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**The Enrichment
Center of Lee County**
(919) 776-0501
1615 S. Third Street
Sanford, NC 27330
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8 AM—5 PM
Tuesday and Thursday
8 AM—7 PM

For over 30 years The Enrichment Center has been connecting people who are ages 50 and better, family caregivers and veterans with meaningful educational and volunteer opportunities; which increases their access to services, benefits and resources and offers them tools to manage their health and finances.



Senior
Centers:
*Masters
of
Aging*

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree Project will continue this year in the same manner as during the past few years. We will be accepting monetary donations to support our *Angels*. Our staff will order items and have them delivered to the Enrichment Center. We will package items into gift bags and deliver to the homes to our most needy clientele that we have served during 2023. Our assistance in the community will be based upon the donations received through this project.

If you would like more information about *The Angel Tree Project* or how you can be involved, please call Tami Carter (919) 776-0501, ext. 2212.

Please make checks payable to:
The Enrichment Center of Lee County
1615 S. Third Street, Sanford, NC 27333

Happy Holidays from The Enrichment Center!

**The Enrichment Center will be closed for the holidays on:
Monday, December 25 / Tuesday, December 26
Wednesday, December 27 / Monday, January 1**

Be safe and we will see you next year!

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The Enrichment Center

plays a vital role in the lives of older adults in Lee County. We are committed to help you stay connected with our communities; Sanford, Broadway, Lemon Springs, Deep River, Tramway, Jonesboro. Our goal is to keep you motivated, socialized, informed and independent.

Let's Stay Connected!

Share your E-mail address with us for weekly updates and events. The Center Post will email the first of the month. **E-mail Holly to be added**
hhight@leecountync.gov

Fee-Based Policy

If you are interested in a fee-based service or program and unable to pay, ask for Holly Hight, Senior Center Program Director, or call 919-776-0501 ext. 2203.

The Lee County FY 2023 Annual Financial Report

is available for viewing online, www.leecountync.gov. Contact Melanie Rodgers, 919-776-0501 ext. 2216, if you have questions or need further information.

Tele Sensory Magnifier

is available for use at the Enrichment Center. The machine magnifies documents to assist people with reading. Call Tami or Ellen if interested in using the machine
919-776-0501.

Hot Lunches

Lee County citizens ages 60 and better can participate in our lunch time nutrition program. You can have a hot lunch at The Enrichment Center, Monday through Friday. For those who are unable to drive, COLTS can provide a ride to the Enrichment Center for you to have lunch. For those who are homebound and live outside of the Sanford city limits, we offer **home delivered meals**. Our menus include: Spaghetti, glazed BBQ patty on bun, herb baked chicken breast, a variety of vegetables, breads and desserts. Each week you will receive next week's menu, health & wellness information, important alerts, games and puzzles.

If you would like to participate in our lunch time program call Janice (919) 776-0501 ext. 2213.
If you or your loved one is in need of a home delivered meal call Janice (919) 776-0501 ext. 2213.

Monthly Birthday Party & Newsletter Review

1st Wednesday of Each Month

11:00 a.m. (Grand Hall)

The 1st Wednesday of each month we will celebrate those who have a birthday, as well as go over programs that are being offered throughout the month.

Spill The Beans

Coffee with the Enrichment Center
Program Director

Monday, January 8, 2024
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join us for a morning coffee break where you can advocate for new programs, events or just say what's on your mind!

Holiday Greeting Card Class

Wednesday, December 13, 2023
2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Join us as we make Christmas-themed greeting cards with CJ Hart, of Hart Studios. \$15. All supplies included.



The Enrichment Center Players ★ SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

DINNER THEATRE

A series of skits, with music, that celebrate the spirit of the season.

Laughter, tears ...
and maybe a life lesson, or two.

Written by local author, Priscilla Petty.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13,
2023

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
\$15 INCLUDES DINNER

To RSVP please come by The Enrichment Center front desk. Must pay at time of reservation.

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1615 S. Third Street / Sanford, NC 27330
(919) 776-0501

PAINT YOUR PET CLASS



Friday, December 22, 2023

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

\$55 Per Pet

All Supplies Provided

Relieve stress and have fun!

Makes a great present. *Please call Holly at (919) 776-0501 ext. 2203 to register.

Email pet's picture to hight@leecountync.gov. Professional artist will sketch on canvas prior to class.

