

Crown Connection

JANUARY 2026



Warm-Up Writing Workshop

Friday, January 23 at 11:00 am JCA Community Room

This welcoming writing workshop is designed especially to engage the senses during the winter months. This session offers a variety of writing

prompts to explore memories, renew the spirit, and to evoke new experiences

with instructor Scott Berzon.

Participants can be novices or seasoned writers.





Learning Resilience

Thursday, January 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 2:00 pm JCA Community Room

This series, hosted by Emma Bacila of Provident Behavioral



Health, aims to empower older adults with practical tools and strategies for maintaining emotional wellbeing as they navigate the process of aging. Participants will explore strategies for managing burnout, embracing new activities, coping with grief and loss, and nurturing meaningful relationships.

Brain Health with The Alzheimer's Association

Wednesday, January 14 at 3:00 pm JCA Community Room

Learn about the importance of brain-healthy



Greater Missouri Chapter

actions to build into routines that will benefit the brain. Program presented by The Alzheimer's Association.

The Friday Movie Club

Fridays at 2:00 pm **JCA Community Room**

Enjoy a Friday matinee with snacks and drinks.

> 1/2: **A Man Called Otto** (2022) 1/9: Water for Elephants (2011)

1/16: **The Nightingale** (2018) 1/23: The New Boy (2023)

1/30: **Respect** (2021)

Forever Fitness led by Leigh Cohen

Mondays at 1:30 pm No class January 5 **Weinberg Wellness Center**

Join Leigh Cohen for this Senior Chair Fitness Program designed to promote health, happiness, and a sense of community. This program offers a safe and joyful group exercise experience that focuses on balance, strength, cardio, and flexibility - all while having fun, making friends, and creating moments to look forward to. Every session is a step toward a healthier, happier you!

Documentary:

The Lost Children

Monday, January 5 at 2:30 pm **JCA Community Room**

This 2024 documentary explores four Indigenous children who are stranded

in the Colombian Amazon after their plane crashes. Guided by ancestral knowledge, they're able to survive while awaiting rescue amid the jungle's challenges.





Celebrating Chanukah with our Crown Community.

Torah & Togetherness: Weekly Wisdom with Rabbi Finkelstein

Wednesdays at 11:00 am Circle @ Crown Cafe

Crown Center welcomes Rabbi Finkelstein from Bais Abraham Congregation, for a weekly Torah portion study group. Participants will discuss how

the portions' meaning can impact their lives.

Purchase lunch from the Circle@Crown Cafe while learning with other community members.

Tai Chi Exercise

Tuesdays at 3:30 pm **Weinberg Wellness Center**

Experience Qigong Taiji 18 – a gentle yet powerful series of movements for all levels. This flowing form harmonizes breath, body, and mind. Designed to be practiced standing or seated, it helps reduce stress, improve balance, and enhance vitality. The class will be taught by Yan Xie, an instructor dedicated to sharing the beauty, power, and health benefits of this centuries-old art.

Torah & Togetherness

with Rabbi Finkelstein Wednesdays at 11:00 am

Circle @ Crown Cafe See Ad

Fitness Fun Exercise Class

Wednesdays at 1:30 pm **Weinberg Wellness Center**

This 30-minute exercise class, led by AW Healthcare PTA Diane Haudrich, focuses on strength and balance, all while seated in a chair if participants prefer. Be energized by background music as you work out with your friends. AW Healthcare is a home health agency that serves the medical and personal needs of their patients who are of all cultures and nationalities.

Cooking with Barb

Wednesday, January 7 at 3:00 pm **Culinary Kitchen**

Crown favorite Barb Bressler returns to demonstrate how to make soups in a jar. In this class, participants will enjoy samples and make their own to take home and enjoy. RSVP \$2

Consult the video screen upon entering the Staenberg Commons to learn each program's location.

