

RICHWOOD CIVIC CENTER

NEWSLETTER

235 Grove St, Richwood, OH 43344



740-943-2310/740-268-0112

MARCH 2026



“Like” the Facebook Page: “America 250-Village of Richwood” to follow all the events happening in the North Union Area to celebrate your country’s 250th Semiquincentennial through December 2026!

During March 1776, The American Revolution reached a major turning point!

March 3: Battle of Nassau, Bahamas! The Continental Navy, led by Commodore Esek Hopkins, arrived at Nassau. Approximately 200 Continental Marines landed and seized Fort Montagu in a raid to capture much-needed gunpowder and military supplies from the British garrison! It was the first significant and major success for the Continental Navy!

March 4: Under the cover of night, Commander-In-Chief George Washington led Continental troops to occupy Dorchester Heights, Massachusetts. Using heavy artillery recently captured from Fort Ticonderoga and transported by Henry Knox (a 300-mile journey), the Americans fortified the heights overlooking Boston and its harbor. Realizing the American position made Boston indefensible, British General Howe made the decision to evacuate the city. By 17 March, the Americans major victory ended the British 8-year occupation of Boston.

March 12: A public notice appeared in Baltimore, Maryland, newspapers specifically recognizing the **sacrifices of women** to the revolutionary cause.

March 2026 Veteran Related Dates:

3 March 1915: Navy Reserve established to support WW I.

3 March 1931: "Star-Spangled Banner" made our National Anthem

12 March 1947: Cold War begins between USA and USSR (ends 26 Dec 1991)

13 March: K-9 Veterans Day

15 March: *American Legion* chartered


19 March 2003: Iraq War Began

21 March: "Rosie the Riveter" Day

25 March: "Medal of Honor " Day

29 March: National Vietnam War Veterans Day





*Our thoughts and prayers go out to
the following families:*

*Ronald "Ink" Monroe
Father of Jim Monroe*

*with deepest
Sympathy*

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Hard to believe we are in the month of March already! Hopefully, all the cold and wintery weather is behind us and we can look forward to a wonderful spring.

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Please take note of important pages listed to the side. Our activities page is filled with all our events and activities.

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Please take note of the pages for the trips. We still have room on the trip to Savannah, and all monies are due March 11th. This trip is happening in May. We have just a few seats left on the trip to Canada and monies for this trip is due in July. We always do our best to make sure our trips are affordable and lots of fun.

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Just a reminder that REAP food pantry is open every Friday 8:30 AM to 12 noon. Please spread the word that REAP is here for emergencies and they can make an appointment by calling Ruth.

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Our Personal Needs Pantry will take orders from the 20th of each month through the 30th and then those orders can be picked up on the first Saturday of each month.

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If you need resources or have questions, please feel free to call our office and we will be happy to assist you the best we can.

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Susie Pfarr
Executive Director

Richwood Civic Center Mission Statement

The Richwood Civic Center is a vital community based non-profit organization committed to providing for the well-being and growth of families and individuals through activities, education, and resources.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: Nancy Wiley

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Asst. Treasurer: Terri Gravatt

Board Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

If you would like to attend, please contact the Executive Director

REAP Director: Ruth Allison

PNP Director: Carola McMahan

BOARD MEMBERS

Larry Nibert

Suelyn Ackerman

Donny Ridgeway

Gina Davis

Deb Wright

Reddy Brown

Tonya G Johnson

Rita Monroe



CANCELATION POLICY FOR TRIPS

Mystery & Short Trips

1. You can cancel up to 1 week before trip to be eligible for either a full refund or partial refund
2. Absolutely no refund if you cancel within 6 days of the trip, unless we have a person to replace you.

Big Trips

1. Deposits are nonrefundable
2. A 30 day cancellation notice is required to get a refund.

Visiting the Civic Center

We are located at 235 Grove St. Please check our calendar for current activities and events.

Business Hours

Monday 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Tuesday 10:00 am—3:00 pm

Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday 10:00 am—2:30 pm

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WE ARE PARTNERED

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When you designate your coffee cups to **RICHWOOD CIVIC CENTER**, 100% of these funds go directly to our organization to assist our initiatives to help strengthen the communities in which we serve.



