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Message from the Director

As I ponder our next message many thoughts flash before my eyes and weigh upon me. I began to imagine what journeys our matriarchs and patriarchs had encountered. What decisions you faced, and bridges crossed. Choices we struggle with today, but wisely made before. A path many have traveled in hopes of a better tomorrow as we can only see the pain of yesterday. Would I have leisurely enjoyed reading a Sunday paper or scrolling across the IPAD? Would I have enjoyed preparing a real meal or doordash. Would I tour the many treasures Passaic County has to offer such as the Silk Mill, the Great Falls, Lambert Castle, Dey Mansion, the Paterson Museum, Yogi Berra Stadium, Hinchcliffe Stadium, Ringwood Manor, or shopping malls?

Your dedication to our future brings me to this:

May is observed as Older Americans Month and this year the theme is

“Age My Way.”

How interesting to be strolling down memory lane with you.
After all the years now it’s our turn to serve you.

Shirley Force, Executive Director

Staff in the Divisions of Senior Services, Adult Day Care, Nutrition/Meals on Wheels, Paratransit & Home Energy/Weatherization

**OLDER
AMERICANS
MONTH**



AGE MY WAY: MAY 2022



**Starting this May,
NJ law will ban
grocery stores from
providing plastic and
paper bags to help
reduce litter.**

**Don't wait.
Start bringing
reusable bags now.**

**BRING YOUR REUSABLE
BAGS
WHEN YOU SHOP!
BagUpNJ.com**

Shoppers:

Besides your grocery list, make sure you bring plenty of reusable bags with you to the store!

Its quick.

Its easy.

And it will soon be the law!



SAVE THE DATE

**Department of Senior Services
PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, June 14, 2022
10:00 AM**

The Passaic County Area Agency on Aging and the Passaic County Senior Advisory Committee will hold a public forum on the 2023 Area Plan Contract for the purpose of soliciting and receiving comments on services and programs that reflect the needs, issues and concerns of our Passaic County elderly residents.

For specific details on how to participate in the public hearing, please contact Passaic County Senior Services at 973-569-4060.

SAVE THE DATE

**Passaic County Paratransit
PUBLIC HEARING
Friday, June 10, 2022
10:00 AM**

The Passaic County Board of County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on transportation funding for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons. The County is applying to New Jersey Transit, Inc. for funds under the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act for Fiscal Year 2023. This funding will be used to provide transportation services for senior citizens and disabled persons.

For specific details on how to participate in the public hearing, please contact Passaic County Paratransit office at 973-305-5756.

A message from Passaic County Clerk, Danielle Ireland-Imhof:

April is National County Government Month (NCGM), which celebrates and promotes the services and programs offered by county government. In honor of NCGM, I would like to highlight my office and the services we offer to Passaic County residents, property owners, and business owners, and special acknowledgment to our seniors and veterans. The County Clerk's Office has two convenient locations, 401 Grand Street in Paterson and the satellite office, 1237 Ringwood Avenue in Wanaque (Haskell). Additionally, we offer some of our services at local Outreach events held throughout Passaic County.

The following services are available at all locations:

- Passport processing,
- Notary Oath administering,
- Veteran discount identification cards, and
- Recording of DD-214 military discharge records.

Additional services available at the main and satellite offices include:

- Business Trade Name filing,
- Recording property transactions, and
- Processing and issuing Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots.

For additional information on the available services, and to schedule your appointment, please visit our website at www.passaiccountyclerk.org, or email passaiccountyclerk@passaiccountynj.org. Follow us on social media to stay connected with the latest County Clerk news and updates. My staff and I look forward to serving you!

Danielle Ireland-Imhof, Passaic County Clerk



2022 Passaic County Annual Senior Art Show

The Passaic County Department of Senior Services, Disability & Veteran Affairs is pleased to hold its **Annual Senior Citizen Art Exhibition** at the Passaic County Arts Center at the John W. Rea House. The Arts Center opened in June 2019 and is dedicated to producing high quality and accessible arts events and educational programming. Through gallery exhibitions, workshops, art classes, and public programs, the Arts Center promotes an appreciation for the visual and performing arts by engaging the community in an environment that nurtures creative expression.

The Department of Senior Services is excited to collaborate for the first time with the County Department of Cultural & Historic Affairs.

To participate, you must be 60 years of age or older, a Passaic County resident, and your piece must be "Show Ready". Informational packets will be mailed to past participants. For new participants, packets can also be mailed upon request.

