

# Silver Notes

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF BROKEN ARROW SENIORS, INC.

November 2025 Vol. 36 No. 11

# **CENTER CLOSED:**

Nov. 11th and Nov. 27th & 28th

#### West/Main Building

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#### **East Building**

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#### **Center Hours - West:**

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

#### **Center Hours - East:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

#### **Annual Membership:**

Broken Arrow Residents—\$40 Non-Residents—\$50

Executive Director
Annie Bast

Member Services Manager

Traci Druten

Office Coordinator
Terry Drummond

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# **Broken Arrow Senior Center's**

# **NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

# **Annie Bast**



We are thrilled to introduce our new Executive Director! This marks an exciting new chapter for the senior center, and we can't wait for her to get fully immersed in the culture and experience firsthand the incredible group of people who make it so special. We look forward to all that the future holds!

Annie is a native of Tulsa. She graduated from Bishop Kelley HS and is completing her BS in Business Administration at SNU. At an early age she volunteered in the hospital setting working with clients of age which developed her love and passion for helping others. She has over 25+ years of experience in finance and banking, insurance industry, event planning and building strong relationships with community partners. She has a strong passion for non-profit work and has spent over 20+ years dedicating her time to several local non-profits to serve others in need. She most recently worked for DVIS as the Education Outreach Coordinator working in the school systems, with at risk youth, incarcerated youth and adults, building relationships within the community to bring awareness and prevention to those affected by Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Trafficking.

When Annie is not working, she enjoys traveling with her husband and two girls, loves spending time with extended family and friends, and playing with her sweet dogs and cats.

# **MEDICARE FAIR MOVES TO EAST ANNEX!**



Thursdays in November

(closed Thanksgiving)

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# **Regularly Scheduled MONDAY Activities**

Lunch Daily 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CLASSES	TIME		NOTES
Dominoes	8 a.m 12 p.m.	W	
Party Bridge	8 a.m 12 p.m.	E	
Ping Pong	8 a.m 11 a.m.	W	
Shuffleboard	8 a.m 4 p.m.	W	
Cardio Exercise	8:15 a.m 9 a.m.	E	
Yin Yoga	9:15 a.m 10:15 a.m.	E	
Crafting	9:30 a.m 12 p.m.	W	Class Cancelled Nov. 24th
Drum to Exercise with Kathy	9: 15 a.m 10:15 a.m.	W	Class Cancelled Nov. 24th
Bible Study	9:30 a.m 11 a.m.	E	
Circle of Readers	10 a.m 11:30 a.m.	W	1st & 3rd Monday
Limited Exercise	10:30 a.m 11: 30 a.m.	W	
Ping Pong/Pool for Fun	11 a.m 4 p.m.	W	
Canasta	12 p.m 3:45 p.m.	W	
Tai Chi for Better Balance - Vanessa	12:15 p.m 1:15 p.m.	E	
Pickleball Open Play	12:15 p.m 4 p.m.	W	
Member-Led Bingo	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	W	
Intermediate Tap Dancing	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	W	
Experienced Mahjongg	1 p.m 4 p.m.	E	
Line Dancing with Barb	1:30 p.m 3 p.m.	E	Cancelled in November
Photography Group	1:30 p.m 3:30 p.m.	Е	2nd & 4th Monday
Beginning Tap Dancing	2:45 p.m 3:30 p.m.	W	
Zumba	3:15 p.m 4 p.m.	E	

# **Monday Special Events**

	Medicare Education with Chris	9 a.m 12:30 p.m.	W
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#### **CIRCLE OF READERS**

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Nov 3: Finlay Donovan is Killing It by Elle Cosimano (Contemporary Mystery) & Zoom author visit

Nov 17: Discuss other books

Dec 1: The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year by Ally Carter (Contemporary Mystery)

Dec 15: Book Exchange & Cookies

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# **Regularly Scheduled TUESDAY Activities**