DEEP DIG GARDENING CLASS

with Amanda Wilkins, Horticulture Agent
with the N.C. Cooperative Extension –
Lee County

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 2pm-3pm
Planning Your Vegetable Garden For The Year

Tuesday, April 2, 2024 2pm-3pm
Tropical Paradise: Annuals & Perennials To
Give Your Garden A Tropical Feel

Tuesday, July 2, 2024 2pm-3pm
Pass-Along Garden: How To Save
Seeds From Your Favorite Plants

CALL TO REGISTER:
(919) 776-0501 EXT. 2203



Healthy Brain for the New Year

with
Vicki Rhodes, RN
Geriatric Adult Mental Health
Specialty Team
& Therapeutic Alternatives

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023
AT 10:30 AM
GRAND HALL



OPEN TO SENIORS, STAFF, AND
VOLUNTEERS!

JINGLE & MINGLE HOLIDAY PARTY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023
11:00 A.M.
THE GRAND HALL

Join us for refreshments, music,
and a jolly good time, with a visit
from the man in the big red suit!
Celebrate the spirit of the season
with your
Enrichment Center Family.

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COOKING CLASSES

With Chef Joseph "Pepe" Corello

Classes Held Once Per Month
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Space is very limited. Please call to have your
name added to the lottery system. Names will be
drawn the Monday before the Friday class.

(919) 776-0501 ext. 2203

*Classes can also be viewed on Facebook
Live, as well as our YouTube channel.



Cook, Exercise and Craft with The
Enrichment Center via Lee County
Government's

You Tube

Here's how: 1. Go to Lee County
Government's Home Page,
www.leecountync.gov
2. Click on the You Tube button, top
right of the screen
3. Click on VIDEOS. Scroll through the
options ... and voila!

December Friday Movie Club 1:00 PM



Friday, December 1: **Miracle on 34th Street**— The classic tale of an old man
that begins appearing regularly as
"Santa" and soon a court case must
prove if he is indeed the man, the
myth, the legend.

**Movie selections based on
suggestions and may or may not be to
your preference as far as language or
subject matter. Please research before
attending. Thank you!*

WINTER & HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

MONDAY, DECEMBER
18, 2023
11:00 A.M.
THE GRAND HALL

BE AWARE AND
STAY SAFE!



A Novel Approach Book Group



The group meets at 12:00 noon
September through May at The
Enrichment Center for a discussion of
the month's selection. Open to all
adults.

Tuesday, December 12—Energy Bus
John Gordon
If you have questions, you can contact
Ellie Matthews,
elliegolf@gmail.com

JOIN US FOR

POTLUCK & BINGO NIGHT

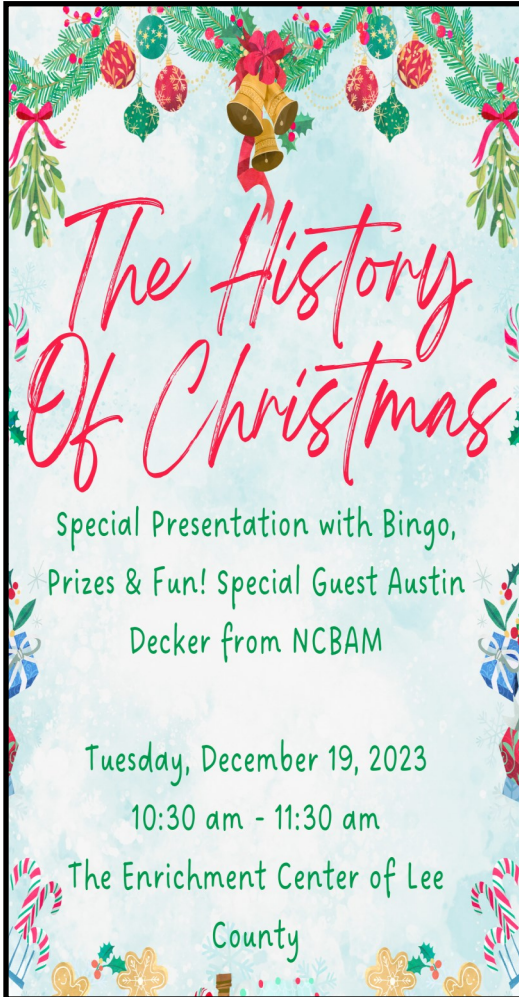
BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

CALL TO RSVP (919) 776-0501 EXT. 2203

THE ENRICHMENT CENTER OF LEE COUNTY

1615 S. THIRD STREET / SANFORD, NC 27330



Saturday Night Dance

Doors Open at 5:45 PM
Dance 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Admission: \$10

Bands for December

2nd- Crimson Rose Band, 9th- Silver Hawk, 16th- Jimmy Shirley Jr. & The Footlights, 23rd- No Dance, 30th- Ole Skool

Lee County Government policies apply while attending the dance:
No alcohol on the property, smoking allowed 50 feet away from the facility in designated areas only, no firearms or weapons on property.

