

SUMMER 2024

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973-569-4060

Adult Day Care

973-569-4080

Energy Assistance

973-569-4032

Nutrition Services

973-569-4099

Transportation/Paratransit

973-305-5756

Veterans Affairs

973-569-4090

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to introduce our new Assistant Veterans Service Officer, Sherwood English. Born and raised in Paterson, and attended the Paterson Public School System, Sherwood enlisted in the United States Army after graduating from Eastside High School. During his service time, he spent a total of six years in Germany, one year in South Korea and three years at various stateside assignments.

Sherwood also was deployed to Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield. When his service time came to an end he returned to the civilian workforce, where he was employed with the United States Postal Service and retired as a Postmaster.

As the Department of Senior Services welcomes the hiring of Mr. English, our goal is to provide professional, courteous, comprehensive and speedy service to all, regardless of veteran status.

We provide the following services: Filing VA claims for disability compensation, health benefits, funeral benefits and honor, assist veterans and family members to obtain copy of DD214 to apply for benefits etc.

Our office coordinates the Passaic County Distinguished Service Medal, one of the only three counties that offers this type of medal. We have a designated parking spot for disabled veterans. We offer and distribute the American flag to be placed on the graves of our County veterans.

We hold a biweekly Vets Helping Vets group meeting every other Tuesday, 10:00am to 12:00 noon, and lunch is provided. The meeting is facilitated by a licensed social worker and open to all veterans. We provide information on NJ Income Tax Exemption and Property Tax Exemption, free legal services, VA home loans, educational benefits, veterans ID cards supported by the Passaic County Clerk's Office.

Contact number for Veterans Services: 973-569-4090.



Shirley Force, Executive Director
Staff in the Divisions of Senior Services, Passaic County Social
Adult Day Care, Nutrition/Meals on Wheels,
Paratransit, Veterans & Home Energy/Weatherization

Movie Night

Friday Night Lights
July 12th & 26th, August 9th & 23rd

Show Time

5:00pm

to

7:00pm

**You will enjoy a special
movie chosen for each night.**

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

Light Refreshments

To register, call 973-569-4060 to reserve a seat

2024 Passaic County Annual Senior Art Show

Passaic County Department of Senior Services, Disability & Veterans Affairs is inviting all of our Passaic County professional and non-professional creative artists to join us in the

2024 Passaic County Annual Senior Art Show.

Art is an expression of ideas, creative skills, and imagination. Art is something that stimulates individuals' thoughts, emotions, beliefs, and ideas.

Please join us with your creativity and imagination in entering your art piece into this year's 2024 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 shown in a previous County show.

The Art Show will run from Monday, June 3rd through Friday, June 28th.
The awards reception will be held on Friday, June 28th from 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Exhibition and reception will be held at Passaic County Senior Services
930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200, Totowa, NJ 07512

For additional information including rules, eligibility, classification etc.,
contact our office at 973-569-4060

Ice Cream Social

July is National Ice Cream Month

Come join us for a scoop or two of ice cream as we talk about services offered at Passaic County Department of Senior Services, Disability and Veterans Affairs



Date: July 19, 2024

Time: 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Location: 930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200
Totowa, NJ 07512

Call to register no later than July 12th
at 973-569-4060

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

**Lots of outdoor fun, games, music and
a special visit from Santa**

Date: July 26, 2024

Time: 12:00 noon to 2:00pm

Location: 930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200
Totowa, NJ 07512

Please register to attend
Call 973-569-4060



SAVE THE DATE

**The Passaic County Board of
County Commissioners and the
Passaic County Department of
Senior Services**

PUBLIC HEARING

**Thursday, June 6, 2024
10:00am**

**930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200
Totowa, NJ 07512**

The Passaic County Area Agency on Aging and the Passaic County Senior Advisory Committee will hold an in-person public forum on the 2025 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, contact Passaic County Senior Services at 973-569-4060

2024 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

The Passaic County Farmers Market operates from May through November.

The program provides eligible individuals with vouchers to purchase locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables, and fresh cut herbs from Authorized, Certified Farmers and roadside stands.

Vouchers cannot be redeemed at grocery stores and other food markets.

Keep in mind the Farmers Market Vouchers are distributed on a first-come first-served basis.

