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## **Hunterdon Senior Center To Re-open For In Person Programs Starting June 7th**

Senior citizen activities will return to the Hunterdon County senior center for in-person programs for the first time since March, 2020, while seniors will also be able to enjoy virtual programs, under a plan approved by the Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners, at the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Hunterdon Board Director Susan J. Soloway, at the May 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, had called for the County staff to convene a Task Force to determine the course of action to re-open the center for activities safely for participants and staff.

The Task Force report, calling for the 'soft opening' of the Senior Center, including outdoor and indoor activities, to begin June 7, 2021, while some senior programs will continue to be conducted virtually, was approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Soloway stated, "I believe having our seniors return to the senior center for activities is a very important step. As successful as the virtual programs have been, and continue to be, nothing beats human interaction for most people. Our seniors are counting on it."

Soloway added, "The concept of what is being called a soft opening, taking small steps to open up the center for limited programming at first, I think is a smart approach. Let's be careful, let's ensure the health protection of our seniors and the staff, but also let's step the programming up as soon as is feasible."

Activities will begin with bocce at the courts at Gauntt Place on June 7.

Other in person programs including; Move Tomorrow, Line Dancing, Chair Yoga, Traditional Yoga, Needlework, Art Class, Sign Language, Scrapbooking, and Woodcarvers, will begin the week of June 7<sup>th</sup>. Social distancing requirements will be in place.

Virtual programs that will continue include; Healthy Bones, Tap dance beginner and regular tap, Ballet, Spanish, Low impact aerobics, Gentle exercise, Italian, Zumba gold, Pilates, Qi Gong, Guitar Jam, Scattergories, Trivial pursuit, Bingo, and Health Lectures.

For more information contact the senior center at 908 788-1361 or on the County's website, [here](#).

Soloway thanked the staff serving on the task force for their quick turnaround in developing the plan.