



# The Senior Scene

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## Summer 2009 Edition

### Welcome to The Senior Scene!

This quarterly publication highlights activities and events in the Battle Ground area. Summer is here and now is the time to get outside and enjoy the sun! So get up, get out and get ACTIVE! There's something for everyone! ☺



The **MAD HATTERS**

### CLUB Summer Schedule!

The *Mad Hatters Club* meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at the Senior Center, located at 116 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (unless otherwise noted). There are no membership fees or red hats required. The only requirement is that you join us when you can and have some FUN! So put on any hat and join the club!

### Mad Hatter Club Calendar of Events

#### Friday, July 10 @ 11am

##### **Fort Vancouver Historic Site**

We'll visit the Fort Vancouver Historic Site and get to experience how life was back in the Hudson's Bay Company era. The Blacksmith Shop, Carpenter Shop, Kitchen and/or Bake House comes to life as staff and volunteers, in period clothing, share work and life experiences of days gone by. Victorian hand crafts will also be demonstrated in the Chief Factor's House or Barclay Quarters. We'll meet at the Sr. Center @ 11am and carpool to Fort Vancouver for a tour, followed by lunch at a local restaurant (dutch treat).

#### Friday, August 14 @ 11am

##### **Esther Short Park & Glockenspiel Bells**

We'll meet at the Sr. Center @ 11am and carpool to Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver. There we will watch and listen to the Glockenspiel Bell Tower at Noon followed by lunch at a local restaurant (dutch treat!)

### Mad Hatter Club Events Continued

#### Thursday, September 10, @ 9 am

##### **Lucky Eagle Casino Trip**

Are you feeling lucky? Get on the bus and head to the Lucky Eagle Casino in Rochester, WA and try your luck! The day includes a free round trip bus trip to the casino, buffet lunch and slot and table games galore! Bus leaves Vancouver at 9am (*K-Mart parking lot located at Andresen and 4<sup>th</sup> Plain under the Miller Paint sign*). Advance reservations required for the shuttle! **Call (360) 570-5389 to make your reservation.** Gaming and lunch on your own.

### Senior Center Activities

The Senior Advisory Board sponsors a variety of activities for Battle Ground area. These activities are open to any senior who wants to play! They are offered on an on-going basis at the Senior Center, located at 116 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

### **Sr. Potluck Day**

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month

Time: 1130am – 1pm

Location: Senior Center

Bring your best dish and join in the fun! Sr. Potluck Day is all about eating, drinking and *more eating!* A main entrée is usually provided each month unless noted otherwise.

#### Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

We'll celebrate America with a BBQ picnic on the back lawn of the Sr. Center (weather permitting)! Main entrée will be **hamburgers, dogs and brats!**

#### Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

Beat the heat and join us for a Potluck and an Ice Cream Social! Main entrée will be **chicken and an ice cream sundae bar with all the fixing's!**

#### Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

We welcome the autumn solstice with a down-home potluck! Bring your best dish to share with the group...*no main entrée served this month.*

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### **Bunko!**

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month  
Time: Noon – 3pm  
Cost: \$5 per person, per day

Roll the dice and play BUNKO! This game is fun and fast-paced. Anyone can play...no previous game experience or partner required. It's easy and fun to learn and play. Potluck @ noon!

### **PINOCHLE**

Date: Tuesdays & Thursdays (weekly)  
Time: Noon – 4pm  
Cost: Nominal fee per game

Are you a Pinochle card player? If yes, then come on down to the Sr. Center and join other Pinochle players. Having a partner is not a requirement to play...single individuals are welcome! The day includes a potluck lunch before the games begin, so bring a tasty dish to share with the group.

### **Scrap Booking w/ Celeste!**

Scrap booking is easy and fun! Make your very own greeting cards and calendars that have a personal touch. Class dates and times vary. For details on future classes check out Celeste's website at [www.celestereising.stampinup.net](http://www.celestereising.stampinup.net).

## **OUT & ABOUT TOWN!**

### **VFW Bingo**

Dates: Monday & Thursdays (weekly)  
Time: 530pm (start time)  
Cost: Fee for bingo cards or packages  
Location: 619 SE 1<sup>st</sup> St (old Eagles building)

B-4, I-26, N-39, G-52, O-63....what's that make?  
BINGO! Bring your dobber, buy your cards and get ready to yell BINGO!

### **Loaves & Fishes Senior Lunch**

Date: Daily, Monday – Friday  
Time: Lunch served at Noon  
Cost: \$2.75 suggested donation  
Location: Battle Ground Community Center,  
located at 912 E. Main Street, Battle Ground

## **Loaves & Fishes Senior Lunch** continued

Loaves and Fishes provides a hot and nutritious noon meal every weekday for senior residents of Battle Ground and surrounding communities. Enjoy a nice meal while you visit with other local seniors. You're welcome to come and eat as many times a week as you want. A small donation is suggested, however if you can't afford to donate that's ok... No one will ever be turned away for lack of funds, give what you can, when you can. So come and visit us at the Battle Ground Community Center...coffee and snacks are available as early as 1030am, followed by lunch at noon.

### **Politocal Correctness**

Political correctness is a fairly new concept  
And if you fail to practice it you will be deemed inept  
No matter what your true thoughts are, no matter  
what your trend  
You're asked to temper words and deeds lest  
someone you offend.

There are words and phrases too which are no longer  
used  
If you should choose to utter them, you would not be  
excused.  
Oh, some would shrink, their eyes aglare should they  
hear my version  
Of how I feel and what I think they would label it  
incursion.

And though I always try to be polite in my approach  
There still are those who take umbrage at something  
I may broach  
But, this does not concern me much, on eggs I will  
not tread  
Nor dilly-dally 'round the bush when plain words  
should be said.

And it's not my intention to irritate or rile  
Nor do I have desires to dishonor or defile.  
I merely think that one should feel the freedom to  
express  
What's on his mind and speak his piece without fer of  
redress.

I will add this one last verse and thus my plaint will  
end  
If you are angered by these words, it is I that you  
offend  
If anything I've written here may somehow cause  
confusion  
Just read the first amendment to  
THE US CONSTITUTION

*Mel Mason*