



Williamston Area Senior Center

Come as guests, stay as friends!



Cards, a great way to start the day!



*And Everyone Loves Bingo with
Chief Weiss!*



Our Pumpkin Craft!



*The Michigan Secretary of State Mobile Office visits
the WASC twice a year, bringing convenient
services right to our community.*

November - December 2026

Newsletter

ABOUT THE WASC, MISSION, PURPOSE

Lunch Program

The **Williamston Area Senior Center** is open Monday-Thursday for lunch. Monday and Thursday our kitchen provides homemade meals, the cost is \$4 per person, per meal.

Tuesday and Wednesday lunch is provided by **Tri-County Office on Aging**, with a suggested donation of \$4 per person, per meal.

Please call at least 24 hours in advance to make reservations for lunch at 517-655-5173.

For additional information please check out the WASC Newsletter or Website. And if you are homebound and need meals delivered to you call **Meals on Wheels** at 888-224-3030, option 4.

Where to find the WASC

If you are looking for information on the WASC, please check out our Website and Facebook. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email for more information.

Website: www.williamstonseniorctr.org
Facebook: Williamston Area Senior Center
Phone: 517-655-5173
Email: williamstonseniorctr@gmail.com

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday, 9am - 3pm

WASC Location

The WASC is located at:
500 Williamston Center Rd.
Williamston, Michigan 48895

*We have reserved handicap parking & automatic front doors.



WASC Mission

The Williamston Area Senior Center shall be a “go-to” resource where aging adults and their families find support, guidance, educational, and social programs assisting seniors 60 years of age and older for navigating life transitions, and continuing to be active, healthy, and engaged in the community.

Our mission is reflected in our motto:

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WASC Purpose

The WASC shall provide educational, enrichment, health awareness, and social programs; shall serve as a resource for individuals needing assistance with medical and social service networks; and shall collaborate with other community agencies, local government, and trained professionals to meet the needs of the senior population.

Come Join Our Drum Circle!

Ian LeVine, a Williamston resident and longtime musician, has been leading monthly interactive drum circles at WASC since Oct. 2022. These fun, 1-hour sessions take place after lunch and are free. No experience is necessary, and Ian provides all the instruments. Come explore rhythm, some laughs, get creative, and connect with others in a relaxed, supportive setting. You might even make a new friend! Check the WASC calendar for upcoming dates.

Questions? Contact Ian at spartandrummer1@gmail.com

Staff

Executive Director: Julie Rudd

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Black Tea Bags

Flavored Liquid Creamer

12oz & 16oz Styrofoam Cups

Small Styrofoam Bowls

Small Styrofoam Containers

Large Styrofoam Containers

13 Gallon Kitchen Garbage Bags

Chinet Dinner Plates

Small Dessert Plates

Copy Paper

Dinner Napkins

Bingo Prizes: Non-Perishable Food Items
and Individual Snack Packs

Gift Cards: Gordon Food Service, Walmart,
Meijer, Costco, Amazon, Home Depot and
Local Area Restaurants and Businesses

And We're Always Looking for Volunteers!



The *Williamston Library* recently hosted a training conference with the Braille and Talking Book Library. Do you know someone who is blind or has trouble reading standard print? The Braille and Talking Book Library (BTBL) provides free audiobooks, Braille books, magazines, and playback equipment to eligible Michigan residents with visual, physical, or reading disabilities. Books can be downloaded through BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) or mailed directly to your home. Best of all, there is no cost for the service, equipment, or postage. To learn more about BTBL or to find out if you qualify, call [1-800-992-9012](tel:1-800-992-9012), or visit your local CADL branch. We'd be happy to help you get started.

From the Director's Desk



It's hard to believe how quickly the year has flown by! We're already putting together our final newsletter of 2026. As I look back on the past several months, I'm reminded that no two days at WASC are ever quite the same. From our daily activities and lunches, to special programs, guest speakers, and all the little moments in between, there is always something happening around here.

One of the best parts of my job is seeing our center continue to grow and finding new ways to bring people together. As we head into the colder months, I hope you'll continue to make WASC part of your routine. Stop in for an activity, join us for lunch, or just come by for a visit. We have a new year ahead of us with plenty of opportunities to connect, learn, laugh, and try something new. I look forward to seeing what 2027 brings!



