



# City of West Haven

## SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS



Dept. of Elderly Services  
203-937-3507

Allingtown Senior Center  
203-937-3509

Adult Day Center  
203-937-3658

West Haven Senior Center  
203-937-3507



### Updates!!

**I hope this finds you well. We have missed you all very much and I know you have missed seeing each other. When we shut our doors back in March as a precaution against the Covid 19 Virus we had no idea that we would be closed this long. I am sad to announce that we still do not have a date to reopen. We continue to follow the recommendations of the State and Local Authorities and circumstances are constantly being evaluated.**

**At this time it seems that all the attention is being focused on the dilemma of opening schools. This is an important and difficult decision that our School Leaders must make. I believe that as we watch what happens as that process unfolds, we can learn from their experiences and then be in a better place to make decisions about Senior Centers. I know at times it does seem like Senior Centers have been forgotten, but let me reassure you that we have not forgotten about you and will do everything we can to open as safely as possible.**

**If you need help or just want to talk please don't hesitate to contact us. There may be resources available to you to help with whatever your needs may be. We understand that needs change the longer that this goes on, so please contact us and let us know how you are doing.**

**The Senior Center Staff continues to work out of City Hall, Monday through Thursday. (City Hall is closed on Fridays) There are numerous ways to reach us:**

**Sharon: Cell-203-627-1382, City Hall-203-937-3635 (Thursdays)**

**Email: [smancini@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:smancini@westhaven-ct.gov)**

**Donna: City Hall—203-937-3635**

**Email: [dmaclennan@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:dmaclennan@westhaven-ct.gov)**

**Jim: City Hall—203-937-3660**

**Email: [jarria@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:jarria@westhaven-ct.gov)**

**Updates Continued...**

**You can still call the Senior Center number at 203-937-3507. Messages are checked numerous times per day. (Mon—Thurs)**

**City Hall opened for limited business on August 5th by appointment only for offices limited to the 1st floor from 10:00am to 3:00pm. You must enter from the Savin Ave entrance, wear a mask, show Identification and have your temperature checked. You must also sign in and out when finished. The **DMV Express office** at City Hall **remains closed**.**

**Phone numbers for all offices are listed on the City's website:  
cityofwesthaven.com**

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**A Note from Donna MacLennan**

**Hello Travelers,**

**I hope you enjoyed your Summer. I have seen some of you out in the community and you have expressed how much you are ready to get out on the road again. Yes, the Casinos have opened, but they are not accepting bus trips. Most other venues have not reopened yet. As much as I would love to see you all and get us back on our adventures we must take the remainder of this year off from trips. This will give the venues, as well as the bus companies time to make necessary accommodations to honor the new social distancing rules.**

**Take Care and Stay Safe!**

**Senior Outreach and Engagement Services  
Bridges Healthcare**

**Bridges in Milford is reaching out to Older Adults (age 55+) who may be in need of counseling services and/or case management services which can link you to programs that can support you through this difficult time. Many people are feeling increasingly isolated without the benefits of programs and special events that we are all accustomed to. You can reach out to:**

**Jayde Ford**

**at 203-383-9183 (cell) or 203-878-6365 ext. 462 or [jford@bridgesmilford.org](mailto:jford@bridgesmilford.org)**

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**Loan Closet**

**We are hoping to get access to our Medical Equipment Loan Closet soon. If you or someone you know is in need of equipment please contact us.**

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**Congratulations to our Winners of the Crafting Contest  
Sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield**

**Antoinette Gigantino, Gene Sabados & Shirley Joyce**

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**2020 CENSUS**

**Don't forget to complete your Census information. This can be done over the phone, by mail or online at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov)**

## **Farmer's Market Vouchers**

**This program is run by the CT. Department of Agriculture and is designed to provide a supplemental source of fresh fruits and/or vegetables for low-income Seniors. Eligible participants will receive 1 coupon booklet worth \$18.00.**