Lunch Daily 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CLASSES	TIME	BLDG	NOTES
Dominoes	8 a.m 12 p.m.	W	
Party Bridge	8 a.m 12 p.m.	E	*
Strength & Tone	8:15 a.m 9 a.m.	E	
Ping Pong/Pool for Fun/Shuffleboard	8 a.m 4 p.m.	W	WE WILL BE
Blues Guitar Lessons	8:30 a.m 10 a.m.	E	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
Train Dominoes	9 a.m 12 p.m.	W	Veterans Day
Scrabble	9 a.m.—12 p.m.	W	- ans Day
Power Yoga	9:15 a.m 10:15 a.m.	E	
Scrapbooking	9: 30 a.m 12 p.m.	W	
Limited Exercise	9:30 a.m 10:30 a.m.	W	
Guitar Lessons—Intermediate	10 a.m 11: 30 a.m.	E	
Whittling Wonders	10 a.m 12:30 p.m.	W	
Limited Exercise	10:30 a.m11:30 a.m.	W	
Tai Chi for Balance with Julie	11:45 a.m12:45 p.m.	E	
Canasta	12 p.m 3:45p.m.	W	
Chess	12 p.m 4 p.m.	E	
Line Dancing with Michelle	1 p.m 2 p.m.	E	
Beginning Guitar Lessons	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	W	
Beginning Bass Guitar Lessons	1 p.m 2 p.m.	W	
Painting	1 p.m 3:30 p.m.	W	
Beginner Pickleball Play	12:30 p.m 2 p.m.	W	
Pickleball Open Play	2 p.m 4 p.m.	W	
Clogging Class	2:15 p.m 3:30 p.m.	E	
Beginning Clogging	3:30 p.m 4:30 p.m.	E	
Meditation/Sound Bowls	5 p.m 5:45 p.m.	E	*Time Change
Zumba	6 p.m 7 p.m.	E	

# **Tuesday Special Events**

Domino Tournament	9 a.m Conclusion	W	2nd Tuesday
Board of Directors	3:30 p.m.	Е	3rd Tuesday



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# **Regularly Scheduled WEDNESDAY** Activities

Lunch Daily 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CLASSES	TIME	BLDG	NOTES
Dominoes	8 a.m 12 p.m.	W	
Ping Pong/Pool/Shuffleboard	8 a.m 4 p.m.	W	
Quilting	8 a.m. to 3 p.m.	W	
Cardio Exercise	8:15 a.m 9 a.m.	E	
Core Strength Yoga	8:15 a.m 9 a.m.	W	
S.E.A.T.	9 a.m.– 10 a.m.	E	
Needle Crafting	9 a.m 11:30 a.m.	W	
Chair Yoga	9: 15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	W	
Beginning Ukelele	9:30 a.m 10 a.m.	E	
Spades Card Game	9:30 a.m 12:30 p.m.	E	
Line Dancing with Eugenia	10 a.m 11:30 a.m.	E	
Abstract Painting 102	10 a.m 12 p.m.	W	
Ukulele Jam	10 a.m12 p.m.	E	
Limited Exercise	10:30 a.m 11:30 a.m.	W	
Fund I of Line Dancing w/ Michelle	12 p.m 1 p.m.	E	
Hand and Foot Cards	12 p.m 4 p.m.	W	
Exercise 101	12:15 p.m 1:15 p.m.	W	
Abstract Painting 101	12:30 p.m 2:30 p.m.	W	
Bunco	12:30 p.m 2:30 p.m.	W	2nd Wednesday
The Sound of Broken Arrow - Choir	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	Е	Cancelled on Nov. 26th
Bingo	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	W	1st Wednesday
Drawing Class	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	E	Cancelled on Nov. 26th
Experienced Mahjongg	1 p.m 4 p.m.	E	
Line Dancing with Barb	1:30 p.m 3 p.m.	E	Cancelled in November
Pickleball Open Play	1:30 p.m 4 p.m.	W	
Zumba	3:15 p.m 4 p.m.	E	

