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Thanksgiving Luncheon Moving to the Cedar Park Rec Center

The Annual TOTH Thanksgiving Luncheon, scheduled for Wednesday, November 18 at 12:00 noon, is moving to the Cedar Park Recreation Center, 1435 Main St. Lunch will be held in the community rooms at the back of the building. The Rec Center was the location of the Senior Expo.



Due to the tremendous early response, we had a long wait list. In order to accommodate everyone, the board has chosen to move the luncheon offsite to the Rec Center so that we can have space for all who want to attend.

If you have already signed up, including those on the Waiting List, you are registered. If you have not yet signed up, please do so as soon as possible.

In addition, if you register, but are unable to attend, please call the office, 512-331-6000, to let them know.

Table Decor

With the move to the Rec Center, we will need to rethink the table decorations. If you have not yet signed up to help decorate, we will still need your help. Please get your name on the list as soon as possible. We will reach out to discuss our options.

Menu

Our new caterer, Best Mobile Chef is offering us a delicious traditional Thanksgiving meal. The menu includes Roasted Turkey & Gravy, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans with Red Onion, and Yeast Rolls with butter. Dessert will be a variety of pies which are being provided by Advanced Pain Specialists.

Entertainment

We are pleased to have Matt Russell as our entertainment at the Luncheon. Matt has been a prominent member of the Austin music scene for the last 25 years.



After getting his Masters in Jazz Composition from The University of Texas, he collaborated with some of the top musicians in town, playing and recording with a wide variety of jazz groups, as well as working as an accompanist and arranger for local singer/songwriters, and composing music for radio commercials. He also spent 9 years as an Adjunct Professor of jazz piano and theory at St. Edward's University.

In addition to a long residency performing at Truluck's Restaurants, Matt has also played in over 15 Broadway productions (most recently, Wicked) and has shared the stage over the years with Aretha Franklin, Bernadette Peters, Tommy Tune, Il Divo, Mike Stern, The Austin Symphony Jazz Band, The "Stardew Valley" Orchestra, and The Central Texas Philharmonic (performing Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets).

He is currently the band leader and associate music director at Unity Church of The Hills and plays regularly with Monster Big Band and The Copa Kings.

Wednesday, November 18 - 12:00 noon - Great Room & TV Room - Limited to 132 people

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Living in the Future: Parking, Space, and Patience

One of the hazards of being in leadership is that you tend to live in the future. You're always planning, coordinating, and preparing for events yet to come. In the process, it's easy to miss what's happening right in front of you!

However, one future concern is getting harder to ignore: TOTH is growing, and we're running out of room!

Our membership has grown by more than 25% this year alone, bringing us to 380 members. That's wonderful news! It also means we need to take a serious look at two increasingly important needs: more parking and more meeting space.

Parking is already at a premium, even on regular weekdays. When we host large events, such as our holiday luncheons, finding a place to park becomes even more challenging. Occasionally, we're able to use the swimming pool parking lot, but that's not always an option when the pool has events of its own.

One possibility worth exploring would be to level the berm along the Buttercup Creek side of the property and remove the curb and sidewalk along Ridgewood to create additional parking spaces. These changes might not solve the entire problem, but they could significantly increase our parking capacity.

Our second challenge is meeting space. As our membership grows and more activities are offered, finding room for everyone becomes increasingly difficult. One idea is to enclose the existing patio area, which is rarely used, and

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- September income: $6,171
- September expenses: $12,603
- Investment fund decreased $4,641
- Memorial fund decreased $301

Unusual expense for month was annual insurance premiums for $3,559.

Vice Versa

Insights from the VP

by Sue Holmes, Board Vice President

Christmas Lights in Killeen

We are currently working with the bus company to finalize details for the December 15 trip to Killeen to see the Christmas lights. We will most likely have a 56-passenger bus so the majority of people will have a window seat to enjoy the lights. The projected cost will be between $40 and $50 per person.

This fee will include a pizza meal, transportation and entrance into the holiday light show. Pizza will be served at 5:00 p.m., and the bus will leave TOTH at 6:00 p.m.

In addition to the lights, there is a Santa's Village that we will be able to stop and enjoy.

Watch the Weekly Updates for complete information once all the details are finalized.



Pat Fiero Retires from Monthly Breakfasts

For several years, Pat Fiero has been the head chef for our Monthly Breakfasts. At last month's Board Meeting, Pat announced that she will be stepping away from these duties following the October Breakfast.

At the breakfast, the board honored her with a beautiful plant and a monetary token of appreciation with instructions to spend it on something completely frivolous.

Pat assured the group that she would still be around to enjoy TOTH, but she's turning in her apron so that others can step up.

Behind the Desk

by Jeanne Allison, Office Manager

Recycling 101



Each room at the center has a trash container with a white plastic bag and a blue plastic container without a bag. The blue container is for recyclable waste.

