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Brooklyn Park Center announces October events

Annapolis, MD (Sept. 22, 2011) – Brooklyn Park Senior Activity Center, 202 Hammonds Lane, Brooklyn Park, has announced events and programs for October. For information, call 410-222-6847 or e-mail bpcenter@aacounty.org.

- Amy Rubino, director of the Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program known as SHIP at the Department of Aging and Disabilities, will speak on Medicare Part D open enrollment. Changes must be made between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7, according to new legislation passed by Congress. Her talk is from 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 3 at the Brooklyn Park Senior Activity Center, 202 Hammonds Lane, Brooklyn Park. For information, call the center at 410-222-6847.

Anne H. Avery, from the Office of Public Engagement Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will speak on the same topic from 9 to 11 a.m. Oct. 5 at the Brooklyn Park Center. Her presentation will be in Korean. For information, call 410-222-6847.

- As October is Fire Prevention Month, the Brooklyn Park Senior Activity Center will present a program on preventing home fires, how to make your home safer if fire strikes, and what to do in a fire emergency. Lt. Shawn M. Jones and Firefighter Mark J. Smith will speak from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 6 at the center, 202 Hammonds Lane, Brooklyn Park. A video will be shown followed by a question and answer period. For information, call the center at 410-222-6847.

- Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Maryland and Delaware Inc., a nonprofit agency that offers free budget counseling, debt repayment planning, and community education, will give a presentation from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. Oct. 10 at the Brooklyn Park Senior Activity Center, 202 Hammonds Lane, Brooklyn Park. A representative from the agency also will answer questions. The program is free. Call the center at 410-222-6847 for information.

- The Brooklyn Park Senior Activity Center will have a German American Day program from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Oct. 13 at the center, 202 Hammonds Lane, Brooklyn Park. The speaker, Hilde Hoffman, grew up in Munich, Germany, during World War II. She has written several books and articles for magazines. She has a presentation on Oktoberfest, which is one of the biggest festivals in the world that attracts as many as 5 million people. It is a part of Bavarian culture and has been held since 1810. For information, call the center at 410-222-6847.

- Denise Barton Schuler, an assistive technology specialist with the Maryland Technology Assistance Program, will give a presentation on the services from 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 19 at the Brooklyn Park Senior Activity Center, 202 Hammonds Lane, Brooklyn Park. The services are available to every Maryland resident with a disability, providing tools to help them and seniors to enjoy the same rights and opportunities as other citizens. It can be reached at 410-554-9233. For more information, call the senior center at 410-222-6847.

- Members of the Brooklyn Park Senior Activity Center, 202 Hammonds Lane, can attend a free Senior Fun Day at Greenway Bowl, 8246 Telegraph Road, Odenton, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 25. Registration is underway at the center office. Enjoy two complimentary games, free shoe rental, and refreshments. Limited van service will be available for those who do not drive. Call 410-222-6847 for information.

- Brooklyn Park Senior Activity Center, 202 Hammonds Lane, Brooklyn Park, will hold a Monster's Bash from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 31. The event will have dancing, refreshments, and prizes for the most original individual costume and couple's costumes. Tickets are \$3 and must be purchased in advance. Call 410-222-6847 or visit the office for information.

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