# **Wednesday Special Events**

Blood Pressure Checks	10 a.m 11 a.m.	W	No checks on 5th Wednesday
Library Assistance	10 a.m 11 a.m.	W	2nd Wednesday



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# **Regularly Scheduled THURSDAY Activities**

Lunch Daily 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CLASSES	TIME	BLDG	NOTES
Dominoes	8 a.m 12 p.m.	W	Tournament 3rd Thursday - 9 a.m.
Ping Pong/Pool for Fun/Shuffleboard	8 a.m 4 p.m.	W	Pool Tournament 3rd Thursday - 9 a.m.
Strength & Tone	8:15 a.m 9 a.m.	Е	
Train Dominoes	9 a.m 12 p.m.	W	
Soft Yoga	9:15 a.m 10:15 a.m.	E	
Limited Exercise	9:30 a.m 10:15 a.m.	W	
Creative Card Making	9: 30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	W	
Guitar Jam	9:30 a.m 11:30 a.m.	E	
Play Money Poker	9:30 a.m 12 p.m.	W	
Grief Healing Group	10 a.m 11:30 a.m.	Е	3rd Thursday
Quilting Layout	10 a.m 2 p.m.	W	
Limited Exercise	10:30 a.m 11:30 a.m.	W	
Party Bridge	11:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Е	
Tai Chi for Better Balance	11:45 a.m 12:45 p.m.	E	
Drum to Exercise with Kathy	12:15 p.m 1:15 p.m.	W	
Creative Card Making	12:30 p.m 3 p.m.	W	
Happy Hookers - Crochet	12:30 p.m.– 2 :30 p.m.	W	
Card Game of the Day	12:30 p.m 4 p.m.	w	1st & 3rd week - Member-led play
Fund II of Line Dancing w/ Michelle	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	E	
Pickleball Open Play	1:30 p.m 4 p.m.	W	
Cardio Drumming	2:45 p.m 3:30 p.m.	Е	
Fast Abs	3:40 p.m 4 p.m.	Е	
Guitar Jam	4:30 p.m 6:30 p.m.	Е	
Zumba	6 p.m 7 p.m.	Е	

# **Thursday Special Events**

Optimist Club Meeting	12 p.m 1 p.m.	E	4th Thursday - Open to the public
Membership Advisory Committee	3 p.m.	E	1st Thursday

# **MEDICARE FAIR**

THURSDAYS \* 12:30 - 3:00 PM EAST ANNEX



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# Regularly Scheduled **FRIDAY** Activities

Lunch Daily 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CLASSES	TIME	BLDG	NOTES
Dominoes	8 a.m 12 p.m.	W	
Ping Pong/Pool for Fun	8 a.m 4 p.m.	W	
Cardio Drumming	8:15 a.m 9 a.m.	E	
Fitness Machine Orientation w/Danny	9 a.m 10 a.m.	E	4th Friday
S.E.A.T.	9 a.m.– 9:45 a.m.	E	
Friday Fitness	9:15 a.m 10:15 a.m.	E	
Singing Group	9:30 a.m 10:30 a.m.	W	
Alzheimers Support Group	10 a.m 12 p.m.	E	1st and 3rd Friday
Quilting	10 a.m 2 p.m.	W	
Creative Writing	10 a.m 12 p.m.	E	
Limited Exercise	10:30 a.m 11:30 a.m .	W	
Line Dancing with Eugenia	10:30 a.m 12 p.m.	E	
Shuffleboard	10:30 a.m 4 p.m.	W	
Canasta	12 p.m 3:45 p.m.	W	
Party Bridge	12 p.m 4 p.m.	E	
Exercise 101	12:15 p.m 1:15 p.m.	W	
Cornhole	12:30 p.m 2:30 p.m.	E	
Pitch Card Game	12:30 p.m 4:00 p.m.	W	
Bingo	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	W	1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Friday
Singo	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	W	3rd Friday
Parkinson's Support Group	1 p.m 2:30 p.m.	E	4th Friday
Pickleball Open Play	1:30 p.m 4 p.m.	W	
Zumba	3:15 p.m 4 p.m.	E	Cancelled on Nov 14th & Nov 21st

