

SENIOR PATHWAY

PASSAIC COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES,
DISABILITY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS



FALL 2022

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2022 SENIOR PICNIC

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

Message from the Director

Hello Passaic County residents, Fall is upon us with a nip in the air and football near. The Department of Senior Services would like to remind you of a few things by labeling our tree of services noted below.

We have some exciting up-coming events . Therefore, you will need to read all the articles inside.

Senior Services

No wrong door for assistance/information.

Nutrition/

Meals on Wheels

Seven congregate sites offering daily activities, educational events and home delivered meals for the homebound.

ADULT DAYCARE

Socialization, structured activities and fun.

Weatherization

Assistance with utility costs and weatherizing your home.

Veterans Affairs

Provides information and coordination of benefits for Veterans of the United States

Armed Forces.

Disability Services

Support programs for individuals with disabilities, caregiver support and services.

Paratransit

Curb to curb transportation services for medical, shopping, and recreational activities.



2023 Medicare Health & Drug Plan Annual Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment period begins on October 15, 2022 this is the first day you can enroll for 2023 health coverage.

Open Enrollment period ends on December 7, 2022 this is the last day you can enroll for 2023 health coverage.

First date of coverage can start January 1, 2023.

Medicare Educational Seminar

Join us on Thursday, October 27, 2022 for free unbiased information on the following:

- Best time to sign up for Medicare
 - What's new with Medicare
- How to compare Medicare plans
- Medicare Advantage plans with or without Medicare prescription coverage
 - How to join or switch a Medicare Part D plan

Time: 10:00AM TO 12:00PM

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

To reserve seating, please call 973-569-4060.

Medicare Annual Part D, Prescription Drug Coverage

Enrollment Event

- One-on-one counseling
- Enrollment assistance
- Comparison of current coverage versus 2023 plans
 Counseling sessions are scheduled for 30-60 minutes

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Time: 9:00AM to 3:30PM

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

To reserve an appointment or

for additional information, please call 973-560-4060.





2022 Passaic County Annual Senior Art Show

Thank you to the Passaic County artists for sharing your work with us.

Being an artist is often a vulnerable path.

You make something so deeply personal and then present it to the public with an open heart.

Congratulations to all those who participated in the

2022 Annual Senior Art Show.

The Passaic County Board of County Commissioners and The Department of Senior Services invites you to attend our

Holiday Event

Friday, December 9, 2022

Bottagra Restaurant

80 Wagaraw Road

Hawthorne, NJ 07506

Cost: \$15.00 per person (Family Style)

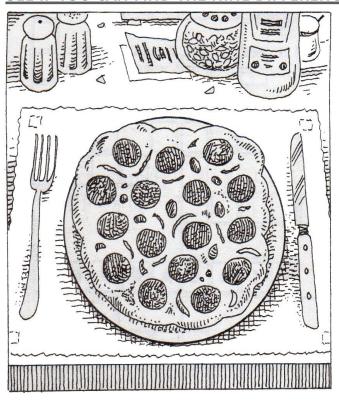
Music Entertainment by: DJ Benny

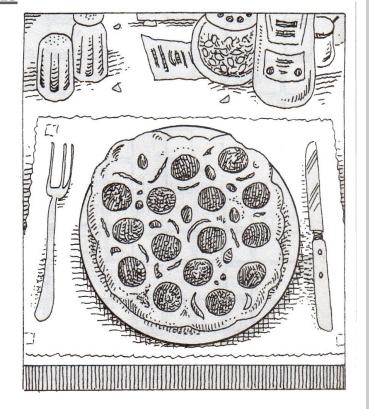
Time: 11:00AM to 2:00PM

Reservations first come, first served basis. Transportation is not provided.



SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THE NINE DIFFERENCES









PASSAIC COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES & VETERAN AFFAIRS

VETS HELPING VETS

A SUPPORT GROUP JUST FOR VETERANS

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY PASSAIC COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

> Tuesday, Sept 27, 2022 Tuesday, Oct 11, 2022 Tuesday, Oct 25, 2022 Tuesday, Nov 8, 2022 Tuesday, Nov 22, 2022 Tuesday, Dec 6, 2022 Tuesday, Dec 20, 2022

***** 930 RIVERVIEW DRIVE. **SUITE 200 TOTOWA, NJ 07512**

10 A.M. TO NOON

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP PLEASE CONTACT

WILFREDO RODRIGUEZ, COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKER FOR THE OFFICE OF VETERAN SERVICES (973) 569-4090 WILFREDOR@PASSAICCOUNTYNJ.ORG * * *



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6th Annual The Park!



10:00AM - 4:00PM

Goffle Brook Park

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Please call (973) 569-4060 to register.

Commissioners
Presented by the Passaic County Dept. of Senior Services

Sponsored by the Passaic County Board of County



Shredding & Old Medicine Drop-Off



October 14, 2022 10AM - 1PM



Dept. of Senior Services 930 Riverview Drive Suite 250 Totowa, NJ

mug, bowl or plate.

Finished pieces will be

delivered back one week later.

Shredding Free on-site confidential document destruction





Old Medicine Drop-Off

Free on-site drop off of old prescription drugs and supplements.

Hosted by: Passaic County Department of Senior Services Sponsored by: Passaic County Board of County Commissioners and Passaic County Sherriff's Office

Senior Services

Message from the Nutritionist

Are you really what you eat?

Does food really make your mood?

Should I be eating certain foods if I want to

be more alert, more assertive, more focused?



Topic: Feeding Your Brain:, Learn which foods will

optimize your brain health.

Presenter: Anwaar Gaber, Program Nutritionist

Location: Passaic County Senior Services

930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200, Totowa

When: November 10, 2022 Time: 10:00AM to 11:00AM When: November 15, 2022 Time: 2:00PM to 3:00PM Refreshments will be served.

To register, call Anwaar at 973-569-4099.

The Passaic County Department of Senior Services in Conjunction with
The Passaic County
Department of Health are hosting a

Physical Activity, Diabetes & Brain Stimulation Events

It is very important to stay physically active while aging!

- Benefits Health
- Sleep improvement
- Maintain Healthy Weight
- Improves Quality of Life
 - Stress management
 - Concentration

Please join us on the following dates for an interactive event which will include chair exercise along with time for some brain teaser questions throughout the presentation.

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022

Thursday, October 20, 2022

Time: 10:00AM to 11:00AM

Location: Passaic County Senior Services

930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200 Totowa, NJ 07512

To register, please call 973-569-4060.



FALL INTO FUN!

Passaic County Department of Senior Services,
Disability, & Veterans Affairs
Cordially Invites You to Join a Series of
Presentations for:

Caregiver's Awareness Month

Wednesday, November 16, 2022
930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200, Totowa, NJ 07512
Discussion on The Big Four
(Power of Attorney, Financials, Medicals, and Living Will Declarations)

5:00PM to 6:00PM

Presented by: Anna Navatta Esq. Northeast N.J. Legal Services

Thursday, November 17, 2022
930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200, Totowa, NJ 07512
Understanding Memory Loss

2:30PM to 3:30PM

Presented by: Home Care Options &
Alzheimer's New Jersey
Please RSVP to Nicole Moore at 973-569-4065 or
nicolel@passaiccountynj.org by November 1, 2022



Weatherization and Home Energy Division Updates

Upcoming New LIHEAP Season:

The next LIHEAP program cycle begins on October 1, 2022, and we will begin accepting applications by September 1, 2022. Passaic County residents who were enrolled during the prior LIHEAP program year can re-certify, and new applicants can submit a new application.

