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go? We would like to take the time to thank all of our loyal AmeriCorps Senior volunteers who help those in need by assisting with our food programs to labeling the Senior Years to name only just a few of the activities that need your help. Here are some reasons why you should consider volunteering for the Lorain County AmeriCorps

• Mental health – volunteering is great for your

Senior Program:

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mental health and has been shown to help with depression. Taking time out from your own stresses and problems to help others can really lift your mood.

- New skills volunteering enables you to learn new skills, plus put those you have already learned into practice.
- Meet new people one of the best ways to make new friends is volunteering. Through volunteering you get to meet and participate in fun activities with like-minded people.
- Positive change volunteering allows you to help make change in something you are passionate about while connecting with your community and making it a better place. That sense of satisfaction you get when you know you are part of something that's making a difference is priceless.
- It makes you happy helping others makes you happier. In a poll by the National Volunteering Network, 98% of respondents said volunteering has made them happier people.

AmeriCorps Seniors is looking for someone like you!! You must be 55 or older to participate. Stop by at the LCOOA 320 North Gateway Blvd, Elyria or give us a call at 440-326-4800. We have many opportunities to choose from so you can find the activity that suits you the best!

Help your community and yourself at the same time!! Volunteering is good for everyone! LCOOA improves the health, well-being and independence of Lorain County residents by serving vulnerable aging individuals and other adults with special needs.

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Local Business Spotlight: Gutter Cover Co.

Jim Carbone

Choosing the company to work with is just as important as their product when it comes to most things, and gutter protection is no different. Various products and designs are available making the decision process a difficult one. A few key criteria must be considered when considering such a purchase.

- Must allow ALL debris to slide off the cover, from twigs and leaves to spinners, seedpods and even roof shingle grit.
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- Must be strong enough to withstand strong winds and the weight of snow and ice.
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- Must have the option of Adding Heat to it if needed The Gutter Cover Company is now in their 24th year of providing this service to Northeast Ohio. Their Gutter Topper is proudly made right here in Ohio and is designed with our harsh weather in mind. Instead of relying on screens or filters that easily clog, Gutter Topper utilizes a smooth, solid aluminum cover without holes or gaps on top. This sloped, self-shedding design prevents spinners, pine needles, shingle grit or seedpods from clogging the gutter system. Gutter Topper handles heavy downpours up to 22 inches of rain per hour while also withstanding winds of 110 miles per hour. For peace of mind it features a lifetime warranty that is transferable to the next homeowner. Many of the competing gutter guards available require full replacement of the existing gutters and downspouts. While new seamless gutters are available, they are not always needed. Gutter Topper can be installed over the existing gutters, and each installation

includes cleaning, tightening, resealing and properly aligning the gutter system.

The Gutter Cover Company also offers a safe and effective way to stop big icicles and ice damming. This past winter caused significant damage from water back-up due to the ice damming with water back-up. An optional addon product called Heater Cap can be installed with or without Gutter Topper that gently heats the gutter area with a self-regulated heat cable. Heater Cap can also be installed onto most existing gutter covers.

Longevity in business speaks volumes of the quality and care provided to the local community. The Gutter Cover Company has a proven track record of success with over 2 decades of experience. Satisfied customers have been referring their friends and neighbors for years.

"Our company takes pride in solving clogged gutters and ice problems the right way. Our products, experience, and attention to detail really make us stand out from the big box stores and other competitors. Free estimates are always punctual and professional, but still friendly and casual." - Jim Carbone, Owner.

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By Attorney George O. Aljoe

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 Medicaid is permitted to ask for up to five years of bank account and other financial history – that's 60 months! Be selective in how many accounts you open and keep them consolidated at one or two banks.

- When the caseworker goes over the hundreds of pages of financial history, they are looking to see how your money has been spent. Keeping good records of your major purchases and expenditures will make it easy to answer questions.
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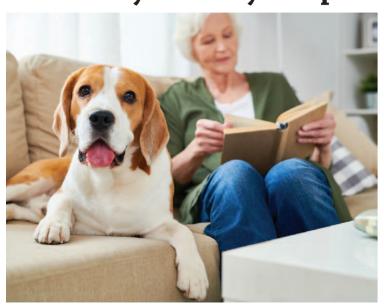
tificate, and health insurance/Medicare cards. It can be difficult, or even impossible, to obtain these items once a person is in poor health, so have them ready just in case.

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How to stay mentally sharp after retirement



If asked to describe how they envision retirement, many professionals might reference travel, time spent with grand-children and various recreational pursuits. Few, if any, would mention cognitive decline. However, cognitive decline poses a significant threat to aging men and women, especially during retirement.

