



WINTER 2018

SENIOR PATHWAY

DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

AGING ● VETERANS AFFAIRS ● PARATRANSIT
NUTRITION SERVICES ● ENERGY ASSISTANCE



AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CONNECTION
Your Doorway to Information & Assistance

Produced by the Department of Senior Services



Dear Friends!

For many of you, this is my first opportunity to introduce myself as the new Executive Director for the Passaic County Department of Senior Services. My primary role is to coordinate the efforts of our countywide programs that serve as the primary entity responsible for developing comprehensive, coordinated systems of community-based services for older adults, veterans and those families in need of assistance. Since the start of the New Year it has been both humbling and with a full heart that I take on my new position. I am honored to have the opportunity to oversee such a remarkable community of residents and staff members.

Going forward, it is my goal to enhance our well-established services and further expand our capacity to be a resource. Furthermore, ensuring that seniors, families, adults with disabilities and their caregivers have easy access to information and long term services will remain a priority so this community can truly be a place, “where life is celebrated!”

Passaic County has been recognized both locally and statewide for excellence in care and service. I look forward to working with our team of managers and staff that continue to “raise the bar”, ensuring that each resident continues to receive the personalized service they deserve. I am so delighted when residents share their story and satisfaction with the care our staff provides every day, “putting their well-being above all else.” I’m proud and excited to have the opportunity to work alongside such a great team as we work to make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve.

As my transition here continues to take form, I would be remiss not to recognize a truly grand lady. I am in awe of the immense responsibility I have following such a remarkable leader in Mary Kuzinski. Mary dedicated her life to building a department that led by example. Mary faithfully served Passaic County for more than two decades, she impressed everyone with her warmth, dedication, drive, enthusiasm, compassion and yes, even her “constructive advice!” Mary embraced her role and for me was a wonderful mentor, boss, leader and friend. The department will always be grateful to Mary for her support, wisdom, tough motherly love and kindness. From Halloween parties, art shows, educational seminars, Medicare seminars, summer picnics, holiday parties, etc., we all witnessed Mary actively participating and encouraging others. From weakness to strength, from grass to grace and from nothing to something... Mary built this department and the knowledge she imparted along the way has been immeasurable. Mary will forever be an icon of integrity, professionalism, hard work and someone with a great “pointer finger”. Her achievements and outstanding leadership qualities are worthy of emulation.

Yes, we will miss you Mary and hope you will grace us with a visit every now and then. You will forever remain “the person” behind all our success and future achievements. Whatever we accomplish is in large part your legacy. For all your dedication and hard work, you deserve the best retirement ever. Enjoy this new journey, cherish every moment and have fun playing the “pass-line”. WE WISH YOU NOTHING BUT HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

As I conclude ... thank you ... this department is truly a unique and impactful place to work every day, I’m truly grateful to be a part of its next chapter. As for all those I have yet to meet ... I’ll do my best in making myself a familiar face but please know my door will always remain open and I welcome you to stop by for a visit or just to say HI!

Sincerely,

Sam Yodice, Jr.
Executive Director

2018 Rates

Part A Hospital Coverage

Inpatient hospital deductible	\$1,340.00
Co-pay days 61 – 90 (per day)	\$335.00
Co-pay days 91 – 150 (per day)	\$670.00

Part B Medical Coverage

Monthly premium (standard)	\$134.00
Annual Deductible	\$183.00

Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

Annual Deductible \$0 - \$405.00

Senior Gold Discount Program

Single (annual income) \$27,189.00 - \$37,189.00
 Couple (annual income) \$33,334.00 - \$43,334.00

Social Security 2%

PAAD (Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged & Disabled)

Single (annual income)	\$27,189.00
Couple (annual income)	\$33,334.00

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (S.H.I.P.) is a statewide program administered by the Division of Aging Services, New Jersey Department of Human Services with financial assistance through a grant from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Federal Medicare agency. Nationally the Medicare Program has more than 47 million beneficiaries and includes people who are 65 and older and people who have a permanent disability. Many have difficulty navigating Medicare and the health care system on their own. Some do not get the care they need because they cannot pay and do not know about programs that give help. Others, (the many caregivers who assist family members, friends and neighbors) need answers and guidance. SHIP counselors provide free one-on-one Medicare counseling.

Please contact Shirley Force, Passaic County SHIP coordinator at 973-569-4060.



Northeast New Jersey Legal Services Passaic County Division presents

Living Wills and Medical Decision Powers of Attorney Are they the same or are they different?

This presentation will focus on the difference between a Living Will/Advanced Directive and a Medical Decision Power of Attorney.

Friday, March 23, 2018

10:00am to 12:00pm

Location: Passaic County Department of Senior Services
 930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200
 Totowa, NJ 07512

If you are interested in attending, please call Passaic County Department of Senior Services, Disability and Veterans Affairs at **973-569-4060** and let us know.