Home Energy Office Hours and Ways to Apply:

Our 3 Home Energy Offices (Totowa Business Center; Paterson Center City Mall; and Passaic City Hall) are open to the public **Monday through Thursday**, **9:00AM to 3:30PM** (we are closed to the public on Fridays, for processing). Clients do not have to visit our Home Energy Offices in-person to apply; clients can also apply by Email: energyassist@passaiccountynj.org

Mail: Passaic County Home Energy 930 Riverview Drive, Suite 250

Totowa, NJ 07512 **Fax:** 973-256-2067

The application and supporting documents are available under the "Weatherization and Home Energy Assistance" section of the Passaic County website, www.passaiccountynj.org

The Passaic County
Weatherization and Home
Energy Division looks forward
to assisting you.

A Message From Passaic County Clerk

The 2022 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8th. A New Jersey voter can vote by mail for one election, or all elections and no excuse is required. Voting by Mail offers conveniences that many voters would appreciate, particularly members of the senior population, including no requirement for transportation to the polls and avoiding potential crowds, lines, or bad weather on Election Day. Additionally, voters who vote by mail have more time to consider the issues and candidates with the ballot in hand while in the comfort and privacy of their home.

If a voter wishes to vote by mail, they must complete an Application for Vote by Mail Ballot and mail the application to the County Clerk up to 7 days prior to Election Day. A voter may also apply in person to the County Clerk until 3:00PM, the day before Election Day. The Clerk cannot accept faxed or emailed copies of an Application for Vote by Mail Ballot unless you are a Military or Overseas Voter since an original signature is required.

If such voter no longer wants to receive Vote by Mail ballots, the County Clerk's Office must be notified in writing. The Vote by Mail Opt-Out Form can be submitted online on the County Clerk's website, www.passaiccountyclerk.org under the "Elections Division" subpage.

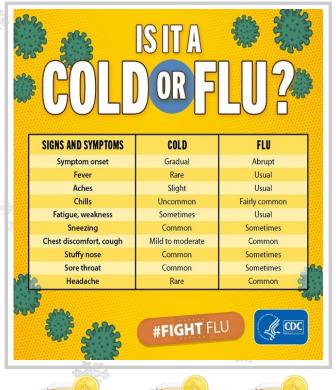
For additional information about voting by mail, or the election, please visit our website at www.passaiccountyclerk.org, call our office at 973-881-4127, or email us at countyclerkelections@passaiccountynj.org.

Vote-by-mail applications can be picked up at the County Clerk's Main Office in Paterson, Satellite Office in Wanaque, and at the Department of Senior Services in Totowa. My staff and I look forward to serving you!

> Danielle Ireland-Imhof, Passaic County Clerk







The Passaic County Board of County Commissioners and The Department of Senior Services invites you to attend our

2022 Senior Picnic

The Senior Picnic will be held at

Rifle Camp Park 385 Rifle Camp Rd, Woodland Park, NJ 07424.

Date and Time:

Friday, October 7, 2022 from 9:30AM to 1:30PM rain or shine
No cost to Passaic County Seniors.

Reservations first come, first served basis.

Passaic County residents only.

For your reservation, you **MUST** complete the coupon below, cut off and mail back to Passaic County Senior Services 930 Riverview Dr, Suite 200, Totowa NJ, 07512.

Attn: Shirley Force

Menu

HAMBURGERS
HOT DOGS
SAUSAGE
CHICKEN

OB

SALAD

CORN ON THE

COB

OB

DESSERT

2022 Senior Picnic	Fill out for a
Adduces	Senior Picnic Surprise
Address:	Name:
City/Zip: Phone #:	
X Date	Date of Birth:
(One coupon per person. Passaic County residents only)	City:

Passaic County Board of County Commissioners

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Department of Senior Services, Disability & Veterans Affairs 930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200 Totowa, NJ 07512 Phone: 973-569-4060 Fax: 973-256-5190/5191 ADRC 1-877-222-3737 www.passaiccountynj.org/seniors

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.