Here is what should be placed in the blue container:

- **EMPTY** plastic bottles with the cap on (Rinse and dry if they contained anything other than water!)
- Aluminum, tin, and steel cans rinsed clean and dried
- Office paper, junk mail, newspapers, magazines and cardboard

WHAT SHOULD NOT BE IN BLUE CONTAINER

- Styrofoam cups and containers
- Napkins, paper towels (neither used nor unused)
- Plastic bags, drinking straws
- Any food-contaminated paper, cardboard or plastic in the blue container!

Go to **https://recyclingsimplified.com/** to find out more about proper recycling.



Homebound Holiday Meals for Thanksgiving

Do you know of anyone who is home-bound who might appreciate a holiday meal?

Treasure of the Hills would like to provide a meal in conjunction with our upcoming Thanksgiving luncheon on Wednesday, November 18.

If there is someone we could deliver a meal to, contact the front office with the name, address and phone number of the recipient by Wednesday, November 11.



November Closure Dates

November brings two holiday closures to TOTH:

- On Wednesday, November 11, the Center will be closed in honor of Veterans Day. We will reopen on Thursday, November 12.
- For the Thanksgiving holiday, the Center will be closed Thursday, November 26 through Sunday, November 29. We will reopen Monday, November 30.

Note!!

There will not be a Lunch & Learn on November 11 due to the Veterans Day holiday. The "Weird Texas Museums" Lunch & Learn has been rescheduled to Dec. 2.

Holiday Cancellations

Because of the holidays, we will not have the following activities:

- Tuesday, November 17 – No **Meet & Eat Luncheon**
- Wednesday, November 18 – No **Sit & Fit**
- Saturday, November 28 – No **Breakfast**

2027 Membership Open

Beginning November 1, you can renew your membership for the 2027 calendar year.

Dues are $35 annually and you must renew by February 15, 2027 to retain membership privileges. Cash and Check payments will be accepted between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Credit Card payments accepted only between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. All major credit cards are accepted.





2027 Medicare Changes

Andrea Coles, of Senior Health Professionals, will present a special Lunch & Learn program on Monday, Nov. 9 at 12:00 p.m.

Andrea is no stranger to TOTH. This will be her third year to provide information on changes to Medicare for the coming year. Her no-nonsense approach and clear explanations help seniors to make the best decisions for their Medicare coverage.

Please note that this program will be held on a Monday rather than our usual Wednesday. A light lunch will be served. Be sure to register no later than Friday, November 6.

Monday, November 9 - 12:00 p.m.

Individual Medicare Sessions

As an added benefit, Andrea is offering free individual sessions to review your Medicare coverage. You must register for a 30-minute appointment in advance.

Monday, Nov. 16 - Starting at 10:00 a.m.

Applications for Senior Assistance Workshop

If you are in need of assistance in any area of your life, don't miss this workshop.

Caitlen Kernan, with Williamson County and Cities Health District, will share information regarding a new program being offered in Williamson County.

Through this program adults age 60+ are provided assistance in applying for the Medicare Savings Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, and Medicare Part D.

The goal is to increase awareness and help eligible individuals.

Wednesday, November 4 - 10:00 a.m.

President's Message

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convert it into two additional meeting rooms. We've also considered installing a divider in the Great Room so that it could be separated into two spaces when needed.

Of course, there's an important consideration: our building belongs to the City of Cedar Park, which also maintains it. Any modifications would require the City's review, approval, and funding decisions. Even if TOTH were willing to contribute financially, we'd still need to work within the City's processes and timeline. As we all know, municipal budgets and construction projects don't move overnight!

I'm certainly no architect, but I've done some preliminary research into these possibilities. I've also reached out to the City's facilities representative and am waiting to hear what our next steps might be. Both ideas have potential, but there may be practical, structural, or financial obstacles that make them infeasible. Until we can discuss them in greater detail and consult with an architect, we simply won't know what's possible.

In the meantime, we'll continue doing our best to accommodate our activities and make the most of the space we have, including using on-street parking when necessary.



Here is my amateur attempt at showing what we might do to help remedy the issue of parking and meeting space. The blue is the additional parking proposed. The yellow is where the additional meeting space would be. Again, we will need to work with the City to achieve either of these ideas.



Fun at the Brat Lunch

TOTH members gathered on October 21 to enjoy brats, sauerkraut and cheese curds. Board Treasurer Denny Clauson shared information about Wisconsin. Who knew they had more bars in Wisconsin than any other state?





At the November 2 Travel With TOTH session, Travel Agent Melissa Norris will be providing information about three possible bus trips in 2027.

The proposed trips are:

- A 6 day/5 night trip to Branson, Missouri that includes transportation, lodging, some meals and several shows.
- A 6 day/5 night trip to New Orleans that includes transportation, lodging, meals, tours and a riverboat cruise.
- A 3 day/2 night trip to San Antonio that includes transportation, lodging, meals, tours and museums.