# **Friday Special Events**

BUNCO BASH	7 P.M 9 P.M.	E	NOVEMBER 7th
FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING	CLOSED		NOVEMBER 28th



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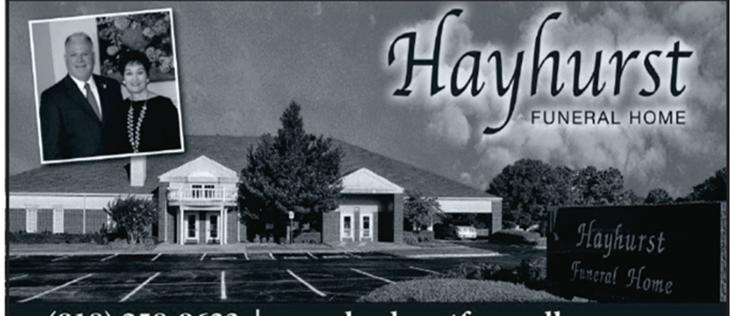
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If crocheting is your passion, we would love to have you join us on Thursdays at 12:30.

# **November Fun & Crazy Holidays**

Banana Pudding Lovers Month National Make Men Dinner Day - 11/6 National Game & Puzzle Week - 11/23—11/29 Dine Over Your Sink Day - 11/28 (after Thanksgiving)

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1st Place - Rich Rogers

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### **October Domino Winners -**

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# **September Pool Tournament**

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# **Cancelled Classes in November**

Crafts - Monday, Nov. 24th Drawing Class - Wednesday, Nov. 26th Drum to Exercise with Kathy - Monday, Nov. 24th Line Dancing with Barb - All of November Sound of BA Choir - Wednesday, Nov. 26th Zumba (3:15 - 4) - Friday, Nov. 14th & 21st

# **NEW PING PONG TABLE SCHEDULE**

MONDAY - 8 - 3:45

TUESDAY - 8 - 12:30

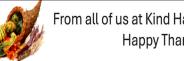
WEDNESDAY (1st, 2nd, 5th week) 8 - 3:45

THURSDAY (1st, 2nd, 5th week) 8 - 3:45

FRIDAY (1st, 2nd, 5th week) 8 - 3:45

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### **Poker Tournament:**

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#### **Domino Tournament:**

White River Fish Market, Ron's Hamburgers & Chili, Billy Ray's Catfish & BBQ, Jimmy's Egg, & Fish Shack

### **Pool Tournament:**

Local Insurance Advisors, FirstLight Home Care, Archwell Health, Bixby-South Tulsa Funeral Service, Rivercrest Cremation, VIPCare

#### Bingo & Singo:

TruHeart Home Health & Hospice, Cedarhurst of Woodland Hills, Season's Hospice, Archwell Health (Singo), Bixby-South Tulsa Funeral Service

#### **Blood Pressure Checks:**

Miller Hospice, Hillcrest Hospital South, First Light Home Care

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# **Center Information**

**Accommodations** - Handicap parking is located on the east and south side of the West building and east side of the East building.

Name Tags - All members are required to wear their name tag while engaged in center activities. Please see the office if you lose your name tag.

Center Hours - WEST - Monday through Friday 8 a.m. -4 p.m. EAST - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Guests** - Guests must be 55 or older and considering membership. They are required to check in with the office so a guest form can be completed.

Perfumes and Odors - Many members are highly sensitive to strong scents. Please refrain from using strong scented perfumes, after-shaves, and lotions. Practice good personal hygiene to prevent strong or offensive body odor.