Julie Rudd, WASC Executive Director

The President's Post



As I write this message I realize that it is the last newsletter of 2026. I want to personally thank all the members, and volunteers that get together four times a week to enjoy the activities of our Senior Center. If you haven't stopped in lately please take the time to read over the menu and events calendars for the next two months. Remember that the menu will only be for November as we don't have the information available this early to print the December menu. You will be able to see the December menu on our website or you can pick up a copy at the center.

I want to also thank all the donors that have allowed us to update the Serenity room, laundry room and install the sound proofing on the walls. You are the reason that so many activities can now happen in a comfortable setting. Happy Holidays!

Jolene Gustafson, WASC Board President



August 2026

- Julia O'Connor
- Steve Wing
- Fran & Jerry Anderson
- Susan & Russ Cockerill
- Paula & Gary Foster
- Bob & Joan Bement
- Larry Hill
- Karen Bollman



November

December

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| • Barbara Alchin | • Frank Ayers |
| • Katrinka Allen | • Jeanene Bruner |
| • Patricia Andrews | • Phillip Burgard |
| • Joan Bement | • Renee Drake |
| • Jim Boyer | • Dali Giese |
| • Louise Brown | • Dawn Harris |
| • Marlene Epley | • Clifford Hatt |
| • Bill Fate | • Karen Hinderliter |
| • Diana Fillwock | • Judy Hobolik |
| • Frank Fortier | • Tom Thanh-Tan-Huynk |
| • Geri Green | • Arlene Jenkins |
| • Gloria Hastings | • Don Johnson |
| • Loretta Hitchcock | • Linda Johnson |
| • Barbara Holmes | • Mark Kane |
| • Clifford Johnson | • Mary Kane |
| • Lesa Johnson | • Ann Lemmen |
| • Sandy Kowatch | • Ray Lemmen |
| • Bonnie Krauss | • Riley Lentz |
| • David Kuebler | • Michael Lester |
| • Denise Lange | • Marvin Martin |
| • Connie Lenkowski | • Mickey Martin |
| • Mike Lenkowski | • Judy McManaman |
| • Angela Maloney | • Wilma Miller |
| • Anne McKinney | • Linda Mitchell |
| • Carl Minnis | • Connie Monroe |
| • Ruth Nastal | • Deanna Rugh |
| • Celeste Sura | • Carolyn Schuster |
| • Rita Vogt | • John Waters |
| • Janice Webb | |
| • Lanita Winslow | |

September 2026

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| • Karen Spak | • Mary Rubus |
| • Nancy Williams | • Dave Granger |
| • Mary Rubus | • Pat Cookingham |
| • Tina Maurer | • Jeanette Robertson |
| • Theresa Wiles | • Tom Barrett |
| • Julie Traver | • Nancy Williams |
| • Beth Zetterholm | • Ken Lycos |
| • Brenda Arnoczky | • Jan Litchfield |
| • Rita Vloet | • Don Dornbush |
| • Leesa Johnson | • Rita Vloet |
| • Nancy Klein | • Candace Person |
| • Rose Verisi | • Virginia Cassaddy |
| • Alice Heim | • Michelle Strasy |
| | • Steve & Chris Kennedy |
| | • Jean & Bill Southwick |
| | • Dawn & Ron Harris |
| | • George & Janet Eyster |

And to all of our wonderful
VOLUNTEERS!



November and December Visiting Michigan Authors

The end of 2026 gives us a nice variety of reading material and local history; hope you will join us in welcoming local and visiting Michigan Authors!

Monday, November 2nd local author Mitch Lutzke will visit and share his four novels;

“The Page Fence Giants” published in 2018 which won a Michigan Book Award for 2019, a history of a Black Baseball team in the 1890s who played in the Midwest and Canada. They won the Black Championship in 1896, the same year they played in Williamston.

“The Life and Times of Kimber M. Snyder” is a history of Mitch’s great-great grandfather who was a soldier in the 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

Local history buffs will enjoy “Stories From Williamston’s Past” Volumes I and II now on shelves. Among the stories are the cigar manufacturing era; creation of the Williamston All Girls Band; the history of two long forgotten brick plants; origins of the WHS Hornets nickname, logo, school colors and fight song; and a biography of a rural physician who became a famous American bird watcher as well as more interesting local history!