2024 Friday Afternoon Movie Club

1st Friday of Each Month

January: *Letters to Juliet* (Comedy/Drama/Romance) – An American girl on vacation in Italy finds an unanswered “letter to Juliet” — one of thousands left at the fictional lover’s Verona courtyard, which are typically answered by all the “secretaries of Juliet” — and she goes on a quest to find the lovers referenced in the letter.

February: *Get Low* (Comedy/Drama/Mystery) – A movie spun out of equal parts folk tale, fable and real-life legend about the mysterious, 1930s Tennessee hermit who famously threw his own rollicking funeral party... while he was still alive.

March: *Gran Torino* (Drama) – Disgruntled Korean War vet Walt Kowalski sets out to reform his neighbor, a young Hmong teenager, who tried to steal Kowalski’s prized possession: his 1972 Gran Torino.

April: *Happy Tears* (Comedy) – Two sisters, Jayne and Laura, return home to deal with their ailing father Joe, only to face some surprising situations.

May: *Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont* (Comedy/Drama) – All but abandoned by her family in a London retirement hotel, an elderly woman strikes up a curious friendship with a young writer.

June: *The Savages* (Comedy) – A sister and brother face the realities of a family responsibility as they begin to care for their ailing father.

July: *Boynton Beach Club* (Comedy) – A romantic comedy about our amazing capacity to rebound and fall in love at any age. Lois, Harry, Marilyn, Sandy and Jack live in an “Active Adult” community in Boynton Beach, Florida.

August: *Million Dollar Baby* (Drama) – A hardened trainer/manager works with a determined woman in her attempt to establish herself as a boxer.

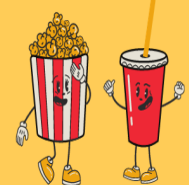
September: *Something’s Gotta Give* (Comedy) – A swinger on the cusp of being a senior citizen with a taste for young women falls in love with an accomplished woman closer to his age.

October: *About Schmidt* (Comedy) – Warren Schmidt is a man in his 60’s. While trying to run his daughter’s life, he realizes that he wasted his.

November: *Waking Ned Devine* (Comedy) – When a lottery winner dies of shock, his fellow townsfolk attempt to claim the money.

December: *To Dance with the White Dog* (Drama) – This is the touching story of an elderly widower trying to work through his grief. When Sam Peek’s beloved wife, Cora, dies, a white dog suddenly materializes as his new companion and confidant.

POPCORN & WATER PROVIDED



***Movie selections based on suggestions and may or may not be to your preference as far as language or subject matter. Please research before attending.**



Lee County Veterans Services

Get expert assistance with your VA claim.
(919) 776-0501 Ext. 2209

The Lee County Veterans Services Officer (VSO) assists eligible veterans and their families, deceased veteran's dependents and survivors in applying for benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the N.C. Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (NCDMVA).

Members of the Reserves, National Guard and active duty service members are also welcome to call the county VSO for assistance with any matters involving the VA.

While Lee County is not the authorizing organization for these benefits, the County Veterans Services Officer can assist the veteran greatly in the following areas:

- **Assessing and confirming eligibility**
- **Completing the documentation required by the VA and NCDMVA**
- **Explaining complex issues and forms**
- **Referring veterans and service members to other agencies that may be of assistance**

The mission of Lee County Veterans Services is to pursue a high quality of life for local veterans, their families and their survivors.



**Service Member Counseling
Individual and Group Sessions
at The Enrichment Center
1615 S. Third Street, Sanford**

Counseling services are for veterans, active-duty service members and their families. With Vet Center Service Member Counseling Services, you can be assured of easy access, quality services, client satisfaction, financial stewardship and confidentiality.

Vet Centers help you and your family build meaningful connections and develop tools for achieving success in both your military and civilian lives.

