# **PLEASANTRIES**

49 Pleasant Street Reading, MA 01867 (781) 942-6794 Hours: M-Th: 8:30am - 4:00pm Fr: 8:30am - 12:00pm www.readingma.gov/205/Elder-Human-Services

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Transportation is provided for some programming. Please call for availability.

Explore the secrets, compassion, rivalry, jealousy, and empathy that defined two of the Alcott sisters, Louisa and May. These remarkable women inspired the beloved characters of Little Women..

Join Concord playwrights Amy Cole and Stefanie Cloutier, staff members of the Concord Visitor Center and licensed tour guides, for an intimate living history performance that breathes life into the relationship of these two



extraordinary siblings. Don't miss this unique opportunity to delve into the heart of the Alcott sisters' story.

**Date:** Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> **Time:** 10:30am - 11:30am

#### **MINDFUL CRAFTERS**

Marianne Snow Presents
Mindful Crafters
Decoupage Pumpkins
Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>
9:30 - 11:30
Call to register
781-942-6794

#### **VAN TRIP**

Festival of Trees
Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>
Departing PSC at 9:30
Arriving PCS at 2:30
Max 14
Reading Residents Only
Call to register at 781-942-6794



#### **LUNCH AND LEARN**

#### Presents:

Reading Arts and Culture Plan
Please join
Community Development
Director Andrew MacNichol and
Senior Planner Olivia Knightly alongwith Consultant
Abby Judd
Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>
1:00 - 2:00
Call to sign up

(Catered by DiCara's Deli)

#### **FIBER ARTS PRESENTS**

Join Janice Bye: Mitred knitting
Learn how to create a block
that starts with enough stitches for 2
sides. Learn some

different ways to decrease to finish the block, then how to pick up

stitches. You can create an afghan that will be complete and there is no sewing together since the blocks will

be already attached.

Bring needles size US 6 (4.0 mm) or 7 (4,5 mm). Yarn will be provided.

Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup>

10:00 - 11:30

Call to register 781-942-6794

ARPA funded

**Limited Seating** 



#### **FITNESS**

#### **Mondays**

B.E.S.T. (Balance, Energy, Strength, Training):

9:00am - 10:00am Location: Great Room

**Chair Yoga:** 

11:15am - 12:15pm (Free)

Location: 2nd Floor **Zumba Gold with Kelli:** 

2:30pm - 3:15pm Location: Great Room

**Tuesdays** 

**Body and Brain Flexibility with Yasmin:** 

10:30am - 11:30am Location: 2nd Floor

Senior Fit /Zumba with Kelli:

2:30pm - 3:15pm Location: Great Room

Wednesdays

Yoga

11:45am - 12:30pm (FREE)

Location: 2nd Floor

Line Dancing with Val: (Class Cancelled on 11/27)

1:45pm - 2:30pm (Free) Location: Great Room

**Thursdays** 

Pom Poms with Joie Edson: (20 Max) No walk-Ins

8:30-9:30 (FREE) (No Class on 11/28)

Location: Great Room

Strength & Balance with Terry: 11:00am - 12:00pm (Free) Location: Great Room (No class on 11/28)

B.E.S.T. (Balance, Energy, Strength, Training):

9:00am - 10:00am

#### VETERANS SCUTTLEBUTT AT RMHS

**Tribute to Reading Veterans** Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am **Location: Reading Memorial High School** 

To any Veteran who would like their name read off at the RMHS gathering please email your name, branch of service and dates of service. To: William Valliere our Veterans Service Officer at 781-942-6652 or *email:* wvalliere@readingma.gov (VSO Valliere can assist on navigating filing disability claims and State benefits. Please contact Will Valliere for more information.)

#### SHINE COUNSELING

#### **SHINE Counseling (Appointment Only)**

Serving Health Information Needs of Everyone (SHINE) is a free Medicare benefits counseling program available to beneficiaries of all ages and people who are new to Medicare due to retirement, unemployment or disability.

