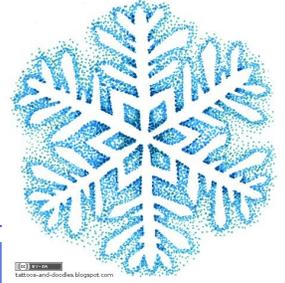




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Covid; to Test or Not? (a personal perspective)

The holidays brought with it more than just lights, glitter and fancy packages. Many of us, myself included, received a visit from a notorious celebrity and I'm not talking Santa.

Covid and his offspring, Delta and Omicron decided to pay us a visit. Mind you they were not on the invitation list at Christmas but decided to crash the party anyway. They snuck in disguised as achy muscles and a scratchy throat but after a few days they showed their true colors with an ever changing variety of symptoms that just seem to go on forever.

With it came to the decision to test or not to test. Or finding any testing available since everyone on God's green earth had been exposed and all wanted to know if they had the big C! Not to downplay the severity of the virus but whether you have it or not the treatment is basically the same, until it's not.

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Social Security 2022 Payment Schedule

There has been some concern and controversy regarding a "new" social security payment date calendar for 2022. After extensive research I have come to the conclusion that the only thing "new" about the calendar is the exact dates of payment. **There is little to no effect on existing social security beneficiaries.**

As difficult as it is to get clear and concise information, it consistently appears that this system of payment has been in effect since June 1997. The only difference are the annual changes in calendar dates. If you get your benefits on the third of the month you will continue to get them on 3rd of the month, if you have received your benefits the second week of the month, you will continue to receive them on the second week of the month. The only thing that changes is the actual date.

This has caused a great deal of stress and confusion for several of you. If you are concerned that your payment date may be changing, I strongly suggest that you register online with social security and check your personal payment calendar for reassurance.

COLA increase

The 2022 payments include a **5.9% increase**, the biggest boost in 39 years.

The cost-of-living adjustment will mean an increase of about \$92 a month for most retired workers, bringing the average benefit to \$1,657 per month. Some of that increase, however, will be eaten away from higher Medicare **Part B premiums that are rising from \$140.50 to \$170.10.**

Important: If your monthly income is less than \$1350 you could be eligible to have your Part B premiums paid for by the state. Contact your RSC for more information.

 Schedule of Social Security Benefit Payments 2022

Month	Day	Month	Day	Month	Day
JANUARY 2022	1	FEBRUARY 2022	1	MARCH 2022	1
2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4
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30	30	30	30	30	30
31	31			31	31

Benefits paid on Birth date on

- Second Wednesday 1st - 10th
- Third Wednesday 11th - 20th
- Fourth Wednesday 21st - 31st

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

- Social Security benefits prior to May 1997; or if receiving both Social Security and SSI, Social Security is paid on the third of the month.

If you don't receive your payment on the expected date, please allow three additional mailing days before contacting Social Security.

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**We are happy to announce COMCAST TECH 2 YOU IS BACK!
Many thanks to Eric for fighting to keep this program!**

Test or Not? (Cont. from page 1)

As they say, if you're sick, stay home! Don't share your germs! Whether or not they're Covid, we don't want them! If you think you've actually been exposed, stay away from others and take care of yourself. Eat healthy, whole foods, take supplements and put some space between you and others.

Either way the test will not decide your fate. It will only add to the media's documentation that we're still in the thick of it. And speaking from my own experience, a positive test result tends to dampen any optimism, so why bother. The Law of Attraction states that we attract what we focus on. So think healthy and happy not apprehensive or fearful and be well.
~Beverly Dalton, RSC

“Petra on the Go” Up & Running with Captain Bill!

We are pleased to announce the successful restructuring of our “Petra on the Go” bus program and welcome our new volunteer driver, Bill Chenco.



Just before the holidays we finally felt safe enough to offer a set bi-weekly bus run with a variety of choices. Twice a month “Petra on the Go” travels to two Pottstown shopping centers offering groceries from Walmart, Target, Aldi or Giant along with variety shopping at everything from Dollar tree to Burlington! You could even make a lunch date at one of the many eateries available.



Come join the fun and say hi to Bill! Sign up by the mailboxes in advance. Pick up at 10:30 am & you choose your drop off point for some nice time away.

Reminder: CODE BLUE Weather Alerts & Snow Removal Policies

- 1. Severe Weather Conditions:** If the temperatures fall below 20 degrees a **CODE BLUE** notice will be posted at each building exit to warn Residents. Severe weather conditions are especially dangerous for older adults and those in poor health. We strongly urge residents to stay indoors whenever these conditions occur.
- 2. Car Owners:** Before a storm please **park your cars thoroughly into each parking spot** for snow plow accessibility.
- 3. Individual Snow Shovelers are available:** Residents are responsible to remove snow from around their vehicles. Petra will post a list of affordable, reliable persons to assist you. **Call them directly (note there are new phone #s)**. Please use extreme caution if you choose to remove snow yourself. Once your parking space is clear, **You may leave a marker such as a crate or cone**. It is very frustrating to leave and find someone else has taken the spot you shoveled. This does not apply at Flag House as parking spaces are reserved. Please be considerate of your neighbors when removing snow.
- 4. Parking Area plowing and Sidewalks are cleared by Petra Staff.** Coordination of snow removal will be done as quickly and efficiently as possible. Please be patient. **Please DO NOT shovel snow from sidewalks or any outdoor areas**. Our staff will remove snow from the common areas as soon as possible. Depending upon the time and amount of snow it may take several hours to clear the snow at each building. **Refrain from traveling outside until walkways and roads are clear**.
- 3. The Community Rooms in each building are designated as ‘Safe Rooms’.** This means that in the event of a power outage or disaster these rooms have generator back up and will continue to have heat and electric. Residents should take advantage of this amenity if there is ever outages.

Please be Safe this Season!!