



# Allendale Lifelong Learners

March 2024





## From the Directors Desk!

### Welcome to MARCH!

I am ready for warmer weather and all the activities that come with it! I have been researching and planning our day trips that start in April. Updates will be available soon! If you have ideas and suggestions, please share them with me!

By now, I'm sure you have noticed more DAILY event options in our monthly calendar!!! Thank you for attending and trying new things! As we move into the year you will find a "new normal" routine for all weekly events!

### Reminders:

- Join the Leadership Team! Help make this program It's best! First Wednesday of the month 12pm bring a lunch!
- If Allendale Public Schools are CLOSED due to weather, all Lifelong Learner events are Cancelled!
- Donations of packaged Snacks, coffee, Styrofoam cups, paper plates, plastic silverware, small bingo prizes are always appreciated and helps free up money for other wants/needs this program can use!
- Newsletters are no longer mailed out
- No member fees

### Contact me!

If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to stop at the township or reach me at the following:

Phone: (616) 202-1547

Email: [natashashepard@allendale-twp.org](mailto:natashashepard@allendale-twp.org)



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# March 2024

| Sun | Mon  | Tue                                  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri                                     | Sat |
|-----|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|-----|
|     |  |                                      |  |  | 1<br>Game On<br>1-3pm @<br>Township     | 2   |
| 3   | 4<br>Breakfast @<br>Murphys<br>8:30am      | 5<br>Knitting @<br>Library 2-4pm     | 6<br>Leadership<br>Meeting @<br>Township<br>12pm         | 7<br>Exercise Class<br>@ Love Inc<br>11am  | 8<br>Movie @<br>Library<br>1pm          | 9   |
| 10  | 11<br>Lunch @<br>Nest Egg<br>11:30am       | 12<br>Hand & Foot @<br>Library 2-4pm | 13<br>Potluck & Card<br>Bingo @<br>Township<br>12pm      | 14<br>Exercise Class<br>@ Love Inc<br>11am | 15<br>Allendale<br>175th<br>Anniversary | 16  |
| 17  | 18<br>Color Therapy<br>1-3pm @<br>Township | 19<br>Knitting @<br>Library 2pm      | 20<br>Pizza Ranch<br>Senior Special<br>\$9.99<br>2pm-4pm | 21<br>Exercise Class<br>@ Love Inc<br>11am | 22<br>Movie @<br>Library<br>1pm         | 23  |
| 24  | 25<br>Bunco @<br>Township<br>1-3pm         | 26<br>Euchre @ Library<br>2pm        | 27<br>Lunch & Learn<br>Main St. Pub<br>12pm              | 28<br>Exercise Class<br>@ Love Inc<br>11am | 29                                      | 30  |

## March 2024 Calendar Details

**March 1** - Bring a game or play ours from 1-3pm at the township (Cornhole, Dominos, Uno, Checkers, Monopoly, Yahtzee, Cribbage & other card games) (water, juice, tea & snacks provided)

**March 6** - Leadership Meeting 12pm bring a lunch and let's discuss how to make this program be its BEST!

**March 8** - Join us at the Library to watch "Downton Abbey: A new Era" 1pm (popcorn & water provided)

**March 13** - Bring a dish to pass or pay \$5 and bring a prize for card bingo!

**March 15** - No event due to Allendales 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Township Staff

**March 18** - Coloring strengthens motor skills, enhances eye and hand coordination. It improves dexterity, grip control and focus. Bring whatever supplies you would like or use ours! (water, tea & snacks provided)

**March 20** – Meet at Pizza Ranch in Hudsonville for the Senior Special buffet for \$9.99!

**March 22** - Join us at the Library to watch "Family Camp" 1pm (popcorn & water provided)

**March 25** - Bring \$5 and Join us for Bunco at the Township from 1-3pm

**March 27** - Lunch & Learn at Main St. Pub w/ guest speaker



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# Resources



**Non-Emergency Number- 1-800-249-0911**

**Emergency Number- 911**

**Love Inc. of Allendale: (616) 895-5683**

- Food Pantry
- Financial Assistance
- Medical Equipment
- Clothing & household items
- Budget & Employment
- Prayer Requests

**Senior Resources: (231) 733-5858**

- Medical Loan Closet
- Michigan Medicare Assistance Program (MMAP)
- Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

**Age Well Services: (231) 755-0434**

- Elder Abuse Awareness
- Discount Dining Program
- Meals on Wheels
- Senior Medical Transportation

**HOME CARE AGENCIES-** In Home care may include personal care, respite care, companionship, homemaking services, or assistance with activities of daily living. (Here is just a few)

**Elders Helpers**

500 Cherry St  
SE Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
616-454-8305

**Comfort Keepers**

837 Maple Ave  
Holland, MI 49423  
616-303-5738

**Arcadia Healthcare**

511 Wilson Ave  
NW Grand Rapids, MI 49534  
616-735-4506

Thursdays at 11:00 AM—Exercise class is located at 6631 Lake Michigan Drive

Ripple Effect—6561 Lake Michigan Drive. If you are interested in helping, please stop by and let them know.

Love INC—Volunteers are needed to work in their “New to You” store or in the office. Contact them directly at 895-5629

Engine House #5—Docents who have a passion for sharing history are needed! Contact Jeff Blum, at 616.304.1084 or [jblum@wcgrp.com](mailto:jblum@wcgrp.com) for details.

Allendale Public Library—Become a friend of the Library and find ways to give back to our community. Contact Abby @ 616-895-4178.

Allendale Public Schools—Contact Kari Weirsmä for opportunities to volunteer in our local schools. Call her at 616-892-3458.

Senior Citizen Golden Age Pass—If you are 60 years or older and would like FREE admission to all school sponsored activities and sporting events, stop by the Allendale Public School District office, 10505 Learning Lane. These are free to residents over 60 that live in the school district. Passes cannot be used for play-off events, but will get you free admission to regular season games and activities.

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Across

4. capital of Ireland
5. a type of Irish dance
7. if you do not wear green on March 17 this will happen
9. the day St. Patrick's Day falls on
11. the national emblem of Ireland
12. yellow and blue make \_\_\_\_\_
13. from Ireland

## Down

1. the 3rd month of the year
2. good fortune
3. nonsense or misleading talk
6. called the Emerald Isle
7. a starchy vegetable
8. a sprite
10. 4 leaf \_\_\_\_\_

# SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

## Wordsearch



### WORD LIST

CELEBRATE  
CELTIC  
COINS  
DANCE  
FIDDLE

GOLD  
GREEN  
HARP  
HORSESHOE  
IRELAND

IRISH FLAG  
LEPRECHAUN  
LIMERICK  
LUCK  
MARCH

PARADE  
RAINBOW  
SAINT PATRICK  
SHAMROCK  
TRINITY

*Homemade*  
GIFTS MADE EASY