Please call 781-942-6794 to request an in-person SHINE counseling appointment.

Other SHINE related matters, Call 1-800-AGE-INFO (1-800-243-4636) FOR QUESTIONS 24/7, Please call Medicare 1-800-633-4227

#### **ACTIVITIES/GAMES**

#### **Mondays**

**Bingo:** 10:30 - 12:00 (10 games for \$5.00) Lunch: 12:15 - 1:15 RSVP Required by Friday

**Cribbage:** 1:00 - 3:00 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Tuesdays** 

**Art with Steve:** 9:30 - 11:30

Pokeno: 1:00 - 3:00 (Bring your pennies)

Wednesdays

**Rummikub:** 1:00 - 3:00 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) **Fiber Art**: 10:00 - 11:30 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Thursdays** 

Billiards: 11:00 - 1:00 (Basement) 12:30 - 3:30 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) Mahjong:

**Fridays** 

Bridge: 9:00 - 12:00 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) No Rides on 11/29



📫 = Ride Available

#### **COMPLETE FOOT CARE**

Monthly Foot care Services Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> Marie Anderson NP Certified Foot Care Specialist Scheduled appointments only

Call 781-942-6794 to make an appointment

(ARPA Funded) Reading Residents only

#### **Low Vision Group**

#### **Low Vision Group**

Support group for those experiencing varying degrees of vision loss.

**2**<sup>nd</sup> **Wednesday** of every month.

Please call 781-942-6794 for more information

Sponsored by:

MA Association for Blind and Visually Impaired

Next Meeting: November 13<sup>th</sup>

#### **PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP**

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

1:00 - 2:00

Led by Kathy Hill, PT with the Greater Medford VNA. Call to register 781-942-6794

#### **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

#### Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00 to 10:00

Grief Support Group and Grief Education
The group, led by Trish Crean, LSW, Bereavement
Coordinator from All Care Hospice, is a general loss
group with grief education that allows for a safe,
nonjudgmental place to talk about the grief process
and move towards the future in a healthy way.
Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month.
Please call 781-942-6794 to reserve a spot

#### HAIRDRESSER

Linda Sullivan -Licensed Hair Dresser Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 - 1:30

By appointment only: 781-942-6794

<u>Trim and Blow out only</u> Washed hair preferred

Gratuities are Welcomed
Reading Residents Only
APRA Funded



#### VIRTUAL ART

Drawing with Susan Wednesday, November  $6^{th}$  and November  $20^{th}$  11:00 to 12:00

Drawing Materials: paper, pencil, (No.2, 2H, and 4B) for drawing, vinyl eraser and kneaded eraser recommended.

Virtual Zentangle with Susan Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 11:00 to 12:00

Zentangle Materials: paper, pencil, pen that writes nicely (Micron), blending tool such as a tortillon/blending stump

(cotton swab could work in a pinch).

Join us for a relaxing, meditative, comfortable art experience. Beginners are welcome.

Link for both classes below:

Meeting ID: 832 0512 2933 Passcode: McArts https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83205122933? pwd=dnFWODBLOFZITnpxSWh0N1U0UW1WQT09

#### **BIRTHDAY LUNCH**

Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> Starting at 1:00
Please call 781-942-6794 to reserve a spot
Reading residents ages 60+ receive a gift card for
your Birthday month.
\*No early arrivals please! Doors open at 12:45

#### PIZZA AND A MOVIE



### Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> Starts 12:45 "Young Women of the Sea"



Through the steadfast support of her older sister and trainers, Trudy Ederle overcomes adversity and the animosity of a patriarchal society to rise through the

animosity of a patriarchal society to rise through the ranks of the Olympic swimming team and complete a 21-mile trek from France to England.

Call to register at 781-942-6794

### READING PUBLIC LIBRARY

Murder in the Dark Screening
Saturday | November 16 | 2:00-4:15 pm Join us at the library for a screening of a ghost story psychological thriller that will have you on the edge of your seat until the final chilling twist. This production hails from the award-winning Original Theatre Company of Sheffield, England. Runs 1 hour 40 minutes with intermission. Visit: https://readingpl.libnet.info/event/11719823 for info.