Wednesday, November 4th author Randy Pearson will visit to share his novel “Trac Brothers” which received the “2020 Author Shout for Reader Ready Awards Recommended Read” award. This is a tale of two brothers who inherit a fully functioning antique handcar and take a journey through Michigan’s scenic Lower Peninsula that introduces them to a world they never imagined; changing many lives forever. With whimsy and charm this novel sets an enthralling spell you never want to snap out of. Full of humor and memorable characters you wish you knew in real life.

Monday, November 30th Melissa F Kaelin, the Founder of Michigan Aurora Chasers, Co-Founder of the Aurora Summit and author of “Beyond the 45th Parallel: The Beginner’s Guide to Chasing Aurora” will visit to share her book and adventures as an Aurora Chaser.

Monday, December 7th Michigan Author Jennifer DiVita will share her novel “Not Your Shoe Size.” Take a witty and thought-provoking walk with the author to find the silver lining after becoming silver. Discover how to thrive at every stage and to age happily in an ageist society. It will tickle the osteoporotic funny bone of those who’ve somehow gotten older and don’t know how it happened. If the kid inside of you doesn’t reflect the grownup in the mirror, you’re in good company.

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NOVEMBER 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
2) 9-11:45 Cards 10:00 Blood Pressure Check 10:30 Exercise 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 Local MI Author Mitch Lutzke w/ "The Page Fence Giants" "The Life & Times of Kimber M. Snyder" "Stories from Williamston's Past Vol I & II"	3) 9-11:45 Cards 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 Chair Volleyball	4) 9-11:45 Cards 9:30 Chair Exercise 10:30 Exercise 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 "Trac Brothers" w/ MI Author Randy Pearson 1:00 Needle Work Group	5) NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BASH 9-11:45 Cards 10:30 Exercise 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 DJ Carleton 1:30 WHS Theater Group presents "Frozen"
9) 9-11:45 Cards 10:30 Exercise 11:45 LUNCH 12:00 Red Cedar Lodge w Amy 12:45 Angora Rabbits w Jackie	10) 9-11:45 Cards 11:45 LUNCH 12:00 Optimal Care 12:30 BINGO! w Optimal Care 12:30 WASC Board Meeting	11) CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY	12) 9-11:45 Cards 10:30 Exercise 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 Senior Class Band!
16) 9:00-11:15 Chair Massage 9-11:45 Cards 10:30 Exercise 11:45 LUNCH 12:00 Haslett Pointe Senior Living 12:30 Exie Smith- A Metaphysical Coffee Hour	17) 9-11:45 Cards 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 Mind Benders w CADL Jackie	18) 9-11:45 Cards 9:30 Chair Exercise 10:30 Exercise 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 Drum Circle 1:00 Needle Work	19) 9-11:45 Cards 10:30 Exercise 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 Chair Volleyball 12:45 Book Club "Women in the Castle" by Jessica Shattuck
23) 9-11:15 Table Massage 9-11:45am Cards 10:30 Exercise 10:45 CADL Tech Support 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 "Winter Wellness" w Dr Kathrine Romeo	24) 9-11:45 Cards 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 Holiday Bingo w/Chief Weiss	25) 9-11:45 Cards 9:30 Chair Exercise 10:30 Exercise 11:45 LUNCH Noon Nurse Chat w/ Michelle 1:00 Needle Work	26) CLOSED <i>Have a Happy Thanksgiving</i> 
30) 9-11:45am Cards 10:30 Exercise 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 MI Author Melissa F Kaelin "Beyond the 45th Parallel: The Beginner's Guide to Chasing Auroras		<i>*There may be times when events are subject to change.</i>	