**Any interested parties should reach out to Lee County Veterans Services to receive more information.
Call 919-776-0501 Ext. 2209 or 2210.**

PLEASE JOIN US TO OUR

Caregiver Holiday Party

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023
1PM - 3PM

JOIN OTHER CAREGIVERS
FOR A RELAXING
AFTERNOON BREAK TO
CELEBRATE EACH OTHER &
THE HOLIDAY SEASON

PLEASE CALL TO RSVP
(919) 776-0501 EXT. 2230

Caregiver Seminar

Holiday Tips & Tidbits

Thursday, December 7, 2023
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

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ARTHRITIS EXERCISE PROGRAM

Most
Mondays and
Wednesdays at 10am
Grand Hall
Starting January 8,
2024

Safe, enjoyable, group exercise class for those with Arthritis.
Taught by an Arthritis Foundation certified instructor.

Goals include:

- Reduce pain, stiffness and fatigue
- Improve strength
- Restore or maintain joint range of motion
- Improve balance and coordination
- Increase endurance
- Improve overall perceived health status
- Can be done seated or standing

For information, call Jackie @ 919-776-0501, ext 2211 or
jackie.green@leecountync.gov

\$1 per class!
Free for Diners
Club and Silver
Sneakers.

New Year! Fit You! Exercise w/Jackie



Tuesdays and Thursdays
5:30-6:30pm
January 9-February 27, 2024

8 week body conditioning class to kick start
your new year! Learn how to feel your best
with cardio, strength training, brain work and
relaxation.

Classes are first come, first served to those ages
50 & better, or Lee County Government staff. 49 &
under as space is available.

Call (919) 776-0501 ext. 2211 to register. \$20

Walkie Talkie Walking Club

Fridays at 9 a.m.
Enrichment Center



Enrichment Center Fitness Programs

Open to Lee County residents ages 50 and better.

Keep fit and stay in shape for physical and mental health!
Call Cathy Andrew or Jackie Green if you have questions
(919) 776-0501 Ext. 2208 (Cathy) Ext. 2211 (Jackie).

*Some classes free for Silver Sneakers. Call to inquire.

You may try one class per program for free before paying.

Fitness Room - Monday-Friday, Available to participants who
have completed orientation. **Call (919) 776-0501 ext. 2208 to
schedule an orientation appointment.** \$1 per daily visit.

Morning Yoga - Monday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Great for beginners or those who find it difficult getting to the
floor. *Participants should bring their own equipment, mats,
blocks, straps & kneeling pads. \$10/month.

On The Move - Tuesday & Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
A fun, basic exercise class. Free to Diners Club participants. Space
available to guests, \$1/class.

Movin' On Up – Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
1 hour class focusing on safety while doing cardio, stretching,
strength training for upper body, lower body, and core, ending with
relaxation. Free to Diner's Club Participants. \$1/class.

Advanced Tai Chi - Monday & Friday, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
This is Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention. The focus of this
class is to reduce fall risk. \$10/month.

Fit & Toned - Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Suitable for beginners or those that already have an exercise
program. *Chair will be used for stability. \$10/Month.

Bingo Fit – Mondays, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Join us for a fun
program that combines exercise and health education into a fun
game of bingo, regardless of participant's physical ability. 20
sessions per health topic. Free to all.

Strong & Fit – Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, 3:00
p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 1-hour low impact exercise class that starts with
cardio, adds stretching for flexibility and range of motion, and uses
hand weights, body weight and resistance bands for upper and
lower body strengthening. Includes techniques for improved brain
health and balance. \$1/class.

Evening Yoga - Tuesday & Thursday, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Better suited to participants with prior yoga experience. \$10/month.

Virtual Yoga - Tuesday & Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Designed for those who are familiar with yoga. \$10/month.



WakeMed Mobile Wellness Vascular Screenings

Thursday, March 28, 2024

9:00am-3:00pm (arrive 10mins prior to appt)

Enrichment Center parking lot

1615 S Third Street (Sanford)

To register: 919-776-0501 ext. 2211

What is a vascular screening?

Vascular screenings can identify individuals who may be at risk for stroke, ruptured aneurysm and/or arterial insufficiency in the legs. Screening exams are performed by WakeMed ultrasound techs.

Why get a vascular screening?