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HOW IT WORKS:

1. Visit our customer specialists and decide how much you'd like to donate
2. Receive a gift card of Thank You Cups that match your donation level
3. Head over to the Richwood Coffee order window and choose a hot or cold cup of your choice

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Even if you're not a Richwood Bank customer. Anyone can donate to our nonprofit beneficiaries and receive thank you drinks in return.

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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AAR=Alzheimer's Assoc. Rep

Book C=Book Club

FD=Fellowship Dinner

Lib Day=Library Day

PNPP=Personal Needs Pantry Pickup

***Health Checks done by Ohio Living Sarah Moore House**

BM=Board Meeting

GF=Gerifit Exercise

M Mrkt=Mobile Market

AS=Alzheimer's Support Group

BS=Bible Study CB=Commodity Box

HC=Health Check

MT=Mystery Trip

SSR=Senior Services Representative

BC=Breakfast Club

CC=Creative Crochet

LD=Line Dancing

NF=Newsletter Folding

SEW=Sewing Class

March 2026 - Community Meals

Please call your site before 9:30 a.m. to make a reservation.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Country Fried Steak/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Creamy Spinach Bake
Mandarin Oranges
2 oz. Lemon Bread

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Salmon Patties/Dill Sauce
Buttered Parsley Potatoes
Creamed Peas
Cranberry Fluff Salad
WW Bread
Gingersnap Cookie

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Caprese Chicken
Loaded Redskin Mashed
Cauliflower w/Cheese
Mixed Fruit
Dinner Roll
Vanilla Pudding
Choc. Chunk Cookie

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Hamburger Stroganoff
Buttered Carrots
Tossed Salad/Dressing
Apricots
5 Vanilla Wafers

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Salisbury Steak/Gravy
Baked Potato/Sour Cream
Parmesan Butternut Squash
Cranberry-Apple Jell-O Salad
2 in. Brownie
WW Bread

MONDAY, MARCH 9

Hot Ham & Amer. Cheese
Sandwich on Lg. Bun
Maple Roasted Sweet Potato
Seasoned Mixed vegetables
Pineapple

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Baked Fish/Dill Sauce
Au Gratin Potatoes
Buttered Peas
Peaches
Gingersnap Cookie
WW Bread

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Breaded Chicken Breast/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Seasoned Italian Green Beans
Warm Pears
2 oz. Banana muffin
Cherry Cobbler

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Roast Beef
Sweet Potato Casserole
Sautéed Mushrooms
Pistachio Fruit Fluff
Cake Slice & Ice Cream
Dinner Roll

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Meatloaf
Redskin Mashed Potato/Gravy
Seasoned Green Beans
Mandarin Oranges
2 oz. Banana Bread

MONDAY, MARCH 16

Stuffed Peppers
Fried Potatoes
Steamed Spinach
Peaches
WW Bread

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Grilled Bratwurst on Lg. Bun
Warm German Potato Salad
Fried Cabbages & Onions
Strawberry Fruit Fluff

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Baked Spaghetti
Seasoned Green Beans
Caesar Salad
Apple Crisp/Ice Cream
Garlic Bread

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Chili (Beans, Beef, Tomato)
Cottage Cheese
Tomato & Onion Salad
Pineapple
2 Oz. Cornbread Muffin

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Mushroom Swiss Burger
on Lg. Bun
Scalloped Potatoes
Creamy Coleslaw
Cinnamon Applesauce

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MONDAY, MARCH 23

Haystacks (2oz. beef, lettuce,
tomato, cheese & 1 oz. of
chips)
Refried Beans
Orange Jell-O Salad
2 in. Brownie

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Cheesesteak w/Red Peppers
& Onions on Lg. Bun
Homemade Potato Salad
Pea Salad
Cherry Crisp

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Chicken Salad Plate w/Lettuce
Fresh Vegetables w/Ranch
Fresh Fruit Cup
2 oz., Blueberry Muffin
Butterscotch Pecan Pie Cookie

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Roast Pork/Gravy
Hash Brown Casserole
Buttered Lima Beans
Warm Scalloped Apples
2 Orange Cranberry Scones

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Cabbage Rolls
Mashed Potato
Broccoli w/Cheese
Banana
Rye Bread
Cake slice

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Big Mac Burger on Lg. Bun
Seasoned Potatoes Wedges
Buttered Corn
Grape Salad

