



# Social Services News

## DECEMBER 2017

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### **DECEMBER CLOSINGS**

The Social Services office and the Windsor Food Bank will be closed on Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, December 26th at 8 am.

### **ELECTRIC PORTABLE SPACE HEATER SAFETY**

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

#### **HEATER CHECKLIST:**

- Purchase a heater that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

**FACT:** Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.

NFPA Public Education Division  
[www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education)

### **YOU'RE GETTING A NEW MEDICARE CARD! Cards will be mailed between April 2018-April 2019.**

You're getting a new Medicare card! Between April 2018 and April 2019, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services will be removing Social Security numbers from Medicare cards and mailing each person a new card. This will help keep your information more secure and help protect your identity.

You'll get a new Medicare Number that's unique to you, and it will only be used for your Medicare coverage. The new card won't change your coverage or benefits. You'll get more information from Medicare when your new card is mailed.

#### **Here's how you can get ready:**

- Make sure your mailing address is up to date. If your address needs to be corrected, contact Social Security at [ssa.gov/myaccount](http://ssa.gov/myaccount) or 1-800-772-1213. TTY users can call 1-800-325-0778.
- Beware of anyone who contacts you about your new Medicare card. You should never be asked to give personal or private information to get your new Medicare Number and card.
- Understand that mailing everyone a new card will take some time. Your card might arrive at a different time than your friend's or neighbor's.

### **MEDICARE ANNUAL OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD**

Annual Enrollment for Medicare Part D and Medicare Advantage Plans ends Dec. 7th. Caseworkers will be evaluating and comparing plans to see which would be best for you. Please call Maggie Goodman in Social Services at 860-285-1839 to schedule an appointment.



#### **GROCERIES TO GO**

**Dec. 1st, 15th & 29th**  
**10:30 AM—11:30 AM**  
**Windsor Senior Center**



#### **MOBILE FOODSHARE**

**Dec. 8th & 22nd**  
**8:45 AM —9:15 AM**  
**130 Deerfield Rd., Old Elk's Lodge**



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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!**



## PLAN AHEAD FOR THE FALL HEATING SEASON

CRT is scheduling appointments at the LP Wilson office location. Call (860) 560-5800 to schedule an appointment.

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

## 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.

## 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 a CHOICES counselor, Maggie Goodman, who can help you to understand which insurance choice will be best suited for your needs. Call 860-285-1839.

## DECEMBER SNAP OUTREACH

**Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program.** Wednesday, December 6th between 1:-4:00 pm and Friday, December 15th 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

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 to help to eliminate hunger in our local community. Next meeting Dec. 6th. Contact Susan Nunes for information at 860-285-1839.

## 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 Dec. 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 Dec. 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 Dec. 13th.

Millbrook Village SHARE group meets the 4th Wednesday of each month from 10:-11:00 AM. Next meeting Dec. 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.**

## 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.