



WEST CHESTER AREA
SENIOR CENTER

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Enriching the lives of our senior neighbors through friendship, activities, education, nourishment and education.

JULY HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 2020
NEWSLETTER

WE MISS YOU!!!

WITH THE **YELLOW PHASE**, WE WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT OUR CENTER AND BOOKSTORES REMAIN CLOSED.

THE STATE OF PPA'S YELLOW PHASE MEANS:

1. INDOOR RECREATION AND HEALTH & WELLNESS FACILITIES REMAIN CLOSED;
2. NO GATHERINGS OVER 25 ARE ALLOWED;
3. RESTAURANTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE INDOOR DINING; ONLY CURBSIDE/CARRY-OUT AND VERY LIMITED OUTDOOR DINING ARE ALLOWED.

THE YELLOW PHASE ENABLES A GRADUAL RE-START OF THE ECONOMY WHILE ALSO BEING MINDFUL OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUS AND RELATED DATA WITH THE GOAL OF BEING SURE COVID-19 IS CONTAINED AND OUR COMMUNITY CAN BE HEALTHY AND SAFE. FOR MORE DETAILS, YOU CAN VISIT WWW.PA.GOV/COVID-19.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ALL CHESTER COUNTY SENIOR CENTERS ARE IN REGULAR COMMUNICATION WITH THE CHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING SERVICES AS WELL AS STAYING ABBREAST OF THE STATE OF PA AGING INFORMATION AND, EVEN WHEN CHESTER COUNTY "GOES GREEN", OUR CENTER WILL NOT BE RE-OPENING AT THE SAME TIME. BE ASSURED WE ARE ALREADY WORKING ON NECESSARY PURCHASES AND CHANGES TO BE PREPARED FOR OPENING, WHEN POSSIBLE.

WHILE OUR USUAL OPERATIONS REMAIN CLOSED, WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOOD TO SENIORS IN NEED AND TO HELP WITH ESSENTIAL NEEDS AND REFERRALS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES AND, IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN IT YET, OUR MOST RECENT NEWSLETTER CAN EASILY BE ACCESSED ON THE OPENING PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.WCSENIORS.ORG. THERE YOU CAN FIND UPDATES, HELPFUL LINKS, RECIPES, AND MORE INFORMATION. **STAY HEALTHY & SAFE FRIENDS!!!**

West Chester Area Senior Center
A 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit (610) 431-4242

530 East Union Street
Website wcseniors.org

West Chester, PA 19382
Monday-Friday 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Important Contact Numbers

Important County Offices... PLEASE ALSO GO TO www.chesco.org

Chester County Department of Aging Services	610-344-6350
Chester County Department of Health	610-344-6225
Chester County Emergency Services <i>(This is not 9-1-1, Emergency Services provides safety and security information and updates to Chester County Residents)</i>	610-344-5000
Social Security Office	1-800-306-3216
Office of the Mayor	610-696-1452

Information and Assistance Offices

CC APPRISE Hotline www.chesco.org/477/Apprise-Medicare-Counseling	610-344-5004
Medicare Hotline	1-800-633-4227
ROVER Community Transportation Services	484-696-3854
Sen. Andrew Dinniman's Office (Rent/Prop Tax Rebate Help)	610-692-2112
Rep. Carolyn Comitta's Office (Rent/Prop Tax Rebate Help)	610-696-4990
VITA Tax Prep Service Hotline (Same as AARP service here)	610-380-9099

Emergency Food Locations

West Chester Food Cupboard www.westchesterfoodcupboard.org	610-344-3175
Chester County Food Bank www.chestercountyfoodbank.org	610-873-6000
Lord's Pantry www.lordspantryofdowningtown.org	610-873-1149

IMPORTANT WEBSITES TO CHECK FOR UPDATES CONCERNING POSSIBLE CLOSURES OR DEVELOPMENTS

- www.wcseniors.org
- <https://www.facebook.com/WestChesterAreaSeniorCenter>
- www.chesco.org/224/Health
- www.cdc.gov

Senior Food Box Program

As of January 1, 2017 qualified seniors 60 years or older may register for the Chester County Food Bank Senior Food Box Program at the West Chester Area Senior Center.

Qualifications include the following:

1. You must be 60 years or older
2. Must be a resident of Chester County
3. You must have a total household income of the following or less:

Family Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$17,800	\$1,485	\$343
2	\$24,030	\$2003	\$462

Please bring Photo proof of identity (PA. I.D, Driver's license, V.A. I.D. etc.) Proof of residency.

All new applicants will start receiving the Senior Food Box the second Friday of the following month.

APPRISE is still available to help with Medicare Questions

Even though the West Chester Area Senior Center may be closed to activities due to the current pandemic, APPRISE Medicare counseling is still available to you for your Medicare questions or issues. You can reach us through the senior center's main number 610.431.4242 or through our APPRISE Helpline at 610-344-5004 option 2. The APPRISE counselor will then contact you by phone within 24-48 business hours.

APPRISE Counselors can help you to understand your health care coverage options so you can make sound choices - both when new to Medicare and on an ongoing basis – choices that contribute to both your physical and financial health.

Our services are confidential, unbiased, informative and free. To assist us in this process, we use the online resources provided at Medicare.gov. In addition, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provides access to a database listing, for each Medigap plan available in our county, the premium charged, financial ratings, premium increase history, and expected premium increases. We can save you hours of legwork.

