

March 2025

# Chaplin Senior Center

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Lisa Kegler, Director  
Linda Grindle, Asst. Director  
Bob Grindle & Dawn Gilbert, Kitchen  
Shirley Rakos, Municipal Agent



## Artist of the Month

Paul Ramsey is a life-long landscape and wildlife photographer. He took the first film production course at Wesleyan University, and went on to study photography and cinematography. His photos have appeared in galleries, exhibitions, newspapers and magazines. He has lived and shot photos on a small lake and wildlife refuge in Columbia for over four decades.

### Artist's Statement:

I am an old-school photographer. I compose carefully in the camera and try not to waste shots as if I were still using Kodak film. I try to capture the visual image I have before me in the camera; I do not rely on Photoshop to bring it together afterwards.

I am still amazed by the beauty that surrounds us. I have many times slammed on my brakes while driving, to stop and capture a stunning image. It will not last. The light and perspective will only last for a moment. It has been my good fortune to be there to capture it.

**Paul will be holding an art reception on Monday, March 10th at 12:15pm. He will be giving a talk about his landscape photography.**

### Let's make music together!!

Did you enjoy playing a musical instrument a while ago? Or you would like to learn how to play one now? Let the Chaplin Senior Center know if you might enjoy playing again in a welcoming setting. All levels including beginners are welcome. There are no auditions to join the group, just an interest in making music together.

If the string, wind or brass instrument that you played in high school has been idle for the past 40 years, you might have it checked (perhaps lubricated!) to insure it will play properly and not frustrate you.

Contact Peggy Church at [peggychurch2@gmail.com](mailto:peggychurch2@gmail.com) if you would like to explore this possibility.

**Lunches** - Just a heads up, in order to continue to break even on our lunch expenses we will be raising the price of lunch to \$7.00 a meal for members and non-members will remain at \$8.00 starting in April.

# CURBSIDE PICKUP OR DINE IN LUNCHES

## CHAPLIN SENIOR CENTER

Every Monday and Wednesday. \$6.00 for members and \$8.00 for non-members. Pickups will be from 11:45 till 12:15. Dining in starts at noon. You must call in your order on the Thursday before by 2:00pm for Monday lunch and call in on Monday before for Wednesday lunch.

### March 2025 Menu

- Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Chicken & Noodles, Sauteed Green Beans, Dinner Roll and Spice Cake
- Wed. March 5<sup>th</sup> - Grilled Salmon, Rice Pilaf, Corn Bread, Roasted Carrots and Banana Cream Pie
- Monday March 10<sup>th</sup> - Baked Meat Loaf w/Gravy and Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Dinner Roll and Brownie
- Wed. March 12<sup>th</sup> - Grilled Pork Chop w/ Scalloped Potatoes, Spinach, Dinner Roll and Apple Cobbler
- Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> - **St. Patrick's Day Lunch – \$8.00**  
Corned Beef & Cabbage w/ Potatoes & Carrots  
Dinner Roll and Pistachio Cake
- Wed. March 19<sup>th</sup> - Chicken Cutlet on a Bulkie Roll w/Lettuce & Tomato, Corn Chowder w/Crackers and Chocolate Cream Pie
- Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> - Pasta & Meatballs, Garden Salad, Galic Bread and a Cookie
- Wed. March 26<sup>th</sup> - Chicken Pot Pie, Corn Bread & Bread Pudding
- Monday March 31<sup>st</sup> - Grilled Cheeseburger w/Lettuce & Tomato, Cole Slaw, Potato Chips and Lemon Cake



**2nd ANNUAL**

**CHAPLIN CHILI CHALLENGE**

**Saturday, March 8th 5:00pm - 7:00pm**

**(Snow Date March 15th)**

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**132 Chaplin Street**

**Bring a crock pot of your favorite chili recipe to  
compete for great prizes**

**or just come as a taste tester!**

**BYOB**

**Senior Center will provide cornbread and dessert.**

**1st place prize - Bob's IGA Meat Bundle**

**2nd place prize - Lodge Cast Iron Dutch Oven**

**3rd place prize - Margarita Gift Basket**

**Call 860-455-1327 for information.**

# Chaplin Senior Center Monthly Calendar

## March 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>3</b> 9:00-9:45 Fit & Fun 9:00-12:00 Pickleball 11:00 Yoga 11:45-12:15 LUNCH see menu	<b>4</b> 9:00-9:45 Fit & Fun 10:00-2:00 Mahjongg 10:00 Memoir Group	<b>5</b> 9:00-12:00 Pickleball 9:45-11:45 Bingo 11:45-12:15 LUNCH see menu <b>12:30 Mexican Train</b>	<b>6</b> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00-9:45 Fit & Fun 10:00-1:00 Massage Therapy by appt. 860-455-1327
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**Thursday, Mar. 20th**

**10am - 2PM**

**\$40.00 CASH**

**30 Minute Appt.**



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appointment**

## THE GOLDEN YEARS

Some well-meaning younger idiot asked me one day if I was enjoying my "Golden Years". That got me wondering, who invented that expression and why was it "golden" to them? So I did some research on the subject. Ok, so I Googled it.

The "golden years" is a phrase that describes the period of retirement, usually after age 65. It's a time when people can enjoy leisure and relaxation after working their whole lives. Also it explained that it was the late years in someone's life : the time of life when someone is old as in my grandparents were active well into their golden years.

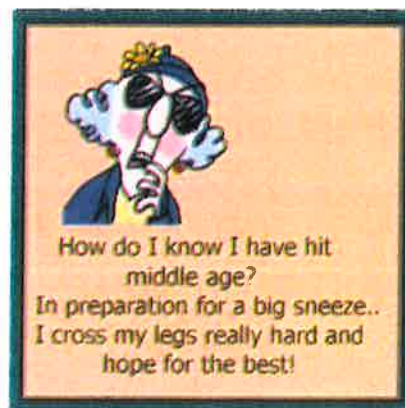
Somehow I think that may have changed since it was written. Today most people can't afford to retire at age 65. Maybe at 72-75 if they're lucky, if they were smart enough to have enough money to pay off all the stuff they couldn't when they were younger; if they don't have a house full of "returned children" who can't manage their own lives and unfortunately you have a big house. Or maybe you're working till you're 75 because it's a nice getaway for you as in your golden years I suppose.

I had a bucket list at one time but now not only is my bucket a bit rusty and leaking, so am I. I was fortunate enough to have my "golden years" when I was young enough to enjoy them. That was when my kids were little and we had all those terrible camping adventures. They were golden memories. Every smile and giggle at Halloween or Thanksgiving or Christmas get-togethers that wore me out were 100% golden years. Watching my children and their children grow and have families of their own were golden years.

Those two times that we took the motorhome and went across our beautiful America and saw all 50 states were in our golden years. Point being don't wait till you're too old to do it whatever IT is. Whatever is stopping you will still be there when you get back, as will the golden years.

Pat Calvo

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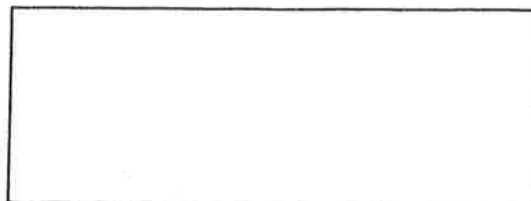
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