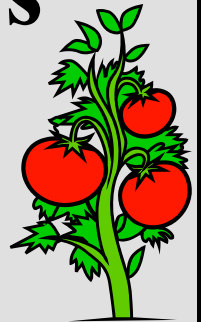




# Social Services News

## AUGUST 2017

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### **WEEKEND WHEELS BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM- TAKING 2017-2018 SIGN UPS**



This Hunger Action Team program provides a backpack on wheels to elementary age children to bring home on Fridays filled with food and snack items for the weekend. Backpacks are returned on Mondays to be repacked for the next Friday. This program distributes through John F. Kennedy, Clover Street, Oliver Ellsworth and Poquonock Schools. Homeschooled families can also participate.

**WW registrations are currently being taken for the 2017-2018 school year at the Social Services office.** Bring with you your ID, proof of address and proof of household income to complete a program application. If you are a current food bank client, you automatically qualify for this program.

If you qualify for free and reduced meals through the Windsor Food Services, you automatically qualify for Weekend Wheels. Bring with you your letter from the Board of Education that you have been approved for free or reduced school meals and a picture ID. **You may also sign up through your child's school during the school year. Please contact the school FRC worker directly.**

Weekend Wheels has distributed over 7,500 food filled backpacks since the program began in 2013. This past school year alone we made 2,445 distributions which worked out to be more than 20,000 pounds of food!

**Weekend Wheels is helping to solve hunger issues,  
one week at a time, one backpack at a time,  
one child at a time.**

### **RENTER'S REBATE PROGRAM**

Applications for Renter's Rebate are currently being processed in the Windsor Housing Authority now thru **Sept. 30th.** Applicants must be at least 65 years of age by Dec. 31, 2016 or Totally Disabled and have an adjusted gross income of not more than **\$42,900.00.** An applicant must have:

- Proof of all income for 2016**
- Applicants that file 2016 taxes must bring return**
- Proof of rent & utility expenses paid in 2016.**

The amount of rebate granted is based upon the applicant's income in relation to the expenses incurred during the past year. For information or to schedule an appointment, call the Housing Authority office at 860-285-8090 Ext. 201. Please leave a detailed message.

### **GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN**

Are you a grandparent raising or caring for your grandchildren? Social Services is interested in hearing about your experiences and challenges. There are many blended families in town and would like to offer support and assistance if and where needed.

Please call Deb Sheldon at 860-285-1839.

### **ENERGY ASSISTANCE UPDATE**

Community Renewal Team (CRT) will accept energy applications beginning Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2017-2018 energy season. Call (860) 560-5800 to schedule an appointment. CRT will be in Windsor, but the office hours have not been finalized at this time.

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



**GROCERIES TO GO**  
Friday, Aug. 11th & 25th  
10:30 AM—11:30 AM  
Windsor Senior Center



**MOBILE FOODSHARE**  
Friday, Aug. 4th & 18th  
8:45 AM —9:15 AM  
130 Deerfield Rd., Old Elk's Lodge

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## **SOCIAL SERVICES CASEWORKER AT THE LIBRARY**

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

## **GOT MEDICARE QUESTIONS?**

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

## **AUGUST SNAP OUTREACH**

**Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program.**  
Wednesday, August 2nd between 1:-4:00 pm and Friday, August 18th between 9:-12:00 noon at the LP Wilson Community Center. Please contact Windsor Social Services at 860-285-1839 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

## **WINDSOR HUNGER ACTION TEAM**

The Windsor HAT meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9 AM in the Ludlow room, lower level at the Windsor Town Hall. Join us to help to eliminate hunger in our local community. Next meeting August 2nd. Please contact Susan Nunes for information at 860-285-1839.

## **WIC IN WINDSOR**

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

## **SUPPORT 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 Sept. 12th at 1 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. **Next meeting Sept. 19th at 11am.** Call Evelyn for more information at 860-285-1839.

**SHARE Group:** Fitch Court SHARE group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 2:-3:00 PM. **Next meeting Sept. 13th.** Millbrook Village SHARE group meets the 4th Wednesday of each month from 10:-11:00 AM. **Next meeting Sept. 27th.** Meetings are open to all residents at these housing sites. Call Maggie for more info. at 860-285-1839.

## **VETERAN'S COUNSELING**

The Hartford Vet Center Windsor location is open every other Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Walk ins are welcome at 8:00 AM and appointments scheduled between 9am-3pm. **CALL 860-563-8800 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.**

## **FREE Daily Summer Meals**

### **Mon-Fri for children 18 & younger**

The Windsor locations for the program are as follows:

Poquonock School: 11:AM -12:15 PM

Deerfield Apartments: 11:30 AM—12:45 PM

Sharshon Park at Goslee Pool: 11:30 AM-12:45 PM

Wilson Library: 1:00 PM—1:45 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**

**Evelyn Baez, Caseworker**

**Ted Hughes, Food Bank**