

# Damascus 55+ Senior Center

25520 OAK DRIVE, DAMASCUS, MD 20872



January 2026

**DAMASCUS  
SENIOR CENTER  
HOURS AT OAK  
DRIVE**

**240-777-6995**

**Mon., Tues., Wed.,  
Fri.**

**9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

**Thurs.**

**9:00 a.m.—7:30 p.m.**

## TEAM MEMBERS

**Director:**

**James Berardi**

**Nutrition**

**Coordinator:**

**Teresa Wu**

**Special Events**

**Coordinator:**

**Lisa Cassarino**

**Liscinsky**

**Program Assistants:**

**Carmen Flores**

**Suzie Diddle**

**Sharron Yankah**

**JCA Bus Driver:**

**Pierre Jean Claude**

**Day Porter:**

**Maria Ortega**

**We are fortunate to have many treasured volunteers assisting as well. Together, we are delighted to spend the day with you! Please let us know how we can be of assistance!**

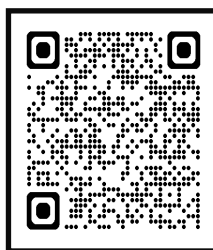
**Message from The Director:** Happy New Year! As we begin this new year together, let's carry forward the kindness and warmth that make our community so special. Every smile shared, every helping hand extended, and every moment of connection reminds us that you have a home here at Damascus Senior Center. Here's to spreading kindness, celebrating our friendships, and continuing the beautiful spirit of community we've created together!

**Spring Activities Registration Date: Feb 18 at 9 A.M.**

### Inclement Weather Policy

Please sign up for **Alert Montgomery** to stay up to date on our Montgomery County closures.

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OEMHS/AlertMontgomery/index.html>



### **If MCPS Closes:**

All activities are canceled.

Senior Nutrition Program & Transportation are canceled.

Senior Center will open at 9 a.m. as a warm safe space.

### **If MCPS 2 Hour Delay:**

Activities starting before 10 a.m. are canceled.

Senior Nutrition Program & Transportation are canceled.

Senior Center will open at 9 a.m. as a warm safe space.

### **Cardboard Boat Regatta Design & Build Starts**

Wed, Thur, Fri 10am– 1pm; Act #R07107-245

Help Damascus build a boat out of cardboard, duct tape, and trash bags to race in the annual Senior Center Boat Race!

### **The 1:00 Program**

- ♦ **Musical Performance by Frank P:** Wed, Jan 7
- ♦ **Birthday Party:** Thur, Jan 8
- ♦ **Downsizing Presentation by Moving Forward:** Tue, Jan 13
- ♦ **Retro Show & Tell:** Thur, Jan 15
- ♦ **Introduction to Boccee Ball w/ Matt Connolly:** Tue, Jan 20
- ♦ **Musical Performance by Gwen G:** Wed, Jan 21
- ♦ **Celebrate National Popcorn Day** Tue, Jan 22
- ♦ **Chat with the Director:** Tue, Jan 27

**Activity Registrations:** Montgomery County Recreation requires pre-registration for all activities, and follows a first-come, first-served approach. To create the best possible experience for all participants, each activity has a limited capacity. If an activity reaches full capacity, you'll be placed on a waitlist, and we will inform you if a spot becomes available. Please see our full registration and waitlist policy for more details. Thank you for your participation, and we look forward to seeing you in our activities!

Please see activity registration form for full list of activities.