Stroke prevention- Carotid artery blockages are a major cause for TIAs (Transient Ischemic Attacks) and stroke. These blockages can restrict blood flow to the brain.

AAA (Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm)

detection- An aneurysm is a weakness or ballooning of the blood vessel walls.

Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) diagnosis-

PAD is a blockage in the circulation to the arms or legs due to atherosclerosis or other diseases.

Who should be screened?

Age 55 (or older) and with risk factors:

- Diabetes
- High blood pressure and/or high cholesterol
- Renal Disease
- History of smoking or tobacco use
- Family history of stroke, heart attack, aneurysm

How are the screening tests performed?

Carotid scan – Consists of a quick ultrasound evaluation of the arteries in the neck which provides blood to the brain.

A carotid scan can determine if there are blockages in these arteries.

Aortic scan – Consists of ultrasound imaging and measurement of the abdominal aorta, the body's main artery. The scan can determine if an aneurysm is present and measure its size.

Ankle Brachial Index (ABI) - The ankle-brachial index test is an ultrasound to check for PAD and compares the blood pressure measured at your ankle with the blood pressure measured at your arm. This test can indicate narrowing or blockage of the arteries in your legs.

The results are reviewed by a WakeMed Heart & Vascular physician. Participants receive their results through the mail or phone call.



BALANCE FOR LIFE CLASS

This class is designed to add life to your years and improve your health span. We address fall hazards in the home and community, practice the mental skills needed to reduce our fall risk and learn which exercises are best suited to prevent falls.

NO COST – Contributions Accepted. Class Size Limited.

For more information or to register please call (919)776-0501 ext. 2208

Dial 988 for 24-hour, 7-days a week access to trained mental health crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress.

FREE HEALTH PROMOTION

TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS FOR FALL PREVENTION

**BEGINNER CLASS:
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
JANUARY 22 - MARCH 13
2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

This class is aimed at helping to improve both lower and upper body strength, as well as improve balance and reduce falls. Priority given to those aged 60 & better.

Classes will be held at The Ingram Building at Dalrymple Park. (300 W. Globe Street). 10 weeks - 20 sessions. Classes will begin promptly at 2p.m. Please wear comfortable attire.

**This class is provided by a Health Promotion Grant. Contributions accepted.*

**Registration and confirmation to attend required.
Call Cathy at (919) 776-0501 ext. 2208.**



New Year, New Body w/ Jackie

Mondays and Wednesdays

1pm-2pm

January 3 - February 28, 2024

Low impact

Cardio

Good for the brain

Stretching for flexibility and range of motion

Upper and lower body strengthening

\$10 per month or Silver Sneakers



**For more information or to register,
please call (919)776-0501 ext. 2211**

Is your Medicare plan still right for you?
An annual Medicare review may help you save.

SHIIP can help.

Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment Period is **Oct. 15 – Dec. 7**. During that time, seniors who have Medicare coverage can make plan changes that may lower their costs. You could save by:

- Evaluating eligibility for low-income subsidies
- Choosing the best Part D Drug Plan based on current medications & preferred pharmacy
- Exploring available Medicare Advantage Plans

The Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) offers free individual counseling to assist you in selecting the best Medicare options for you. **Schedule an appointment today to see if you can save!**

Jourdan Huskey
919-776-0501 x2206

Lee County
Enrichment Center



**FREE EZ-ID EVENT
 FOR OLDER ADULTS**

**Thursday, December 14 &
 Friday, December 15, 2023**
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

What would you do if your loved one went missing?
Be prepared! Have yourself, and your loved ones, ID'd today! It's fast and easy...and just might save a life.

EZ ID makes it simple to have all of your loved one's pertinent information on a thumb drive ready to hand over to law enforcement in the case of an emergency, like if your loved one goes missing.

Questions?
Contact Holly Hight (919) 776-0501 ext. 2203
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**In collaboration with the
 Sanford Moose Lodge 386/Chapter 2429**

*No information is retained by The Enrichment Center or Sanford Moose Lodge. All information is taken home on the flashdrive with the authorized participant.



**SAFE
 SURFIN'
 FOUNDATION**



If you need assistance choosing the best plan for you in 2024, come to our walk-in clinic on

Wednesday, December 6 or

Thursday, December 7

between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.

Counselors will be available to assist you with your Medicare Part D choices.

**Questions about
 Medicare?**

SHIIP can help.

SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, provides free counseling about Medicare in all 100 counties of North Carolina. SHIIP can also help you apply for Medicare cost savings programs.

**Call 855-408-1212 or
 visit www.ncshiip.com
 to find out how SHIIP can help you.**

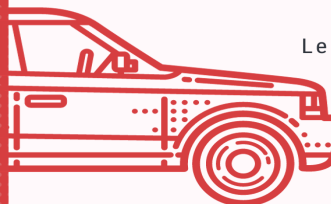
DRIVING REFRESHER COURSE

**AARP SMART
 DRIVER**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

- *Refresh your driving skills and knowledge of the rules of the road.
- *Learn techniques for handling left turns, right-of-way and roundabouts.
- *Discover proven driving methods to help keep you and your loved ones safe on the road.

\$20 for AARP Members
\$25 For Non-Member



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COLTS Part-Time Driver Starting Rate of Pay \$13.26 per hour

Lee County is seeking qualified applicants for a Part Time Van Driver in the County of Lee Transit System. Employee will work from 25 to 30 hours per week. The essential function of the job is to drive a van on a scheduled route to transport individuals to and from various locations within Lee County. The ability to lift is extremely important in assisting clients in wheelchairs into and out of the vans in a safe manner. Additional responsibilities include maintaining records such as time at each stop, purpose of trip, number of passengers per day, mileage, and vehicle maintenance. Independent judgment must be exercised in handling unusual situations arising with passengers. Hourly rate of pay is \$13.26 with bonus available for CDL and Weekends. Employee must be at least 21 years old, have a valid NC Drivers License, and a good driving record and clean background check. Experience in operation of large automotive equipment is also desirable. Employee must be able to become certified in passenger assistance, defensive driver and first aid training.

Pre-employment drug testing is required under the regulation of the Federal Transit Administration as well as random drug testing throughout employment tenure.

Applications may be obtained and returned to the Human Resources Department, 408 Summit Driver or PO Box 1968, Sanford, NC or apply on line at www.leecountync.gov Position will remain open until filled. Females and minorities are encouraged to apply, Lee County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disabling condition in employment opportunities.

Happy Retirement Tami Carter!



Tami Carter began her career at Lee

County Senior Services working part time coordinating the Certified Nursing Assistant grant funded program in March 1995. She was promoted to a full-time Social Worker I position in November 1996 and to her current position as Social Work Supervisor in July 1999. Tami has been an asset to the department as she has managed the Home Repair program providing many ramps and minor home repair to individuals in Lee County, provided Case Assistance and Options Counseling to numerous older adults, managed the Enrichment Center Helping Fund, and served on the S3 Homeless Task force among many other attributes. She was the Silver Arts Coordinator and was inducted in the Senior Games Hall of Fame for her work in the program. She takes pride in her role each year as the coordinator for the Enrichment Center Angel Tree Project where special Christmas boxes are filled and delivered to 100+ needy older adults in Lee County annually. As Tami closes the door on this chapter of her life December 31, 2023, she can be proud of the many success stories she has made happen because of her caring spirit and determination to help those in need. We will miss Tami in Lee County, as she and her husband Bill have relocated to Wilmington NC.

Thank you for almost 29 years of loyal service and support to Lee County Older Adults!!! Good Luck in all your future endeavors!!!

We love you!

Drop-In Activities**Chapter & Verse Creative Writing Group:**

2nd & 4th Thursday
2:00 pm—4:00 pm

Blood Pressure Checks: 1st Wednesday

11:00 am—11:30 am

Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Mondays

10:30 am—11:30 am

Dominos: Mondays

12:30 pm—4:00 pm

Friday Friends & Cards: Fridays

12:30 pm—4:00 pm

Card Club: Wednesdays

12:30 pm—4:00 pm

For The Love Of Books: 2nd & 4th Wednesday

11:00 am—11:30 am

Creative Hands Knitting Group: Wednesdays

12:30 pm—3:00 pm

EC Players Drama Club: Wednesdays

2:00 pm—3:00 pm

Beginner Line Dancing: Thursdays

2:00 pm—3:00 pm

Intermediate Line Dancing: Mondays

2:00 pm—3:00 pm

Sassy Red Hatters: 3rd Tuesday

10:00 am—11:00 am

Wood Carving: Wednesdays

10:00 am—12:00 pm

Greeting Card Class: 2nd Tuesday

2:00 pm—3:00 pm

Wii Bowling: Mondays & Wednesdays

10:00 am—11:00 am

Puzzles, Cards & Games: Daily

9:30 am—11:30 am

Nifty Noggins are handmade head coverings for cancer patients. If you or someone you know could use head coverings, pick up times are Monday - Friday, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., or by appointment 919-776-0501 ext. 2213

