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Senior Center Reopening on August 2

July 23, 2021 – BELTON, Mo. – On Monday, August 2, 2021, the Belton Senior Center will reopen its doors to older adults in Belton and neighboring communities. Members have the opportunity to participate in new activities, enjoy daily hot meals, and spend quality time with others. The Senior Centers hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Senior Center's daily hot meals also resume on August 2 and will be served each day at noon. Preregistration is required in order to participate in this service. Registration for multiple weeks in advance is available, and preferred. Call the Senior Center at (816) 348.7410 to reserve a hot meal. Please call to cancel if you are unable to make it to any meals for which you have registered. As always, meals are no charge to the individual; however, any contribution is appreciated. A menu schedule will be released monthly, and can be found at Belton.org, the Senior Center's Facebook page, the newspaper, and posted at the Senior Center, to let older adults know what meals to expect.

A detailed calendar of the Center's engaging activities will be released monthly and can be found at Belton.org, the Senior Center's Facebook page, the newspaper, and posted at the Senior Center. For example, BINGO games will be held every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Members can purchase two BINGO cards for \$1. Forever Fit fitness classes will be held on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and led by a fitness instructor from High Blue Wellness Center. Every day after lunch members will have free time for puzzles, card games, board games and social time until closing at 2:00 p.m.

The City of Belton launched an expanded OATs Transit program in May. Citizens 65 and over and those with disabilities can call the OATs office at (816) 380.7433 up to two weeks in advance to schedule door-to-door service to take them to the doctor's offices, hair appointments, gym, social gatherings, shopping and nearly any other destination in the city. This service is offered on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The fee is \$1.00 co-pay per trip, per way, to help sustain the program for the long run.

OATs Transportation is available to transport older adults from their home to the Senior Center and home again. OATs will drop members off at 9:20 a.m. and depart at 1:00 p.m. Rides can be scheduled for multiple weeks in advance, which is preferred. To claim your spot, call the Senior Center at (816) 348.7410. Please call to cancel if you have scheduled a ride but are unable to participate that day.

The Senior Center has undergone a minor remodel that includes new windows and fresh coats of paint. A new roof and new flooring are in the works; these necessary renovations are being made possible by a Mid-America Regional Council grant.

The Senior Center is in need of volunteers. Volunteers have the opportunity to engage with older adults in the community and make a lasting impact in their lives. Groups and organizations can earn service hours for volunteering. There are many open volunteer positions. In addition to volunteers, the center is looking for organizations to sponsor celebrations and activities. Please contact Bobi Hallak, Senior Center Coordinator (seniorcenter@belton.org) for more information.

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