



SUBMISSION FORM

All submission forms must include the following information. Separate submission forms must be turned in for each eligible program. **Deadline: July 1, 2025.** Please include this submission form as the first page of your electronic entry. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your entry within 3 days of submission, please contact [Gage Harter](#).

PROGRAM INFORMATION

County: _____

Program Title: _____

Program Category: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

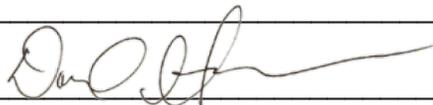
Telephone: _____ Website: _____

Email: _____

SIGNATURE OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR DEPUTY/ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature:  _____

The pandemic created many challenges for the senior population in Surry County, VA. Cognitive decline, health vulnerabilities, economic hardships, and technological gaps are just a few; on top of living in a rural area where neighbors are sometimes miles apart. The county administration was challenged with integrating seniors back into some sense of normalcy. With that came the idea of the 55+ Initiative program.

The Surry County Department of Social Services and the Department of Parks and Recreation brought together the expertise of both departments to support the well-being of older adults in the Surry County community. The Department of Social Services contributes its knowledge of the needs and challenges faced by seniors, ensuring the program is tailored to address issues like social isolation, health disparities, and accessibility. Meanwhile, the Department of Parks and Recreation provides spaces, programming, and resources for recreational activities that promote physical activity, mental stimulation, and social engagement.

Together, they developed a comprehensive program that includes fitness classes, educational workshops, trips, and social events, all designed to foster a sense of community and support amongst participants. By pooling their resources, expertise, and staff, the two departments offer a more holistic and effective program that improves the overall quality of life for seniors in Surry County, VA. This collaboration not only enhances the lives of older adults but also demonstrates the value of interdepartmental partnerships in addressing the complex needs of the community. By working together, the Department of Social Services and Department of Parks and Recreation have created a more vibrant, supportive, and age-friendly environment for everyone.

Both departments used departmental budgets to finance this crucial county investment along with an additional contribution of \$10,000 from the Surry County Board of Supervisors.

The 55+ Initiative has had a profound impact on the lives of over 1000 participants in our community since its launch. The program increased senior mobility, reduced feelings of isolation, fostered new friendships, reduced loneliness, and increased social support networks.

That is what makes this program a huge success!

Bus Trip

Sponsored By
SURRY COUNTY'S 55+ INITIATIVE
 Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
 June 24th - June 26th, 2025



Details:

- Polynesian Fine Luau and Dinner Show
- Dolphin Cruise
- Mocktail Tasting Dinner & Tournament
- Shopping at Tanger Outlets
- Free Time

Double Occupancy: \$776.98 per person
 Triple Occupancy: \$661.82 per person
 Quadruple Occupancy: \$637.23 per person

Payments are non-refundable and non-transferable. Monthly payments are as follows:
 Double Occupancy: \$28.09 each due on March 14, 2025, April 5, 2025 and May 1, 2025
 Triple Occupancy: \$27.94 each due on March 14, 2025, April 5, 2025 and May 1, 2025
 Quadruple Occupancy: \$21.41 each due on March 14, 2025, April 5, 2025 and May 2025
 Includes (cost of Dinner Shows and Breakfast at the hotel (4 Hampton Inn) on June 25, 2025
 Cash payments will not be accepted. Make checks and money orders payable to the Treasurer of Surry County.
 Payments will be received at Surry County Parks and Recreation
 Contact: Jennifer Foster for additional details.
 757-294-3044

Surry County 55+ Initiative Presents:
Mother's Day Tea

We invite you to join us for brunch honoring our mothers and mother figures, who embody maternal care and support.

Surry Co. Parks & Recreation
 205 Enos Farm Drive Surry, VA

Saturday, May 10, 2025
 Time: 11am- 1pm
FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, AND MORE...
SIGN UP: JENNIFER FOSTER
757-294-3044

Dress for the Tea Party (fascinators, hats & gloves)

PAYING HONORAGE TO WOMEN 90+ YEARS OLD

Surry County 55+ Initiative **SPRING FLING!**

Boots & Blooms

Bring your own lawn chairs!
 ADMISSION FREE

SATURDAY
 April 26, 2025
 3 PM - 7 PM

SURRY COUNTY PAVILION
 45 School Street
DJ BASELINE
 Dr. Smooth - Special Guest
Line Dance Tutorials
RSVP FOR MEAL TICKET:
 Jennifer Foster
 757-294-3044
 Food while it lasts!



Surry County 55+ Initiative

Friendsgiving

When: November 22, 2024

Complimentary meal & entertainment provided.
 Limited seating by reservations on a first come-first serve basis.