The Enrichment Center Support Groups

Open to All Adults

Registration Not Required

*Holidays may affect dates. Call to verify before attending.
(919) 776-0501 ext. 2211*

Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support:

1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

**There is a virtual caregiver support group that is offered weekly, Thursdays, at 1 p.m. on Zoom. Call (919) 776-0501 ext. 2230 for log-in information.*

Diabetic Support:

1st Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support:

4th Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. (Group meets at The Partnership For Children every other Tuesday) NO MEETING IN DECEMBER AT THE EC.

Grief Support:

1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Low Vision Support:

2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Parkinson Support:

3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Sanford/Lee County Stroke Support:

2nd Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Virtual Coffee Talk: 1st Tuesday of each month. 9am-

10am. Zoom only. Join us as we discuss the topics that matter the most to you. This is your chance to advocate.

Email hight@leecountync.gov

***Remnant Speaks—Share Your Experiences & Stories***

Cora McIver meets at the Enrichment Center every third Wednesday at 9 a.m. and hosts a program called Remnant Speaks. Cora is the former host and producer of the community presentation, “Stay Connected,” on WKKL Radio in Sanford.

Cora is looking for those who would be willing to share stories of their past and present life experiences, family history and who was an inspiration in your life. She believes there is power in words and sharing our life stories with others. If you would like to participate in this meaningful program, call to set up a time for an interview.
(919) 776-0501 ext. 2203

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR

with Financial Advisor Zeke Kelly,
Founder of Canopy Financial Solutions

Monday December 4, 2023
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

- Your investments and tax considerations
- Satisfying your Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)
- Insurance coverage review
- Open forum discussion

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Legal Aid of North Carolina

is a statewide nonprofit law firm that provides free legal services in civil matters to people in order to ensure equal access to justice and to remove legal barriers to economic opportunity.

Legal Aid of NC provides free assistance with health care power of attorney, living wills, property wills and other important legal documents. Seniors should call 1-877-579-7562, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Friday

To Request a Senior Tar Heel Athletic Card

Contact Tiffany McDougald
NC Division of Aging and Adult Services
Phone: 919-855-3402

Email: tiffany.mcdougald@dhhs.nc.gov

Legal Aid of N.C.

Free Wills & Advance Directives Clinic (for low-income seniors)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024
8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Speak with experienced attorneys, at no charge, to help you set up your Wills & Advance Directives. You will correspond with Legal Aid of N.C. over the phone, prior to January 18th and will meet in person, at the Enrichment Center, to finalize and sign documents. Priority given to homeowners. Please call (919) 776-0501 ext. 2203 for more information.

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CHROMEBOOKS AVAILABLE TO RENT (While In Enrichment Center)

Please call Holly for more information. (919) 776-0501 ext. 2203



TECH TALK

**EVERY FRIDAY
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

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Anti-Virus & Malware Removal Programs At A Glance



**Tuesday, December 12, 2023
2pm - 3pm**

Viruses and other malware can harm your computer in a variety of ways. We will go over different types of malware, how they work, and some software that can remove unwanted attacks. Learn how to help keep your device safe!

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Registration begins 12/18/23

SPRINGTIME IN CHARLESTON, SC

April 8—April 10, 2024

Price: \$499 Per Person—Double Occupancy

\$150 Deposit—Final balance due by 2/2/2024

Package Includes: 2 nights hotel accommodations, 2 breakfasts at your hotel, 2 dinners including 1 at the Charleston Crab House on James Island and a dinner cruise with entertainment aboard The Spirit of Carolina, guided touring of historic Charleston, admission to the Magnolia Plantation & Gardens, a visit to the City Market, transportation & more!



NASHVILLE & PIGEON FORGE, TN

September 22—September 25, 2024

Price: \$799 Per Person—Double Occupancy

\$150 Deposit—Final balance due by 7/19/2024

Package Includes: 3 nights hotel accommodations, 3 breakfasts at your hotel, 2 dinners including 1 dinner at Applewood Farmhouse, 2 evening receptions at your hotel with snacks and beverages, 3 nights of entertainment (1 dinner show at the Nashville Nightlife Theatre, 1 evening at the Grand Ole Opry, Country Tonite Show in Pigeon Forge), guided tour of Nashville, enjoy exploring the Opryland Resort, transportation & more!