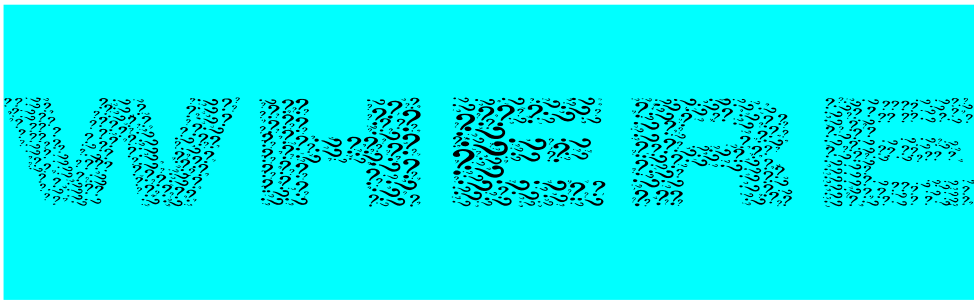
TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Veal Parmesan over
Spaghetti Noodles
Steamed Broccoli
Tossed Salad/Dressing
Warm Pears
Garlic Bread

Windsor: 937-644-8459
Richwood: 614-949-4382
Plain City: 614-873-8870



All meals prepared without added salt



Mystery trip

Tuesday March 17th

Leaving from North Union Middle
School at 9:00

Back about 1:30 p.m.

\$15

Plenty of walking

If you went on the February Mystery trip, you may sign up beginning March 5th. If you did not go on the February Mystery trip, you may sign up March 2nd.

Trip to Savannah Georgia, Jekyll Island and Beaufort

May 11th through 16th, 2026

Sponsored by the Richwood Civic Center

We are traveling to visit multiple cities in the charming part of the Southeast United States. A guided tour of beautiful Savannah, Georgia, a guided tour of Beaufort, SC on Port Royal Island where they filmed Forest Gump, a tour of the Parris Island Marine base, and a guided tour of St. Simons and Jekyll Islands where some of the wealthiest citizens of the U.S. once lived .

The trip price includes 5 nights lodging (3 at a Savannah area hotel), transportation, admission to all attractions, 8 meals and tips.

For our members we are offering this trip for \$810 and \$835 for non-members. Price is based on double occupancy of the hotel room. Single occupancy is available for an added cost. Join the Civic Center for \$20/year and save!

Call the Civic Center @ 740-943-2310 to sign up. A \$75 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your spot on the bus. Travel insurance is available. Details about the insurance are available at the Civic Center, 235 Grove St. (in the rear). Register as soon as possible. The remainder of the cost of the trip will be due on March 11th . Please share with your family and friends. Let's visit the beautiful Savannah Georgia area!



The Richwood Civic Center is sponsoring a trip
NIAGARA FALLS & TORONTO, CANADA

Monday Sept. 21 through Friday Sept. 25, 2026

Come join us for an adventure to see some of the most famous attractions in Canada. We will take a boat journey to Niagara Falls, a guided tour of Toronto, will visit Casa Loma, (a magnificent castle), and visit Niagara on the Lake and Queen Victoria Park.

Price for this trip is \$800 (double occupancy) for members and \$825 for non members. Single occupancy is also available for an additional cost. This price includes transportation, 4 nights lodging , 8 meals, admission to all attractions and all tips.

To register, please call 740-943-2310. A \$75 non refundable deposit is required at the time of registration. Checks, cash, Paypal and Venmo are all accepted. Final payment is due by July 14th.

You must have a passport to be part of this trip. Roxie is available to help you with the passport process. Call the office to talk to her.





I believe my house is haunted. Every time I look in the mirror a crazy old lady stands in front of me so I can't see my reflection.



The Journey Home

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Come celebrate
Friday the 13th!!

Let's play games and eat and learn
about the "luck" associated with
Friday the 13th.

Friday March 13th

1:00 at the Community Room at
the Richwood Greene.

Bring a snack to share with
everyone!



March 2026

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 Margaret Owens	2 Virginia Golan Charles Kelly	3 Jean Meyer	4	5	6	7
8 Danae George	9	10 Eileen Pugin	11	12 Robert Kanet	13	14 Rhonda Cooper
15 Scott Davis	16	17	18	19	20	21 Patt Howard Ann Whitmer
22 Betty Spillman Gary Taylor	23	24	25	26 Diana McQuown	27 Beverly James	28 Russ Cooper Joyce Mathys Peggy Schertzer
29	30	31 Connie Davis				

Heating Assistance Available

Application Deadline: May 31, 2026

The Ohio Department of Development and Bridges Community Action wants to remind older Ohioans that assistance is available to help with their home energy bills. The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps Ohioans at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of up to eight members and 60% of State Median Income for a household of nine or more members to pay their heating bills.