COPING WITH GRIEF, Loss & Life Transition

Tuesday, January 27 at 2:00 pm JCA Community Room

Through a video presentation this session explores the emotional impact of major life changes, including the loss of loved ones, shifting roles, and other transitions that often come with aging. Participants will learn about common responses to grief and change and discover practical strategies for coping with these challenges. RSVP

Bell Choir with Troy Jones

Thursday, January 8 & 22 at 11:00 am JCA Community Room

Crown hosts a bell choir in which participants can enjoy making beautiful music with friends and neighbors using handheld chimes; no musical training needed. RSVP

Learning Resilience with Provident

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JCA Community Room See Ad

Chair Grooves Class

Friday, January 9, 16 & 23 at 1:00 pm Weinberg Wellness Center

Join Jazz Movement Artist Erin Morris for a fun dance class at Crown Center emphasizing great music and coordination. Explore footwork, rhythms, arm movements, and musical sequences in a fun and engaging way. No experience needed – just come ready to move. No standing or weight bearing required.

Documentary:

Tell Me Who I Am

Monday, January 12 at 2:30 pm JCA Community Room

After losing his memory in an accident, Alex Lewis trusts his twin brother, Marcus, to tell him about his past only to discover that he's hiding a dark secret about their childhood.

Create with COCA

Tuesday, January 13 at 2:00 pm Art Studio

Participants will use "Starry Night" as their inspiration and make it uniquely their own by adding a silhouette of a skyline. Teaching artist **Maria Ojascastro** returns to Crown Center and will provide examples, encouragement and step by step instructions. RSVP \$2

Brain Health Lecture

Wednesday, January 14 at 3:00 pm
JCA Community Room See Ad

Being Prepared to Vote in 2026

Tuesday, January 20 at 2:00 pm JCA Community Room See Ad

Memories & Melodies

Wednesday, January 21

3:00 pm Memories of Crown Center **4:00 pm** Melodies – a concert with the Scott Alberici Duo

JCA Community Room RSVP See Ad

Beethoven's Violin Sonata No. 5 "Spring" Concert

Thursday, January 22 at 3:30 pm JCA Community Room

Join us to hear Wash U graduate students **Yang Yang** and **Edgar Palomino Munoz** as they perform Beethoven's Violin Sonatas No. 5 "Spring".

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Documentary:

ABBA: Against the Odds

Monday, January 26 at 2:30 pm JCA Community Room

This documentary celebrates the 50th anniversary of the iconic Swedish group winning the Eurovision Song Contest.

Oasis Presents:

Coping with Grief, Loss & Life Transition

Tuesday, January 27 at 2:00 pm
JCA Community Room RSVP See Ad

Tuesday, January 20 at 2:00 pm **JCA Community Room**

This session will provide a clear, practical overview of voting rights and key election issues relevant to Missouri voters.

Attendees will receive guidance on how to access sample ballots, review the photo ID requirements, options for absentee voting, and the benefits of joining the permanent

> disabled voter list. We will explore what voter suppression looks like and how these barriers can affect communities.

> > Sponsored by the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition.



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Mond	ay	Tuesa	day	Wednesday	<i>,</i>	Thursday	Friday
The Circle@Crown Cafe & office will be closed in observance of New Year's Day on 1/1 and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on 1/19.						Lo Mein Egg Drop Soup	Bagel & Lox Lentil Soup
						New Year's Day	2
Beyond Bratwurst New Potatoes		Baked Ziti Broccoli		Impossible Burger Potato Soup		Shepard's Pie Mixed Vegetables	Egg Salad Vegetable Soup
	5	MEAL DELIVERY	6	7	7	MEAL DELIVERY 8	9
BBQ Impossible Meatballs		Cassoulet Fresh Fruit		Pancakes & Eggs Skillet Potatoes		Veggie & Cheese Omelet Fruit	Tuna Casserole Soup
Baked Beans	12	MEAL DELIVERY	13	IZ	4	MEAL DELIVERY 15	16
Egg Burrito Hashbrown		Grilled Salmon Soup		Loaded Baked Potato Chili		Spaghetti & Impossible Meat Sauce Garlic Bread	Black Bean Quesadilla Vegetable Soup
	19	MEAL DELIVERY	20	2]	I	MEAL DELIVERY 22	23
Impossible Tacos Corn Salad		Veggie & Cheese F Salad	Pizza	Sloppy Joe Tator Tots		Potato Pierogi Casserole Fruit	Bagel & Lox Soup
	26	MEAL DELIVERY	27	28	8	MEAL DELIVERY 29	30

For Meal Program information, call: (314)991-2055