#### HELPFUL RESOURCES

#### Council on Aging Meeting:

Next Council on Aging Meeting: November 13th

#### **Community Services Director**

Genevieve Fiorente 781-942-6672

#### **Town of Reading Select Board**

selectboard@ci.reading.ma.us

#### Mark Dockser, Member

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Jason.Lewis@masenate.gov

#### **Representative Brad Jones**

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Bradley.Jones@mahouse.gov

#### **U.S. Congressman Seth Moulton**

(978) 531-1669

#### **Representative Rich Haggerty**

(617) 722-2080

Richard.Haggerty@mahouse.gov

#### **Senator Jason Lewis Office Hours**

Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>
1:30 - 2:30 by appointment only

Please call 781-942-6794 to make your appointment

#### READING SELECT BOARD OFFICE HOURS

### <u>Please contact the Pleasant Street Center for</u> Select Board office hours!

Contact the Select Board anytime at selectboard@ci.reading.ma.us

#### ON THE GO!

Van transportation is a free service for our Reading senior community (60+)

Reservations are required at least <u>48 hours in advance</u> by calling the Pleasant Street Center (781) 942-6794. Seating is limited. Trips are subject to change.

#### Walmart

Tuesday, November 5th 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### **Redstone Shopping Center**

Tuesday, November 12th 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### Walmart

Tuesday, November 19th 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### Woburn Village, Target or Kohl's

Tuesday, November 26th 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### Market Basket or Stop & Shop:

Peter Sanborn: Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Neighborhood: Wednesdays 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Neighborhhod/Cedar Glen: Thursdays 9:30 - 10:30

Tannerville: Fridays 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

#### Rules of the road...

- · All riders must meet PSC Standards of Independence Policy
- · Seatbelts are required until the van comes to a complete stop.
- · 4 bags per rider.
- · Please be on time for all pickups!
- Please refrain from the use of colognes and perfumes when riding on the van. It has been known to cause an allergic reaction for some passengers.

Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **LUNCH AND LEARN**

John Gardinier from Therapy Gardens

Join us for some serious coffee talk. Learn about origination, cultivation, the enjoyment, historical impact on culture and more. We will also discuss different brewing methods and anything else we can think of.

Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm to 1:00pm
Please call to sign up

#### **AARP TAX VOLUNTEERS**

The Pleasant Street Senior Center is partnering with AARP of Massachusetts is seeking Volunteer Tax Preparers for the upcoming 2025 tax season.

No prior work related tax experience needed.

AARP of Massachusetts will provide training and support. Please visit the website below if you are interested in volunteering

https://www.aarp.org/forms/volunteer-tax-aide/

#### **BOOK CLUB**

Studio 64 Book Club next meeting at the Reading Public Library Friday, November 22nd 10:30 - 12:00 Valiant Ambition by Nathaniel Philbrick

#### LAMP REPAIR RETURNS

 $Fall\ Hours: \\ Wednesday,\ November\ 6^{th} and\ Nov\ 20^{th}$ 

Please affix a note on your lamp stating your name, telephone number, address and issue.

Note: Please wipe down your lamp before dropping it off and no lamp shades

The fee will be for parts only. Call 781-942-6794 for information

#### **TECH SUPPORT MY ACTIVE CENTER**

Tech Support with Nancy Ziemlack How to Register classes My Active Center on-line, Notifications Alerts from the Town and how to download the parking kiosks app. Call to register: 781-942-6794.

Please Note: The PSC Computer Lab is open Monday - Thursday 8:30 to 3:30 and on Fridays from 8:30 to 11:30 unless reserved for SHINE appointments.

