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PASSAIC COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES,
DISABILITY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS



AGING/DISABILITY ADULT DAY CARE VETERANS AFFAIRS
PARA-TRANSIT NUTRITION SERVICES ENERGY ASSISTANCE

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SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER

SENIOR SERVICES

973-569-4060

TRANSPORTATION

973-305-5756

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

973-569-4032

NUTRITION SERVICES

973-569-4099

ADULT DAY CARE

973-569-4080

VETERANS AFFAIRS

973-569-4090

PARATRANSIT HONORED AS “OUTSTANDING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM OF THE YEAR”

Passaic County Paratransit proudly received an award from the Council of Special Transportation for the Outstanding Transportation System of the Year for the State of New Jersey. Because of this accomplishment, the Passaic County Freeholder Board presented the Paratransit Division and their employees with a Proclamation on October 22, 2019 as pictured.



WANT TO COUNT? GET COUNTED! Why Census 2020 is So Important

The U.S. Census, under Constitutional requirement, is required to count every person living in the U.S. every ten years, and Passaic County is organizing to make sure that there is a *complete count* of all residents.

“A complete count is so important because Census data helps determine how crucial resources will be distributed across our State and our nation for the next decade,” says Freeholder Director John Bartlett. “Count all of our seniors, and there will be more federal funding for the programs and services you enjoy.”

“Count all of our children, and we can build a new school to ease overcrowded classrooms and provide other kinds of family support. Count all our workers and businesses, and we’ll get more infrastructure funding to keep roads and bridges in good repair and make everyone’s commute a little easier.”

Census data also determines the distribution of political power in our nation. New Jersey was under-counted in 2010, and lost a seat in Congress as a result. Additionally, Census data is confidential. The personal information you provide cannot be shared with any other government agency. The Census Bureau can only use your answers to produce the statistics that paint a picture of Passaic County and New Jersey as a whole.

Starting in early 2020, you will be able to respond to the U.S. Census by phone or online, or you can participate by mail. In early March of 2020, every home will receive a mailed census survey which you can return. In May, the Census Bureau will begin visiting homes that haven’t responded to the 2020 Census to make sure everyone is counted. By July 2020, the count is over, and in 2021 we’ll start seeing the results.

Please be sure your household participates, and encourage your family and neighbors too. For more information, find “[Passaic County CCC for Census 2020](#)” on Facebook, e-mail census@passaiccountynj.org, or call the Freeholders’ office at (973) 881-4412.

Passaic County Home Energy & Weatherization

ATTENTION UPPER COUNTY RESIDENTS The Passaic County Home Energy & Weatherization Department is pleased to announce we have increased convenience and access to Home Energy & Weatherization services through our Haskell Office Location:

1237 Ringwood Avenue, Haskell
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM

If you need help paying your home energy bill or need help making home improvements to reduce energy loss, please visit any one of our four locations:

TOTOWA OFFICE

930 Riverview Drive
Suite 250
Totowa, NJ 07512

Monday–Thursday
9 AM to 3:30 PM
Drop–Off: Friday

CITY OF PASSAIC OFFICE

Passaic City Hall
1st Floor
330 Passaic Street
Passaic, NJ 07055

Monday–Thursday
9 AM to 3:30 PM
Drop–Off: Friday

PATERSON OFFICE

Center City Mall
U Level
301 Main Street
Paterson, NJ 07505

Monday–Thursday
9 AM to 3:30 PM
Drop–Off: Friday

HASKELL OFFICE

1237 Ringwood Avenue
(Wanaque)
Haskell, NJ 07420

Monday, Wednesday
and Thursday ONLY
9 AM to 3 PM

Phone: 973-569-4032

www.passaiccountynj.org/homeenergy
Email: energyassist@passaiccountynj.org

Fax: 973-256-2067



What is Register Ready?

Register Ready is a free, secure, voluntary database designed to help emergency managers and first responders plan for and support people with disabilities and access and functional needs (DAFN) who may need assistance in the event of a disaster.

You (or someone on your behalf) are encouraged to register if you have a physical, developmental, cognitive or behavioral impairment, language barrier, or transportation challenge that may make it difficult for you to safely shelter in place or evacuate in a disaster.

Who should register?

Permanent and seasonal NJ residents with DAFN who may need help evacuating, sheltering in place or at a public shelter, or requiring emergency assistance should register. Individuals with a temporary disability, such as high-risk pregnancy or other serious medical condition, should register.

How can I register?

- Go to: www.registerready.nj.gov
- Telephone 2-1-1 (within NJ), or 877-652-1148 toll free (TTY/TDD and translation services available)
- Contact your County Office of Emergency Management
- Contact your local Center for Independent Living

For more information on Register Ready, please call the Department of Senior Services at 973-569-4060.

What is Passaic County C.A.R.E.S.
CAREGIVERS ASSISTANCE RELIEF EDUCATION SUPPORT

C.A.R.E.S. is a client directed program, meaning the caregiver and care recipient work jointly with an appointed care manager to develop and oversee individual services. Services include homemaker, adult medical day, medical alert, and education/support.

Who provides these services?

Qualified service providers receiving federal funding from the Older Americans Act and included in the Passaic County Area Plan certified service providers.

Where to apply?

