

# SUSSEX COUNTY

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## County of Sussex and Catholic Families Team Up To Offer Access To Veteran Support Services

The Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders is pleased to announce veteran support services are now available at the County of Sussex Administrative Center in Newton. These services are as a result of a collaboration between the Sussex County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior Services and the Catholic Charities Catholic Family and Community Services Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program.

In order to streamline access to services for Sussex County Veterans and create one point of entry to the array of community supports available, outreach workers from the SSVF program will be stationed at the Division of Senior Services Newton office. U.S. Marine Corps Veteran and SSVF Veterans Outreach Worker Gina Pollut will be available every Tuesday to conduct outreach services, complete a comprehensive needs assessment, and provide appropriate referrals for a variety of veteran services.

Freeholder Director Jonathan Rose said, "We must always remember that others have sacrificed to secure the concept of "Liberty" that we enjoy today. Having the resources in place to help our Veterans live a healthy and productive life is extremely important to their well-being and a way for us to show our support, respect and gratitude."

In addition to outreach services, SSVF Case Manager Sean Enright will be available every Wednesday to provide services to veterans who are homeless or are in jeopardy of losing their housing. This enhances a veteran's ability to access all services more effectively and efficiently and expedite the services approval process. The Division of Senior Services is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Sussex County Administrative Center, One Spring Street in Newton. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

Please contact the Division of Senior Services for additional program information by calling 973-579-0555, ext. 1221 or via email at [seniorservices@sussex.nj.us](mailto:seniorservices@sussex.nj.us).

## Sussex County Seeks Nominees for Senior of the Year

The Sussex County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior Services is in search of nominations for the "2018 Sussex County Senior of the Year." Do you know a Sussex County senior citizen who is a role model, who supports the community through volunteer efforts, supportive activities and advocacy on behalf of older adults and issues pertaining directly to them? Perhaps the special senior you have in mind may bring food to the needy, work with veterans, or drive seniors to appointments. The quality of life for their community would not be the same without all their efforts. Nominating this individual as Sussex County's Senior of the Year is the perfect way to acknowledge all of their selfless acts, dedication and support to the Sussex County community. Nominees must be residents of Sussex County, at least 60 years old, and role models.

Senior Day at the New Jersey State Fair will be held on Thursday, August 9, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., under the Performing Arts Tent. The Award Ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m., and all nominees must be present. Each nominee will be recognized at the Award Ceremony for their commitment to their community and to their peers. Immediately following this segment of the ceremony, the Sussex County Senior of the Year will be named.

The Nomination Form is available at [www.sussex.nj.us/seniorservices](http://www.sussex.nj.us/seniorservices) or by contacting the Division of Senior Services at 973-579-0555, ext. 1221. Nominations must be submitted by July 6, 2018. Please send completed forms to the Sussex County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior Services, One Spring Street, Newton, NJ, 07860, by e-mail at [seniorservices@sussex.nj.us](mailto:seniorservices@sussex.nj.us) or fax to 973-579-0550. The Sussex County Senior of the Year selection will be based on the information provided on the application. Therefore, it is imperative that the information included on the application be accurate, complete and specifies all of the volunteer services the nominee participates in or performs.

## NEW MEDICARE CARDS

Sussex County's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) would like to announce that Medicare will be sending you a new Medicare card with a new Medicare number sometime in the upcoming months. Unlike your current card, the new number is **not** based on your Social Security number. This measure is being taken to protect your identity. The new Medicare numbers and cards will not change Medicare benefits at all.

Mailing everyone a new card will take some time and your card might not arrive at the same time as your spouse, neighbors or friends. You will receive a card sometime between now and April 2019. As long as your address with Social Security is up-to-date, you do not have to contact anyone to receive your new Medicare card. Also, you pay nothing for it. Remember, Medicare will **never** call you for your personal information - so beware of scams! It is advised that once your new card has arrived, destroy your old card and begin to use the new one right away.

Remember to keep your new Medicare card safe, and do not share the information on it with anyone except your doctors, pharmacists, health care providers, and people who you trust to work with Medicare on your behalf. Also, remember to bring that new card to all of your doctor's visits to update your billing information. If you have any questions or concerns about Medicare or any of the information shared in this article, please feel free to contact Sussex County SHIP at 973-579-0555, ext. 1223.

## VETTES TO VETS

at

The Chatterbox Restaurant  
One State Route 15, Augusta, NJ

**Friday, June 8, 2018**

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

This program provides the opportunity for veterans to obtain information on services available through the Veterans Administration, various Sussex County agencies, and other local service organizations. Veterans will receive a \$5 food voucher for The Chatterbox.

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<http://www.sussex.nj.us/documents/SeniorTimes.pdf>

## SENIOR CLUB TRIP INFORMATION

**Frankford Seniors** – Will sponsor a bus trip on Wednesday, **September 12, 2018**, to see "Run for Your Wife" a comedy at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. The cost is \$80 per person. This includes bus, dinner and show.

**Frankford Seniors** – Will sponsor a bus trip on Friday, **November 16, 2018**, to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see the Christmas Holiday Show. The cost is \$90 per person which includes bus, dinner, show and gratuities.

**Hardyston Seniors** - Will host a luncheon on Tuesday, **June 12, 2018**, at the Littell Center, at 12 noon. Catering will be by the Irish Cottage. Following the luncheon there will be entertainment by Comedy Singer Joey Vincent. Cost is \$24 for non-members and \$19 for members.

**Hopatcong Seniors** – Will host a bus trip to Pigeon Forge, TN from **November 4 – 10, 2018**. Shows featuring Christmas at the Smoky Mountain Opry, Country Tonite Theatre, and Magic Beyond Belief plus several guided tours. The cost is \$859 pp double occupancy and \$1148 for single occupancy.

**St. Jude's Seniors** – Will host a bus trip to The Ark Encounter from **September 4 – 8, 2018**. You will visit The Ark, the Creation Museum with biblical history, the Cincinnati Art Museum and the Air Force Museum. The cost is \$690 per person double occupancy and \$900 single occupancy.

**Vernon Seniors** – Will host a bus trip to Foxwoods & Mohegan Sun, staying at the Two Trees Inn for one night from **June 12 – 13, 2018**. The cost is \$119 per person double occupancy, and \$164 for single occupancy.

**XYZ Club of St. Francis DeSales Church** - Will host a bus trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Tuesday, **June 5, 2018**, to see The World's Greatest Family of Musical Impersonators performing "The House is Rockin." The cost is \$80 per person.

**XYZ Club of St. Francis DeSales Church** - Will host a bus trip to see Footloose at the Shawnee Playhouse, PA on Friday, **July 20, 2018**. The cost is \$62 per person and includes lunch.

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

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