To maintain the highest level of safety and protection for our residents and staff, please follow these procedures:

Please call 973-569-4060 to schedule an appointment to drop off your artwork.

Appointments will be scheduled starting May 16th – May 25th,
from 9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.

Please note, artwork will not be received after May 25th, therefore we look forward to seeing you prior to the deadline.

Face masks are to be worn before entering our building.

Artwork is to be dropped off at Senior Services located at:

930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200
Totowa, New Jersey 07512
For additional information and
eligibility,
Please call the
Department of Senior Services
973-569-4060



Property Tax Relief Program

Senior Freeze Program (Property Tax Reimbursement) reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax or mobile home park site fee (annual site fees you paid to lease a site in a mobile home park where you placed a manufactured or mobile home, 18% of the annual site fees are considered property taxes) increases on their primary residence. The person must meet all eligibility requirements for each year from the base year through the current application year.

2021 Senior Freeze PTR-2 Applications began being mailed as of Mid-February from the State of NJ.

If you are filing for the first time or reapplying to the program after being denied in a prior year you will need to file form PTR-1.

The deadline to file the application is October 31, 2022.

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

\$250 Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Deduction

Annual deduction of up to \$250.00 from property taxes for homeowners age 65 or older or receiving Federal Social Security disability benefits and who pay property taxes on their principal residence in New Jersey and who meet the income eligibility, will receive the tax deduction credit.

Note: The total amount of all property tax relief benefits received (homestead benefit, property tax reimbursement, property tax deduction for senior citizens, disabled person, and property tax deduction for veterans) cannot exceed the amount of property taxes (or rent constituting property taxes) paid on the applicants principal residence for the same year.

This program is managed by your local municipality.

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

Senior Farmers Market

The Passaic County Farmers Market operates from June through November. The program provides eligible low-income individuals with vouchers to purchase fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables and fresh cut herbs from certified farmers and roadside stands. The program reinforces the importance of using locally grown produce and expands the awareness and use of local farmers.

Each eligible individual will receive vouchers for the season to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs from authorized farmers. Vouchers cannot be redeemed at grocery stores and other food markets.

Requirements

To be eligible to receive Farmers Market Nutrition Program benefits:

- ◆ Individuals must be at least 60 years old
- ◆ Passaic County resident
- ◆ Meet the program's income requirements

All individuals must complete an application, provide proof of income, residency and personally sign for the vouchers.

For income requirements, please contact Senior Services after June 1st at 973-569-4060.

Spring Has Sprung

April

Birds

Blossoms

Flowers

Fresh

Gardening

March

May

Outdoors

Playing

Relaxing

Season

Spring

Sunshine

Warmer



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FIND OUT IF YOU QUALIFY FOR HOME ENERGY UPGRADES & SAVINGS!

The Passaic County Division of Home Energy & Weatherization is committed to helping Passaic County residents save on their energy bills, by providing utility benefits and providing upgrades that make homes more energy efficient.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP & USF) offers financial assistance to help eligible individuals with their electric, gas and deliverable fuel bills.

The Weatherization Assistance Program offers energy-saving upgrades to eligible homes, including repairs or replacements of windows and doors, heating systems, insulation, appliances and other measures.

PROGRAM UPDATE: As of January 1, 2022, clients who are approved for LIHEAP (Home Energy Assistance) are automatically eligible for Weatherization Assistance. Call us to find out more about how Weatherization can help!

In addition to our home energy-saving programs, we also provide the Lead Remediation and Abatement Program, to reduce child exposure to harmful lead-based paint. If you or someone you know lives in a 1 to 4 unit property built before 1978, call us to see if you qualify for a free lead inspection.

Applicants of the above programs must be residents of Passaic County, and meet income guidelines. You may qualify for all or most of the above programs whether you own or rent, live in a single-family home, multi-family housing complex or in a mobile home.

Together, we can keep Passaic County homes Warm and Lead-Safe! Don't wait, find out more today!

Call the Passaic County Home Energy & Weatherization Division at 973-569-4032,

or visit www.passaiccountynj.org



Passaic County Adult Day Care

Spring has sprung!

Come join us at the Passaic County Adult Day Care for daily exercise, fun and games and a nutritious lunch. If you don't drive, don't worry we can arrange transportation with Paratransit which is our county run transportation service.

If you're looking for socialization and meeting new friends, this is the place to be.

For further information, please call 973-569-4080.

Passaic County Board of County Commissioners

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SHIP

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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