Applications for services under Passaic County C.A.R.E.S. are processed through the County Department of Senior Services. **A caregiver has to specifically contact the office and request a community screen be completed to determine eligibility.**

Passaic County Department of Senior Services
 930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200
 Totowa, NJ 07512
 (973) 569-4060



Passaic County Adult Day Care

Are you a Passaic County Senior over the age of 60 and looking for something fun to do daily or at least part of the week? Look no further! We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. You may say “that sounds great but what do you provide?” We offer a continental breakfast in the morning and a hot nutritious lunch daily. We also provide health referrals, social service referrals, daily exercise, arts and crafts, music, discussion groups, sing-alongs, games, monthly theme parties, day trips to Camp Hope, bingo, guest speakers and more. If you are unable to drive yourself or have someone drop you off, we can provide transportation through our county Paratransit services.

For more information, please call the Adult Day Care at 973-569-4080.

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New Years Resolution

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| SALUTE | BALL |
| KISS | DROP |
| PROMISES | CONFETTI |
| VISION | JANUARY |
| HOPE | HEALTH |
| SPARKLE | LOVE |
| FAMILY | FRIENDS |
| CHEERS | PARTY |
| RESOLUTION | UNITY |
| MIDNIGHT | COUNTDOWN |
| PROSPERITY | |

2020 Passaic County 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 our next newsletter




Swirl n' Snack

Join us for a fun afternoon while creating your own masterpiece. Paint, snack, and have fun. Let your inner artist out. No painting experience necessary

FEE: \$8.00 Per Class

APRIL 16TH | MAY 21ST | JUNE 18TH
Class Will Begin 2:00PM

Passaic County Senior Services
930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200, Totowa, NJ 07512

Please call 973-569-4060 to register.

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This class will be instructed by:


Winter 2020 Parks & Recreation Events

Children's American Sign Language Workshops – Hosted by Katty Ogden

In a playful, educational and language-rich environment, parents/caregivers and babies will learn over 100 signs to use in everyday life before they perfect speaking. You will build your American Sign Language (ASL) vocabulary through instruction, interactive games and songs. You will learn recommended first signs, discuss the benefits of using ASL with infants and easy techniques for successfully integrating signs into everyday life.

My Smart Hands

Who: Children aged 6 to 18 months

When: 10 AM to 11 AM

Saturdays in January

January 4, 11, 18, 25

Where: Vanderhoef House

768 Park Drive, Clifton, NJ 07011

Sing and Sign

Who: Children aged 2 to 4 years

When: 10 AM to 11 AM

Saturdays in February

February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Where: Vanderhoef House

768 Park Drive, Clifton, NJ 07011

Children's Sewing Workshops – Hosted by So You Sewing Studios

So You Sewing & Design Studio will be bringing their fun children's sewing workshops to Hawthorne in February and March 2020.

Hand Sewing Workshop

Each week students will hand-make a different usable project such as pillows, bags, stuffed animals, pencil cases, etc.

Who: Children ages 5 to 8 interested in learning how to sew their own clothes and crafts.

When: 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Mondays in February & March

February 3, 10, 17, 24

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Where: Passaic County Arts Center

675 Goffle Road, Hawthorne, NJ

Machine Sewing Workshop

Each week students will learn how to use a sewing machine to make their own pants, shorts, skirts, tote bags and more!

Who: Children ages 8 to 12 interested in learning how to sew their own clothes and crafts.

When: 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Thursdays in February & March

February 6, 13, 20, 27

March 5, 12, 19, 26

Where: Passaic County Arts Center

675 Goffle Road, Hawthorne, NJ



AARP Foundation offers free, individualized tax preparation for low to moderate income taxpayers, especially those 60 and older, throughout Passaic County.

For additional information, please call the Department of Senior Services at 973-569-4060 after January 24 for dates and locations near you.



2020 SENIOR POLICE ACADEMY

May 5, May 12, May 19 & May 26

4 Weeks: 8:45 AM to 12 PM

Call 973-569-4060 to register

COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAM



Academy Topics:

- ◆ Fraud, Scams and Identity Theft
- ◆ Money Smart for Older Adults
- ◆ Personal Safety and Home Safety
- ◆ Crime Prevention and Gang Awareness
- ◆ Prescription Drug Abuse and Drug Drop-Off
- ◆ Office of Emergency Management
- ◆ Senior & Veterans Services Overview
- ◆ 911 Communication
- ◆ Project Lifesaver
- ◆ Emergency First Aid
- ◆ SWAT Team
- ◆ K-9 Unit Presentation

Presented by:

Passaic County Board of
Chosen Freeholders

Passaic County
Sheriff's Department

Passaic County Department
of Senior Services, Disability
and Veterans Affairs

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4 Weeks: 8:45 AM to 12 PM

\$5.00 Registration Fee

Please register by April 17 by calling 973-569-4060 and mail form back to:

Passaic County Senior Services
930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200
Totowa, NJ 07512

Seating is limited.



Name:

Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

DOB:

Emergency Contact:

Emergency Contact Phone:

Are you a Passaic County Resident? Yes No

Why have you volunteered to participate in the Passaic County Sheriff's Department Senior Police Academy?

What do you hope to achieve by participating in the academy or topics you would like to see discussed?

T-Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL 2X

**Passaic County Board of
Chosen Freeholders**

Director
John W. Bartlett

Deputy Director
Cassandra "Sandi" Lazzara

Assad R. Akhter
Theodore "TJ" Best, Jr.

Terry Duffy
Bruce James
Pasquale "Pat" Lepore

County Administrator

Anthony J. DeNova III

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a statewide program administered by the New Jersey Department of Human Services with financial assistance through a grant from the U.S. Administration for Community Living (ACL). Currently in the Nation there are 59 million Medicare beneficiaries, including 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 provide 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 Dinorah Luciano, Passaic County SHIP coordinator at 973-569-4060.

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