NC STATE FAIR: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

\$20 Cash (Payments accepted anytime at the front desk)

NC State Fair Senior Day—this is the day devoted to YOU! Special events and activities all day long. We will depart from Riverbirch Corner parking lot at 8:00 am and will return at 4:00 pm. Payment is required to reserve your spot.



A NEW YORK CITY CHRISTMAS December 8th—December 11th, 2024

Price: \$829 Per Person—Double Occupancy

\$150 Deposit—Final balance due by 10/4/2024

Package Includes: 3 nights hotel accommodations, 3 breakfasts at your hotel, 1 dinner at a NYC restaurant, transportation, orchestra seating for the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular, guided tour of NYC including: Rockefeller Center, 5th Avenue store windows, Macy's, 9/11 Memorial, Chelsea Market, Grand Central Station's Holiday Fair & more!



IMPORTANT: Trip payments are accepted Mondays and Wednesdays 8-9 am and 3-4pm. On Fridays from 8am until noon. Please ask for Jourdan at the front desk. All trips are subject to The Enrichment Center Trip Policy. Priority is given to Lee County residents ages 50 or better. Adults who are younger than 50 or non-Lee County residents may be placed on the waiting list and will be allowed to register after a 45-day waiting period space permitting. **Open to out of county: February 2, 2024.** The complete EC Trip Policy is available at the Enrichment Center front desk, as well as trip flyers for more information.



Volunteer in Lee County

Jourdan Huskey is available to assist you in searching for volunteer opportunities in Lee County.

You can contact her by calling (919) 776-0501 Ext. 2206 or emailing jhuskey@leecountync.gov.

Opportunities available at The Enrichment Center (Lee County Senior Services) include: Home Delivered Meals, instructors for activities and games, SHIP (Seniors Health Insurance Information Program), Tax Aide and other needs related to older adults.

Opportunities are available in other LCG Departments. Contact Jourdan for a Lee County Volunteer Application. Or you may access it on the website, www.leecountync.gov, click **How Do I**, click **Volunteer**.

Highway To Healing: Drivers Needed!

Highway to Healing is a volunteer organization with the mission of driving cancer patients in Lee County to their various health appointments, both in the county, and beyond. Our volunteer drivers are not paid, but receive gas for each trip taken and covers any parking expenses. If you join with our other drivers, you are NOT committed to any particular trips, but rather our scheduler would call you and ask you if you are available for an upcoming trip. If you are retired this is the perfect volunteer opportunity for you as you can take trips only as they fit into your schedule. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Brad Butler at stogafan2002@gmail.com or by phone at 919-498-5068.

The Enrichment Center's Home Delivered Meals Program is in need of Volunteers to deliver a hot, nutritious meal to a homebound older adult in Lee County Monday - Friday.

Regular and fill-in positions available. Routes take a little over an hour. Meals are picked up at the Enrichment Center and delivered to the client's home.

Contact Janice Holmes : 919-776-0501, Ext. 2213

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



- Public Transportation to Work, Shopping, General, Medical
- Raleigh Executive Jetport Shuttle
- Purchase Ride Vouchers
- Accessibility for Physically Challenged
- Free Transportation to COVID-19 Vaccination Location
- Call COLTS for More Public Access Transit Options, Schedule & Pricing



1807 Douglas Drive, Sanford

(919) 776-7201

www.leecountync.gov/colts.aspx

Title VI Policy Participant

Our mission is to provide safe & reliable transportation to the citizens of Lee County.

COLTS es un sistema de tránsito coordinado que provee servicios de transporte a muchas de las agencias que proveen servicios humanos en el Condado de Lee.

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6:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. lunes a viernes. Mensajes para cancelar servicios se pueden dejar en la grabadora después de las horas de trabajo. (919) 776-7201

Dirección Física: 1807 Douglas Drive, Sanford

Correo: 1615 S. Third Street, Sanford

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"COLTS" (919) 776-0501 Ext. 2216.



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We like new ideas and want your input. Give your program, activities and class suggestions to Holly Hight, (919) 776-0501 ext. 2203, hhight@leecountync.gov.



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Directory and this newsletter
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