Applied directly to the customer's utility or bulk fuel bill, the benefit can help manage heating costs. Older Ohioans may go to their local Area Agency on Aging office for help with assembling the required documents and completing their HEAP application. They may also visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov to apply online or to download a copy of the application.

When applying, individuals need to have copies of the following documents:

- Most recent utility bills.
- A list of all household members (including birth dates and Social Security numbers).
- Proof of income for the past 30 days for all household members (12 months for certain income types).
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members.
- Proof of disability (if applicable).

HEAP benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after Jan. 1. Applications for the HEAP program must be received by May 31, 2026.

For more information or assistance with applying for a HEAP benefit, contact Bridges Community Action in Union County at 937-642-4986.

To be connected to your local Energy Assistance Provider, call (800) 282-0880 (hearing impaired clients may dial 711 for assistance) or visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov.

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First Tuesday of every month
@ 10 AM

Next meeting
March 3rd

Location:
Richwood Civic Center
235 Grove St
Richwood, OH 43344

To register call 800-272-3900.

Visit alz.org/centralohio to learn more about caregiver programs and resources.

Build a support system with people who understand.

Alzheimer's Association support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for individuals caring for a loved one with dementia to:

- Develop a support system
- Exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions
- Talk through issues
- Share feelings, needs and concerns
- Learn about community resources

Creative Crochet & Sewing Class



Crochet 11:30 AM

Every Thursday

Sewing 12:30 PM

Every Thursday



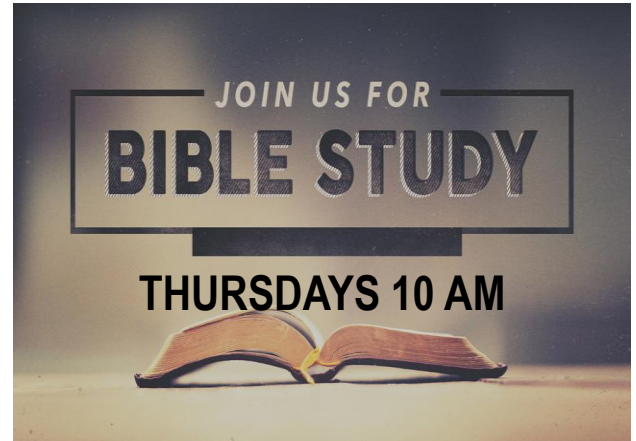
LINE DANCING

Every Monday

@ 12:30 PM

Led by

Art & Fred Smith



GERIFIT EXERCISE

Mondays 10 AM

Thursdays 9 AM



2nd Tuesday every month 10 AM



FELLOWSHIP DINNER

\$5

Tuesday, March 10th @ 5 PM

RSVP A MUST!

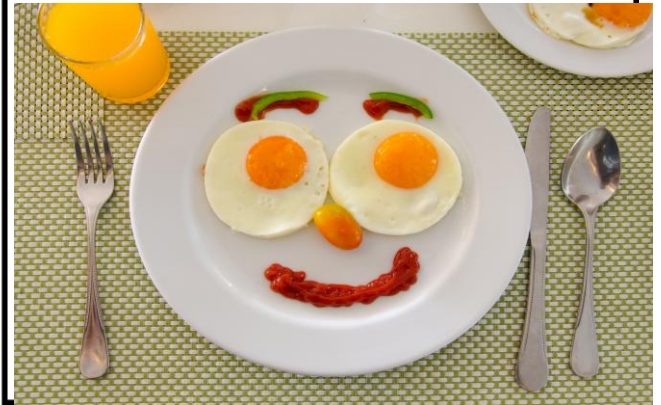
*Fellowship Dinner Sponsor:

America 250 will be sponsoring
and doing a presentation

Come join the fun
 Every Monday &
 Wednesday
 @ 1 PM
 CASH & PRIZES



BREAKFAST CLUB
 EVERY 4TH WEDNESDAY
 @ KELLY'S
 RSVP IS A MUST!



