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SENIOR SERVICES

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Volunteer Friend Program

Do you have time to volunteer to be a friend to someone who needs a little non-professional support to remain independent? Volunteers would be responsible to visit the senior 2-4 times a month. During their visit they may do things like: manage mail, read, make phone calls, schedule appointments, answer simple questions, and simple moral support and conversation.

The Volunteer friend would not perform maintenance, personal care or clean for the senior and should not pay for anything for the senior. Awareness of services offered for seniors and training will be provided through the Volunteer Guardian Program office. More information can be found on the Volunteer Guardian Program website www.ucvgrp.org or by calling Sally at 937.645.3041. *This program is funded through the Union County Senior Services Sales Tax.*

Tax Preparation Help

Two FREE Options for Union County Seniors:

Marysville Public Library - 231 S Plum St, Marysville

AARP Volunteers will assist patrons with federal, state and local tax forms, giving special consideration to the elderly and low income households. This is a free service. **Thursdays from 9am - 8pm beginning February 2nd. An appointment is required.** Call the 937.642.1876 ext 21 to schedule your appointment.

Community Action - 648 Clymer Rd, Marysville

Union County residents making less than \$50,000 can receive assistance preparing their simple tax returns through Community Action. W2 required. Call 937.642.4986 or 800.858.4452 to schedule your appointment.

Homestead Exemption for Property Tax

\$25,000 Value exemption for seniors and disabled individuals. If you are a Union County property tax payer who will turn 65 in the year 2012 or are permanently disabled, you are entitled to a property tax credit. Residents must own and occupy the property as their primary residence as of January 1st, 2012. *Please note that if you are already receiving the homestead exemption, you do NOT need to re-apply.* Applications may be downloaded from the Auditor's website www.co.union.oh.us, or you can request an application be mailed to you by calling Susan at Senior Services 937.644.9629 ext. 3.

Caregiver Lunch Bunch

Are You a Non-Paid Family Caregiver? Join the Caregiver Lunch Bunch on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The February topic is "Shhh! Don't Tell Anyone! Abuse of Senior Citizens? Surely Not!" The March meeting's topic is "Knock, Knock! Who's There? The Scam Man!" Both topics give important information for safety. When in the role of caregiving for a loved one, it's important to know how to protect yourselves. The Caregiver Lunch Bunch support group is open to those who are actively caring for a Union County Senior age 60+ in their home or a Union County care facility. The goal for this support group is to allow personal time for caregivers to get a break from their daily responsibilities and to socialize and interact with other caregivers. For this reason we encourage family caregivers to use the complimentary in home respite offered. Reservations must be made by calling Kathy 937.644.9629 ext. 7. **This program is funded through the Union County Senior Services Sales Tax.**

Emergency Home Energy Assistance

E-HEAP provides financial assistance once per heating season to households that are: threatened with disconnection, already disconnected, or have less than a 25% supply of bulk fuel, wood or coal. E-HEAP can also cover assistance to establish or transfer service. The Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program (E-HEAP) runs through March 31. If your income is less than \$1,815/mo single or \$2,451/mo for a household of two, you may qualify. For further information regarding guidelines and to schedule appointments please contact the Union County Community Action office at 937.642.4986.

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Senior Watch Telephone Call Program

The Union County Sheriff's Office operates a call system purchased with Senior Services Sales Tax Dollars for the Senior Watch Program. The system automatically calls households checking on the resident to ensure that they are OK. Senior Watch will redial the number several times. If there is no response, a message can be provided to a family member or a monitoring center informing them that the resident is not responding to the call. This is a free service provided to any Union County resident. Call Deputy Kim at the Sheriff's Office to be added to the call list 937.645.4100 x-4471. **This program is funded through the Union County Senior Services Sales Tax.**

Resolution - Document Your Life!

What was your favorite doll or toy when you were little? How did you meet your husband / wife? These are a couple of the questions in the new Union County LifeStory Journal that is now being offered to Union County Seniors age 60+ or their caregiver through Union County Senior Services. LifeBio is the winner of the Union County Small Business of the year award; a local company with national recognition that provides a structure for documentation of a life. The LifeStory Journal is a booklet with a series of 70 questions. **"Friendly Visits"** can be set up through Union County Senior Services to meet with seniors on a regular basis to complete the journal or you may choose to complete the journal on your own or with a loved one. Consider writing down your life story. It will be an invaluable treasure for your family! Call Susan at Union County Senior Services 937.644.9629 ext. 3 or stop by our office to pick up your copy. **This program is funded through the Union County Senior Services Sales Tax.**

Columbia Gas Credit Available

Community Action has received utility assistance funding for Columbia Gas Customers. Eligible customers can receive up to \$250.00 towards a current bill with no disconnection notice required. Funds are limited. If your income is less than \$1,815/mo single or \$2,451/mo for a household of two, you may qualify. For further information regarding guidelines and to schedule appointments please contact the Union County Community Action office at 937.642.4986.

Smoke Detector Program

Smoke Detectors are now available for Union County Seniors 60+ who need them. Installation and home safety inspection services are available by calling your local Union County Fire Department. This program is available through the Union County Emergency Services Association, and **is funded through the Union County Senior Services Sales Tax.**

Absentee Ballot

If you are a registered voter, you are eligible to vote in elections by absentee ballot. Absentee Ballot Applications are available by calling the Union County Board of Elections 937.642.2836 or on their website. www.electionsonthe.net/oh/union

Senior Basics with Dianne

What options do you have if you're not a **milk drinker** to get the calcium you know you need? Join OSU Extension's Dianne May and the Senior Basics **Thursday, February 9th at 10am** in the kitchen of the OSU Extension Office, 18000 SR 4, Marysville to learn what your other options are. Call Dianne at the OSU Extension Office for more information 937.644.8117.

Laundry Service

Lighten Your Load! Servicing all of Union County! Free pick up and next-day delivery service. Special 10% discount for seniors - just 90¢ / pound (regular price \$1 / pound.) Email ferguson@msn.com or call Heather 937.209.9420 7:30am-6pm to schedule a pickup. Pickup and delivery times available before 9am or after 3pm.

Women's Health Event

Save the date - Women's Health Event the evening of April 20th! Tickets will be going on sale soon! Enjoy a night of learning and laughs with the girls - Call Kathy at Senior Services for ticket information 937.644.9629 ext. 7.

Grocery Shopping Trips

The Union County Agency Transportation Service (UCATS) offers a weekly shopping service for Marysville area seniors who do not drive.

Space is limited. Call Sandy early to reserve your seat 937.642.5100 ext.1.

UCATS Shopping Cart Schedule

Feb 02	Walmart
Feb 09	Kroger
Feb 16	Aldi / Dollar Store
Feb 23	Kroger