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From all of us

at the Seniors Resource Centre!

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SENIORS RESOURCE CENTRE



HOLIDAY CLOSURE:

Our office will be CLOSED

December 26

and

December 27



You have probably noticed the for lease sign in our window and are wondering what that is all about.

The Seniors Resource Centre is bursting at the seams at this location. We are in the process of securing a new space for the Resource Center. If you know any business looking for a space to lease here is the link to the listing for more details.

https://www.realtor.ca/real-estate/25095035/721-victoria-street-pgcity-central





ARE YOU A CAREGIVER?

The Prince George Council of Seniors is pleased to announce our NEW Friends and Family Caregiver Support Program

Are you the caregiver for a senior who lives in the Prince George area?



Do you need practical ideas to help you care for your loved one?



Do you feel frustrated, angry, sad, overwhelmed, guilty, helpless, hopeless, tired?



Do you need help to care for YOU?



WE ARE THE NEW CAREGIVERS SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR PRINCE GEORGE & AREA SENIORS

OUR SERVICE IS FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL

JOIN US FOR COFFEE GATHERINGS, WORKSHOPS, GROUP AND 1:1 SESSIONS
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL US AT
250-564-5888

What we offer:

1:1 peer support sessions

Weekly coffee/social chat gatherings

Group activities: bi-weekly walking groups (indoors & outdoors - weather dependant)

Monthly Lunch & Learn workshops – guest speakers, continuing education, support & self-care (in person or online – weather dependent)

Wellness check ins with those unable to attend the groups

Group snowshoe - weather dependant

LET US HELP!

We are here to help you maneuver through the challenges that you face as a caregiver by offering informed education, fun self-care activities and groups.

721 Victoria Street
Prince George BC
250-564-5888
email: csp@pgcos.ca





Working with communities in BC's Interior, Lower Mainland, Central & Northern Vancouver Island



Weekly



PG Friends & Family Caregivers Program Coffee & Chat



Wednesdays

11am
at 1590 - 9th
Avenue
Please call Laurie
at
250-564-5888 to
register as space
is limited





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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS — once per week approximately 10:30 to noon to deliver hot meals to homebound clients. have friendly manner, valid drivers license, reliable vehicle, and Criminal Record check.

Contact Nicole.pgcos@gmail.com

We help eligible older adults with their Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Representation Agreements.

Free Advance Planning Help for Low-Income Seniors (55+)

The Prince George Council of Seniors and Seniors First BC are partnering with local volunteer legal professionals to offer free advance planning documents (Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Representation Agreements) to eligible seniors (55+).

Clinics are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month* by appointment at the Brunswick Street Seniors Centre (425 Brunswick Street).

*Clinic schedule subject to change.

Scan the QR code or visit **linktr.ee/seniorsfirstbc** to learn about other SFBC clinic locations and legal programs.



Eligibility criteria:

- Age: **55**+
- Income ceiling (gross): \$40K + \$10K per additional household member
- Asset test determined during booking

Exceptions may be made, on a case-by-case basis.

To determine eligibility and to book an appointment, please call **1-833-512-0665**.