Melissa will also talk to us about the advantages of using an agent.

Be sure to sign up to attend this session and learn more about travel in 2027.

Monday, November 2, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.





Each month, we feature opportunities for you to share your time and talents with TOTH.

Some may require an ongoing commitment, while others may take only an hour or two. Whether you're ready to take on a new role or simply lend a hand when you can, there's a place for you. Take a look at this month's opportunities and see where you can make a difference!

If you are willing to help, stop by the front office or call 512-331-6000.

Storage Shed Organization

This volunteer opportunity is for those who love order. Our storage shed is full of items that we may no longer need or that just need to be more neatly stored. Lisa Liervaag can help guide you with what is needed.

Set Up for Thanksgiving Lunch

For those who don't mind setting up chairs and tables, we could use some help on Tuesday, November 17 to set up for the lunch the next day.

TOTH to Participate in Festival

Treasure of the Hills will have a booth at the upcoming November 1 Band of the Hills Fall Festival. The event will be held at Lakeline Park from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Volunteers from the Center will be at the tent to share information about TOTH activities.

Participants will be treated to a variety of music presented by local bands and musical ensembles.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and to stop by the TOTH tent.

Fitness Opportunities at TOTH

by Diana Hiebeler

FYI: *For any of the following movement activities, many of us show up 10 -15 minutes early for a little socializing before we move.*

Sit & Fit is held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the TV Room. There is no sign up needed. Just show up ready to move while sitting. We try and mix up who is leading us, either a CD or YouTube video and whether we use weights, which are provided by TOTH. On Fridays, there is the added fun of sitting and moving to music--Zumba!

Fun & Fit is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the TV Room. Again, there is no sign up, just show up ready to move. However, during our exercise on these days, we are standing and moving and having fun while doing it! Some Thursdays, after the first video, we can be seen cardio drumming the TOTH way (i.e., whacking chairs with pool noodles to music).

Back by popular demand, the **Walking Group** has started again. This is just on Saturdays for now, unless someone else wants to take over the weekday walking group. This group is meeting in the parking lot at 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays to walk the neighborhoods around TOTH.

On October 24, we walked to see the different Halloween decorations, including alien inflatables, creative uses of skeletons, and giant handmade spiders.

On October 17, we walked to the Cedar Park Library via Buttercup Creek Blvd., and saw the mini-waterfall and the turtles on the logs in the pond near the library. You never know what we'll see on our walks.





We will not have a 90-Minute Craft in November since we are asking for all the wonderfully creative people to decorate a table for the Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 18. If you would like to decorate a table, sign up in the front office.

The December session will be earlier in the month due to the holidays, and we will be making some adorable Christmas-y items. Watch for the date and more details in the coming weeks.



Our Pressed Flower instructor, Taffy Gauger, will be having surgery in November and recuperating through December.

The Pressed Flower Card Making sessions will not be held in November and December, but we are hoping that Taffy will be ready to resume the classes in the new year. Watch for more details in the future.



Thanksgiving Riddles & Jokes

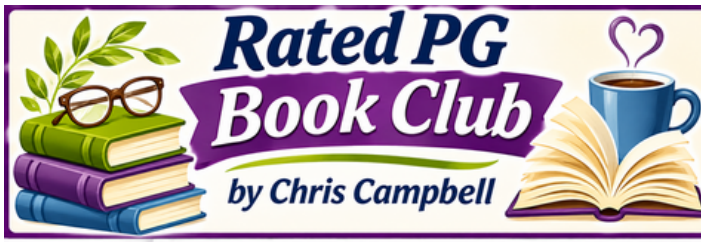
1. How many seconds are there by the time you get to Thanksgiving?
2. What do you call a flock of turkeys flying over the Grand Canyon?
3. What do cows do on Thanksgiving?
4. What kind of music do Pilgrims listen to?
5. How many bakers does it take to make a pie?
6. Why do birds fly south after Thanksgiving?
7. Where did the pilgrims stand after landing on Plymouth Rock?
8. What do you get when you cross a turkey with a banjo?

Answers on page 10.

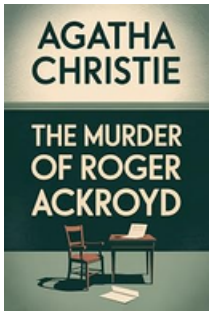
Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Anita.
Anita who?
Anita bigger pair of pants. I ate too much.

"Gratitude can transform common days into Thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings." —*William Arthur*





The book for the Friday, November 13 discussion is *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*, by Agatha Christie.



This book is available on Kindle. The Book Club is open to all and drop-ins are welcome! The book club discussions are led by TOTH members. The group is always open to new book suggestions.

Email suggestions, questions and comments regarding the Rated PG Book Club to tothbookclubs@gmail.com.