**All recipients must be 60 years of age or older and meet the following  
Income Guidelines:**

**Single: \$23,606.00/year or \$1,968.00/month**

**Couple: \$31,894.00/year or \$2,658.00/month**

**In an effort to limit contact we will be distributing Vouchers to those that are eligible by mail. You must call us and state that you meet the guidelines above. All our contact information is on page 1. Please keep in mind that making false statements could subject you to prosecution under state and/or federal law and you may be required by pay back the value of the checks.**

**If you are requesting vouchers for someone else you must fill out a "Senior Participant Proxy Form". Both the eligible person and the person requesting the vouchers must sign this form. If this applies to you we will send you a form and upon its receipt we will then mail you the vouchers.**

**At the time of this printing the final details of the Market in West Haven have not been completed. Due to the Virus, there are some very complex rules that must be enforced before the markets can open up. You can call us for updates and also watch the local newspapers for any updates. The vouchers can be used at any Farmer's Market in the State. We will send you a list of participating markets with your vouchers.**

## **AARP MATURE DRIVING COURSES**

**All in-person classes have been cancelled for the rest of 2020!**

**If you need to renew your car insurance discount you can take the class on the internet,  
at [www.aarpdriversafety.org](http://www.aarpdriversafety.org)**

**AARP is offering a 25% discount: Promo code is: **DRIVINGSKILLS****

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**Miriam Schnepf**

**November 18, 1932 to July 23, 2020**

**It is with much sadness to announce the passing of Miriam Schnepf on July 23, 2020. Miriam dedicated 41 years of her life serving the older population of our City as the Coordinator of the Allingtown Senior Center. She retired at age 85 on June 1, 2018. Miriam's work and dedication touched the life's of hundreds of people in her 41 years of service. She is probably best known for all the entertaining and fun trips she coordinated over the years. She loved to travel and put together day and overnight trips always trying to appeal to everyone's different tastes and interests. Some of the favorites have been: the Casino's (of course), Westchester Broadway Theatre, the numerous Holiday themed events at Aqua Turf and the yearly picnic at Holiday Hill. Of course she always did this with her husband David by her side. They were a team. Although David was not an employee he was a fixture at the Center. Unfortunately, David passed away last year and their Son unexpectedly passed away the year before. Our condolences to her Daughter Deborah Kluczinsky. She has had to endure the loss of all 3 of her immediate family members in the past 3 to 4 years.**

**On the day of Miriam's passing I happened to see that the building on 1 Forest Rd. was for sale and I thought: this truly is the end of an era.**

**Sharon Mancini, Elderly Services Director**

**PORTO FUNERAL HOMES**

*830 Jones Hill Road, West Haven*

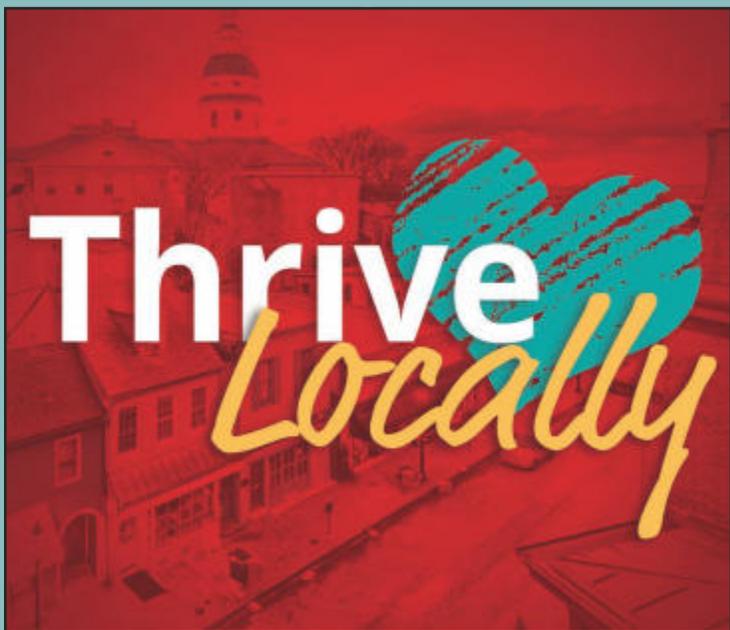
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