seniors first BC





ELDER CITIZENS RECREATION ASSOCIATION

1692 TENTH AVENUE 250 561 9381

https://eldercitizens.wixsite.com/website





ECRA....DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CRA				1 10:00 Craft Group 1:00 Forever Young Choir 1:00 Floor Curling	9:45 & 11:00 Tai Chi 7:00 Whist	3 CHRISTMAS DINNER 5:00 PM
4	5 10:00 Ukulele Group 10:00 Yoga 1:00 Canasta	6 9:00 Reg Line Dancing 9:45 & 11:00 Tai Chi 7:00 Cribbage	7 9:45 Floor Curling 1:00 Carpet Bowl	8 10:00 Craft Group 1:00 Forever Young Choir 1:00 Floor Curling	9 9:45 & 11:00 Tai Chi	10
11 CHRISTMAS SING ALONG 2 PM	12 10:00 Ukulele Group 10:00 Yoga 1:00 Canasta	9:00 Footcare 9:00 Reg Line Dancing 9:45 & 11:00 Tai Chi 7:00 Cribbage	9:45 Floor Curling 1:00 Carpet Bowl 1:00 Birthday Tea	9:00 Board Meeting 10:00 Craft Group 1:00 Forever Young Choir 1:00 Floor Curling	16 9:45 & 11:00 Tai Chi 7:00 Whist	17
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25	MERRY CHRISTMAS	HAPPY HOLIDAYS		MERRY CHRISTMAS	HAPPY HOLIDAYS	31



December 2022 Lunch Menu



(subject to change without notice) Desserts are not included with the Meal

1st	Meatblls w/Blck Bean Sce, Rice & Pppr Mdly	
2nd	Ribs, Baked Potatoes & Vegetables	
5th	Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes & Veg	
6th	Chicken Souvlaki, Greek Pot & Veg	
7th	Creamy Pasta with Shrimp & Vegetables	
8th	Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Veg	
9th	Cabbage Rolls, Baked Potatoes & Veg	
12th	Mncd Bf w/ Mshrmn Grvy, Roast Pot & Veg	
13th	Smokies & Perogies	
14th	Lasagna and Garlic Toast	Birthday Tea
15th	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Vegetables	Board Mtg
16th	Roast Beef, Mashed Pot, Veg & Yorkshire	
19th	Peppered Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Veg	
20th	Chicken & Biscuits & Vegetables	
21 st	Teriyaki Pork, Chow Mein, Rice & Stirfry	
22nd	CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS	
23rd		
26th		
27th	See you in the New Year!!	
28th	Have a Great Christmas and	
29th	New Year!!!	
30th		



Elder Citizens' Recreation Association

1692 Tenth Avenue, Prince George

Annual ECRA Christmas Dinners

Saturday, November 26th, 2022 at 5:00 pm Saturday, December 3rd, 2022 at 5:00 pm

Doors Open at 4:00 pm

Cost \$22.00 per person

Tickets on sale starting October 28, 2022

These dinners sell out early



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QUARTERLY MEETINGS

REGARDING YOUR PENSION & BENEFITS

For more information:

Karen 250 640 0006

email kfmck12@gmail.com



Prince George Senior Activity Centre - 425 Brunswick

Christmas Dinner

Turkey and Ham dinner, with all the trimmings

December 10

Dinner, Prizes & Surprises

Doors open at 5pm

Dinner at 5:30

Tickets \$25

Children 8 and under \$10

Tickets Available Now – Pre-purchase Required - Prior to December 6 NO Tickets at the door

Tickets available Monday to Friday – 9am to 3pm at the centre, 425 Brunswick Street

Everyone Welcome

Prince George Senior Activity Centre – 425 Brunswick St. – 250-563-1915

Website: https://senioractivitypg.wixsite.com/brunswickst Facebook: Prince George Senior Centre





Prince George Senior Activity Centre 425 Brunswick St

December 31

Prizes, fun & more

Doors open: 7pm

Music starts 8pm - Cariboo Thunder

Appies 10:30pm

\$40 per ticket / person

Pre-purchase required - prior to Dec 22

Available now - in the office

Everyone 19+ is Welcome

Contact the Prince George Senior Activity Centre- 425 Brunswick, for more info: 250-563-1915