The Book Club is now meeting from **9:00 to 10 a.m.** on the 2nd Friday of the month.

December Book

The voting for the December book is complete! On Friday, December 11, join us for a discussion of the book, *Mistletoe and Menopause in Glimmerspell*, by Addison Moore.





Wondering how your grandchildren will remember you?

Why not join Scribblers and write some stories that will enlighten them?

Our suggested topics in October were “Life Goals” and “Summer Jobs.” Writers always have the option to write on any topic they choose. The suggested topics are to help stir your imagination.

In November, we will have only one meeting. The Center will be closed for Veteran’s Day on November 11th, which would have been our first meeting date. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. on November 25th in the Puzzle Room.

Junior High

by Norman Houle

During my ancestry research, I discovered that many of my ancestors from the 17th century onward lived well into their eighties. A significant feat, given the lack of decent healthcare, I concluded they had excellent survival instincts—instincts I would later rely on to survive Biddeford, Maine’s public school system.

I can’t recall whether I suggested it or my parents decided to enroll me in Biddeford Junior High School (BJHS). I had spent my first five years at Saint Joseph’s Catholic School, and that had been more than enough time with the nuns.

The first day of sixth grade at BJHS was exciting. I didn’t know anyone, and I didn't see any former St. Joseph’s classmates, which was odd since the schools were only half a mile apart. Also, no nuns in sight—a promising start.

The teachers seemed fine, and the students behaved themselves. Administrators kept us busy, showing us the classrooms, the auditorium (which doubled as the gym), and explaining how much fun we would have learning.

Learning? Absolutely.

Fun? Absolutely not.

Gym

Nothing in my young life prepared me for my first gym class. I wasn’t a stranger to sports — I played baseball in the Biddeford Youth League and went on plenty of camping trips with the scouts — but BJHS gym existed in its own category.

The gym teacher, Peter Draconic (fake name), looked like he could have served in WWII or Korea. My other theory was that he was a time traveler from the Middle Ages, formerly employed as a torturer during the Spanish Inquisition.

My mother bought me my first jockstrap, which was required. A cup wasn’t, thankfully. As in any gym class, there were jocks, natural athletes, and boys still figuring out how their limbs worked. I was somewhere in between — small, bespectacled, good grades — which made me a prime target for Peter Judge’s attempts to “toughen us up,” or perhaps simply entertain himself.

Gym was a grab bag of horrors: gymnastics with the horse and springboard, parallel bars, rings, and the dreaded ropes. Other days it was wrestling, which I hated. Once, until the principal likely intervened, he handed out boxing gloves and paired boys who openly disliked each other. Running outside was the only reprieve.

After gym, showers were mandatory — sweat or no sweat — which elevated my loathing to new heights. But even gym paled in comparison to recess.

Recess

William Golding, author of Lord of the Flies, was a schoolmaster, which meant he

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understood savagery intimately. BJHS recess proved he was writing nonfiction disguised as fiction.

Recess was not coed. The powers that be apparently believed mixing boys and girls would be catastrophic. At Saint Joseph's, recess was coed and mostly civil, though boys teased girls more than the reverse. At BJHS, girls were confined to the left courtyard, boys to the right, separated by the building itself. Both courtyards were paved, and falling was to be avoided.

I was small but fast, and I mastered the art of hiding in plain sight — a skill many of my friends lacked. More than once, a friend beside me was grabbed by the tough guys while they ignored me as an undesirable target.

The tough guys worked in teams. Two or three grabbed a kid's arms and legs, spread him out on the pavement, and held him down. A fifth tough guy would hover over the prone victim, hands clasped into a single fist, and drive it into the kid's stomach as the others lifted him. At Saint Joseph's, the nuns — the true apex predators of the schoolyard — would never have allowed this. Torture was their purview, and no one else's.

They didn't just target small kids. They occasionally took down larger boys who tried to keep a low profile, like moose in Yellowstone. Some tough guys probably got hurt in the process, but that seemed part of the entertainment.

Teachers were technically present, but never quick or effective enough to stop the madness. By eighth grade, I had befriended a few tough guys not involved in the recess rituals, which allowed me to relax my survival posture.

Mystery Girl/Woman

It must have been eighth grade — or at least I hope it was — when a girl who looked far too old for our class caused a stir because she was rumored to be on the pill. I don't remember her real name, but everyone called her Tiger. That day she wore a short dress and blouse with tiger prints, living up to her nickname.

She was a mystery to me, and I was smitten. She was operating on a level far beyond my eighth-grade abilities. I briefly imagined bringing her home to meet my mother, but even my imagination knew better.

Closing

I attended BJHS for three years — sixth, seventh, and eighth grade — and I'm sure those years helped shape me into a whole human being. Junior High taught me resilience and never to underestimate the horrors teenagers can unleash when unsupervised, which is why, as an occasional substitute teacher in Leander, Texas, I never accept assignments at a middle school; the modern name for junior high.