AARP INCOME TAX PREPARED

AARP Foundation offers free, individualized tax preparation for low to moderate income taxpayers especially those 60 and older throughout Passaic County. Please call the Department of Senior Services at 973-569-4060 for a location nearest you.



SCAM ALERTS

Crooks use clever schemes to defraud millions of people every year. They often combine sophisticated technology with age-old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information. They add new twists to old schemes and pressure people to make important decisions on the spot. One thing that never changes: they follow the headlines - and the money. Stay a step ahead with the latest info and practical tips from the nation's consumer protection agency.



Passaic County's 2018 Annual Senior Art Show

Art Show Eligibility:

- ◆ Resident of Passaic County
- ◆ Age 60 and over
- ◆ Art piece must be "Show Ready"
- ◆ One entry per individual must be created within the last three years, and NOT have been shown in a previous County show

Additional information will appear in the next newsletter with dates and location.

FEBRUARY

V A L E N T I N E N D G W O O
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| Arrow | Groundhog | Shadow |
| Candy | Lincoln | Six |
| Card | Love | Spring |
| Chocolate | Mail | Valentine |
| Cupid | Myth | Washington |
| Den | Predict | Weather |
| Flowers | Presidents | Weeks |

2018 NEEDS SURVEY

Passaic County Department of Senior Services, Disability and Veterans Affairs is committed to assisting seniors and disabled individuals in meeting their needs. In order to do this and plan for the future, we need your input. **Please complete and return this survey by March 31, 2018.** Responses are confidential and results will be tallied and used for planning purposes.

INDICATE THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE TOPICS DESCRIBED ARE PROBLEMATIC FOR YOU				
	NOT A PROBLEM	SOMETIMES A PROBLEM	ALWAYS A PROBLEM	NOT APPLICABLE
Transportation to doctor/medical appointments				
Addressing my own needs (bathing, dressing, etc.)				
Shopping for groceries				
Preparing your daily meals				
Cleaning your home				
Being able to pay for heat or other utilities				
Handling your own money and/or paying your bills				
Performing household chores (shoveling, mowing, small repairs, etc.)				
Taking medication				
Completing insurance or Medicare forms				
Understanding health insurance/prescription coverage				
Providing care for another person as a caregiver				
Falling (loss of balance)				
Help with household budgeting and finances				

Check below which services you feel are critical needs in the community:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Day Care - <input type="checkbox"/> Medical <input type="checkbox"/> Social
<input type="checkbox"/> Care Management (<i>social worker develops a plan for coordinated services</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Caregiver Services (<i>Respite for caregivers</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Home Health Aides
<input type="checkbox"/> Elder Abuse
<input type="checkbox"/> Exercise Programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Grocery Shopper Services (<i>for individuals who are physically unable to shop</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Delivered Meals (Meals on Wheels)
<input type="checkbox"/> Housekeeping
<input type="checkbox"/> Assistance with Information, Applications to Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Questions/Medicare Counseling
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Services (<i>assistance with anxiety, depression, stress, etc.</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition Education and/or Counseling
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Centers/Congregate Dining
<input type="checkbox"/> Oral Health (<i>screening, assessment and treatment</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Minor Home Repair & Handyman Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Socialization and Recreation Activities
<input type="checkbox"/> Support Groups
<input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Reassurance (<i>"How are you today?"</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
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What Town Do You Live In?

- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bloomingdale | <input type="checkbox"/> North Haledon | <input type="checkbox"/> Ringwood | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clifton | <input type="checkbox"/> Passaic | <input type="checkbox"/> Totowa | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Haledon | <input type="checkbox"/> Paterson | <input type="checkbox"/> Wanaque | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hawthorne | <input type="checkbox"/> Pompton Lakes | <input type="checkbox"/> Wayne | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Little Falls | <input type="checkbox"/> Prospect Park | <input type="checkbox"/> West Milford | |

Are you a Veteran or Spouse of a Veteran? Veteran Spouse of Veteran Not a Veteran

The following information is requested for statistical purposes only. **ALL INFORMATION KEPT CONFIDENTIAL**

Age Range : Under 60 60-74 75-84 85-94 95+

Gender : Male Female **Marital Status:** Married Widowed Single Separated Divorced

Ethnic Background (IF MULTIPLE RACES, PLEASE SELECT APPROPRIATE BOXES)

White Hispanic American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander Other _____

I live Alone **I live with** Spouse/Life Partner Child(ren) Relative/Friend Shared Housing/Other

Please indicate the bracket that best represents your Annual Income?

Single Less than \$12,060 \$12,061 - \$15,075 \$15,076 - \$18,090 \$18,091 - \$24,120 \$24,120 +

Married Less than \$16,240 \$16,241 - \$20,300 \$20,301 - \$24,360 \$ 24,361 - \$32,480 \$32,481 +

Optional

Name _____ **Telephone** _____

Address _____

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Passaic County Department of Senior Services,
Disability & Veterans Affairs
930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200
Totowa, NJ 07512

Place
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Here

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973-569-4060

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973-305-5756

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973-569-4032

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973-569-4099

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