NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

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CLOSED ON TUE. NOV. 3 & WED. NOV. 11 & THU. NOV. 26 & FRI. NOV. 27

Note from your Adult & Senior Program Coordinator:

"There is always someone or something somewhere to cherish and be thankful for. I am grateful for the opportunity to be in this position and thankful to be accepted.- Kia S."

Announcements

- TechTalk is back until December! Drop-in on Thursdays 1-3PM at the Annex. Every 2nd Thursday will have themed sessions from 2-3PM.
- We will be closed a few days this month!
  - Tuesday, Nov. 3 for Election Day
  - Wednesday, Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day
  - Thursday and Friday. Nov. 26-27 for Thanksgiving Weekend
- No programming after 11:00AM at HRC on 11/12
- No programming after 11:00AM at DA on 11/19

Monthly Meals with Friends

Sign-up at Douglass Annex, Hays Recreation Center, or online!

- **Burgers & Frydays:** Friday, Nov. 6 at 11:30AM
  - Aspen Tap House (2001 S. Neil St., Champaign, IL)
- ***NO LUNCH BUNCH IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY***
- **J.U.L.I.E.T's:** Friday, Nov. 13 at 8:30AM
  - Espresso Royale Cafe (2401 Village Green Pl., Champaign, IL)
- **Supper Club:** Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 4:00PM
  - Cracker Barrel (2101 N. Kenyon Rd., Urbana, IL)

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Tech Talk: Getting to Know Your Phone pt. 2

12/10 | 2:00-3:00PM at DOUGLASS ANNEX

This second session, we will review the basics of using your Android or iPhone with confidence. This beginner-friendly class will cover essential phone features, settings, apps, texting, calling, internet access, and helpful tips for keeping your device safe and organized. Participants will have hands-on opportunities to practice using their own phones and ask questions.

Limited Availability; sign-up at Douglass Annex or Hays Recreation Center!

Veteran's Day Potluck (11/12)

Thursday, Nov. 12th 12:00PM-1:00PM at DOUGLASS ANNEX

Recognize Veterans Day with us at our annual Ham & Bean lunch! Enjoy a delicious meal, fellowship with friends, and an opportunity to recognize the dedication and sacrifice of our veterans.

Fee: FREE

Sign-up at Douglass Annex, Hays Recreation Center, Martens Center, or online!

Thanksgiving Potluck (11/19)

Thursday, Nov. 19th 12:00PM-1:00PM at HAYS RECREATION CENTER

Gather for an afternoon of fellowship with friends old and new, while enjoying filling food! Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy an exciting game of Thanksgiving BINGO and meaningful conversation as we celebrate the season of gratitude. There's always a place at our table.

Fee: FREE

Sign-up at Douglass Annex, Hays Recreation Center, Martens Center, or online!

Crafts for November at Hays

Nov. 10: Fabric Tuck Art (*Kinusaiga)*

Nov. 17: Hot Air Balloon Wind Spinner

Nov. 24: Embroidered Holiday Cards



NEW PROGRAMMING

COORDINATOR HOUR! AT DOUGLASS ANNEX (NEW)

EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY, 10:00AM-12:00PM
DOUGLASS ANNEX
Have questions, concerns, or suggestions? Stop by every other Wednesday from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM for one-on-one office hours. Appointments are preferred, and sessions are limited to 30 minutes to ensure everyone has an opportunity to connect.
REMAINING DATES: 11/18; 12/09; 12/23
STARTED OCT. 2026

CARDS AND GAMES! AT HAYS (UPDATED)

THURSDAYS, 1:00PM-2:30PM
HAYS RECREATION CENTER
Spend quality time with friends while playing a variety of beloved games**.** Of course, you can still come and play whichever game you would like but here's another option! Want to learn how to play Bridge? One of our seniors in the community is welcoming people to come and learn how to play Bridge during this time.
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TECH TALK! AT DOUGLASS ANNEX (UPDATED)

SECOND THURSDAY, 2:00PM-3:00PM
DOUGLASS ANNEX
On the second Thursday of each month, Tech Talk will feature a new theme with a focused lesson or discussion on topics such as understanding your smartphone, navigating email, online safety, apps, and artificial intelligence.
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MOVIE FRIDAY! AT HAYS (NEW)

SECOND AND FOURTH FRIDAY, 10:00AM-12:00PM
HAYS RECREATION CENTER
I'm sure you already know about Movie Mondays at the Annex but now tune into a movie every month with your friends at Hays Recreation Center! Sit back, relax, and immerse yourself in the magic of the movies on select Fridays throughout the year. We will provide the popcorn or bring your own snacks, then kick back, and enjoy the show.
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GET UP AND MOVE! (NEW)

FRIDAYS, 10:00-11:30AM
DOUGLASS ANNEX
Use your muscles from the comfort of a chair! Our sessions cater to your fitness goals and help ignite your metabolism and shed calories with chair-based workouts. Discover the joy of movement and embark on a journey to a healthier, happier you
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