When people ask why, I tell them: "If Middle School were a movie, it would be called *IN HARM'S WAY*."

Answers to Thanksgiving Riddles:

- Eleven of them: January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 2nd, May 2nd, June 2nd, July 2nd, August 2nd, September 2nd, October 2nd, and November 2nd.
- Poultry in motion!
- They go to the moo-vies.
- Plymouth rock, naturally.
- 3.14159
- Because it's too far to walk.
- On their feet.
- A turkey that can pluck itself.



November 11

Thank you for your service!



Giving Thanks, Staying Safe and Looking Out for One Another

A November Message from Williamson County Constable Precinct 2

November is a special time of year. It gives us an opportunity to slow down, spend time with family and friends, honor our veterans, and reflect on the many blessings in our lives.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to take a moment to say how thankful I am for the senior citizens of our community. You have raised families, built businesses, served our country, volunteered in our neighborhoods, supported our schools, and helped shape Williamson County into the community we enjoy today. Your experience, wisdom, and continued involvement are tremendous assets to all of us.

Thanksgiving is also a good time to remember that looking out for one another is one of the most important things we can do to keep our community safe.

For many families, the holiday season means traveling, cooking, shopping, receiving packages, and spending more time away from home. Unfortunately, it can also bring an increase in opportunities for scams and theft.

If you are traveling for Thanksgiving, avoid announcing your plans publicly on social media. Make sure doors and windows are secured, exterior lights are working, and ask a trusted neighbor or family member to keep an eye on your home. If packages are being delivered while you are gone, arrange for someone to pick them up.

Scammers also know the holidays can be an emotional time. Be cautious of unexpected calls, emails, text messages, or social-media contacts asking for money or personal information. Someone claiming there is an emergency involving a grandchild or family member may sound convincing, but slow down and verify the story before sending money. Never allow someone to pressure you into paying immediately with gift cards, cryptocurrency, wire transfers, or other unusual payment methods.

Thanksgiving also means plenty of activity in the kitchen. Never leave cooking unattended, keep flammable materials away from the stove, and make sure smoke detectors are working. If you are deep-frying a turkey, keep the fryer outdoors, away from structures, and never place a frozen or partially frozen turkey into hot oil.

Most importantly, Thanksgiving is about people.

Please take a few minutes this month to check on an older neighbor, friend, veteran, widow or widower who may be spending more time alone. Sometimes a phone call, invitation to dinner, ride to an appointment, or simply stopping by for a visit can mean more than we realize.

At Williamson County Constable Precinct 2, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve you. Public safety is about more than responding when something goes wrong—it is about building relationships, sharing information, preventing problems, and taking care of one another.

From our Precinct 2 family to yours, have a safe, peaceful, and blessed Thanksgiving.

Constable Jeff Anderson
Williamson County Constable's Office
Precinct 2
Service • Honor • Integrity

Happy Thanksgiving!

November Birthdays

Jimmie Marshman 4
Jeevan Puri 4
Kathie Bacque 5
Mary Ann Coleman 6
Joan Neely 6
Mae Duncan 7
Pam Stephenson 7
Jim Anderson 8
Pamela Haynes 8
Ruben Trevino 9
Bill Clarke 11
Guity Kermani 11
Colleen Regan 11
Curt Kubitza 12
Bill Turner 12
Jeanette Laurel 15
Pat Thomas 15
Kathy Autin 16
John DeMarines 16
June Peterson 16
Bill Heim 17
Larry Martin 17
Barbara St. Marie 17
Dave Schedler 19
Maggie Evans 20
Alice Quigley 20
Mary Ann Bird 21
Kathleen Smith 21
Gaylynn Anderson 22
Carolyn Hall 22
Robert Liermann 22
Ronald Baehl 23
Mary Ann Sandgarten 23
Mick Sandgarten 23
Pati Cruce 25
Clara Mucciacciaro 25
Frank Mignoli 26
Gene Storie 26
Del Darling 29
Warren Klein 29
Jim West 30

Hugs & Sunshine

CW and the Clark Family
The Johnson Family
Taffy Gauger • Ann Mignoli
Ruby Banks • Pat Fiero

If you or another member of TOTH is experiencing an illness or loss and need a little more sunshine in your life, please contact the front office, 512-331-6000, to let us know.

We've all gone through, and may still be going through, a rough patch physically or emotionally. Every member is important to us and we want to know that you are doing well.

November Anniversaries

Yvonne & David Hale 11
Angie & Ray Mendoza 11
Allison & Barry Keith 12
Lois & Ken Birdwell 27
Joyce & Tom Hanson 30

New Member Recognition – Sept/Oct 2026

Welcome to Treasure of the Hills. TOTH is a special place where you can develop some wonderful friendships and participate in fun and entertaining events. Please know how much we appreciate each of you!

