

# SUSSEX COUNTY SENIOR TIMES

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## Important Information for SNAP Recipients About Your February Benefits

Due to the federal government shutdown, you will be receiving your February Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits early. If you received a SNAP benefit in January and were scheduled to receive SNAP in February, your February benefits will be available on your Families First card on **January 17, 2019**.

This is your benefit for the entire month of February, so please budget with that in mind.

February cash assistance benefits for Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and General Assistance (GA) will be available on your Families First card on your regular date.

For ongoing updates on how the federal shutdown may impact your SNAP benefits, please visit [NJSNAP.gov](http://NJSNAP.gov).

## 2019 Sussex County VITA Program

All Sites are by **Appointment Only**

Call 973-862-6680 to schedule an appointment today OR schedule an appointment online via: <https://unitedwayofnorthernnewjersey.acuityscheduling.com/>

**Sparta Senior Center**, 39 Trapasso Drive, Sparta

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
February 6<sup>th</sup> – April 10<sup>th</sup>  
\*Subject to Change

**Skylands Medical Group**, 406 Rt. 23 N., Franklin

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
February 12<sup>th</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup>

**Pathways 2 Prosperity (Christ Episcopal Church)**  
62 Main Street, Newton (Entrance on Church Street)

Mondays, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Fridays, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
February 11<sup>th</sup> to April 12<sup>th</sup>  
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**Family Partners of Sussex and Morris**  
67 Spring Street, Newton

Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
February 9<sup>th</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup>

There is no longer an income limit, but the program cannot prepare a tax return if it involves business or rental income, any return with a Schedule C, or any complex return with numerous capital gains or losses.

The Sussex County VITA Program is made possible by the cooperation of the Internal Revenue Service, United Way of Northern New Jersey, NORWESCAP and the many dedicated volunteers who donate their time and effort each year.



## Skylands Ride Will Provide the Assisted Transportation Program in 2019

Starting in early 2019, Sussex County Skylands Ride will be operating the Assisted Transportation Program.

County residents can call (973) 579-0480 and ask for this specific program.

The Department of Health and Human Services is excited to begin this new program for Sussex County residents in need of this specialized service!

### UPCOMING NEW VITALITY PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

*New Vitality* is your source for health and wellness programs designed specifically for adults 65+, offered through the Community Health Department at Newton Medical Center.

#### EARLY BIRD DINNER/LECTURE

Therapeutic Benefits of Journaling  
**Tuesday, March 19, 2019**

4:30 p.m. light dinner; 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. lecture  
\$3 for Dinner

Learn how journaling can help you learn how to be in touch with yourself and your feelings.

Presented by Robin K. Ennis, Manager, United Way Caregivers Coalition

#### AARP SAFE DRIVER COURSE

**Monday, March 11, 2019**

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

A state-recognized driving class for adults age 50 plus. You may qualify for a reduction in your insurance cost and a two-point reduction on your license.

All programs take place at Newton Medical Center, Romano Conference Center, 175 High Street, Newton.

**Please call 1-844-472-8499** for more information and to register for these programs.

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### SENIOR CLUB TRIP INFORMATION

**St. Jude's Seniors** – Will host a bus trip on Thursday, **March 21, 2019**, to St. Joseph's Festival at the Brownstone in Paterson. The price is \$67 pp. Price includes bus, lunch and Joe Zisa Band for dancing.

**St. Jude's Seniors** – Will host a bus trip on Monday, **April 8, 2019**, to see the play *Take Me Away* at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. The price is \$84 pp.

**St. Jude's Seniors** – Will host a bus trip on Wednesday and Thursday, **May 29 & 30, 2019**, to the Hudson Valley. Have lunch at the Culinary Institute, visit Vanderbilt Mansion, and stay at the Grand Hotel which includes dinner and breakfast the following day. Enjoy lunch at the Thayer Hotel at West Point. There will also be a narrated cruise on the Hudson. The cost is \$343 pp double occupancy, \$404 for single occupancy.

**St. Jude's Seniors** – Will host a bus trip on Wednesday, **June 12, 2019**, to the Westchester Theatre to see *On Your Feet*. This is the story of Gloria and Emilio Estefan. The cost is \$78 pp and includes lunch.

**Vernon Seniors** - Will host a bus trip from **June 12 – 14, 2019**, to a Lancaster Show and the Dutch Country. The cost is \$326 pp double occupancy and \$401 for single occupancy. The cost includes admission to the Camelot Show at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, admission to the Ovation Show at the American Music Theatre and much more.

**Vernon Seniors** – Will host a bus trip on Wednesday, **July 24, 2019**, to New York City to see the Broadway Show, *Beautiful*. Also included is lunch at Carmine's Restaurant. The cost is \$169 pp.

**Vernon Seniors** – Will host a bus trip from **August 19 – 20, 2019**, to Foxwoods Resort Casino & Mohegan Sun Casino, staying at the Two Trees Inn. The cost is \$144 pp double occupancy and \$203 for single occupancy.

**Vernon Seniors** – Will host a bus trip from **September 24 – 27, 2019**, titled "Trains Across the Mountains." Enjoy a visit to the Anheuser-Busch Facility, Sugarbush Farm, Woodstock Village, Quechee Gorge, a Ride on the Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad with dinner and a visit to Castle in the Clouds. There will also be a ride on the Conway Scenic Railway. The cost is \$529 pp double occupancy and \$695 for single occupancy.

For further details, please call the Division of Senior Services at 973-579-0555, ext. 1277.

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