December 2026 Williamston Area Senior Center Activities & Events

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
 1) 9-11:45 Cards 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 Chair Volleyball	2) 9-11:45 Cards 9:30 Chair Exercise 10:30 Exercise 11:45 LUNCH 12:00 Alzheimer's Assoc- 10 Warning Signs w/Bertha 1:00 -3:00 Needle Work	3) DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BASH 9-11:45 Cards 10:30 Exercise 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 Dewey Longuski; Guitar and Ukulele Music	10) 9-11:45 Cards 10:30 Exercise 10:30-11:10 Memorial Lutheran Children's Choir 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 WHS Jazz Band Holiday Music
7) 9-11:45am Cards 10:00 Blood Pressure Check 10:30 Exercise 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 "Not Your Shoe Size" w/ MI Author Jennifer DeVita	8) 9-11:45 Cards 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 Holiday Bingo w/ Chief Weiss!	9) 9-11:45am: Cards 9:30 Chair Exercise 10:30 Exercise 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 PALS visit for Holiday Craft "Memory Plates" 1:00 -3:00 Needle Work	17) 9-11:45 Cards 10:30 Exercise 11:45 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON 12:30 HOLIDAY CELEBRATION with a Secret Santa Claus, Ugly Sweater Competition and The Ukettes Holiday Musical!
14) 9-11:45 Cards 10:30 Exercise 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 Holiday Sparkle Make-Over Fun w/Belinda from Macys and Clinique 12:45 Book Club "The Christmas Train" by David Baldacci with a Book Exchange	15) 9-11:45 Cards 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 Mind Benders with CADL Jackie 12:30 WASC Board Meeting	16) 9-11:45 Cards 9:30 Chair Exercise 10:30 Exercise 11:45 LUNCH 12:30 Drum Circle 1:00 -3:00 Needle Work	24) CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS
21) CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS	22) CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS	23) CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS	31) HAPPY NEW YEARS EVE- BEST WISHES FOR 2027!
28) CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS	29) CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS	30) CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS	

*Unfortunately, there may be times that activities are subject to change.

NOVEMBER 2026 MENU		Williamston Area Senior Center	
MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2	3	4	5
Chicken Croissant Sandwich, Chips, & Dessert \$4.00 Per Person	Roast Turkey, Sweet Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Dinner Roll, Orange	Pork Chop, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Bread, Strawberry Applesauce	Swedish Meatballs & Egg Noodle Casserole, Salad, Dessert \$4 Per Person
9	10	11	12
Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Roll, and Dessert \$4.00 Per Person	Beef Taco, Black Beans, Spanish Rice, Banana	Closed for Veterans Day	Baked Potato Bar, Salad & Dessert \$4.00 Per Person
16	17	18	19
Soup, Salad & Dessert \$4 per person	Manicotti, Summer Squash, Spinach, Garlic Toast, Applesauce	Sheppards Pie, Green Beans, Cauliflower, Sliced Bread, Orange	Savory Pork Chop & Stuffing Bake, Salad & Dessert \$4 per person
23	24	25	26
Spinach Artichoke Chicken, Salad, Roll and Dessert \$4 Per Person	Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Cauliflower, Blueberry Muffin, Strawberry Applesauce	Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Green Bean Casserole, Sweet Potatoes, Stuffing, Pumpkin Pie	Closed Happy Thanksgiving
30			
Lazy Cheese Ravioli Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert \$4.00 Per Person			

*Please call 517-655-5173 for lunch reservations 24 hours in advance.



WILLIAMSTON AREA
SENIOR CENTER

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500 Williamston Center Rd.
Williamston, MI 48895

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WASC / Phone: 517-655-5173

Check out our Facebook page!
And don't hesitate to call the
center with questions about
activities-events or to make
reservations for lunch.



WILLIAMSTON AREA SENIOR CENTER MEMBERSHIP DUES 2026

Cost is \$12/year per person. Please complete the
information below and return to WASC along with your payment.

PRINT CLEARLY



NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY _____ STATE: _____ ZIP _____
TOWNSHIP: _____
HOME PHONE: _____ CELL : _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE: _____
ARE YOU A NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWING MEMBER _____
BIRTH DATE: _____
ARE YOU A VETERAN YES _____ NO _____
I GIVE THE WASC MY PERMISSION TO USE ANY PHOTOS/VIDEOS TAKE
OF ME: YES _____ NO _____
WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER: YES _____ NO _____

Initials _____ Date _____ Check # or Cash _____ Amount _____ Newsletter _____

Please complete form and return with your payment to:
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