



Social Services News

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Help Elderly Against Rising Taxes = "HEART"

STATE:

Any taxpayer who is 65 years old, owns and occupies a home in Windsor, and meets certain income guidelines, may be eligible for elderly tax relief benefits under the HEART program. Depending upon their income, **qualified** applicants receive direct credits off their tax bills that range from 10% to 50%. For purposes of this program, income is defined as adjusted gross per IRS **plus** Social Security. The income guidelines for this year are as follows:

Single: \$36,000 Married: \$43,900

LOCAL:

In addition to the benefits described above, the Town of Windsor provides tax relief benefits for local elderly. For those individuals qualifying for the state program described above, the town provides for an additional 40% of their state elderly benefit.

Any taxpayer who is 65 years old, owns and occupies a home in Windsor, and does not meet the previously mentioned income guidelines for the state program, may still be eligible for a local benefit listed below.

Single: \$36,001 to \$49,500 = \$240.00 credit
Marries: \$43,901 to \$49,500 = \$360.00 credit

For both the State and Local program, income is defined as adjusted gross per IRS **plus** Social Security.

Applications must be filed between February 1st and May 15th every 2 years.

Please contact the Windsor Assessor's office at 860-285-1816 or at 275 Broad Street for more information or to apply for these benefits.

Federal Trade Commission Scam Warning!

The Federal Trade Commission is getting reports about people pretending to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA) who are trying to get a person's Social Security number (SS#) and money.

In one version of the scam, the caller says your SS# has been linked to a crime (often, he says it happened in Texas) involving drugs or sending money out of the country illegally. He then says your SS# is blocked – but he might ask you for a fee to reactivate it, or to get a new number. He will ask you to confirm your SS#.

In other variations, he says that somebody used your SS# to apply for credit cards, and you could lose your benefits. He also might warn you that your bank account is about to be seized, that you need to withdraw your money, and that he'll tell you how to keep it safe.

All of these are **SCAMS**. Here's what you need to know:

- The SSA will never call and ask for your SS#. It will not ask you to pay anything. It won't call to threaten your benefits.
- Your caller ID might show the SSA's real phone number (1-800-772-1213), but that's not the real SSA calling. Computers make it easy to show any number on caller ID. You cannot trust what you see there.
- Never give your SS# to anyone who contacts you in this way. Do not confirm the last 4 digits. Do not give a bank account or credit card number – ever – to anybody who contacts you by phone asking for it.
- Remember that anyone who tells you to wire money, pay with a gift card, or send cash is always a scammer no matter who they say they are.

If you're worried about a call from someone who claims to be from the Social Security Administration, get off the phone. Then call the real SSA at 1-800-772-1213.



GROCERIES TO GO
March 8th & 22nd
10:30 AM—11:30 AM
Windsor Senior Center



MOBILE FOODSHARE
March 1st, 15th & 29th
8:45 AM —9:15 AM
130 Deerfield Rd., Old Elk's Lodge

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ENERGY ASSISTANCE UPDATE CRT

CRT is still taking appointments for the 2018-2019 energy season. Call (860) 560-2694 to schedule an appointment. All appointments must be scheduled through the Hartford main office.

Please contact Social Services at 860-285-1839 to discuss eligibility for electric, gas and water assistance through the **Windsor Food & Fuel Bank**.

GOT MEDICARE QUESTIONS?

If you are confused about your medical insurance choices, we can help. Call the Social Services office and schedule an appointment with our CHOICES counselor, Maggie Goodman, who can help you to understand which insurance choice will be best suited for your needs. Call 860-285-1839.

CASEWORKER AT THE LIBRARY

Maggie Goodman, Social Services caseworker, is available Tuesdays from 1:00 pm—3:00 pm on the lower level of the Windsor Public Library main branch. Maggie is happy to answer questions, provide information and give resources to people in need of assistance.

MARCH SNAP OUTREACH

Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. Wednesday, **March 6th** between 1:-4:00 pm and Friday, **March 22nd** between 9:-12:00 noon at the LP Wilson Community Center. Call 860-285-1839 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

WINDSOR HUNGER ACTION TEAM

Windsor HAT meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 9 AM in the Ludlow room, lower level at the Windsor Town Hall. Join us as we work together to identify issues and to find solutions to help to eliminate hunger in our local community. Next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 5th**. Contact Susan Nunes for information at 860-285-1839.

MONTHLY GROUPS

Windsor C.A.R.E.S.:

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the LP Wilson Community Center, AP1 room. This is a group of adults who are committed to volunteerism. The group takes on community service projects for people of all ages. Next meeting will be held **March 12th** at 1:00 PM. Call Deb for more info. at 860-285-1839.

Diabetic Support Group:

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11AM at the LP Wilson Community Center, AP1 room. This group is open to all diabetics and their family members. Topics vary by month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, **March 19th** at 11am. Call Social Services for more information at 860-285-1839.

Fitch Court SHARE Group:

Meets on Wednesday, March 13th from 2:-3:00 PM in the Community Room. This group is open to those who reside at Fitch Court. Each month has a different topic. Call Maggie at 860-285-1839 for information.

WIC IN WINDSOR

WIC— Women, Infants, Children—is a supplemental nutrition program providing education and foods to young women and children. WIC meets at the LP Wilson Community Center on the first Tuesday of each month. Appointments are taken between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. Call 860-757-4860 to schedule an appointment.

FOOD BANK HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday & Thursday 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Thursday 5:00 PM - 6:45 PM

Meet the Social Services Staff

Anne Wakelin, Human Svc. Director

Sue Raggio, Dept. Coordinator
Maggie Goodman, Caseworker &
Municipal Veteran's Svc. Contact
Susan Nunes, Administrative Aide

Andy Price, Caseworker
Deb Sheldon, Caseworker
Jasmine Hall, Caseworker
Ted Hughes, Food Bank