SPRUCE CAPITOL SENIORS

ADDRESS: 3701 RAINBOW DRIVE

PHONE: 250-563-6450

EMAIL: sprucecapitalsenior@shaw.ca

December 2022						
Sunday	Friday	Saturday				
				Canasta 1:00 PM	2 Arthritic Support 10:00 AM Bingo 1:00 PM	3 Crib Tournament Register 10 AM Play 11:00 AM
4	5 Fun Crib 10 AM Tai Chi 1:00 PM Stitchery 7:00 PM	6 Senior Chair Yoga 10 AM Canasta 1 PM	7 Tops 10 AM Bingo 1:00 PM	8 Parkinson's 1:00 PM Canasta 1:00 PM	9 Caledonia Rambler's 6:00 Bingo 1:00 pm	10
11	12 Fun Crib 10 AM Tai Chi 1:00 PM	13 Senior Chair Yoga 10 AM Canasta 1 PM Parkinson support 2:00 PM	Tops 10 AM Bingo 1:00 PM	Foot Clinic 9:00am Parkinson's 1:00 pm Canasta 1:00 PM	Bingo 1:00 PM	Parkinson's 1:00PM
18	19 Fun Crib 10 AM Tai Chi 1 PM	20 Senior Chair Yoga 10AM Canasta 1 PM	21 Tops 10 AM Bingo 1:00 PM	Canasta 1:00 PM	23 Bingo 1:00 pm	24
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December 2022 Menu							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				1 Stew & Egg or Salmon		3 Hamburger soup Chicken noodle & Grilled Cheese	
4	5	6 Tomato soup Grilled cheese & Tuna	7 Christmas lunch Potato & bacon soup With B.L.T'S	8 Veggie soup & Ham & cheese	9	10	
11	12	13 Chili & Bun With Egg salad Sandwich	14 Lasagna Garlic bread & Ruben's	15 Veggie Noodle soup & Ham & cheese	16	17	
Closed till Jan 1st 2023	19	20	21	22	23	24	
27	28	29	30	31			

www.calendarlabs.com

December 2022							
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri			
			CLOSED	Butter Chicken Basmati Rice Naan Bread Veggies			
Parsley Potatoes Veggies	Mashed Potatoes Gravy Veggies	7 Seafood Linguine Alfredo Veggies Garlic Bread	Sauerbraten Mashed Potatoes Braised Red Cabbage Gravy	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Veggies			
Pan-fried Pork Chop Mashed Potatoes Gravy Veggies	13 Sweet & Sour Meat Balls Rice Veggies	14 Sausage Rolls Beans & Tomato Sauce & Bacon	15 Sweet & Sour Pork Chow Mein Rice	Beef Stew Hungarian Style Mashed Potaotes Veggies			
19 Beef Stroganoff Pasta Noodle Veggies	Chicken Enchiladas Tomato Sauce Veggies	Ham Scalloped Potatoes Veggies	CLOSED	CLOSED			
Boxing Day CLOSED	CLOSED (In lieu of Christmas Day)	Pork Roast Mashed Potatoes Gravy Veggies	Parmesan Chicken Roasted Potatoes Veggies	CLOSED			

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

HART PIONEER CENTRE 6986 Hart Highway (250) 962-6712 Menu subject to change without notice.

Dec	ember					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	 Thu	Fri	Sat
	2/2011		,, •••	1 Coffee Social at Tim Horton's in College Heights @ 2:00 PM	2 Ladies Pool 10-12	Joy to the World!
4	5 Yoga 10-11 Photo Club 10-12 Cards/Crib 10-12	6	7 Tai Chi 10-11 Men's Pool 10-12	8 Coffee Social at Tim Horton's in College Heights @ 2:00 PM	9 Crib Tournament 9-12 Optional lunch and Prizes. Tickets for sale at the Center	10
11	Yoga 10-11 Photo Club 10-12 Cards/Crib 10-12	Breakfast Club Super 8 Restaurant 1151 Commercial Cr. 9:30 am	14 Tai Chi 10-11 Men's Pool 10-12	15 Christmas Dinner at BonVoyage Restaurant Doors open @5:00 PM	16 Center Closed reopens January 9/23 Have a Merry Christmas	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	Mer	ry Chri	etmas an	ed a Hap	oy New	Year
	North Central Seniors Association In College Heights 5401 Moriarty Cr. PG Website: http://nscapg.bravehost.com Email Address: ncsapresident@vahoo.com					







PGCOS is very grateful to all who gave generously previously for Christmas Hampers, because of your generosity we were able to provide hampers to 250 seniors in our community in 2021. This year we will be collecting donations for the 2022 Christmas Hampers in the form of

Money or Gift Cards

Donations can be dropped off at **721 Victoria Street or the Citizen**.