## Physical Health

### Fitness Classes

**Tai Chi** on Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. *Activity #R07025-211*

**Trail Walking Club** on Wednesdays, 9:15 a.m. *Activity #R07035-222*

**Ballroom Dancing (Non Instructional)** on Thursdays, 1 p.m. *Activity #R07129-211*

**Zumba Gold** on Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. *Activity #R07070-225*

### Fitness Room

**Fitness Room Orientation:** Jan 12 at 11– Noon *Activity #R07039-232*

### Health Screenings

**Blood Pressure Screening:** Jan 14 at 10:30– 11:30 *Activity #R07108-235*

## Creativity & Arts

**Quilting Club:** Mondays, 2 p.m. , *Activity #R07056-221*

**Reader's Theater:** Mondays, 2:30 p.m. , *Activity #R07056-204*

**Drawing Club:** Wednesday, 2 p.m. , *Activity #R07052-211*

**Needlecraft Group:** Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. , *Activity #R07053-220*

## Games & Competition

### Dice, Card, Board, and Sports Games

**American Mah Jongg Club** Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. , *Activity #R07047-262*

**Billiards Club** Tues-Thur 10:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. , *Activity #R07074-213*

**Bridge Club w/ Instruction**, Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. , *Activity #R07074-263*

**Canasta Club**, Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. , *Activity #R07112-264*

**Rummikub Club**, Monday– Friday 9 a.m.–Noon , *Activity #R07112-252*

## Senior Nutrition Program

Lunch is served daily at Noon, provided by Dutch Mill Catering on behalf of the *Senior Nutrition Program*. Reservations must be made one week in advance. If you reserve a meal but can't make it on your selected dates, please notify the center as soon as possible. Meals are to be consumed in the social hall only. Donations are suggested at \$3.00 or more per meal for those 60+ years of age. Currently we are not accepting new applications. We apologize for the inconvenience. Feel free to bring your own lunch and join us! We'd love to share a meal together and enjoy great company!

## Social Services

### **Aging and Disability Services (240-777-3000)**

We encourage you to call to discover valuable information about senior health services, transportation options, and housing resources. They are here to help you navigate Montgomery County resources effectively. **Walk In Appointments at Damascus Community Center on January 21 with Tracy Carter.**

### **Coping with Change, Thursdays at 11:00 am**

Free support group with Liora Rosenberg focusing on both support and coping skills to handle the changes that seniors experience as they age. Hosted by the Affiliated Sante Group. For questions, call 301-332-4546. *Activity #R07076-208*

## Travel

### **Daily Bus Transportation**

Free bus transportation (Mon—Fri) is available for Montgomery County residents living within a 5-mile radius. The bus arrives at the center at 9:00 a.m. and departs at 2:00 p.m.. Applications can be obtained at the front desk and are accepted on an on-going basis. Please note that space is limited, and there is no guarantee of availability.

### **Mini Trips**

**Milestone Shopping Center:** Mon, Jan 5 at 9:30 a.m., *Activity # R07101-292*

**Germantown Library:** Fri, Jan 9 at 9:45 a.m., *Activity # R07101-287*

**India Bazarr:** Mon, Jan 12 at 9:30 a.m., *Activity # R07101-201*

**Amish Market:** Fri, Jan 23 at 9:30 a.m., *Activity # R07101-293*

**Mt. Airy Walmart:** Mon, Jan 26 at 9:30 a.m., *Activity # R07101-203*

**Delaplane Arts Centers:** Wed, Jan 28 at 9:15 a.m., *Activity # R07101-295*

## Drop In Activities

Game Room & Billiards: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.—9 p.m., Fri 9 a.m.—6 p.m.

Weight Room: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.—9 p.m., Fri 9 a.m.—6 p.m.

Competitive Pickleball: Tuesday/Thursday 9 a.m.— 2:45 p.m.

Beginner Drop In Pickleball (1 Court) : Mondays/ Fridays 2 p.m.— 3:45 p.m.

## Volunteering



Are you interested in helping individuals enhance their health and well-being? Discover the various ways you can support our Senior Center. Whether it's assisting with the coffee social or 1 PM programs, collecting attendance, or even teaching a subject you are passionate about, we are here to help you make a difference.

Join our team of dedicated volunteers while building lasting relationships with others in the community. If you are interested, please contact the Damascus Senior Center Director, James Berardi.

Email: [James.Berardi@MontgomeryCountyMD.Gov](mailto:James.Berardi@MontgomeryCountyMD.Gov)

Phone: 240-777-6996



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Damascus Senior Center</b> <b>January 2026</b> <b>Thank you for spending your January with us!</b> <b>Please call 240-777-6995 if you have any questions!</b>			<b>1</b> <b>Closed for</b> <b>New Years Day</b> 	<b>2</b> 9:00 Coffee Social 10:00 Chairobics 12:00 Lunch 1:00 Friday Face Off– Trivia
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