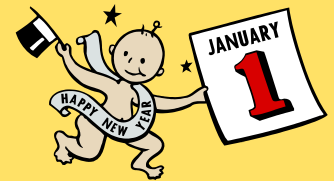




Social Services JANUARY 2024

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[Town of Windsor Social Services.](https://www.facebook.com/TownofWindsorSocialServices)

www.townofwindsorct.com/socialservices

WINDSOR FOOD BANK TEMPORARY RELOCATION BEING PLANNED SOON

At some point in the next several months, the Windsor Food Bank will be relocating to 100 Addison Road as a temporary distribution location for a few months while renovations are made to our current location at the LP Wilson Community Center.

The planned improvements to the Windsor Food Bank will increase capacity for storage of food and create a more efficient space to intake and distribute food.

Registered clients will receive a robo call with specific information when our relocation date is confirmed.

Temporary Inconvenience for Improved Service

A COMMUNITY THANK YOU

Social Services and the Windsor Food & Fuel Bank send out a **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to the Windsor community - businesses, religious institutions, medical offices, civic groups, schools, clubs and residents— for the many generous donations of food and funds throughout the November and December holidays! The needs in Windsor is great and the generosity and community support is heartwarming! Every donation-large or small helps our neighbors in need to provide food on the table & warmth in the home!

FOOD BANK HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Wednesday & Thursday 1:00 - 3:00 PM
4th Thursday of ea. Month 5-6:45PM

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE OPEN ENROLLMENT

You can make changes to your Medicare Advantage and Medicare drug coverage when certain events happen in your life, like if you move or you lose other coverage.

These chances to make changes are called Special Enrollment Periods.

The types of changes you can make and the timing depend on your life event.

If you have questions or need help making enrollment changes, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

Starting Jan. 1, 2024, if you sign up for Part A and/or Part B because of an exceptional situation, you'll have 2 months to join a Medicare Advantage Plan (with or without drug coverage) or a Medicare drug plan (Part D). Your coverage will start the first day of the month after the plan gets your request to join.

If you're already in a Medicare Advantage Plan, **Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period** runs from January 1-March 31. This is the time you can switch to another Medicare Advantage Plan with or without drug coverage. You can also drop your Medicare Advantage Plan and go back to Original Medicare or join a Medicare drug plan.

ACCESS HEALTH CT OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open enrollment period for 2024 coverage thru Access Health CT is from November 1, 2023 thru January 15, 2024. Enroll by December 15th to have coverage starting January 1, 2024. For questions and application assistance, call 1-855-805-4325. Live chats are available at AccessHealthCT.com.



GROCERIES TO GO

January 5th & 19th
10:30 AM—11:30 AM
at THE WINDSOR FOOD BANK



MOBILE FOODSHARE

January 10th & 24th
1:30 PM -2:00 PM
Hopewell Baptist Church, 280 Windsor Ave.

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MONTHLY GROUPS:

WINDSOR C.A.R.E.S.

The group takes on community service projects for people of all ages. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday every other month. Call Deb at Social Services.

WINDSOR HUNGER ACTION TEAM

This group meets the 1st Wednesday of each month to discuss food insecurity in our local community. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 7th at 9:00 AM at the Windsor Town Hall.** Contact Susan for meeting information.

LEAN ON ME

This Caseworker Appointment Program meets the 1st Tuesday afternoon of each month at the Windsor Main Library. Call 860-285-1839 to schedule an appointment between 1-3PM to learn about programs you may qualify for.

The staff is also available at our main office at the LP Wilson Community Center for scheduled appointments

Windsor CARES Annual Spaghetti Dinner - FEB. 9th

This fundraising dinner will be on Friday evening, Feb. 9th at 5:00PM at the Windsor Senior Center.

Celebrate an early Valentine's Day with friends and neighbors for the low price of \$10.00 per person. Join us for a delicious and informative evening featuring a **Homemade Italian Spaghetti Sauce dinner, Italian music and the story of how this sauce came to be in 1943.** Local resident Tom Banducci spends hours making his family recipe every week. Tom became popular among his friends and family with his delicious sauce and is now producing it for local sales.

Dinner, served by our own Windsor Police Officers includes: spaghetti and sauce, salad, bread, dessert and drinks. You will not want to miss the events of the evening. Door prize tickets will also be available for \$1 a ticket. For additional information or to purchase tickets contact Deb Sheldon at 860-285-1839 – Windsor Social Services.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE UPDATE

The Community Renewal Team (CRT) energy assistance program is continuing to take appointments for the 2023/2024 heating season.

NEW UPDATE: CRT is now scheduling appointments in Windsor! Please call the hotline at 860-560-2694 and request an appointment in Windsor.

OPERATION FUEL UPDATE

Operation Fuel will begin accepting applications for energy assistance on January 8, 2024. Please call Eliana at 860-285-1839 to see if you qualify.

NEW LOW-INCOME DISCOUNT RATE FOR EVERSOURCE ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS

**10% and 50% Discounts Available for
Eversource Electric Customers**

On December 1, 2023, Eversource will introduce a new discount rate for electric customers with a financial hardship status. Based on household income or receipt of a public assistance benefit, customers may be eligible for a 10% or 50% discount off their electric bill per month.

Visit www.Eversource.com/billhelp for more info on the electric discount and to see if you qualify.

GRANDPARENT AND KINSHIP CIRCLE

Are you a grandparent over the age 55
raising a grand- child or kin?

THERE IS SUPPORT AVAILABLE.

Call Deb Sheldon at Social Services at 860-285-1839 to be added to our Grandparent & Kinship Circle email distribution list and to find out what events and programs are currently happening to help support grandparents raising a second family.

CLOSINGS IN JANUARY:

Monday, Jan. 1st, New Year holiday
Monday, Jan. 15th, Martin Luther King Jr. day
LP Wilson Closed. Food bank closed.



Meet the Social Services Staff

Enita Jubrey, Social Services Director
**Maggie Goodman, Casework & Municipal
Veteran's Services Contact**
Susan Nunes, Administrative Asst.
Janine Griffith, Administrative Aide

Jasmine Hall, Dept. Coordinator
Andy Price, Caseworker
Deb Sheldon, Caseworker
Eliana Medina-James, Caseworker
Ted Hughes, Food Bank