September 2026

Lynette Viccaji
Mary Chartrand

October 2026

Chandrika Vadgama
Linda Lyon
Mary Davidson
Virginia Flynn
Michael Flynn

Welcome!

Upcoming Events

November Presentations, Meetings & Events

Sit & Fit
Meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9:00 a.m.
(No meeting on Nov. 18 due to T'day Luncheon)
(see article on page .7)

Senior Fun & Fit
Meets Tuesday & Thursday—9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Tai Chi
Meets Tuesday & Thursday —10:00 a.m.

Walking Group
Meets Saturdays – 9:00 a.m.

Travel with TOTH
Monday, November 2 –10:30 a.m.
(see article on page 6)

Applications for Senior Assistance Workshop
Wednesday, November 4 – 10:00 a.m.
(see article on page 4)

Conversational Spanish Classes
Thursdays, November 5, 12 & 19—10:30 a.m.

Lunch & Learm: 2027 Medicare Changes
Monday, November 9—12:00 p.m.
(see article on page 4)

Veteran's Day Holiday
Wednesday, November 11—Center closed

Rated PG Book Club
Friday, November 13 - 9:00 a.m.
(see article on page 8)

Individual Medicare Sessions
Monday, November 16 – begin at 10:00 a.m.
(see article on page 4)

Thanksgiving Luncheon
Wednesday, November 18—12:00 noon
(see article on page 1)

Music Bingo
Monday, November 16—3:00 p.m.
(see more detail on page 7)

GenLink Technology Session
Saturday, November 21—10:00 a.m.

Senior Scribblers
Wednesdays, November 25—9:30 a.m.
(see article & story on page 9)

Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday-Sunday, November 26-29
Center closed for holidays



Always check the Weekly Update for changes in events.

Be sure to register for events in advance.

If you have registered, but are unable to attend, call 512-331-6000.

November Shared Meals

Members and friends are invited to join us for any of these events. Please remember that reservations are required! You can register in the front office of the Center or call 512-331-6000. If you are unable to attend, call 512-331-6000 as soon as possible.

TOTH Dinner Club
Thurs. November 5 at 6pm
Blue Corn Harvest
720 E. Whitestone Blvd., Cedar Park
Limit 20
Contact: MarEllen Basalyga, 512-905-1102

Meet & Eat Lunch Group
No lunch in November

Monthly Breakfast
No breakfast in November or December

Happy Thanksgiving!

In Memoriam

Jan Clark

October 2, 1950 - October 18, 2026

Janice "Jan" C. Clark passed away on October 18, 2026, at the age of 76. Born on October 2, 1950, in St. Joseph, Missouri, Jan lived in Cedar Park, Texas.

She and her husband, C.W., both joined Treasure of the Hills Senior Center in May 2016 and became active members. Jan passed following her fifteen-month battle for breath with pulmonary fibrosis.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled at some point in the future.

Barbara Johnson

January 5, 1941 - October 22, 2026

Barbara Hardy Johnson peacefully passed on October 22, 2026, at the age of 85. Barbara was born on January 5, 1941, and was a resident of Cedar Park, Texas.

She had been a member of Treasure of the Hills Senior Center since September 2007. Barbara leaves behind cherished memories for friends, family, and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled at TOTH on Thursday, November 19 at 5:30 p.m.



Veterans Ceremony

Join us on Saturday, November 7, from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, 2525 W. New Hope Drive, for a special ceremony honoring the brave men and women who have served our country.

Come together as a community to recognize our veterans' service, sacrifice and dedication to our nation. We hope to see you there!

Fall Roundup

Round up the whole family and mosey on over to Lakeline Park for the Fall Roundup on Saturday, November 7, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of western-themed fun, including armadillo races, a mechanical bull, western-themed crafts, live music and a petting zoo.

Visit **cedarparktexas.gov/Roundup** for more info.

Photo Gallery – Senior Expo

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Top Row, L to R: Bartender Helmut Rosin serving vendor Cameron Vigil of Happy Days Senior Insurance Services. Phyllis Walker, Councilperson Ann Duffy and Kathleen Smith enjoy the Reception. Michelle Gundlach and Melia Gardner with Humana welcomed by Ellen Fannin (center).

Middle Row: Jim Anderson and Ray Mendoza enjoy a drink as Helmut serves Angie Mendozan while Intern Sanjay Thunga, Darrell Docking and Ellen Fannin chat. Sue Holmes, Gail Brennen and Emma Sue Johnson relax as they wait for the vendors to show up.

Bottom Row: Darrell Docking, Nina Cavanaugh and Phyllis Walker talk with vendor Betty Nolan. Evelyn Myers, Kathleen Smith and Reception Coordinator Sandy Williams relax together. Lisa Liervaag and Jeanne Allison help themselves to some of the goodies as Sue Holmes replenishes trays.