You can also e-transfer donations at **ed@pgcos.ca** for more info contact Michelle at 250-564-5888

Please bring donations for hampers no later than **December 5,** this will determine how many hampers we can give this year.

Thank You Prince George Council of Seniors.



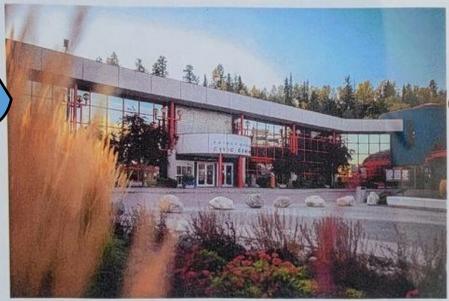


GOLDEN AGE SOCIAL

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU BACK!

FREE AFTERNOON SENIORS SOCIALS AT THE PRINCE **GEORGE CONFERENCE AND CIVIC CENTRE!**

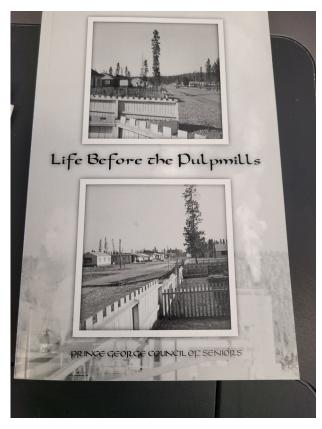




Mark your calendar for the dates below:

Wednesday October 12th, 2022 Wednesday November 16th, 2022 Wednesday December 7th, 2022 Wednesday February 15th, 2023 Wednesday March 15th, 2023

For More Information, Please Call: Prince George Council of Seniors at 250-564-5888





Great Christmas Gift Idea

Book Review

<u>Life Before the Pulpmills</u> – Prince George Council of Seniors

Edited by June Chamberland,

Bev Christensen and Luci Redmond

Would you like to know, or do you

remember, what happened in the early years in Prince George such as:

Goat Island swimming hole and pier, the Old Army Hospital, paper routes, schools with teacherages and making do during World War 2? Using the words of past Prince George residents such as the Peckhams, Ollingers, Kirschke and others, PG in the 40's, 50's and early 60's comes alive. This excellent book of short stories is available at our office for \$20.



BC Government Retired Employees Association Exclusions, professionals or union members



Come and attend our Quarterly Meetings and learn about travel insurance, hearing aides, travel discounts, etc.

For more information call Rosemarie 250 563 4194

or email < oconno-4@telus.net >

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♦ BEEF

- ♦ KETCHUP
- O POUTINE

- BUTTER TARTS
- MAPLE SYRUP
- QUINDA

- CHICKEN
- MUFFINS

- DOUGH NUTS
- NANAIMO BARS
- O RIBS

- ♦ FISH AND CHIPS
- PANCAKES

PEA MEAL

♦ SPLIT PEA SOUP

RASPBERRIES

♦ FLAX

O STEW

- FRENCH FRIES
- PIZZA

TOURTIERE

- HAMBURGERS
- **O PORK**

WINGS

Solution found on page 22









Recycle your old, even broken eyewear.



Donation is easy. The *Spruce City Lions Club* has a Recycle for Sight **collection** box in the Seniors Resource Centre, 721 Victoria Street.

Simply bring in old eyewear and drop them off!

All eyewear is acceptable (prescription & non-prescription glasses, sunglasses and readers). Children's glasses are especially needed. Even if the eyewear is broken still donate them because we are sometimes able to repair them or use parts to repair other donated Recycle For Sight frames.

