

# Winter opportunities at Jacksonville Community Center

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As we all seek to rebuild our connections with friends, neighbors, and others in our communities after the COVID shutdown, we have a chance to rediscover the beauty of gathering in person. But where do we go and how do we reignite old friendships and build new ones?

The great news is that right close by in Jacksonville, there is a place designed to do exactly that. Jacksonville Community Center (JCC), at 160 East Main Street, was created as a place where community is nourished and built and where people can find a safe, fun place to connect, create, and celebrate.

JCC has a variety of enrichment and wellness activities open to residents of our entire area, including Applegate Valley, Medford, Ashland, Central Point, Phoenix, Talent, Rogue River, Gold Hill, and other communities in the valley. The center serves adults and children of all ages.

**Winter ongoing programs.** JCC offers weekly wellness classes, intended to promote healthy activity and social connections. Each class is just \$7. Weekly classes currently include:

- Line Dancing, 1-2 pm Mondays
- Tai Chi and Qi Gong, 9-10 am (8:45 for first timers) Thursdays
- Yoga, 10:30-11:30 am Fridays

**Monthly program opportunities.** JCC offers a variety of one-time or series classes for adults in arts, crafting, regional history, health education, safety, elder issues, and other topics, as well as youth- and family-focused classes in art, music-making, crafts, and nature engagement. The monthly calendar on our website and weekly e-newsletters provide ongoing information. Sign up at [jacksonvillecommunitycenter.org/contact-us](http://jacksonvillecommunitycenter.org/contact-us).

**Music and holiday events.** JCC plans to offer “house concerts” featuring local musicians throughout the new year. Funded through grants, house concerts will occur on nights that do not compete with local winery/eatery music nights to expand listening opportunities and provide an alcohol-free environment for music appreciation.

**Winter Holiday Craft Day, December 16, 11 am-2 pm.** Families and individuals of all ages are invited to drop in to JCC



A recent wreath-making workshop brought intense focus and smiles to a full class of holiday enthusiasts, including, from left to right at front table, Janet Kobayashi, Val Pendzick, and Cathy Bolcerek.

to make their own holiday craft and enjoy some hot cider!

**Facility rentals.** JCC supports our communities by offering advance reservation rentals of our great room, catering kitchen, and cottage at affordable rates for anyone in our region. For more information, check the rental section of our website at [jacksonvillecommunitycenter.org/rent-a-space-2](http://jacksonvillecommunitycenter.org/rent-a-space-2).

**A community of givers.** JCC receives no dedicated support from city, county, or state funds. Our generous community members keep us operating by means of their financial donations, volunteer hours, facility rentals, and class fees. We are always seeking additional philanthropic support from those who wish to see our

communities and region reach their best potential. Donations are gratefully accepted online at [jacksonvillecommunitycenter.org/donate](http://jacksonvillecommunitycenter.org/donate).

For more details about JCC programs and the current schedule of activities, visit the JCC website at [jacksonvillecommunitycenter.org](http://jacksonvillecommunitycenter.org). Online registration for JCC activities is highly recommended and sometimes required. If you need help, call us at 541-702-2585 and leave a voicemail to receive personal assistance.

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Cora Greco, JCC youth program participant, shows off pumpkin muffins she made at a recent workshop. (The Applegater editors wonder what happened to that missing muffin!)



At a recent JCC youth program, John Jackson of Bugs-R-Us shares fascinating facts about bats with families.




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