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PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY(PNP)

Personal Needs items such as facial tissues, bath tissue,, razors, deodorant, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, and more as well as special needs for seniors such as incontinence underwear, denture cleaner etc. are made available. We also have some cleaning supplies such as laundry detergent, toilet bowl cleaner, household cleaner and more.

To place an order for personal needs, call 740-943-3095 from 10 AM to 5 PM between the 20th and 30th of each month. Your order can be picked up on the first Saturday of the month at the Richwood Greene Apartments 235 Grove St. Between the hours of 9 AM and 10 AM. Please drive to the parking lot to the back of the building. You do not need to get out of your car- someone will be there to get the order for you. You must order in advance each month as described above. If you have any questions or are in an emergency situation, please call the Richwood Civic Center office at 740-943-2310. **PNP does not accept any donations of clothing or cosmetics.**



REAP
"U" Shop

Food Pantry

235 Grove St. Richwood OH
Back of building

Pick your own items!

OPEN EVERY FRIDAY
8:30 am—12:00 pm
And by appointment
Available once per month
Please call Ruth at 740-751-3031 or
Richwood Civic Center at
740-943-2310

Serving all residents living in the
North Union School District.
Please bring
Proof of residency
ID's,
Social Security Number
or Birth Certificate
for anyone living in the
household



COMMODITY FOOD BOX PROGRAM

There are currently a few spaces available for this program.

Please call the Richwood Civic Center at 740-943-2310 and speak with Janet if you are interested.

Pick up is the first Wednesday of every month for 2026



Why visit Union County Senior Services?

Do you need help in the home?
Have you had any recent falls?
Do you need help with Personal Care?
Is there a need for transportation?
Come talk with us and we can help!
Or contact us at 937-644-1010 option #5

Come visit us at the Richwood Civic Center
On the first Thursday of each month at 11 AM or call 937-644-1010 to make an appointment.



POP-UP LIBRARY

AT RICHWOOD GREENE
SENIOR LIVING



CHECK OUT BOOKS!



GET A LIBRARY CARD!

March 5
FROM 11:00 - 12:00

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LINDSEY
IS A REPRESENTATIVE
FROM THE
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION.

SHE WILL BE HERE IN OUR OFFICES ON
Tuesday, March 3rd
@ 11 AM
COME VISIT WITH YOUR QUESTIONS

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Fax: 937-644-8700

<https://www.unioncountyohio.gov/senior-services-home>



One, Big, Beautiful Bill Act: Tax deductions for Seniors

New deduction: Effective for 2025 through 2028, individuals who are age 65 and older may claim an additional deduction of \$6,000. This new deduction is in addition to the current additional standard deduction for seniors under existing law.

- The \$6,000 senior deduction is per eligible individual (i.e., \$12,000 total for a married couple where both spouses qualify).
- Deduction phases out for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income over \$75,000 (\$150,000 for joint filers).
- **Qualifying taxpayers:** To qualify for the additional deduction, a taxpayer must attain age 65 on or before the last day of the taxable year.
 - **Taxpayer eligibility:** Deduction is available for both itemizing and non-itemizing taxpayers.
 - **Taxpayers must:**
 - include the Social Security Number of the qualifying individual(s) on the return, and
 - file jointly if married, to claim the deduction.

Bridges Community Action Partnership offers free income tax preparation services for eligible residents in Union County, with appointments required and no fees.

- **Eligibility:** Individuals with an adjusted gross income of \$64,000 or less
- **Appointments Only:** Call 937-617-4217 to schedule. Only one return per appointment is allowed.
- **Intake:** Arrive 15 minutes early to complete the intake form; documents are not returned after the season.
- **Bring:** bring all required tax documents (W-2s, 1099s, etc.) and completed/printed returns.
- **Volunteers:** IRS-certified volunteers and trained site coordinators provide this service.

Bridges Community Action
Address: 232 N. Main Street, Suite G, Marysville OH 43040
Phone: 937-642-4986, Ext. 237
Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-4:30 PM; closed Friday-Sunday.



Adult Protective Services

Do you have concerns that a senior, 60 or over, is being maltreated? Examples include physical harm/injury, neglect, self-neglect, financial exploitation, verbal/emotional abuse, sexual abuse.

