

President's Message

Dear Members,

It is with great excitement and gratitude that we kick off our 50th season of Newcomers & Neighbors. I thank the individuals who had the idea and started a club that helps newcomers to the area connect with our wonderful community while making new friends. It has truly enriched my life in so many wonderful ways and helped me form lifelong friendships.

We will celebrate the whole season in different ways, so be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to our August 13th kickoff. Who knows, Newcomers & Neighbors might be just what they're looking for.

See you soon!

Kelly



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OUR PURPOSE: Hopkinsville-Christian County Newcomers and Neighbors is an organization that connects new people in our community together with long-time residents in order to learn about the area and to develop new friendships while supporting local charities.



Wednesday, August 13, 2025

COME & GO between 11:00 & 1:00

St John Methodist Church 2808 S Virginia Street

Drop by anytime between 11:00 & 1:00! Find out what we have planned for our 50th Anniversary, sign up for Interest Groups, and make new friends. Heavy finger foods will be provided and the first 50 Paid Members will receive a welcome bag.

Thank you to all of the members that have donated gift cards and items for door prizes for the kick off. We anticipate a large crowd due to our 50th celebration and we would greatly appreciate additional gift cards to any store/restaurant and in any amount. Please bring them wiht you to the kick off.

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Community Outreach Coordinator



We are looking for a motivated individual to coordinate volunteer opportunities for our members. She/He would also work with the board in choosing a recipient for our monthly donations and help with delivery. Please contact any board member if you are interested in serving in this position or would like more information.

Lunch Bunch and Bunco are in need of coordinators. If you are currently enjoying either one of these activities, please consider stepping in to fill these positions. Don't want to do the job alone, pair up with a friend.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the office of Secretary is now vacant. We are eagerly searching for a willing volunteer to fill the position. Please reach out to any board member if you are interested or with any questions.

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Vendors are now being accepted for this event, If you would like to participate please contact Vicki at The Trophy House.



<u>Upcoming opportunities include:</u>

August 6th--Warrior Wednesday, we will be feeding 200 troops at the USO on Fort Campbell. Volunteers are needed to cook spaghetti (noodles and sauce) and bring it to the USO at 11:00.

*There are also regular Send Off and Welcome Home receptions.

*(When our single soldiers return from deployment, they often go right to the base housing, without household goods like cleaning supplies, paper goods, pillows, etc. Anyone who would like to donate is welcome to drop off items to Shannon Lane, MAC Director, at the Hopkinsville-Christian County Chamber of Commerce office at 2800 Fort Campbell Blvd. Please include a little note letting them know you are with Newcomers & Neighbors.)

The Military Affairs Committee meetings are open to all Chamber Members and held the first Wednesday of the month, 11:45 a.m. at the Commerce Center unless otherwise noted.

If you'd like to be connected to the text chain which provides regular information on volunteer opportunities with the MAC, please email Newcomers & Neighbors MAC liaison, Kelly B., hoptownnewcomers@gmail.com.



Interest Groups



Our next **Book Club** will be **August 6th at 10:00am** at the home of Cindy R. . We will be discussing Excuse Me While I Disappear by Laurie Notaro. Please feel free to join us, even if you haven't read the book. Be watching for an email with more information. If you want to be added to this list, or for help obtaining a copy of the book, contact Barbara Moore, hoptownnewcomers@gmail.com.



Lunch Bunch If you would like to organize Lunch Bunch, please let one of the board members know.

CRUISIN'



Cruisin' With Friends If you would like to be added to the text chat, please contact Karen C., **hoptownnewcomers@gmail.com**.

Theatergoers

Theatergoers If you're interested in attending local theater productions or joining us for a night at the movies, please contact Susan B., <u>hoptownnewcomers@gmail.com</u>. Be on the look out for emails about upcoming outings.



Crafters will not meet in August. Be sure to let Kelly S., <u>hoptownnewcomers@gmail.com</u> know if you want to be added to this list. Space at each is limited, so be sure to reply to the emails to reserve your spot.



Bunco If you would like to organize Bunco, please let one of the board members know.



Beginning in September, Donna P. will be organizing a **Bridge** group. Look for the sign up table at our kick-off in August. If you have any questions, please reach out to Donna P., hoptownnewcomers@gmail.com. Thank you Donna!

If you have an idea for a group or would like to lead a group, please contact Kelly S., selfeart@yahoo.com.

Visit our webpage or Facebook page for more information, including photos and upcoming events. Page 4







Megan J. 8/2 Charletta J. 8/5 Debbie L. 8/8 Barbara Moore 8/8 Celesta W. 8/13 Donna P. 8/15 Jackie C. 8/26

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If you provide a product or service that would be beneficial to our members, please let Cindy H. know, emptynest1025@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for ways to stay busy while contributing to the community?





15 May 2025 5:30-7:30p 5 July 2025 9:00-11:00a 21 Aug 2025 5:30-7:30p 18 Sep 2025 9:00-11:00a 4 Oct 2025 5:30-7:30p 20 Nov 2025 9:00-11:00a

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Friendly Visitor Volunteers Needed | PennyrileArea Development District (peadd.org)

White Flowers

is an upscale children's resale and boutique. They are in desperate need of help and would love to find volunteers to help each day with hanging and tagging. All proceeds go to Alpha Alternative Pregnancy Crisis Center.

(270) 985-8646

If you know of other volunteer opportunities, please share them with a board member.