



55+ Chat

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Hello New Folks and Loyal Participants,

This newsletter is to keep you updated on events and activities taking place in the 55+ Program.

We hope that you decide to join us in February.

Also, keep your eyes out for our newest staff member, Lisa Joyce.

Be sure to say hello and make her feel welcome!

We hope everyone is staying warm and active!

Sincerely,

The 55+ Program Staff

Registering for Programs: To register for any trips or programs, you need to fill out February's registration form and mail it or drop it off with payment by **Thursday, February 2nd** to:

Portland Recreation

134 Congress Street

Suite #2

Portland, ME 04101

ATTN: Katy

Under no circumstances do we accept registrations over the phone.

Payment: You must send in your **full payment** with your registration. If you do not send in your payment, you will be put on a waitlist until it is received. We accept payment by check, credit card or money order.

Transportation: Our transportation cost is built into each activity's fee. A City van or Mini Bus will pick you up and drop you off at your home. If you wish to drive yourself to any activity, you may deduct \$3 for in-town trips and \$4 for out-of-town trips from each activity's cost.

Pick-Up Times: After receiving your registration forms, we will mail you back a sheet of paper with your pick-up time(s) on it for each trip. You should receive your pick up times on Monday, February 6th.

Please remember that the monthly calendar indicates the approximate times we will be at an activity, and does not include pick up and drop off times.

Wait List: If you see "Wait List" where a time should be, that means you have been put on a wait list for that particular activity.

Cancellations: Please call our office at 874-8870 and speak to one of the office staff or leave a message as soon as you know you will be unable to attend a trip or are canceling out of an activity.

If it is after office hours, please leave a message on the answering machine.

Credits: Credits are issued as follows:

- ★ Van transportation cost is always credited
- ★ If we cancel an event, you are fully credited the whole cost
- ★ If a seat or meal was reserved ahead of time, and we **cannot** find someone to take your spot, we **will not** be able to credit you for any amount other than the van transportation amount
- ★ If **we do** find someone to fill your cancelled slot, you will be credited the full amount
- ★ Credit is kept on your 55+ Program account for use towards future trips. If you would like to have your money refunded by check, you must call the 55+ Office at 874-8870.

Winter Food Drive:

During the month of February, the 55+ Program will be holding a non perishable food drive to distribute to local food pantries during this tough time of year. If you are interested in participating, please give your non perishable donations to a 55+ staff person on any trip or drop them off at the Cummings Center. Thank you for your help!

Meet Lisa, our Newest 55+ Program Staff Member!

Well hello all, I couldn't be any happier that I was the chosen one to work with the Seniors. I grew up in the city of Portland, been married for 26 years, have two grown sons, and one will be getting married in Jamaica in May 2012. I am very excited to be the one transporting you to all the events, sharing lunch and good conversation with all of you, and I want you to know I will always take very good care of each and every one of you.