

GLENARDEN WOODS COMMUNITY CENTER NEWSLETTER

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THEME: BACK TO SCHOOL



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Due to the Coronavirus, the rental office and the community center will remain **CLOSED** until further notice.

DISTANCE / VIRTUAL LEARNING WILL CONTINUE

The programs are provided in partnership with the National Foundation for Affordable Housing, Community Services Foundation and a grant made possible through a partnership with Prince George's County Department of Family Services.



Our Site Director's Message

The Summer break is behind us and the start of the After School Club is right around the corner! We are excited to offer in-person After School Club with COVID restrictions this year. Spaces are limited due to COVID restrictions, so you are encouraged to act quickly.

Our After School Club will start on Tuesday, September 7th. There is still time to register your child! Please contact the community center for a registration form. If your child is currently registered, please contact the community center to update your cell phone number, email addresses, emergency point of contacts and dismissal plan (e.g., can they walk home from the center at the end of the program day or will they be signed out by a parent or guardian).

Volunteering opportunities are available and are a great way to help our youth be successful in the new school year. If you are interested in helping with homework or mentoring, please visit the community center today to complete a Volunteer Application.

For our adult residents, we offer free food distribution, parent meetings, unemployment resources, rental relief assistance, access to ESOL, Digital Literacy and Job Readiness classes, and so much more. Please take advantage of these resident services designed with you in mind. Volunteer opportunities are also available for adults who wish to share their skills and talents with their neighbors by teaching a class (e.g., ESOL, Zumba or mediation). The possibilities are endless so please give us a call.

A face mask is required for entry into our community centers to keep our staff, residents, and volunteers safe. Please help us by wearing your facemask when visiting the center or wearing a face mask that we provide to you if you arrive without one. We also ask that you wash your hands upon entering the center, practice social distancing and refrain from visiting the center if you feel sick or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. Implementing these procedures will help us all return to normal soon.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Our Community Manager's Message

Happy September, students, and family! We hope that you are becoming settled into the new school year and routine. We know that the last school year was challenging for everyone, but you all adapted and navigated the changes caused by COVID-19.

As always, the staff at the community center is here to support students and families as you readjust and seek assistance with homework and being prepared for school. If you need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out.

We are continuing to adhere to recommendations from the CDC and local authorities related to keeping safe through what seems to be a rise in the numbers of COVID cases. We encourage you to do the same. Together we can be healthier and a stronger community.

Be safe and contact us if you need any assistance or have questions.



SHARON WICKS
Community Manager

Community Services Foundation is a CORES certified organization.





YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH



Let's , make our school year great! Join our Afterschool Club!

Please email us or call us: 301 - 925 - 4251

Participate in [telephone](#) and [virtual tutoring sessions](#) with your community center staff.

[Afterschool Club Activity Schedule](#)

Monday - Friday: 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Group and Individual session will focus on:

- ◆ Fun STEAM Activities
- ◆ At-Home Lesson Plans and Experiments
- ◆ Virtual Field Trips
- ◆ Hands-On Learning Instruction
- ◆ Digital Literacy
- ◆ Character Development
- ◆ Virtual Games and Trivia
- ◆ Health & Wellness
- ◆ Weekly Refreshers
- ◆ Reflection Time

Help in areas identified, opportunities to share thoughts, and much more!

Back to School Tips for Parents

There are some simple things you can do to help your children be safe as they head back to school. Take a moment to go over this list of safety reminders.

- Your child should know his or her address, phone number, your cell phone, work, or other contact number, and how to use 911 in case of an emergency.
- Plan a safe route to school, choosing the most direct way with the fewest street crossings. Tell your child to stay on this route and review safe street crossing procedures. Teach your child all traffic safety rules and remind him or her to be especially careful during bad weather. If possible, your child should always walk or bike to school with a buddy.
- Your child should be instructed to never talk to or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Discuss what a "stranger" is with your child. Many children consider a "stranger" to be someone who looks menacing, but a stranger is simply anyone that your child doesn't know or trust.

HOW SMART IS YOUR RIGHTFOOT?

This is so funny that it will boggle your mind. And you will keep trying it at least 50 more times to see if you can outsmart your foot. But you can't!!!

1. While sitting in a chair lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles with it.
2. Now, while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction!!

I told you so... And there is nothing you can do about it!



DID YOU KNOW?



COVID HAS NOT GONE AWAY!

FOR YOUR WELL-BEING, ALL OF US MUST CONTINUE TO PRACTICE PREVENTATIVE MEASURES!



Resources

Find food assistance, help paying bills, and other free or reduced-cost programs, including new programs for the COVID-19 pandemic at

<https://findhelp.org/>.

When you log on, insert your zip code to search for services and benefits in your community. You can also ask your Site Director for additional resources.

Renters Insurance

To ensure that your items in your apartment home are protected, your management team strongly urges you to obtain Renters Insurance as quickly as possible. Renters Insurance, is often very affordable and it covers your possessions in case of theft or damage caused by, for example, a fire, pipe break, leak, or any overflow. It also protects your liability for damages that you, your family members, or your guests might cause in your rental community.

Reminder

- ◆ Parents Meeting
September 15th



September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 Office Closed 	7 Afterschool Club 1:00 - 6:00 PM 	8 Afterschool Club 1:00 - 6:00 PM	9 Afterschool Club 1:00 - 6:00 PM	10 Afterschool Club 1:00 - 6:00 PM	11
12	13 Afterschool Club 1:00 - 6:00 PM	14 Afterschool Club 1:00 - 6:00 PM	15 Parents Meeting Afterschool Club 1:00 - 6:00 PM	16 Afterschool Club 1:00 - 6:00 PM	17 Afterschool Club 1:00 - 6:00 PM	18
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