Researchers have long since recognized that certain cognitive abilities begin to decline with advanced age, even among elderly individuals who are healthy. However, despite that decline, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that dementias like Alzheimer's disease are not an inevitable part of aging. In fact, the CDC estimates that as many as 40 percent of dementia cases may be prevented or

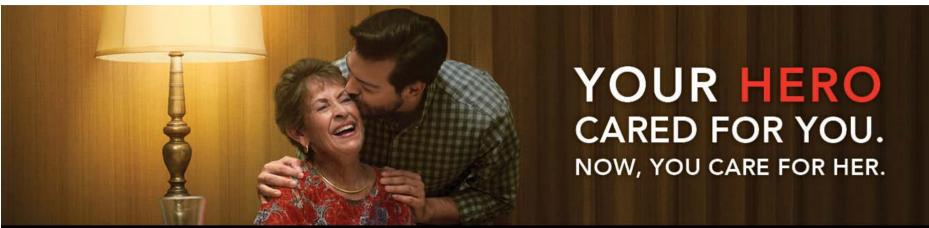
delayed. In addition, the CDC reports that it's not uncommon for routine memory, skills and knowledge to stabilize or even improve as the brain ages.

That's good news for retirees who want to spend their post-work life pursuing their passions and hobbies. Individuals also can embrace some strategies to stay mentally sharp in retirement.

 Consider delaying retirement. Even if early retirement is a dream, it might be better to work a little longer than you had planned.
 A 2021 study published in the journal SSM
 Population Health found that postponed

retirement is beneficial to cognitive function for all genders, races/ethnicities, educational levels, and professional status. The study

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Kendal at Oberlin is a Life Plan Community

What does that mean? These communities offer a vibrant lifestyle for older adults. Residents typically move into cottages or apartments for independent living. And then as needs change over time, the community also has assisted living, memory support and nursing services on the same campus to meet the residents' needs for life. So planning for the future is an important part of the process.

What is Unique About Kendal?

Kendal at Oberlin has attracted residents from 37 different states including the District of Columbia. A big part of that attraction is the variety of opportunities for music, art, and lifelong learning. Much of this is enhanced by our proximity and friendship with Oberlin College and Conservatory.

It's also a community based on Quaker values. One of the key practices that comes from that is the

emphasis on resident involvement in directing the community's lifestyle. Dozens of resident committees plan programs, events and social opportunities. Residents also organize support committees to help one another. It's a community of caring people, who are actively engaged in making Kendal a great place to live and work.

Like many other senior living organizations, Kendal spent much of the last two years focused on keeping our community – both residents and staff – safe through out the COVID-19 pandemic. Social opportunities were very different. But we are working our way back to a more normal lifestyle now. While the pandemic isn't completely gone, and some degree of caution will continue, we are hopeful that we are approaching more of an endemic situation.

Spring Open House Dates & Hours

We are welcoming in-person visitors to our campus and are happy to



announce our first open house event since the pandemic began in 2020. The spring open house will coincide with Oberlin College's Commencement and Reunion weekend.

- Friday, June 3, from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM
- Saturday, June 4, from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM
- Sunday, June 5, from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Our art galleries will feature our biennial "Kendal Collects" exhibit, featuring favorite works from the private collections of Kendal at Oberlin residents. Tours of the campus and living spaces will be available and refreshments will be served.

Learn More about our Vibrant Life Plan Community

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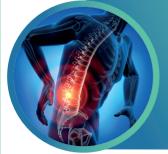
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Summer fun for active seniors

Seniors may have more time for leisure and recreation than working adults, and the summer months provide ample opportunities to get active. After months of chilly temperatures, seniors in various parts of the country may be eager to get outdoors and enjoy some fun in the sun.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that adults age 65 and older get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity each week. There are plenty of ways for active seniors to meet this exercise goal and have some fun along the way. The following are some good starting points.

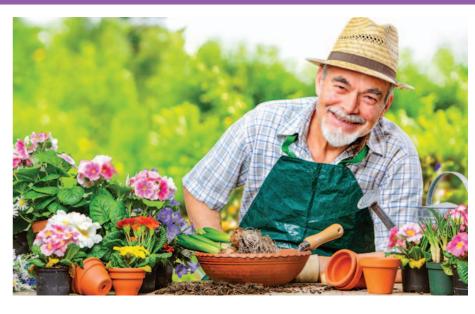
• Join or start a walking club. Walking is a great way to stay in shape and work the mind as well. View new sights along the way by changing the route each time you go. Walking with friends can pass the time and provide the motivation to keep going.

• Catch a sporting event. Attending a sporting event can be an entertain-

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ing way to spend several hours, and that includes amateur and recreational sports. Catch a grandchild's swim meet or a baseball game for an action-packed way to connect with loved ones and get out.

• Take a fishing charter. Casting a rod from a dock or pier is perfectly acceptable, but securing a spot on a fishing charter is a great way to spend hours out on the water enjoying the scenery and the sport of fishing. Plus, there's the added benefit of enjoying the fruits of your labors by cooking the day's catch for dinner



once vou arrive home.

• Be a tourist. Many cities and towns have their own tourism boards and showcase interesting spots that have historical significance or appeal to other interests. Be a tourist for the day — even in an area with which you are familiar. Hop on a trolley or sightseeing bus to view the town as

an outsider.

