

Human Services Updates 8/5/2022

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Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services

The Senior Center is offering in person Scrabble games from 1pm-4pm on Mondays at the Senior Center. Participants must register by calling Lorraine Haley at 908-788-1359.

On August 22, at 11:30 am the Hunterdon County Senior Center and Rutgers Cooperative Extension Master Gardner of Hunterdon County will host an Introduction to Italian Gardens. Participants will learn about the history and influences that shaped the design. The presentation will also discuss how participants can add one or more features to their own garden design. Pre-registration is required by August 18, 2022 by calling the Senior Center at 908-788-1359.

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program or SHIP assist Medicare beneficiaries navigate Medicare forms, address concerns about prescription costs and offer information about Medigap coverage. Trained counselors provide free information and assistance to NJ Medicare beneficiaries so that beneficiaries may make their own decisions about coverage. Appointments will start in October 2022. For more information about this program please call Pia at 908-788-1361.

Division of Social Work Services

The Division of Social Work Services administers the JACC Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving program which provides in home services to seniors at risk of placement in a nursing home. Residents may qualify for JACC if they are a NJ resident over age 60 and require a nursing facility level of care but wish to remain at home, are not eligible for Managed Long-Term Service and Supports (MLTSS) or other NJ Family Care programs, and has resources at or below \$40,000 for an individual or \$60,000 for a couple. For more information, please contact our Information and Assistance line at (908) 788-1361.

The Division of Social Work Services administers the Statewide Respite Care program which provides short-term intermittent relief to Hunterdon County caregivers. Recipients must live in the community and require daily basic care. Income and assets are evaluated to ensure participants meet income guidelines. For more information about this program, please contact our Information and Assistance line at (908) 788-1361.

Division of Housing

Hunterdon County Division of Housing recently applied for additional vouchers from Housing and Urban Development. The Division held a community event in Spring 2022 at the Court Street Park in Flemington which brought organizations, landlords and tenants together to learn about what resources are available.

Division of Social Services

The State of New Jersey announced this week that Pandemic EBT or P-EBT benefits for families with children under the age of 6 already enrolled in SNAP started being added to their Families First EBT

cards on July 30. Payments will continue to be added to the EBT cards for each eligible month in the following days, with all funds added by August 12.

Recipients can check their Families First account balance by visiting www.NJFamiliesFirst.com or by calling the phone number on the back of their card.

In addition, the state also announced P-EBT benefits for school-age children are provided to eligible children for the summer months following a school year during which there was a COVID-19 public health emergency. The \$391 summer P-EBT benefit will be issued in September to eligible children in grades K-12 as of the 2021-2022 school year, who were approved for free or reduced-price school meals through the National School Lunch Program.

For children in households already enrolled in SNAP, benefits will be loaded directly onto Families First EBT card. For children not enrolled in SNAP and who received P-EBT benefits during the school year, a new P-EBT card will be mailed to the address provided by the child's school.

Recipients may call the Division of Social Services for more information on these programs including SNAP at 908-788-1300.

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The Volunteer Driver program is looking for new volunteers. This program assists Seniors and people with disabilities access transportation to medical appointments that are not accessible via the LINK or other publicly available transportation. Interested volunteers may call 908-788-1253 to learn more information about this program.