



WEST CHESTER AREA
SENIOR CENTER

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

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 2020
NEWSLETTER

WE MISS YOU!!!

OUR SENIOR CENTER, ALONG WITH ALL OF THOSE IN CHESTER COUNTY, REMAINS CLOSED UNTIL FUTURE NOTICE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE SENIORS WE SERVE. WHILE WCASC IS WORKING HARD ON SEVERAL NEEDS FOR OUR FUTURE RE-OPENING AT A YET UNDETERMINED TIME, PLEASE KNOW THAT IT REQUIRES A GREAT DEAL OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES AS WELL AS PRIOR APPROVALS FROM BOTH THE COUNTY AND STATE DEPARTMENTS OF AGING. IN THE MEANTIME, WE CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN OUR COMMUNITY TO SOURCE AND DISTRIBUTE FOOD TO SENIORS IN NEED AS WELL AS TO HELP WITH INFORMATION AND REFERRALS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO WEAR YOUR MASKS, WASH YOUR HANDS, AND STAY HEALTHY.

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 (This is not 9-1-1, Emergency Services provides safety and security information and updates to Chester County Residents)	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.lordspantryofdowningtowntown.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.

Book Club is now virtual!!!

**Reach out to Dan Wilson @
danw@wcseniors.org for more details.**

Virtual Diabetes Program with Jena Wood - Tuesdays in October at 2pm

October 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

<https://wakefernvideo.webex.com/wakefernvideo/j.php?MTID=m1d24ed1bbb8c91b35d81999b57fda234>

Meeting Number: 132 770 9668

Meeting Password: diabetes

CHECK OUT THIS INFORMATIVE VIDEO ON HOW TO USE ZOOM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGbpwZNW3oI>

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR COVID-19 RELIEF SUPPORTERS!



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of Chester County



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JEFF LEPPERT

THE RUDMAN FAMILY

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2-September	12- September	23- September
Bob Bielski	Paula Gowen	Geraldine Connor
Kristine Lilley	Geraldine McDowell	Glenn Fricke
Joseph Hartman	Charles Mighton	Peggy Drulik
3- September	Sue Prince	Wendy Schenk
Linda Pearson	Maria Dias	24- September
4- September	Elizabeth (Betty) Barr	William Gale
Francis Disanti	13- September	Lillie May Brown
James Curry	Virginia Schawacker	25- September
Helen Morris	Charles Mercer	Pati Kreisher
Alicia Hutzelmann	Maribel Febus	Lucille Taggart
Anthony Vacca	Mary Jo Rhodes	Miriam Boland
5- September	14- September	Wayne Benseler
Sally Beard	Elizabeth Lewis	Judith Willis
Patricia Marshall	15- September	Diane Celfo
6- September	Barbara Santucci	Cynthia McGowan
Barbara Holcroft	Paul Stull	Ed Flagge
Bollie Ruiz	16- September	26- September
7- September	Daniel Camburn	Jane Jones
Barbara Fedor	Isabel Sloane	Nancy Ann Berg
Inez Wilczek	Carol Bremner	James McGarry
Shirley Lukach	Dolores Gincley	Michael Oesiteicher
Dan Chambers	17- September	27- September
Bernice Barnes	Frank Stanzione	Helen Bird
Kathy Boyd	Frank Rocap	M. Josephine Launi
8- September	Deborah Benseler	Theresa Kasper
Walter Munson	Anne Thompson	Judy Forbes
Marie Edleman	18- September	Kay Bainbridge
9- September	William White	Mary Lou Voge
Maria Wittig	19- September	Irv Friedlander
Dorothy Miller	Sandra Fischler	28- September
Phyllis Cobb	Johanna Sinson	Kathryn Stewart
Judith Deane	Elizabeth "Betsy" Clothier	Bill Higgins
10- September	Charlotte Fitzpatrick	29- September
Maureen Steller	20- September	Josephine Mazzotta
11- September	Nancy Faggioli	Evelyn Valentine
Geneva Porter	21- September	Sally Wagner
Reese Davis	William Coffey	Charlotte Wilson
Eleanor Suder	Vince Lukach	30- September
Deb Wolfe	Hope-Ann Hug	Phyllis McGinnis
	Christopher Turner	Irene Clapper
	22- September	Jane Clark
	Anne O'Brien	
	Robert Wilcox	
	Mary Wilk	

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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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.