Then the donated glasses will be shipped to the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (CLERC) where they will be cleaned, categorized by prescription and prepared for distribution free of charge to people in developing countries.

DONATE YOUR OLD EYEGLASSES TODAY!.

ACCEPTING USED HEARING AIDS TOO!

SENIOR MOMENTS Radio Program

Livestream — www.cfisfm.com

1:00 to 2:-00 pm every Tuesday! Listen LIVE — 93.1 FM

PRINCE GEORGE LAWN BOWLING CLUB

Join the Prince George Lawn Bowling Club for enjoyable outdoor activity.

Where: - Watrous Park - 3" Avenue and Watrous Street -just one block North of Kentucky Fried Chicken

When: - Tuesday morning at 10 A.M.

Wednesday Evening -7 P.M.

Thursday afternoon- 1 P.M.

Sunday Afternoon -2 P.M.

Come and try Lawn Bowling. All you need is a pair of running shoes. Bowls are provided and instruction is provided. Come once a week or whenever you choose. Teams are drawn from whomever shows up.

For further information: Phone: Dan Gilgan -962-0643 or John Warner - 563-4888,

or Evelyn O'Sullivan at 250-561-7448 sullypg@shaw.ca



Foot Care

425 Brunswick

Joanne Relagliate

Call 250-563-1915

for appointment



Prince George Hospice Palliative Care Society



Grief Support Services

For more information: www.PGHPCS.ca | info@PGHPCS.ca 250-563-2551 | 1506 Ferry Ave

Family Grief Support

Our Family Grief Program supports grieving children, youth, and caregivers.

The program has three groups that run simultaneously:

A group for children ages 6 - 12 years.

A group for youth ages 13 - 20 years.

A group for parents and people who care for children.

In addition, we offer a children's drop-in every Tuesday 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Adult Support Services

One-on-One grief support on the phone or in person.

Tea Time for the Soul: Drop-in Wednesdays 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Virtual Grief Support: Drop-in Thursdays 1:30-3:00 pm

Broken Circle: Ten-week peer support and grief education group.

Grief and Grub for Guys: Eight-week program specific for grieving men.

Hospice Hearts: Support for parents who have lost a child by opioid overdose

COVID Long Haulers: Drop-in Mondays 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Coffee for the Caregiver: Drop-in support for caregivers Thursdays 1:00-3:00 pm

Registration is required for all of our programs.



PGCOS-Seniors Resource Center — Call 250-564-5888 for more info

Programs & Other Support Services

Programs: Funding Based

Meals on Wheels

Meals on wheels supports
Older adults 55+ residing
in the bowl area of Prince
George who have
difficulty preparing meals
for themselves by
providing fresh nutritional
and affordable noon
meals . Sometimes based
on available resources this
program will help
individuals younger than
55.

Cost to the client is \$8.50 per meal. Non-refundable prepayment of \$85 for initial service is now required.

Meals are delivered weekdays between 11:00 am and 12:00 pm by the volunteers.

Better at Home

Better at Home supports the non-medical needs of older adults 55+ who are in the Prince George area. These services are aimed to help seniors stay independent in their own homes. Some services offered are based on a sliding scale dependant on your income.

Current services available

Grocery shopping and Delivery

Light Housekeeping

Friends & Family Caregiver Support

See the information on Page 3 and 4

Housing & Community Navigator

The Housing & Community Navigator assists older adults 55+ navigate through the many different resources and information available to them.

Services offered by this program

Advocacy

Friendly Phone Calls

Information

Resources

Community referrals

Help with Forms

Housing resources

Other Support Services: Donation based

Denture support — Financial assistance for dentures for low-income seniors

Income Tax —— Preparation for low-income seniors

Blue Bottle Service — To keep important personal health information with easy access

Christmas Hampers — For low-income and isolated seniors

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we acknowledge the support of









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We would also like to thank all of our Membership, Donors and Volunteers.