#### LET'S GET DIGITAL

Let's Get Digital with John Tedesco Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30 - 11:00 Navigating My Active Center Online Registration Please bring your own Devices Call to Register 781-942-6794 Seats are Limited 15 Max

#### CHROMEBOOK LENDING PROGRAM

If you have been thinking about trying out technology, now is the time to give it a try. Our Chromebooks allow you to access the internet, use email, take part in virtual programs, and much more!

For a **2-month trial** The Pleasant Street Center provides a Chromebook lending program.

Contact 781-942-6796 if you are interested in borrowing a Chromebook or for more information.

#### **NEW SENIOR CENTER UPDATES**

Take a break and join the COA and EHS for afternoon of refreshments Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 3:00 - 4:00 The Council on Aging and Elder Human Services (E.H.S.) will be sharing the latest Reading updates on the new senior center and EHS programs. Stay informed! Call to register. 781-942-6794

#### **NEW DATE & TIME FIBER ARTS**

Learn how to make a scarf Come sit and chat while working on your own project and share your creativity! Yarn and Needles provided or feel free to bring your own knitting needles, crochet hooks or other fiber projects

Beginners are Welcome

Monday, November 4th 1:30pm - 3:00pm (Next Class December 2<sup>nd</sup>)



Please call 781-942-6794 for more Information and to sign up (Refreshments will be provided)

#### Alzheimer's Association Presents

**Effective Communication** Norma Mullican Wednesday, November 13th 10:30-11:30

Call to register 781-942-6794 Dementia affects a person's ability to communicate, making it hard to convey their wants and needs to the people around them. Caregivers can learn how to use a person-centered approach to communicate more effectively at any stage of the disease.

#### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING WITH OLIVIA

Blood Pressure Screening at the Pleasant Street Center Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 11:00am - 12:00pm

#### **PSC Men's Huddle**

Men's Huddle: Wednesday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov	/eml	oer **		9:00 B.E.S.T. 9:00 Bridge (2nd Floor) Closes at 12:00
9:00 B.E.S.T. 10:30 Bingo 11:15 Chair Yoga 12:15 Lunch 1:00 Cribbage 1:30 Sen. Lewis 1:30 Fiber Arts 2:30 Zumba Gold	9:30 ART 10:00 Walking Club 10:00 Caregiver Support 10:30 Body & Brain 1:00 POKENO 2:30 Senior Fit	9:30 Mindful Crafters 12:00 Lunch & Learn 11:00 Drawing (Virtual) 11:00 BP Clinic 11:45 Yoga 1:00 Rummikub 1:45 Line Dancing 4:00 Intergen. Program	7 8:30 POM POMS 10:00 Scuttlebutt @RMHS 11:00 Billiards 11:00 Strength Balance 12:30 Mahjong 1:00 Birthday Lunch	9:00 B.E.S.T. 9:00 Bridge (2nd Floor) 10:00 Rep Jones Closes at 12:00
Veteran's Day PSC Closed	9:30 Art 9:30 Fuel Assistance 10:00 Walking Club 10:30 Body & Brain 1:00 Cribbage 1:00 POKENO 2:30 Senior Fit	9:00 Bereavement 10:00 Fiber Arts Presents 10:30 Alzheimer's Educat. 11:00 Zantangle (Virtual) 11:45 Yoga 1:00 Rummikub 1:00 Parkinson's Support 1:45 Line Dancing	8:30 POM POMS 10:00 Diabetes 11:00 Billiards 11:00 Strength Balance 1:00 Lunch and Learn 12:30 Mahjong	9:00 B.E.S.T. 9:00 Bridge (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor) Closes at 12:00
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9:00 B.E.S.T. 9:30 Van Trip 10:30 Bingo 11:15 Chair Yoga 12:15 Lunch 1:00 Cribbage 2:30 Zumba Gold	9:30 Art 10:00 Walking Club 10:30 Body & Brain 1:00 POKENO 2:30 Senior Fit	9:00 Non Certified CPR 10:00 Men's Huddle 11:00 Zantangle (Virtual) 11:45 Yoga 1:00 Rummikub 1:45 Line Dancing (Cancelled)	Happy Thanksgiving PSC Closed	PSC Closed

#### **CPR NON CERTIFICATE TRAINING**

Learn how to respond if a friend or loved one suddenly collapses in front of you and they appear to be not breathing and do not have a pulse. This class will cover how to do hands only CPR, calling 911, and operating an AED. Instructor, Brian Roche a Reading Firefighter for 9 years and a certified paramedic for the past 10 years.

Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00 - 11:00am Call to Register at 781-942-6794

#### **Lunch and Learn** with Nutritionist Liz Morrison

Presents: "Gut Health"
Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Call to register at 781-942-6794
(Catered by Fat Larry's)

#### Calling all artists!

We are excited to showcase the incredible talent of our senior artists in the upcoming fall editions of Pleasantries. We invite you to submit photos of your creative work you have crafted.

Each month, we will select one artist to be featured.

To be considered, please send a photo of your artwork to Janet at JDubow@ci.reading.ma.us

#### **Intergenerational Competitive Jigsaw Puzzle Contest!**

Do you love puzzles? Have you ever put your skills to the test? Join Recreation and the Pleasant Street Center for an intergenerational competitive jigsaw puzzle contest! Sign up with family members or as an individual. Teams of 4 will be created upon arrival. Once teams are created, each team will receive identical 350-piece puzzles and 60 minutes to complete as much as possible. Once the timer starts, open the boxes and get your puzzling on in a race to beat your competition!

Date: Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 5:30pm at the Pleasant Street Center (Snacks and refreshments will be served. Open to 40 total participants, 20 seniors)

#### **Adopt a Family**

The Reading Senior Center is proud to collaborate with Reading Cares and their Adopt-A-Family program. This initiative connects donors anonymously with local families in need, providing Thanksgiving dinner ingredients, for children aged 18 and under and their families We are honored to participate in this cherished 30-year tradition in Reading.

This Holiday Season, let's ensure everyone has a full plate by donating non-perishable food items or Market Basket gifts cards! Together, we can make a difference and help families in need enjoy a hearty Thanksgiving meal. Please bring your donations by November 22nd to the Pleasant Street Center, a box will be located in the Great Room, if you are donating a gift card please leave that with a staff member. Let's work together to eliminate hunger in our community.

#### Automated Trash and Recycling Presentation with DPW Director Chris Cole

Chris Cole, Director of Public Works will be presenting the details of the transition to automated trash and recycling coming to Reading Spring 2025

Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 - 10:30 (Space is Limited) Call to register 781-942-6794



#### Online Registration through My Active Center

Over the next few months, we will be rolling out the My Active Center online registration program that is part of the My Senior-Center system here at the Pleasant Street Center. My Active Center will allow participants to sign up and register for allowed programs and events online from home once an account is set up. Over the next few months, the Pleasant Street Center will be having classes on how to use this new online registration tool. Please note, participants will still be able to register for programs and events in-person and over the phone.

Please keep an eye out for more information as well rolling this new online registration program out.

Thank you!

#### SUPPORT SERVICES

We are dedicated to helping our Reading residents live actively and engage in the community. We provide education, support, and services for residents of all ages.

**Reading Response**: offers Medical transportation, Lifeline Medical Alert and Adult Day Health.

#### Reading Response income guidelines:

1 person=\$55,000

2 person=\$62,850

For every \$5,000 over the income guidelines there is a \$5.00 copay.

Clients on standard Mass Health are not eligible

To schedule an appointment for any of the above services please contact:

Kerry Valle, Sr. Case Manager (781) 942-6659



#### FILE OF LIFE

In an emergency when First Responders arrive on scene they are looking for important information about the person in need. A **File of Life** allows our First Responders to immediately begin the best possible treatment, notify loved ones, and pass this vital information to awaiting physicians in the emergency room.