Contact the Abuse Hotline at 937-644-1010 Option 1

Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reports Top Scams by Victoria Graham

Worldwide, total fraud losses reported by older adults (ages 60 and over) skyrocketed from about \$600 million in 2020 to \$2.4 billion in 2024. Fraudsters and con artists go after older adults because they think seniors have plenty of money in the bank. Below are the top 7 types of fraud and immediate actions to take.

1. **The grandparent scam exploits emotions.** First, a caller tricks the senior into disclosing the name of the grandchild. The fake grandchildren ask for money for car repairs, late rent, a medical emergency, or even to post bond. They pretend to be in distress. They may even beg the grandparent not to tell anyone. Today, con artists can clone real voices of real relatives and use them to commit fraud. Call your family member directly.
2. **Financial services scam appearing to be a bank or investment company.** They claim your bank account has been

compromised and ask for password or Social Security number, to “secure” it. Hang up on them.

3. **Tech support scams.** If your computer or phone screen freezes or goes blank, a pop-up message will appear with a phone number to dial for help. Scammer pulls all your personal information. Don’t call the number.

4. **Romance scams.** Romance scammers create fake social media, and often pretend to be overseas. They ask for money to be wired, or gift cards sent, etc. The FTC found that in 2023 alone, more than 64,000 people reported a romance scam, with losses totaling \$1.1 billion. Don’t use dating apps to find a companion.

5. **Robocalls and phone scams.** One common robocall is the “Can you hear me?” call. When the person who answers says “yes,” the scammer records their voice and hangs up. The criminal then has a voice signature to authorize unwanted charges on items like stolen credit cards. Hang up on robocalls!

6. **Investment scams.** They make you deposit money into a Bitcoin (cryptocurrency) machine to ‘buy’ fake stock or investments. Cryptocurrency-related investment fraud cost adults age 60 and over \$716 million in reported losses in 2023.

7. **Internet and email fraud.** Pop-up windows look like anti-virus software; in reality, these windows install computer viruses when clicked on. These viruses pull

personal information or even disable the computer then demand ‘ransom’ in the form of gift cards or wiring money. Don’t click on pop ups!

There’s nothing to be ashamed of if you think it’s happened to you. Never panic or react quickly. Keep important phone numbers handy, including the local police, your bank, a trusted family member or friend to help step through correcting the problem and contact the FTC Reporting line 1-877-382-4357. These scams have wiped out people’s retirement savings and have taken over their social security checks. Remain vigilant and protect yourself against scammers.

FRAUD ALERT

Catheter Kit Charges

Scammers are **stealing Medicare numbers** to submit catheter claims for people who don’t use them!

Closely review your statements for this type of activity. Common charges include:

- Intermittent urinary catheter
- Coude tip urinary catheter
- Tube to drain bladder



Found Fraudulent Claims?

Call the **Ohio Senior Medicare Patrol**. We can help check your account for suspected fraud and then help get it resolved.

We also report Medicare fraud to the HHS Office of the Inspector General to help track down scammers and put them in jail!



800-293-4767

www.proseniors.org/ohio-smp



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Richwood Civic Center Annual Membership Form

Date _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Veteran Yes No

Spouse Information

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Phone _____ Veteran Yes No

Email _____

Annual membership fee: Single \$20.00 Couple \$25.00

Renewal due by July 1st of each year.

Please make checks payable to: Richwood Civic Center

235 Grove St.; Box 200

Richwood, OH 43344

You can also send money through PayPal or Venmo: Richwood Civic Center

Information will be used for newsletter mailings and event reminders. Information will not be shared with any outside agencies.

EVENTS/REMINDERS

Mobile Market – Wednesday, March 4
Library Day – Thursday, March 5
Fellowship Dinner – Tuesday, March 10
Friday 13th Party – Friday, March 13
Mystery Trip – Tuesday, March 17
Breakfast Club – Wednesday, March 25



Seniors: Do you have personal papers that need to be disposed of? We have a File 13 Bin for your security. This service is provided free of charge through File 13, Marysville, OH

TRANSPORTATION

For seniors needing transportation to their activities of daily living (mobile market, shopping, medical, banking, legal, library etc) and to activities of socialization (all of our activities) free of charge for seniors 60 years and older, please call: **UCATS at 937-642-5100** to schedule a ride.

Please call at least 24 hours in advance.

Other transportation companies for a small fee:

A Way Out Transportation

937-738-2210

Legends Lift & Transport

937-358-2024



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