**Lunch** - Lunch is provided at the Center by the Tulsa and Creek County Senior Nutrition Program at 11:15 a.m. each day in the West Building. Lunch is not served after 12 p.m. Reservations will be accepted for the first 100 people and must be made the day before by 11 a.m. Registration for the lunch program is currently closed. Please call (918)259-8377, option 1 for more information. For those over 60, the suggested donation is \$2 per meal.

**Transportation - Questions regarding transportation to** and from Center via the Shuttle Bus can be answered by calling (918)259-8377., ext. 15.

**Calendar of Events** - The notation "E" are activities held in the East Annex and "W" are activities held in the West Bldg.

### **Inclement Weather Closing Notification**

If the Center closes due to weather, there are multiple ways we attempt to notify you:

- 1. On the home page of the Center's website www.baseniors.org.
- 2. On our Facebook page Broken Arrow Senior **Activity Center.** 
  - 3. Channel 6 will post center closures on their newsfeed.

# **Gratitude and Legacy: Starting the Conversation This Thanksgiving**

By Brittany Littleton



Thanksgiving offers something rare in our busy lives: a reason to slow down, gather with loved ones, and reflect on what we're grateful for. Around a full table, stories are shared, memories resurface, and traditions are passed down, often without anyone realizing they're doing something profound. Beneath the laughter, recipes, and family updates, Thanksgiving is quietly about legacy and the connection between generations.

For many families, though, one important part of that legacy goes unspoken: what will happen in the years to come, and how loved ones will be cared for if circumstances change. Estate planning, incapacity planning, and discussions about end-of-life wishes may not feel like natural dinner-table topics, but they are extensions of the same gratitude and love that bring families together this time of year.

#### The Gift of Conversation

Holidays are one of the few times when families of all ages are together in the same room. While it may not be the ideal moment for in-depth legal discussions, it *is* a good opportunity to start a gentle conversation about values, wishes, and priorities. These early conversations can make later decisions easier, and they prevent loved ones from being left guessing during a time of crisis or grief.

A simple way to begin is by talking about gratitude. Sharing what you're thankful for — your health, your family, your home, your memories — naturally leads to reflecting on how to protect those blessings. You might say something like, "I've been thinking about how grateful I am for our family and the life we've built together. I want to make sure things

are as easy as possible for all of you if something ever hap-

pens to me."

That statement doesn't start a debate about inheritance or documents. It opens a door to a meaningful conversation rooted in love and responsibility.

### **Legacy Is More Than Money**

When people hear "estate planning," they often think of dividing assets, but a true legacy is much broader. It includes the values, lessons, and traditions you pass down — not just your financial estate. The recipes that show up every year, the way you celebrate milestones, the charities you support, or even your approach to helping others — those are all pieces of your legacy.

Sharing stories about why you made certain choices in life, or what experiences shaped you, helps your family understand your intentions behind your planning. That context is just as important as the legal documents themselves. Too often, families end up in conflict not because of what was written in a will or trust, but because they never talked about why those decisions were made.

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1 ½ cups water

1/4 cup butter

1 (6 ounce) package quick-cooking stuffing mix (such as Stove Top)

1 tablespoon butter

1 medium onion, diced

3 stalks celery, diced, or more to taste

1 (10.5 ounce) can low-sodium cream of chicken soup

½ (10.5 ounce) can low-sodium cream of mushroom soup

1 (8 ounce) container sour cream

1 whole cooked rotisserie chicken - skinned, boned, and meat shredded salt and ground black pepper to taste

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Spray a 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.
- 2. Bring water and 1/4 cup butter to a boil in a saucepan over medium heat. Add stuffing mix and stir to combine. Remove the saucepan from the heat, cover, and let sit until water is absorbed, about 5 minutes. Fluff stuffing with a fork.
- 3. While you are preparing stuffing, melt 1 tablespoon butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add onion and celery; cook and stir until softened, 5 to 10 minutes.
- 4. Mix both condensed soups with sour cream in a bowl until well combined.
- 5. Spread shredded chicken in the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Layer onion mixture over chicken and season with salt and pepper.
- 6. Top with soup mixture and spread stuffing evenly over top.
- 7. Bake in the preheated oven until filling is bubbly and topping is golden brown, about 1 hour.
- 8. Serve hot and enjoy!