• Spend time swimming. Swimming is a low-impact activity that can work the body in many different ways. Devote time to doing a few laps in the pool. Or make a day of going to a lake or another body of water to wade out and enjoy some strokes

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Celebrate the Roses

June is National Rose Month, an ideal time to celebrate the world's most popular and beloved flower. Roses throughout time have been used to symbolize love, beauty, war, and a multitude of emotions and expressions. According to fossil evidence, the rose could be up to 35 million years old! Today, there are more than 150 species and over 30.000 varieties of roses.

Stop by the historic Rose Garden at Lakeview Park to celebrate the roses! The Lakeview Rose Garden is the largest and most visited within the parks. It was originally dedicated on May 30, 1932 to honor those lost during a devastating tornado in

1924. The creation of this garden was sponsored by a number of community members and families as well as 17 organizations, including the Lorain Rotary Club.

The garden's design pays homage to the Rotary Club with its 48 plant beds laid out within an eight spoke wagon wheel, the emblem of the club.

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in nature. Stick to swimming areas that are monitored by lifeguards for optimal safety.

- Tend to a garden. Gardening is a great form of light exercise that can produce rewarding results. If you don't have a garden or enough space for one at home, many neighborhoods have community gardens in which you can secure a plot.
- Visit a fair or farmer's market. The warm weather months are a peak time for outdoor activities, including various community fairs and farmer's markets. Chances are you can find a farmer's market nearby most days of the week, but especially on the weekend. A town market or state fair is a great way to get out and walk, play games of chance or enjoy some live entertainment. Check your community calendar for local events.

Active seniors can embrace long, warm summer days to enjoy plenty of time away from home.

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reported that individuals who waited until age 67 to retire experienced less cognitive decline than those who retired prior to turning 67.

- Make exercise part of your retirement routine. A lack of structure may seem enticing to individuals who have spent decades working. However, many retirees find that little structure loses it appeal quickly after calling it quits. When creating a new routine in retirement, include regular exercise. According to the Mayo Clinic, studies indicate that people who are physically active are less likely to experience a decline in their mental function. So daily exercise not only gives retirees something to do, but also benefits their brains.
 - Enroll in an adult education.

course. A 2014 study published in the journal JAMA Neurology examined the association between lifetime intellectual enrichment and cognitive decline in the older population. The study's authors found that higher levels of late-life cognitive activity were associated with higher levels of cognition. The study's authors concluded that lifetime intellectual enrichment might delay the onset of cognitive impairment Retirees can look into adult learning programs at local colleges and universities to see if anything piques their interest.

Retirement can be everything professionals hope it will be, especially for those who make a concerted effort to maintain optimal cognitive function after

they call it a career.



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INSIDE ACTIVE SENIOR LIVING

Housing needs may change as adults grow older and their children move out. Adults nearing retirement may want to reduce their cost of living and could find a big house is more than they need at this stage in life.

According to the financial management resource The Motley Fool, in 2019 48 percent of seniors planned to downsize, while 52 percent wanted to remain in their existing homes.

A lower cost of living could be the primary motivator to sell, but less house to maintain and the extra free time that comes with fewer chores can be powerful motivators as well.

Many adults age 50 and older consider adult communities when seeking to downsize their homes. Senior home options are categorized based on the level of care they provide. "Active adult living" is a relatively new option that reflects a growing desire for residences that afford aging adults a chance to downsize their homes and engage in their favorite activities.

Active adult living, leisure living or active adult communities include single-family homes, townhouses, condominiums, and other housing options within a community that offers an array of amenities and services. According to Retirement Living,



residents in active adult communities enjoy country club settings with amenities like swimming pools, clubhouses, golf courses, exercise centers, walking trails, computer labs, hobby centers, and even on-site restaurants. Active adult living communities may provide transportation options and have their own travel clubs. Though active adult residences do not typically provide medical services, many communities are conveniently located close to local shopping centers and complexes, ensuring that the doctor's office is not that far away.

Other features of active living covered by homeowner's association fees include outdoor maintenance like landscaping, snow removal and sanitation services. Security, internet service and cable also may be included in the monthly fees. Active communities emulate the benefits afforded by all-inclusive vacations, where day-to-day details are handled by management so residents can focus on fun and leisure.

Unlike general neighborhoods, seniors may appreciate active living communities because they have access to an array of services within the community. Some promote a resort vacation feeling, while others may focus on sports or cultural life. What's more, since age is restricted, residents know that many people in these communities have shared experiences.

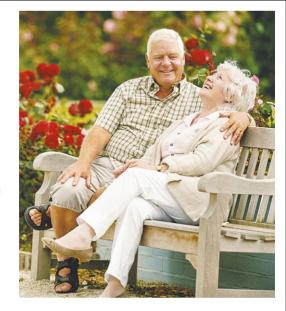
Active adult communities also are amenable to adults who like to travel. Residents get the peace of mind to lock up their homes and leave knowing lawns will still be mowed and shrubs trimmed — removing signs that the residence is unoccupied. This is an ideal situation for a snowbird who spends time in a different location for part of the year.

Active adult living is the relatively new kid on the block for senior communities, filling an important niche for independent retirees and nearretirees.

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