

I am so excited to finally announce that the senior centers will be reopening on Monday, June 21st. We will start with very limited class offering and very strict safety guidelines, but at least we are starting!! As we work out all the details we will send out more specific information for everyone. We are so excited to take this step forward and look forward to seeing all of you again very soon.

- Kelly Maltsberger (Recreation Program Manager of Senior Centers / Activities)



On June 5th of 2019, the US Senate officially designated June 2019 as 'Great Outdoors Month.' 'Great Outdoors Week' began under President Clinton in 1998 and has grown under the Bush, Obama, and Trump administrations into a month-long celebration of the outdoors. Since 2008, governors from across the country have joined in designating June as a month to celebrate the great outdoors and more than half the states have already proclaimed June as Great Outdoors Month! Click <u>here</u> to see all the proclamations across the states below.



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To mark the 60th anniversary of the Freedom Rides, we spoke with veterans of the movement, as well as author Eric Etheridge, whose book Breach of Peace features a photo-history of the 1961 Mississippi Freedom Riders and offers a window into what it felt like to live through this pivotal moment in history. Click <u>here</u> to read the full Q&A article!



Meet Carrie Morey -- an award-winning baker, cookbook author and entrepreneur who is growing a tiny made-by-hand mail order biscuit company into a booming business with a ravenous following. Nurturing a family of three teenage girls and a demanding business in Charleston, South Carolina, Carrie is always in a state of motion. Through the bustle and demand, mishaps and triumphs, flour shortages, employee conflict, soccer games and missed birthdays -- what Carrie craves most is just to make it home in time for supper! The inaugural season of How She Rolls features a delicious mixture of mouth-watering Southern fare, the highs and lows of entrepreneurship and a view of family life in the Lowcountry of South Carolina. Click here to see episodes!



Classic Films. Classic Experience. Flashing marquee lights. Buttery popcorn. Colossal screen. It's that movie palace atmosphere, an air-conditioned oasis. THIS is how movies were meant to be seen. The 46th Annual Paramount Summer Classic Film Series presented by CapMetro returns Thursday, May 27. This year, we'll be announcing new films each month. Check back <u>here</u> for our "July Films" schedule drop on Tues, June 22.



The show goes on! Back by popular demand, we are pleased to announce the **Songs Under the Stars: Summer Concert Series!** Socially-distanced, live, and outdoors on the People's Plaza, we're "running it back" June 10th -August 8th. Four Concerts, eight Weekends, and a whole lot of Summer fun! No Summertime sadness around here! Choose from the Rockabilly Kings, 70s Female Rockstars, Come Together: Beatles Redux, or an 80's Dance Party. Click here to preview the concerts.

### AFRICAN - AMERICAN MUSIC Appreciation Month

The United States has been celebrating African-American Music Appreciation Month in June since 1979. The month of June is set aside to appreciate the contributions of African-American musicians, composers, singers, and songwriters in American culture. The month honors the history and rich African traditions that gave birth to different styles of music such as rap, hip-hop, jazz, rhythm and blues, barbershop, and swing. It is also the month to celebrate creative inspiration and appreciate the impact that African-American music has had on generations of performers and music lovers! Click <u>here</u> for full article.

BIOGRAPHY.

### **WHO INSPIRED**



Everybody knows the names Sam and Diane. Predating iconic TV couples such as Ross and Rachel or Jim and Pam, the Cheers characters quickly became the topic of water-cooler conversations when the sitcom premiered in September 1989. Diane Chambers (Shelley Long) was a snooty grad student turned waitress whose cultured upbringing played in contrast with bar owner Sam Malone's (Ted Danson) salt-of-the-earth bar frankness. As much as the strange bedfellow pairing set the stage for future onscreen relationships, even Sam and Diane were modeled after somebody else. "We wanted to create a show around a Katharine Hepburn-Spencer Tracy-type relationship," co-creator and executive producer James Burrows told the New York Times. "She is uptown, he is downtown." Read the full article here.

# 7 FACTS ABOUTTHE STONEWALL RIOTS

The movement for LGBTQ rights in the United States dates at least as far back as the 1920s, when the first documented gay rights organization was founded. Since then, various groups have advocated for LGBTQ rights and the movement accelerated in the wake of the Stonewall Riots of 1969. Click <u>here</u> to see a list of surprising facts about Stonewall and the struggles and milestones of the gay rights movement.

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# WILL INTERSTELLAR TRAVEL EVER BE POSSIBLE? Discovery



Listen folks, I love a good sci-fi movie as much as anyone. Cruising around the galaxy, finding weird stuff, and blowing up aliens--it's all good. But just because a writer can come up with something, it doesn't make it possible. I'm sorry to say that we're going to be bound to our solar system for a really, really long time. As in, probably forever. Let's get some perspective. The nearest star to Earth (which is also home to a small rocky world!) is Proxima Centauri, which sits a little less than 4 light-years away. Four! That's doesn't sound like a lot, does it? Imagine making a scale model of our solar system. Let's say in that scale model you put the Earth three feet away from the Sun. In that scale model, Proxima Centauri would sit about 200 miles away. Click here for full article.



Painter Alyssa Monks finds beauty and inspiration in the unknown, the unpredictable and even the awful. In a poetic, intimate talk, she describes the interaction of life, paint and canvas through her development as an artist, and as a human. Click <u>here</u> for video.



Almost 30 years ago, Pico Iyer took a trip to Japan, fell in love with the country and moved there. A keen observer of the human spirit, Iyer professes that he now feels he knows far less about Japan -- or, indeed, about anything -- than he thought he knew three decades ago. In this lyrical meditation on wisdom, Iyer expands on this curious insight about knowledge gained with age: that the more we know, the more we see how little we know. Click <u>here</u> for video.

# SENIOR CENTERS RE-OPENING

MONDAY, JUNE 21ST *LIMITED PROGRAMS ONLY* 

We are excited to announce that the center will be re-opening June 21, 2021. Pre-registration will be

required for all available programs. We will be adhering to COVID-19 protocols to ensure participant safety and masks are recommended to be worn at all times. More details and information to come in the next few weeks. We are excited to see you all again!



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### PARD SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

We are excited to announce the re-opening of the City of Austin's Parks & Recreation Senior Transportation! We know it has been a long time of persisting through this pandemic, but we are grateful to have the opportunity to open back up to assist you with your transportation needs. As of now we are assisting with transportation for *personal errands* and *medical appointments* for registered patrons.

We hope this is just the beginning of safe steps in coming back to a form of

normalcy and are excited to see you all again very soon.

### 512-974-1464

#### Click <u>here</u> for Senior Transportation General Info and Rider's Guide to register



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Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.

#### WHO COULD BENEFIT?

Anyone 60 years or older who:

- · is concerned about falls
- is interested in improving balance, flexibility, and strength
- has fallen in the past
- has restricted activities because of concerns about falling
- is able to problem solve and remember discussions

#### YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity

\*Upcoming Online 9-week Workshop\*

ONLINE – JOIN WITH COMPUTER, TABLET OR SMART PHONE

> Wednesdays June 2 – July 28 9:00 – 11:00

#### **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

There is NO COST to participate Class size limited to 12 participants

#### To REGISTER, please contact:

Jessica Martone

- reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

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I'm nervous about getting a vaccine. l havent seen my grandkids in over a year.

I miss my friends and the things we used

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