for Mr. Peanut	
9.	A dirty mark on clothes	
10.	Pigs	
11.	Have a meal	
12.	In good shape	
13.	Strong string	
14.	Wall-climbing plant	
15.	Prime-time hour	
16.	Beer holder	
17.	Whimper	

18. Billboard



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Each of the puzzles below provides a visual representation of a common word or phrase. Can you decipher the clues in each puzzle box? AS \$1.25 day day day day AS calm **Storm** day day day pay pay cast cast cast cast RAIN feet WEATHER radancingin feet FEELING CLOUD CLOUD CLOUD cry GOODBYE help help CLOUD CLOUD CLOUD help help cloud cloud cloud 10 11 12 ActivityConnection.com

Wacky Wordies

Crossword #16

(clues)

Down

- Police might say this to a 1. loiterer: "Move _____!'
- "On a Slow _____ to China" 2.
- 10. Vermin

Truncated or shortened word

11. "____ so fast!"

Tavern

Across

1.

6.

8.

12. Contents of a witch's cauldron

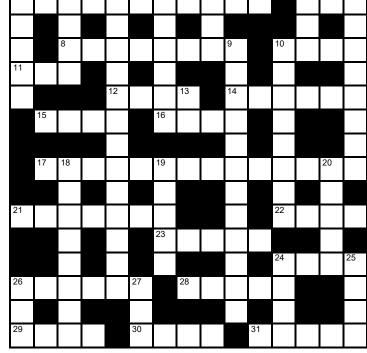
Affixed or joined

- 14. More rapidly
- 15. Iridescent gem
- 16. Medieval laborer
- 17. Placement in categories
- 21. Bloodied the water when fishing
- 22. Tiny particles of dirt
- 23. Boiling mad
- 24. Burst of wind
- 26. Spud
- 28. Scavenger known for its laugh
- 29. Ripped, as a piece of paper
- 30. Wander
- 31. Looks after

- 3. Institution or foundation 4. Foot divisions
- 5. The next to last word of every story
- ____ constrictor 6.
- 7. Hold back with handcuffs
- 9. Problems or struggles
- 10. Became the outcome
- 13. The beginning of the U.S. Constitution: "___ the People ... "
- 18. Snickers, chuckles, and guffaws are examples of this
- 19. Calcutta's home
- 20. Haven
- 24. Checkers, for one
- 25. Gratuities for waiters
- 26. Bit of butter
- 27. Paddle

Crossword #16

Use the clues to fill in the crossword.





Special Events/Announcements



March 55 Plus Social Dance: Country and Western Line Dance



BINGO Winner



Don't recycle those egg cartons just yet! We need your help stockpiling them in preparation for a program that will be running through LGS Recreation!

Please save these and bring them in to the 55+ office.

We Need Your Help!

April Community Events First Fridays

More info - \$15 at the door for drink and appetizers. Hosted by Senior Services Committee Where - The Palms, 115 N Santa Cruz Ave. When - 4/7 @ 4:00PM-5:30PM

LG Poetry Contest Winners Reading

More info – Come and hear the winners of the 2023 Los Gatos Poetry Contest hosted and judged by Los Gatos Poet Laureate Jen Siraganian. Local poets will share their award-winning poems with Where - LG Library, Fireplace Room

When - 4/17 @ 5:00PM-6:00PM

Spring Into Green Where - Civic Center Lawn, 208 E Main St. When - 4/23 @ 10:00AM-1:00PM



The Los Gatos **Beautification Committee** 2023

Interested in making Los Gatos even more beautiful? Join the Beautification Committee

- Meet the first Saturday of the month at 8:30am at LG Coffee Roasting for coffee and cleanup.
- Work with Parks & Public Works on possible projects, including park clean ups, downtown & parking lot beautification, and much more
- Bring your tools, have a cup of coffee and lets go to work! Make Los Gatos beautiful!

Questions? Contact Dick Konrad at rjkonrad@comcast.net

The Los Gatos **Beautification Committee**



55 Plus Program Become A 55 Plus Program Member \$30 Annual Fee

Join our community of vibrant older adults! The LGS Recreation 55 Plus program provides comprehensive free or low-cost programs for people age 55 and over. You do not need to be a Los Gatos resident to join. To enjoy a variety of groups, programs, classes, social events, guest lectures, and services. Members receive special discounts for Great Getaway Adut Day Trips, LGS Pickleball League, social dances, and exclusive activities at Vasona Boating and the LGS Aquatics Center.

Great Getaway Adult Day Trips

Pick up for all trips from the

Los Gatos Adult Recreation Center 208 E Main St, Los Gatos, CA 95030

Joan Pisani Community Center 19655 Allendale Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070

55 Plus Members receive \$10 off all Great Getaway trips! Note: Trips are non-refundable. **To register call 408.354.1514 or <u>bit.ly/3NN57Qw</u>**

- April 13th Oakland Zoo 8:30AM - Pick up from 19655 Allendale, Saratoga 9:00AM - Pick up from 208 E Main Street, Los Gatos
- May 25th SF Symphony Open Rehearsal for Her Story & Dim Sum Lunch - \$120/\$130 Get an interesting perspective on this performance with stops and edits from the conductor before the show goes live. This is the West Coast Premiere of folk/rock/classical mixologist Julia Wolfe's Her Story which pays tribute to the centuries of ongoing struggle for equal rights, representation, and access to democracy for women in America. We will then go to Osmanthus restaurant to find out why Dim Sum is all the rage right now! This will be a pre-selected family style meal allowing you to sample a variety of Dumplings and other delicious bites!
- June 22nd SF Giants VS. SD Padres \$150/\$160 Let us take you out to the ball game! We will have shady club level seats on the first base side in section 202 so that you can enjoy the game and the views of the bay. Your ticket includes transportation, a game ticket, and a \$12 snack voucher.

MORE TRIPS BEING ADDED SOON



INFORMATION & RESOURCES FOR THE OLDER ADULT

LGS Recreation has provided this resource page to help connect older adults to services and information.

- 55 Plus Office -Available Services
- Alzheimer's & Dementia
- Assistive Technology
- Caregiver Support
- Funeral Arrangements
- Housing

- LegalLGBTO+
- Meals & Nutrition
- Mental Health
- State/Federal Resources & Local Health Organizations
- Transportation, Mobile Car Care and Driver Safety

Visit the 55+ Office in Person for more information on programs and services for seniors! Adult Recreation Center 123 East Main Street, Los Gatos, 95030 55plus@lgsrecreation.org

www.lgsrecreation.org/55-plus/hub

408.354.1514



Grant funding from El Camino Health in part supports programs like: ZUMBA Gold, Reader's Theatre, Single Again, Women's Artist Connection, Hands on Art Workshop, Coffee Corner, and special events. We are grateful for this support.



"Building a healthy community through enrichment, innovation and fun!"