



Social Services MARCH 2024

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WINDSOR FOOD BANK TEMPORARY RELOCATION HAPPENING SOON

The Windsor Food Bank will go thru an extensive renovation project soon to update and expand our space here at the LP Wilson Community Center.

During this renovation, we will be relocating to 100 Addison Road as a temporary distribution location for a few months while renovations are being done here.

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. This in turn will help us to serve you better.

Registered clients will receive a robo call
with specific information when our relocation date is confirmed.
**Temporary Inconvenience
for Improved Service**

GROCERIES TO GO STAYING AT LP WILSON

The GROCERIES TO GO senior food program **WILL NOT BE RELOCATING** during the food bank renovations. The program distributions will still take place at the LP Wilson Community Center on scheduled days.

FOOD BANK HOURS

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

RENTER'S REBATE PROGRAM OPEN APRIL 1ST- OCTOBER 1ST

State law provides a **reimbursement program for Connecticut renters who are elderly or totally disabled**, and whose incomes do not exceed certain limits. Persons renting an apartment or room or living in cooperative housing or a mobile home may be eligible for this program. This is not an entitlement program.

Renters' rebates can be up to \$900 for married couples and \$700 for single persons. The renters' rebate amount is based on a graduated income scale and the amount of rent and utility payments (excluding telephone) made in the calendar year prior to the year in which the renter applies.

To be eligible:

- a recipient or spouse must be 65 years of age or older, or
- a recipient must be 50 years of age or older and the surviving spouse of a renter who at the time of renter's death had qualified and was entitled to tax relief provided such spouse was living with the renter at the time of the renter's death, or
- a recipient must be 18 years of age or older and eligible to receive Social Security Disability benefits.
- The renter must further meet a one-year state residency requirement.

Grants are based upon income requirements shown in Connecticut General Statute Section 12-170e.

Windsor Social Services are completing Renters' Rebate applications by telephone appointment. All supporting documents are required prior to making application. Visit our website and link to the Renters Rebate information to view documents needed and further instruction or call the Social Services office. Upon receipt of required documents a caseworker will call you by phone to make application.



GROCERIES TO GO
March 1st, 15th & 29th
10:30 AM—11:30 AM
at THE WINDSOR FOOD BANK



MOBILE FOODSHARE
March 6th & 20th
1:30 PM -2:00 PM
Hopewell Baptist Church, 280 Windsor Ave.

Social Services MARCH news

Windsor CARES Annual Spaghetti Dinner - POSTPONED

This spaghetti fundraising dinner scheduled for April 5th is being POSTPONED.

If you already purchased tickets, please contact Deb Sheldon at 860-285-1839 for a refund.

ATTENTION FITCH COURT, MILLBROOK VILLAGE & SHAD RUN RESIDENTS

Your RENTER'S REBATE APPLICATIONS will be processed by the Social Services Department.

You will receive an informational letter and checklist later this month. For your convenience, a drop box will be placed in each of the housing community rooms on April 15th for your use in delivering your required documents to us.

Social Services staff will be present at the Windsor Housing Authority in the Fitch Court community room on Tuesday, April 23rd at 11:30AM to answer any questions you may have.

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, March 6th 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.

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 continue to accept applications for energy assistance thru March 15th. We will keep everyone posted thereafter when they reopen their for the spring season.

If you are in need of energy assistance, please call Eliana at 860-285-1839.

NEW LOW-INCOME DISCOUNT RATE FOR EVERSOURCE ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS

10% and 50% Discounts Available for Eversource Electric Customers

On Dec. 1, 2023, Eversource introduced 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.

EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LISTS

***Social Services Information & Events**

***Grandparents Raising Grandchildren or Kin**

If you are interested in receiving emails with information and events relating to the above programs, please call 860-285-1839 to sign up.



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