20th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting with Expo Coordinator Ellen Fannin, Mayor Jim Penniman-Morin and City Council members Shweta Padmanabha, Darron Jurajda, Ann Duffy, Alexis Frezza and Kevin Harris.

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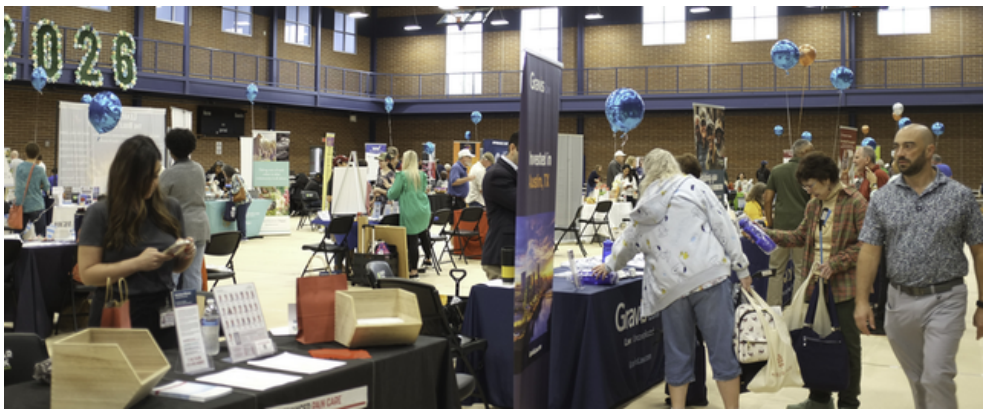


















- Expo sign courtesy of Lori Rainey and the flowermakers of TOTH.
- TOTH Booth; Sandra Cook's Avon booth; Senior Helpers.
- Pat Fiero & Lisa Liervaag in Vendor Breakroom; Arbor Park booth; Trialmed booth.
- Busy morning at the Expo; Frank Mignoli gathering evaluations.
- Lori Rainey and Evelyn Myers posing at the wall of flowers; Expo volunteer lunch at Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant.

Leadership Personnel

Board of Directors

President	Ellen Fannin
Vice President	Sue Holmes
Treasurer	Denny Clauson
Secretary	Lisa Leirvaag

Directors

Jeanne Allison • Jim Anderson
Pat Fiero • Emma Sue Johnson

OFFICE MANAGER

Jeanne Allison

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Standing Committees

Finance	Denny Clauson
Nominating	TBD
Special Events & Resource Dev.	Sue Holmes

Operations

Bldg Maintenance:	Cedar Park
Bookkeeping:	Lori Rainey
Kitchen & Supplies:	Lisa Leirvaag
Membership:	Barbara Duprey
Reception:	Mary Riordon
Memorials:	Colleen Sanchez
Sunshine:	Colleen Sanchez
Mem'l Garden:	Jim Anderson
Historians:	Ruby Banks Gail Brennen
Library:	Ruby Banks
Bulletin Board:	Angie Mendoza
Newsletter:	Ellen Fannin
Website:	Outside Vendor

REGULAR Activities and Events

Breakfast (monthly)	Rotating	Sign up Required
Lunch & Learn/Snack & Learn	Sue Holmes	Sign up Required
Meet & Eat Lunch (monthly – locally)	MarEllen Basalyga	Sign up Required
TOTH Dinner Club (monthly – locally)	MarEllen Basalyga	Sign up Required
Golf (weekly)	Frank Mignoli	
Sit & Fit (3x week)	Diana Hiebeler	
Quilting Bee (weekly)	Cindy Glenn	
Crochet Class (weekly)	Sue Chesnut	
Technology Classes (3rd Saturday)	GenLink Students	Sign up Required
Tai Chi (Tuesdays & Thursdays)	Dr. Tom Barrett	
Book Club (2nd Fridays)	Chris Campbell	
Senior Scribblers (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)	Pamela Haynes	
Conversational Spanish (Thursday)	Leslie Blanton	
90-Minute Crafts (various Wednesdays)	Ellen Fannin	Sign up Required
Senior Fun & Fit (Tuesdays & Thursdays)	Diana Hiebeler	

Games

Bingo (Weekly on Monday & Friday)	Curt Kubitza/Barbara St. Marie	
Bunco (Weekly on Wednesday)	Ruby Banks/Barbara St. Marie	Sign up Required
Canasta (Weekly on Tuesday)		Sign up Required
Cribbage (Weekly on Monday)	Stan DeRocher	
Hand & Foot (Weekly on Monday)	Ray & Angie Mendoza	
Hearts (Weekly on Wednesday)	Chris Campbell	
Mahjong (Weekly on Thursday)	Georgia White	
Mexican Train (Weekly on Thursday)	Leo Riggi	Sign up Required
Music Bingo (3rd Monday)	Ellen Fannin	Sign up Required
Pinochle (Weekly on Tuesday)	Sue Holmes	Sign up w/Leader
Poker (Weekly on Tues.)	CW Clark	
Skip-Bo (Weekly on Thursday)	Leo Riggi & Linda Staas	