Requirements:

Age 60 and over

Passaic County Resident

Meet the program's Income requirements

For more information and program requirements, call the Department of Senior Services after May 1st, 2024 at 973-569-4060

Veggie Mobile Site:

Totowa Senior Nutrition Center
930 Riverview Drive Suite 200
Totowa, NJ 07512

Veggie Mobile Hours:

Wednesdays 10am-12pm
July 3rd- November 13th

Veggie Mobile Dates:

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

August 7, 14, 21, 28

September 11, 18, 25 *

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November 6, 13

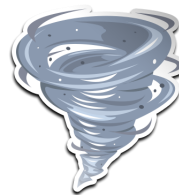


* City Green is closed on Wednesday 9/4

2024 Hurricane Season

Begins June 1st and runs to November 30th.

Make an action plan with your family, gather essential supplies and make sure your home is prepared for a potential storm. Not every storm will impact your area, but it only takes one to damage your home or put your family's safety at risk.



Storm Names

Alberto	Helene	Oscar
Beryl	Isaac	Patty
Chris	Joyce	Rafael
Debby	Kirk	Sara
Ernesto	Leslie	Tony
Francine	Milton	Valerie
Gordon	Nadine	William

Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement)

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. 2023 Senior Freeze PTR-2 applications were 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.



Important Program Changes Beginning with the 2023 filing season, new legislation increased the income limit for the program to \$150,000 for Tax Year 2022, benefiting those filing the 2023 PTR-1. The law also eliminated the requirement that an applicant must be a New Jersey resident for 10 consecutive years to be eligible for the program.

The deadline for 2023 application is October 31, 2024. Call the Passaic County Department of Senior Services at 973-569-4060 for a PTR-1 application and or additional information.



COFFEE WITH A K9 COP



COME AND MEET THE OFFICERS OF THE PASSAIC COUNTY SHERIFF'S K9 UNIT!

Coffee with a Cop brings police officers and the community members they serve together to discuss issues and learn more about each other. Coffee and bagels will be served.

Open to the Public

Register by calling 973-569-4060

Sponsored by the Passaic County Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Senior Services, Disability & Veterans Affairs

June 4th
9:30am-11:00am

Totowa Senior Center

930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200

Totowa, NJ 07512



PASSAIC COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES, DISABILITY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

VETS HELPING VETS

SUPPORT GROUP JUST FOR VETERANS

VETS HELPING VETS is a peer group facilitated by veterans and designed to address the needs of Veterans by providing a relaxed and confidential environment to

share post military and transitional experiences with other Veterans.

Our mission is to offer hope, encouragement, and support to all who have served in the military.



Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Tuesday, August 20, 2024



930 RIVERVIEW DRIVE, SUITE 200, TOTOWA, NJ 07512

10:00 AM TO NOON



For more information please contact **Sherwood English-Assistant Veterans Service Officer** at 973-569-4090

Carl Perry, MSW, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Volunteer Co-Facilitator



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Summer Word Search

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AUGUST	SUNGLASSES	PICNIC	FIREWORKS
COOKOUT	VACATION	SMORES	OUTDOORS
HIKING	BEACH	SUNSHINE	POPSICLE
PARK	FIREFLIES	WATERMELON	SPRINKLER
SANDALS	LEMONADE	CAMPING	SWIMMING

Lemon Water with Fresh Mint

Refreshing Lemon Water with Fresh Mint that is easy to throw together refreshing and more enjoyable way to drink water!



Ingredients

- 2 quarts water
- Juice of one lemon
- 2 lemons, thinly sliced
- Ice
- Few sprigs of mint

Combine all ingredients and place in fridge for a bit to allow flavors to infuse. Once pitcher is chilled, serve and enjoy!

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.



Navigating Medicare

COME ONE COME ALL



Passaic County has big plans for the annual picnic this fall

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

2024 Annual Senior Picnic

The Senior Picnic will be held at
Rifle Camp Park 385 Rifle Camp Rd, Woodland Park, NJ 07424

Date and Time:

**Friday, September 27, 2024
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



SALAD
CORN ON THE
COB



DESSERT

2024 Senior Picnic

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ **Phone #:** _____

X _____

Signature

Date

(One coupon per person. Passaic County residents only)

Fill out for a Senior Picnic Surprise

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone #: _____

City: _____

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