



Social Services DECEMBER 2024

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THE WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WISH ALL OF YOU A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON! HAPPY HANUKKAH! MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY KWANZZAA!



PROJECT SANTA PROGRAM

If you registered for the 2024 Project Santa Program, the program distribution will be held on Tuesday, December 10th at Grace Church, 311 Broad Street from 9AM-1PM and from 4PM-7PM. **This is the ONLY TIME gifts will be available for pickup.** It is requested that children do not accompany you for the pickup.

QUICK EVERSOURCE WINTER ENERGY SAVING TIPS

Little changes can save you money on your energy bills. Here are some recommendations from Eversource.

- *Let the sun shine in on south-facing windows during daytime. Close drapes and blinds at night. Cover your windows that have cold drafts and air leaks.
 - *Turn down the thermostat - to save on heating costs
 - *Cold water washing will make your clothes last longer and save on energy usage.
 - *Change light bulbs to LEDs. Uses less energy and last longer.
 - *Unplug electronics or use smart power strips to save on phantom energy use.
- Little changes can save on your energy budget.

CLOSINGS IN DECEMBER:

Town offices, including Social Services and the Windsor Food Bank will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 25th for Christmas Day.

MEDICARE Open Enrollment ANNUAL ELECTION PERIOD

It's time to review coverage options for the 2025 year. Medicare Open Enrollment runs from Oct. 15th thru Dec. 7th. Changes made will take effect on January 1, 2025. For information, resources and appropriate referral please call Maggie at 860-285-1839.

ACCESS HEALTH CT OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open enrollment period for 2025 coverage thru Access Health CT is from November 1, 2024 thru January 15, 2025. Enroll by December 15th to have coverage starting January 1, 2025. Enroll between December 16th and January 15th to have coverage starting on February 1, 2025. For questions and application assistance, call 1-855-805-4325. Live chats are available at AccessHealthCT.com.

SNAP-SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

CT Foodshare representatives can complete your SNAP benefits application in @30 minutes over the phone from the convenience of your own home. SNAP is a federally funded program to help you pay for food. You can use a debit type card online or at local grocery stores.

For more info, or to schedule a phone appointment, call 860-856-4357. Hours are Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm www.ctfoodshare.org/community-resources.



GROCERIES TO GO

**Dec. 6th & 20th
10:30 AM—11:30 AM
at THE WINDSOR FOOD BANK**



MOBILE FOODSHARE

**Dec. 11th
2:00—2:30 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. CARES is always seeking new members. Help us to help our neighbors in need. Call Deb at Social Services for more information.

GRANDPARENT AND KINSHIP CIRCLE

The Grandparent and Kinship Circle is a support service program offered thru the Town of Windsor Social Services Department that provides grandparents and kin raising grandchildren with training, support, and resources. Informational, educational, therapeutic and respite events are offered throughout the year to members of this group.

Call Deb Sheldon at Social Services at 860-285-1839 for more information.

GREATER HARTFORD LEGAL AID **APPOINTMENTS AT LP WILSON**

Greater Hartford Legal Aid is offering **FREE** high quality legal service appointments for low-income residents at the Windsor Food Bank office at LP Wilson the **1st Friday of every month** between 9-11AM. Call Social Services to schedule an appointment.

Appointments are open to adults of all ages. GHLA will also be coming to the Windsor Senior Center the **last Friday** of every month and will take appointments for seniors only.

LEAN ON ME

Caseworker appts. offered 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.

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

HARTFORD AMERICAN JOB CENTER **Taking Appointments at LP Wilson**

American Job Centers **help workers find jobs** – for **FREE!** They can help you learn which jobs & careers are right for you, write great cover letters, create a powerful resume that gets you interviews, and conduct effective job searches. AJC is taking monthly appointments at LP Wilson in the Food Bank office the **2nd Wed from 3:15-5PM and the 2nd Friday from 10AM-noon.** Call 860-406-3374 to schedule an appt.

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 on **Wed., Dec. 4th at 9:00 AM at the Windsor Town Hall.** Contact Susan for information.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE UPDATE **CRT-COMMUNITY RENEWAL TEAM**

The CRT energy assistance program is now taking appointments for the 2024/2025 heating season. Call 860-560-2694 to schedule your appointment. They will be scheduling appts again this season in Windsor at LP Wilson.

OPERATION FUEL PROGRAM

Operation Fuel is no longer accepting applications.

EVERSOURCE ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS

10% and 50% Discounts Available. 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.

BAD WEATHER ALERT:

If the Windsor Food Bank or Groceries to Go closes due to bad weather, a robo call will be made to all food program clients.

If Windsor schools are closed, then Mobile Foodshare is cancelled. Watch for closings on Channel 3 and Channel 30 news.



Meet the Social Services Staff

Enita Jubrey, Social Services Director
Maggie Goodman, Caseworker & Municipal Veteran's Services Contact
Susan Nunes, Administrative Asst.
Shandese Williams, Administrative Aide

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