Bridge

Duplicate Bridge

Tuesday (weekly)	Frank Mignoli	
Friday (weekly)	Ken Birdwell	Sign up Required
3rd Saturday	Carolyn Patrick	Sign up w/Leader

Rubber Bridge

Tuesday (weekly)	Jacquee Guida	Sign up Required

Treasure of the Hills Senior Center (TOTH)

Treasure of the Hills SENIOR CENTER

Fun ♥ Friends ♥ Belonging

November 2026

Give Thanks ♥

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Time Change Fall Back	**2** 9:00 Sit & Fit 10:30 Hand & Foot 10:30 Travel with TOTH* 1:00 Cribbage 1:00 Bingo	**3** 9:00 Sr Fun & Fit 9:30 Rbr Bridge* No Tai Chi 10:00 Canasta* 12:30 Poker 1:00 Dup Bridge 1:00 Pinochle General Election – VOTE!	**4** 9:00 Sit & Fit 9/10:00 Hearts 10:00 Sr Assist Appl Wkshp* 1:15 Bunco* 3:00 Crochet Class	**5** 9:00 Sr Fun & Fit 10/11:00 Mahjong No Tai Chi 10:00 Skip-Bo 10:30 Conv Spanish 12:00 Quilting Bee 12:00 Mexican Train* 6:00 TOTH Dinner Club*	**6** 9:00 Sit & Fit 10:30 a.m. Bingo 10:30 Exec Comm 1:00 Dup Bridge	**7** 9:00 Walking Group
8	**9** 9:00 Sit & Fit 10:00 Board Meeting 10:30 Hand & Foot 12:00 Medicare Lunch & learn* 1:00 Cribbage 1:00 Bingo	**10** 9:00 Sr Fun & Fit 9:30 Rbr Bridge* 10:00 Tai Chi 10:00 Canasta* 12:30 Poker 1:00 Dup Bridge 1:00 Pinochle	**11** Veterans Day TOTH Closed for Holiday	**12** 9:00 Sr Fun & Fit 10/11:00 Mahjong 10:00 Tai Chi 10:00 Skip-Bo 10:30 Conv Spanish 12:00 Quilting Bee 12:00 Mexican Train*	**13** 9:00 Sit & Fit 9:30 Rated PG Book Club 10:30 a.m. Bingo 1:00 Dup Bridge	**14** 9:00 Walking Group 1:00 Dup Bridge
15	**16** 9:00 Sit & Fit 10:00 indy Sessions Medicare* 10:30 Hand & Foot 1:00 Cribbage 1:00 Bingo 3:00 Music Bingo*	**17** 9:00 Sr Fun & Fit 9:30 Rbr Bridge* 10:00 Tai Chi 10:00 Canasta* 12:30 Poker 1:00 Dup Bridge 1:00 Pinochle	**18** 9:00 Sit & Fit 9/10:00 Hearts 12:00 Thanksgiving Luncheon* 1:30 Bunco* 3:00 Crochet Class	**19** 9:00 Sr Fun & Fit 10/11:00 Mahjong 10:00 Tai Chi 10:00 Skip-Bo 10:30 Conv Spanish 12:00 Quilting Bee 12:00 Mexican Train* 5:00 Celebration of Life-Barbara Johnson	**20** 9:00 Sit & Fit 10:30 a.m. Bingo 1:00 Dup Bridge	**21** 9:00 Walking Group 10:00 GenLink Tech Session*
22	**23** 9:00 Sit & Fit 10:30 Hand & Foot 1:00 Cribbage 1:00 Bingo	**24** 9:00 Sr Fun & Fit 9:30 Rbr Bridge* 10:00 Tai Chi 10:00 Canasta* 12:30 Poker 1:00 Dup Bridge 1:00 Pinochle	**25** 9:00 Sit & Fit 9/10:00 Hearts 9:30 Senior Scribblers 1:15 Bunco* 3:00 Crochet Class	**26** Happy Thanksgiving! TOTH Closed for Holiday	**27** TOTH Closed for Holiday	**28** No Monthly Breakfast
29	**30** 9:00 Sit & Fit 10:30 Hand & Foot 1:00 Cribbage 1:00 Bingo					

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

November 5 TOTH Dinner Club
Blue Corn Harvest – 720 E. Whitestone Blvd., Cedar Park, 6:00 p.m. – Limit 20.

There is no Meet & Eat in November.

LOCATION & HOURS

Treasure of the Hills Senior Center
408 Ridgewood Dr.
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Phnce: 513-331-6000
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ACTIVITIES
FRIENDSHIPS
LEARNING
GOOD TIMES
A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

Same Great People ♥ New Adventures ♥ All are Welcome!