Where: Luther Porter Middle School
 Dendron, VA

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

RSVP: Jennifer Foster
 757-294-3044

\$15 PER PERSON
 \$25 COUPLE

NO REFUNDS

SURRY COUNTY 55+ INITIATIVE

Winter White Wonderland Ball

FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER
 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
SURRY PARKS & RECREATION
 205 Enos Farm Drive Surry VA 23883

Entertainment, Food, Prizes
 & More
 RSVP Jennifer Foster
 757-294-3044
 Before December 6, 2024

55 & UP CITIZENS

Please join us for a social gathering

COFFEE, Conversation & Donuts

Hosted by
Surry County Parks and Recreation

Every Monday,
 Starting May 22, 2023
 at 9:30 AM
 205 Enos Farm Drive
 Surry, VA 23883

A Tribute to Surry County's
Mothers and Surrogate Mothers

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024
 6:00 PM
THE FARMHOUSE
 612 COLONIAL TRAIL EAST
 SURRY, VA

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER, GAMES, DOOR PRIZES AND ENTERTAINMENT

LIMITED SEATING
 FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED BASIS

RSVP TO:
 JENNIFER FOSTER
 SURRY PARKS AND RECREATION
 757-294-3044

SPONSORED BY SURRY COUNTY'S 55+ INITIATIVE TEAM

Rodeo & Roses

Surry Parks & Recreation
 205 Enos Farm Drive, Surry VA 23883
Friday, February 14, 2025
 6:30 p.m.

ADMISSION: FREE
 Country Western Attire (Recommended but Not Required)
 Live Band: Fort 19 Rodeo
 Food & More...
 Contest:
 Best Dressed
 Best Cowboy Hat
 Most Romantic Couple
 Saddle Up Line Dance Tutorials

SIGN UP WITH
JENNIFER FOSTER @ 757-294-3044

55+ WINNER, WINNER CHICKEN DINNER!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BIRTHDAY PARTY ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY - DECEMBER 2024.

COME AND ENJOY A FRIED CHICKEN DINNER AND TWO SIDES! CULMINATING WITH A SLICE OF POUND CAKE. TOPPED WITH A SCOOP OF VANILLA ICE CREAM, DRIZZLED WITH HOT FUDGE, FILLED WITH WHIPPED CREAM AND GARNISHED WITH A CHERRY ON TOP!

ALL COMPLIMENTARY!!

CANVAS PAINTING WITH LAUREL STONE INCLUDED

WHEN: FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025
 WHERE: SURRY PARKS AND RECREATION
 TIME: 6:00 PM

PLEASE RSVP TO:
 JENNIFER FOSTER AT 757-294-3044
 NO LATER THAN JANUARY 27, 2025

HOSTED BY: SURRY DIST. SURRY PARKS & RECREATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND FAMILY RESOURCES

55+ INITIATIVE

COMMUNITY SPRING FEST 2025

WALK FOR A CAUSE



Please Join us for a Day of Fun!
Surry County High School William H. Miller Football Field
Saturday, April 5, 2025
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Walk with your BOARD OF SUPERVISOR representative around the perimeter of the track field and wear a colored shirt in support of each cause as assigned to your district:

- CARLSLEY DISTRICT Alzheimer's - Purple Shirt
- DENORON DISTRICT Breast Cancer - Pink Shirt
- CLAREMONT DISTRICT Diabetes - Blue Shirt
- SURRY DISTRICT Heart Disease - Red Shirt
- BACONS CASTLE DISTRICT Mental Health - Green Shirt

A PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED TO THE DISTRICT WITH THE MOST CONSTITUENTS REPRESENTED.

SURRY COUNTY 55+ INITIATIVE PRESENTS:

MOVIE TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024
PRIVATE SHOWING
11:30AM

THE COLOR PURPLE



A \$7.00 NON-REFUNDABLE FEE

INCLUDES:

- POPCORN, DRINK & TRANSPORTATION
- MOVIE TAVERN
- WILLIAMSBURG, VA
- RSVP: JENNIFER FOSTER

757-294-3044

LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN) @ GOLDEN CORRAL



SURRY CITIZENS 55+ SPA DAY EVENT

RELAX & REPLENISH

MESSAGES, EXERCISE TIPS, HEALTHY EATING PRESENTATION
JANUARY 26, 2024 - 10AM-2PM
PARKS & REC

RSVP BY 1.19.24 TO 757-294-3044

Love Is In The Air Affair

SURRY COUNTY, VA 55+ INITIATIVE
SURRY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

February 9, 2024

6:00 PM

MENU:

- FRIED CHICKEN
- MASHED POTATOES
- CARROT SOUFFLE
- SNAP BEANS
- BEVERAGE
- DESSERT

DANCING, MUSIC, GAMES, AND PRIZES!

SEATS ARE LIMITED

RSVP BY 2/2/24 TO: JENNIFER FOSTER
SURRY PARKS AND RECREATION

757-294-3044

THIS EVENT IS BEING SPONSORED BY: THE COUNTY OF SURRY, THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND FAMILY RESOURCES AND SURRY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

SURRY COUNTY 55+

Sneaker Ball

MARCH 29, 2024 | 6PM
SURRY COUNTY PARKS & REC



Surry County's 55+ Initiative Presents:

"WICKED"

Wick & Wax:
A Free Lighthearted Candle Workshop

July 9, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Surry Parks and Recreation
205 Enos Farm Drive, Surry, VA 23883

Please register by June 30, 2025 for spacing and planning.