If you would like a **File of Life** or have questions about the program, please contact **Kerry Valle at (781) 942-6659** 

The File of Life is available at the Pleasant Street Center and are provided through a donation from the Fire Dept Local Union 1640.

#### **FUEL ASSISTANCE**

Starting November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 12:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month through April Fuel Assistance Program by Appointments only 781-942-6794

**Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc. (GLCAC)** 

Fuel Assistance: Aid is available to pay a portion of winter heating bills for the primary heat source for households meeting federal income guidelines. Payments are made directly to the fuel provider. Applies only to oil, propane, coal, wood, gas, kerosene & electric. If you need an application or are new to the program, please contact (978) 681-4950.

Please call 781-942-6794 to book your appointment.

#### **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT**

Are you a caregiver who is managing the day-to-day care of a spouse, partner or friend?

The Caregivers Support Group will be meeting monthly on the 1st Tuesday at the PSC from 10:00am to 11:00am to share experiences, talk about issues, solutions and to generally support one another through what can be a difficult journey.

Next meeting on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 - 11:00

Call to register 781-942-6794

#### **BUS TRIPS**

Royal Tours Presents
A visit to The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum
Lunch at Maggiano's Little Italy
Tuesday, November 12th
\$40.00 Per Person (Check only)
(Partially funded by ARPA)



Royal Tours Merrily present

"Nashville Christmas"
at the Danversport Yacht Club
Wednesday, December 11th, 2024
\$40.00 Per person (checks only)



#### **NOVEMBER DIABETES AWARENESS**

Lea Anne Pero, RN, BSN, MPH Public Health Nurse with the Middlesex-Essex Public Health Collaborative Presents;

#### **Diabetes in Older Adults.**

This diabetes education presentation will discuss diagnosis, risk factors, signs and symptoms, and special considerations for older adults. Nutrition, physical activity, and local resources

Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 - 11:00 Call to Register 781-942-6794

#### **Reading Elder Services**

16 Lowell Street Reading, MA 01867

#### **PLEASANTRIES**

Reading's Newsletter for Residents 60+ pleasantstreetcenter@ci.reading.ma.us https://www.readingma.gov/205/Elder-Human-Services

#### Did you know:

You can obtain a copy of the *Pleasantries* at several locations around town or via email at <u>readingma.gov</u>. If you would like to receive the newsletter by mail please send a note with your name, address and phone number to **Pleasant Street Center**:

49 Pleasant Street, Reading MA 01867.

#### RAMBLERS WALKING CLUB

The Reading Ramblers will be walk all around town. Walks are open to all and vary each week.

## Tuesdays at 10:00am Reading Ramblers November 2024 Schedule

11/05: Meet at the Library Entrance and walk to the newest park in town via Hunt Street.

11/12: Meet at the Parking lot between Walgreens and Angelos on Main Street in Stoneham.

11/19: Meet at the Pine Ridge Rd. parking area.

11/26: Meet at the Pleasant Street Center.

Check out Ramblers FB page for updates: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Readingramblers/">https://www.facebook.com/Readingramblers/</a>

### Walks will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

Contact the Pleasant Street Center for an updated departure location at 781-942-6794.



Folunteer Spotlight Biff Kazazian Lamp Repair

The Pleasant Street Center (PSC) has been incredibly fortunate to have Biff as a dedicated member of our volunteer team for the past eight years. Biff brings a unique and invaluable service to our community by repairing lamps for our seniors free of charge. His kindness and technical expertise have brightened both homes and spirits, as seniors only need to cover the cost of parts. This year alone, Biff has already restored 56 lamps to working order. His generosity and commitment to helping others embody the spirit of community that makes the Pleasant Street Center such a special place. Thank you, Biff, for all you do!

How long have you been volunteering at the PSC? Since 2016 What inspired you to start volunteering at the PSC? I have always volunteered in any town I live in. It is a part of giving back.

What is your favorite aspect of volunteering at the PSC? Helping others

What advice would you give to someone considering volunteering at the PSC? Come with an open mind.