

Eunice Bonner Senior Center History

The Bonner Senior Center is named after Eunice Bonner, who was the President of the Senior Citizens Club of Portage in the 1970's. Eunice met Trustee John P. Williams and expressed the need for more activities within the senior community of Portage. In fact, her last words to Trustee Williams were, "Promise me John, you won't forget my seniors."

Trustee Williams, along with his board members, initiated a plan for a senior activity center. They purchased land for the building and also had a Checker Cab modified to seat twelve people, (the first Bonner Bus!)

John was soon elected the Mayor of Portage and continued the senior center project with new Trustee Virginia Thomas. The Eunice Bonner Senior Center was completed in 1980 and to this day stands as a symbol of dedication and honor to our senior citizens.



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Bonner Senior Center Hours:

Monday through Friday
8:00am-4:00pm

Saturday open for Pinochle
10:00am-2:00pm

First Sunday of each month open for Ways
and Means Fundraiser Bingo
(open to the public)

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Membership



The Bonner Senior Center is more than just a place to come for fun and fellowship. First and foremost, the Bonner Senior Center is a nutrition site, serving lunch five days a week to seniors 60 years and older.

Transportation is another vital community service offered by the Center. Portage Township seniors are taken to local medical appointments, the pharmacy, grocery store, banking and other Portage Township sites necessary to their health and well-being.

For the active senior, an abundance of activities and programs take place everyday at the Center, including; fitness, dance, yoga, bingo, crafts, day trips and much more!

Seniors 55 and older can become a member of the Bonner Senior Center for a nominal annual donation.

Membership Drives are held annually in April.

Portage Township residents
\$10/year

Non Portage Township residents
\$20/year

Please keep the Bonner Senior Center in mind for consideration of future donations, sponsorships and endowments.

Nutrition

A satisfying nutritious lunch is offered Monday-Friday at 11:30am in the Bonner Senior Center dining room. The Nutrition staff takes pride in offering a healthy variety to the daily menus. (\$2 suggested donation)

Transportation



The Bonner Center offers complimentary transportation services for Portage Township seniors to medical appointments and daily transport services to and from the Center.

•Medical Transportation: Offered Monday through Thursday, 9:00am-1:30pm; transports into Valparaiso are offered on Tuesdays; and transports into Hobart are offered on Wednesdays.

•Bonner Senior Center Transportation: Transport services to and from the Center are offered Monday through Friday.

Activities

The Bonner Senior Center offers on-site activities six days a week such as; yoga, fitness, dancing, Pinochle, Bunco and Bridge just to name a few! There are also weekly shopping excursions to local grocery stores, shopping malls and area markets. On occasion, an off-site trip (nominal fee) might take you to a theatrical performance, a professional baseball game, fascinating flea markets or a local dairy farm.

Health and Wellness

The Bonner Senior Center considers the health and wellness of senior citizens a top priority. Opportunities are offered such as; free blood pressure checks, flu vaccines, cholesterol screenings, bone density testing, etc. The Center sponsors frequent guest speakers so seniors can stay informed on current topics including medical needs, legal services, community happenings and more.



Get Involved

There are plenty of opportunities for an active senior to be involved at the Bonner Senior Center. If you like to be center stage or prefer to stay behind the scenes, numerous clubs are offered to balance your time and talents:

- Bonner Dancers
- Bonner Choraleers
- Bonner Center Garden Club
- Bonner Center Be Thankful Club
- Ways and Means Committee

Fundraising Bingo is the First Sunday of each month and on Friday afternoons. Open to the public. (Must be 18 years or older to participate)

Please call the Bonner Senior Center Office for more details!