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## **WELCOME!**

We are happy to have you as a member of Upper Kittitas County Senior Center (UKCSC). Our goal is to provide you with the essentials about UKCSC. We want you to feel prepared to participate and get the most out of your membership.

### **FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

On behalf of our staff and community, I'm delighted to welcome you to UKC Senior Center. As you join with us, I want you to know that our center is more than just a building – it's a hub of our community where friendships thrive, and new adventures begin. Whether you're interested in our fitness classes, socials, workshops, educational speakers, or simply want to enjoy a cup of coffee with new friends in the Diner, there's a place for you here. I am dedicated to helping you make the most of your membership. I invite you to come in and ask questions or share your suggestions and interests with me. I look forward to getting to know you personally and seeing you at our activities and events. Don't be a stranger!

### **FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT**

I'm thrilled to add my personal welcome to our growing Senior Center family. I've witnessed this center change countless lives by creating meaningful connections and opportunities for active, engaged living. Our board members, many of whom started as regular members just like you, work tirelessly to ensure our center remains a warm, welcoming and inclusive space where everyone can find something of interest and companionship. We take pride in listening to members voices and continuously evolve to meet your needs. Your ideas and energy will help shape our future, so share your thoughts with me. Welcome to what I'm confident will become your home away from home.

## **VOLUNTEERING**

Please pick up a Volunteer Welcome letter at the Sunshine Desk. It outlines the opportunities and training available. If you have just one hour or one hour once a week, we value your contribution.

## **VISITING**

Business hours are Monday through Friday 8:00am to 2:00pm. The building may be open at other times for events, activities and programs. Parking is free with 52 spaces, 6 ADA spaces and more in the back. The facility is completely ADA compliant. High speed Wi-Fi is available throughout the building. Showers are available for emergency needs.



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## RENTALS

Most spaces in the facility are available for private events. Outdoors spaces include the Back Lawn (1 acre) and East Patio. Parking, tables, chairs, coffee, and other items are included. Ask for a Facility Use Application for all the details or talk to the Executive Director.

## MEMBER BENEFITS

We invite you to get involved!

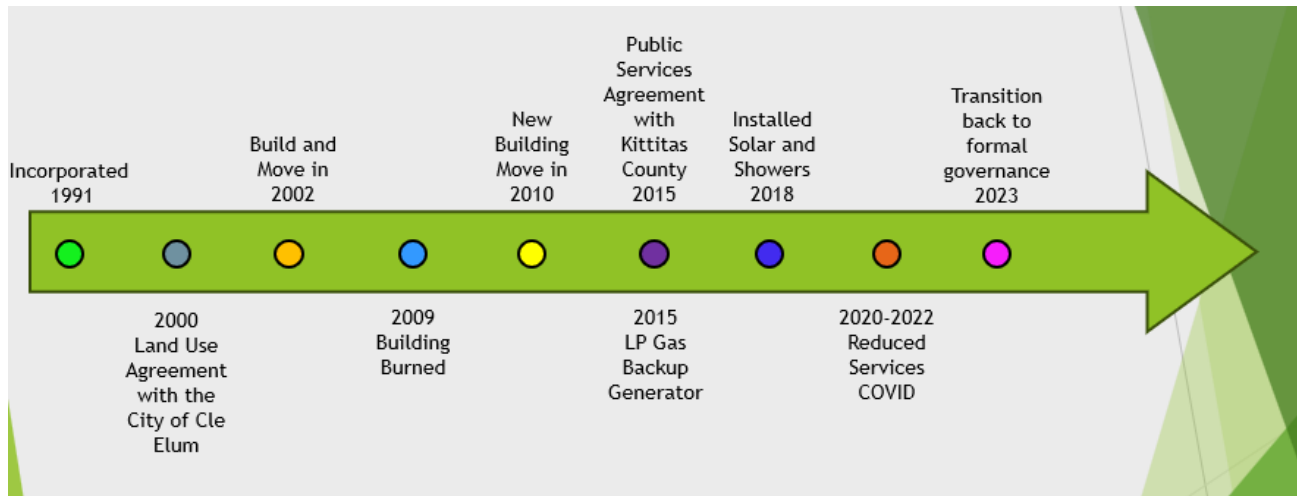
1. Voting rights: Have a voice in the future of the Center with at the annual and special meetings.
2. Newsletter: Receive all the past, present and future news about the Center by mail or email. Ask for the most recent copy at the Sunshine Desk.
3. A free birthday meal: Come to the Center during your birthday month and let us help you celebrate with a free breakfast or lunch. Ask at the Sunshine Desk.
4. Free daily activities: Drop in activities and most programs will be free.
5. Member Appreciation Dinner: An exclusive invitation to members only. We appreciate your engagement in the Center and hope you'll join us.
6. Member of the Month: A random member is announced in the newsletter and is entitled to a premier parking space for the month.
7. Rental Discount: 20% off the room fee.
8. Business review: Ask for copies of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Policies, Procedures, Strategic Plan, and Meeting Minutes.
9. Govern: Attend Board Meetings (request agenda items in advance) and participate on any of the Committees.

## BACKGROUND

**HISTORY:** Senior citizens in Upper Kittitas County organized themselves as an AARP Chapter as far back as 1972. For the next 20 years, older adults met at various locations. They volunteered, planned, held socials, events and fundraisers. Finally, in August 1991 UKCSC was incorporated and became recognized as a charitable 501c3 in February 1992.

As an independent nonprofit, the articles of incorporation and bylaws guided the volunteers of the corporation to establish a board of directors and membership. They continued in the Carpenter Memorial Library, Upper Kittitas County District Court, and Shoemaker Manufacturing office.

UKCSC envisioned, designed plans, and accumulated savings for their own facility. In October 2000, the City of Cle Elum under the leadership of Mayor Gary Berndt and UKCSC President Jeronimo Romero established a Property Use Agreement. Two acres of Centennial City Park was offered to UKCSC for the purpose of building and maintaining a senior center. UKCSC relied substantially on donated materials and labor and the Centennial Center was completed in 2002.



Today, UKCSC collaborates with other organizations and participates in community celebrations. Grants, donor funding and our staff and volunteers that put in the work determine much of the programming.

**MISSION:** Our reason for being

*The mission of the UKCSC is to enhance the physical, emotional and economic well-being of seniors' lives providing recreational, cultural, educational, fitness and fellowship activities. Nutrition, social and health services will also be provided. These activities and services will encourage seniors' participation in all aspects of community life.*

**VISION:** Our aspiration

*Our vision is to create a sustainable, welcoming space where mature adults first think about coming to spend their time in fellowship, supporting others, and where they can utilize their creativity and strengths by participating in diverse activities and events.*

**CORE VALUES:** Our ideals that guide us

- ⇒ *Kindness: Foster a sense of friendliness and caring*
- ⇒ *Connection: Foster a sense of team and community*
- ⇒ *Contribution: Foster a sense of participation and fulfillment*
- ⇒ *Preservation: Foster a sense of stability, sustainability and endurance*

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

In closing, please ask the Executive Director or President of the Board for more information on anything related to UKCSC and our involvement in the greater community.

Thank you again for joining with us in support of active aging!