Contact: Jennifer Foster @ Surry Parks & Recreation
(757)294-3044

SURRY COUNTY'S 55+ INITIATIVE PRESENTS:

ONE DAY OF FUN!

Saturday, March 29th

ITINERARY
6:30 AM DEPART
SURRY
COMMUTER
PARKING LOT

6:30 PM DEPART
MARYLAND
LIVE

8:30 AM
BREAKFAST STOP
(GRAB & GO)
FREDERICKSBURG
VA

9:30 PM
ARRIVE
SURRY
COMMUTER
PARKING LOT



*SUBJECT TO CHANGE

\$25.00 TRANSPORTATION FEE PER PERSON
NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED AND NO REFUNDS

MARYLAND LIVE CASINO
&
ARUNDEL MILLS MALL

Contact Jennifer Foster
757-294-3044

SURRY CITIZENS 55+
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR

DECEMBER 8, 2023
12 NOON

LUNCH + SHOPPING + LIGHTS



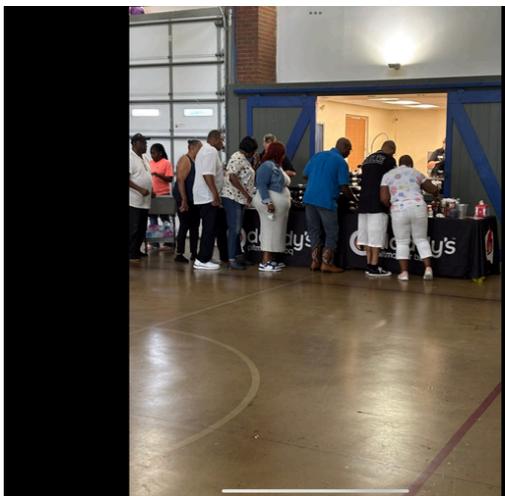
COMMUTER PARKING LOT
45 SCHOOL ST. 23883

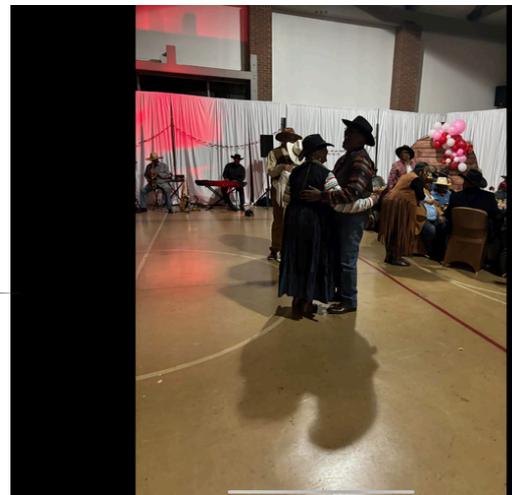
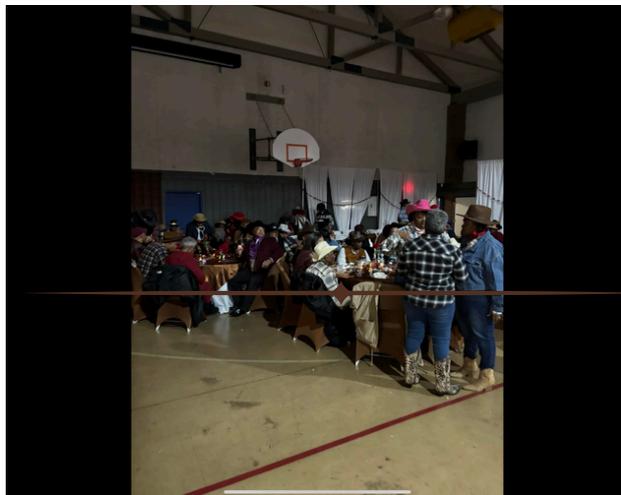
RSVP BY 11.20.23 TO:
757-294-3044

Ornament Workshops

SURRY CITIZENS 55+







Summary

Surry County's 55+ community initiative is a collaboration between our County Parks and Recreation department and the Surry County Department of Social Services. This program is designed to enrich the lives of citizens aged fifty-five and older by providing diverse recreational opportunities. The program offers fitness classes, arts and crafts workshops, outdoor excursions, and social gatherings, promoting physical activity, mental stimulation, and social interaction.

Partnering with the Surry County Department of Social Services, we deliver engaging experiences that support health, wellness, and community connection. Our goal is to empower active aging, foster friendships, and enhance overall quality of life for our participants. By joining our program, seniors can stay active, learn new skills, and build meaningful relationships, contributing to a vibrant and supportive community for all.

In a rural community where options for recreation are limited, a fifty-five plus program can be a lifesaver for seniors. These programs offer a space for socialization and interaction, which is essential for both physical and mental well-being. By bringing together people of similar ages and interests, these programs help combat loneliness and isolation.

Members can participate in various activities, such as game nights, exercise classes, or group outings, which not only keep them engaged but also foster meaningful relationships. This sense of community and belonging can have a profound impact on seniors' overall quality of life, helping them stay active, connected, and supported.