APPRISE counselors also screen Medicare beneficiaries for low-income assistance programs that can assist in paying for Medicare Part B and Part D premiums, as well as PACE/PACENET, and can facilitate an application for these programs.

Finally, we help people who need to file an appeal or submit a complaint about medical or prescription drug coverage.

In Chester County APPRISE operates under the Chester County Department of Aging Services. We are funded through the Administration for Community Living under the US Department of Health and Human Services.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide can help with your tax prep in two ways: THEY can connect you with a volunteer to assist you or THEY can connect you with software so you can prepare and file your own tax returns — at no cost.

Visit signup.aarpfoundation.org/preparing-your-taxes-online/ for more details.

PLEASE USE THE ABOVE INFORMATION AS THAT IS THE WAY TO REACH AARP.

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR COVID-19 RELIEF SUPPORTERS!



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Dear Senior,
I hope you
enjoy the
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JULY BIRTHDAYS

1-July	10- July	23- July
Mary Ann Popma	Jean Cassidy	Norma Castellucci
Robert Bevan	Margaret Goodman	C. Richard Morton
2- July	Marlene Baker	24- July
Barbara Fell	Mary Alice Handy	Virginia Gulick
Jeanne Iannotta	Ruth Radbill	Susan Carey
Rita Haley	Eileen Nero	Joan Malloy
Catherine Watson	Wayne Leiby	25- July
Allan Sbur	Christine Hanning	Joann Mcclellan
Marcia Mulkey	11- July	Marie Centanino
3- July	Gail Sokoloski	Audrey Herley
Robert Fromnic	Nancy Lee Grant	Margaret Bach
Anthony Simkovich	Faith Pickering	Marie Dimaio
4- July	Virginia Scheffey	Rosemary Silva
Charlie Brown	12- July	26- July
5- July	Marguerite Wright	Helen Shumaker
Allison Royer	Eleanor Caligiuri	Shirley Marshall
Jean Dalton	13- July	Laurence Delpino
Alleace Kelliher	Mary Wade Myers	Preston Mercer
6- July	Thomas Mcneil	27- July
Marie Orrichio	Gregory Bones	Joseph Vitale
Mary Jo Baldino	15- July	Irene Huntoon
Awilda Rodriguez	Alfreda Johnson	Mary Wolff
7- July	Jean Kerrigan	Ruben Jimenez
Margaret Bragg	16- July	Teri Seiter
8- July	Marion Morton	28- July
Stephen Quigley	17- July	Ann Knopf
Brenda Malin	Norma Milner	Lillian Rizzetto
Elaine Bryant	Kathleen Mcaneny	Nancy Anderson
Ken Svitek	Andie Devries	Charles Bowman
Delia Manuel	18- July	29- July
9- July	Everett Cassel	Earl Stoltzfus
Elizabeth Barnes	Chet Gustafson	Zabeda Aziz
Gwenn Knapp	20- July	30- July
Linda Phiel	Thomas Wilson	Jeff Kitchen
Bob Campanile	21- July	William Myers
	Rosemarie Kelly	31- July
	Diane Chmielecki	Lillian Root
	22- July	
	Janis Clay	
	Maureen Sturges	
	Lorraine Whayland	
	Marcella Taylor	

HENRY'S HELPING PAWS

Do you have a dog or a cat and worry about having enough money to buy food?

The West Chester Area Senior Center is teaming up with Senator Andrew Dinniman's office and the Pennsylvania Veterinary Foundation to bring the Henry's Helping Paws program to the center.

The Henry's Helping Paws program provides food to the pets of senior citizens so the pets and their owners to stay together.

If you are interested in participating in this program please contact: Dan Wilson @ danw@wcseniors.org or 610-431-4242 ext. 105

2020 SFMNP Check Distribution

Due to social distancing requirements, the PA Department of Agriculture has revised the 2020 SFMNP check distribution and are requesting that the preferred method of communication regarding the program be electronic.

Eligible seniors requesting SFMNP checks must complete the 2020 Application Form. If two eligible seniors live in the same household, i.e. husband & wife, one form may be completed. Each eligible senior must complete his or her information and signature line.

Seniors who are 60+ years old during the program year and meet the income requirements are eligible for SFMNP. Income is total income including interest, Social Security, wages, etc

SFMNP is a self-declaration program and therefore provide proof of income IS NOT REQUIRED!

2020 Household Income Eligibility

1 person - \$23,606	5 people - \$56,758
2 people - \$31,894	6 people - \$65,046
3 people - \$40,182	7 people - \$73,334
4 people - \$48,470	8 people - \$81,622

Any eligible seniors who wish to receive checks this year can reach out to Dan Wilson @ danw@wcseniors.org

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WEST CHESTER AREA SENIOR CENTER

The West Chester Area Senior Center, a non-profit organization, provides services and programs to persons sixty years or older without regard to race, color, creed, handicap, sex or national origin.

The Center is funded in part under a contract with the Chester County Department of Aging Services. Funding is also provided by the Chester County United Way, monies raised by the Board of Directors, Advisory Council, Planning Council, group donations, individual gifts and memorials, wills and bequests. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. The Center serves the following Townships: East and West Goshen, Westtown, Thornbury, East Bradford, Willistown, Birmingham and the Borough of West Chester.

The Center's official registration may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free (within PA) 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