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Event	<u>6th Annual BA Elk's Veteran's Day</u> <u>Parade</u>
Date/Time	11/01/2025 10:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.
Event	INVINCIBLE: A GLORIOUS TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON
Date/Time	11/01/2025 7:30 p.m 10:00 p.m.
Event	<u>Civitans K9 Keg Pull</u>
Date/Time	11/09/2025
Event	<u>Christmas Kickoff</u>
Date/Time	11/13/2025 6:30 p.m 8:30 p.m.
Event	City Council Meeting
Date/Time	11/17/2025 6:30 p.m 8:30 p.m.
Event	Wine Walk
Date/Time	12/04/2025
Event	New Orleans Square Winter Wonderland
Date/Time	12/06/2025 2:00 p.m 4:00 p.m.
Event	New Orleans Square Winter Wonderland
Date/Time	12/07/2025 12:00 p.m 2:00 p.m.
Event	Carols and Cocoa
Date/Time	12/12/2025 6:30 p.m 8:30 p.m.





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Big Spirit, Little Trees is a partnership between the Museum Broken Arrow and Broken Arrow Neighbors. Starting on November 1st, the museum will be accepting decorated Christmas trees from community members, at the end of the exhibit; the trees will be donated to the "Joy for Your Neighbors" Event put on by Broken Arrow Neighbors. Anyone can bring in a 4.5-foot or smaller decorated Christmas Tree. The Christmas Trees will be on display at the museum in the Barbra Brown Kimbrough exhibit hall, and will be on display starting on November 1st - December 11th.

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Several members of Core Church in Broken Arrow recently volunteered for three hours to clean out flower beds and beautify the Main Street entrance of the Senior Center's West Building. They did an amazing job, and we are immensely grateful for them volunteering their time and gardening talents. November is the month when we tend to focus on thankfulness, and the Senior Center is certainly thankful for Core Church and their community service. Here are a few pictures of them hard at work!









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Consider taking a few moments this holiday to tell a story that reflects your values — perhaps the Littleton Legal lesson your parents taught you about hard work, generosity, or saving for the future. These stories provide the emotional foundation for your estate plan and help your loved ones feel connected to the spirit of your choices.

### **Practical Tips for Holiday Conversations**

If you'd like to use the holidays as an opportunity to begin or revisit estate planning conversations, here are a few gentle approaches:

- 1. **Keep it casual.** Mention your plans in passing, perhaps while sharing family photos or stories. There's no need for a formal meeting.
- 2. **Focus on reassurance.** Frame the conversation as a way to make life easier for your loved ones, not as a warning or source of worry.
- 3. Share your "why." Talk about the values that guide your planning, not just the legal mechanics.
- 4. **Invite questions.** Let family members know you're open to discussing your wishes further, but on your terms and at your pace.

**Don't rush.** This isn't about finishing the conversation; it's about beginning it.

Even a short, heartfelt exchange can prevent confusion or conflict later and ensure your family understands your intentions.

#### A Season of Reflection

As the year draws to a close, many of us naturally take stock of our lives — what we've accomplished, what we hope for the future, and who we hold dear. Estate planning fits perfectly within this season of reflection. It's an act of gratitude, a way to honor the past while caring for the people and causes that matter most to you.

If you've already completed your planning, the holidays can also serve as a reminder to review your documents. Have there been any changes in your family, finances, or health this year? Do your beneficiary designations still match your wishes? A simple annual review, perhaps tied to Thanksgiving or another recurring milestone, keeps your plan current and aligned with your goals.

Estate planning is, at its heart, an expression of love - one that says, *I've thought ahead because you matter to me*. As you gather this Thanksgiving, take a moment to express gratitude not just for what you have, but for the opportunity to ensure your legacy endures in the way you intend. Your family will thank you, both now and in the years to come.





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