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Holiday Schedule:

Early close at 1 PM
 Wednesday November 27th

Closed:
 Thursday November 28th &
 Friday November 29th
 For Thanksgiving

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 UPDATES, RESOURCES &
 SIGN UP FOR OUR WEEKLY**

EMAIL:

WWW.NORWALKSENIORS.ORG

Norwalk Senior Center

Annual Appeal



Due to significantly less federal funding available for senior services, the Norwalk Senior Center has suffered a \$50K cut in funding this year. We need your financial contribution

more than ever! As a private, non-profit organization we rely on: grants, foundations, fundraising events, corporations & individuals like you to fund the majority of our operational costs. Your support makes a difference in the lives of seniors who receive our: benefit assistance, exercise, fall prevention, home visits, meals, outreach, socialization & transportation. To request a form, please stop in or call 203-847-3115 today. Thank you for your support!

Hairdressing Program

This new offering is a huge hit! Since June, members of the Norwalk Senior Center can schedule an appointment for a haircut on Tuesdays between 12 - 4 PM (*more on page 14*).



Halloween Ice Cream Social | Thur October 31 at 11:30

We will offer a cash prize of \$100 for best costume, \$75 for funniest costume and \$50 for most creative costume! Ice cream from Sweet Ashley's. Membership and registration required!



Hispanic Heritage Month

Is September 15 through October 15



Norwalk Senior Center continues a comprehensive series of programs designed to help you organize and plan for the future. For more information, please call the center (203) 847-3115.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans Affairs representative Frances Reyes assists Veterans in the Norwalk Area.
Call (203) 418 2005
Visit www.connecticut.va.gov

FREE LEGAL SERVICES

1177 Summer St 4th Floor
Stamford CT, 06905
(203) 348-9216
<https://ctlawhelp.org/en/home>
CT Legal Services will be helping those who need legal assistance by phone.

**Support Resource Group
"Surviving Each Challenge"**

Note: This will take the place of the Bereavement Group
This group will offer a safe place for those who need encouragement, comfort or emotional support. Hearing from others facing similar challenges can make you feel less alone. Participants with common experiences or concerns will provide each other with coping strategies and personal experiences. "Surviving Each Challenge" is a judgement free zone where we will discuss the challenges of:
Loss, Caregiving, Grief, Family, and Illness.

Let us survive each challenge TOGETHER.

Group will meet 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:00

MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM

Do you qualify for this great benefit?

Pays the Medicare premium taken out of your social security check. Enrolls you in the Extra Help for Prescription drugs program (pays for Medicare Part D and lowers your drugs to \$3.30-\$8.25)

Can pay your Medicare co-pays.

There is no asset limit!

To apply call Eva Beau at the Senior Center (203) 847-3115 Ext 115.

All calls are kept confidential.

MSP INCOME LIMITS EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2023

The Federal Poverty Limits (FPL) have been revised for 2023. These new limits are used by DSS for updating MSP income limits for 2023, among other state programs. DSS has released these numbers and we are in the process of revising CHOICES materials, including the Quick Guide, for 2023.

Medicare Savings Program (MSP) income limits effective 3/1/23

SSA COLA (1/21) 1.3 %
SSI (1/21) \$794 (single) \$1191 (couple)

MSP Level:	Status:	Income Limit:	Status:	Income Limit:
QMB (211% FPL)	Single	\$2,564 / mo	Couple	\$3,468 / mo
SLMB (231% FPL)	Single	\$2,807 / mo	Couple	\$3,797 / mo
ALMB (246% FPL)	Single	\$2,989 / mo	Couple	\$4,043 / mo

Applications for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) for the 2023-2024 season will begin on September 1, 2023.

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) helps Connecticut residents afford to heat their homes. Applications for CEAP typically take 30-45 minutes. Basic benefits towards your heating bill range between \$180 to \$530 depending on your income level, household size and whether there is a vulnerable member in the household. These benefits are usually paid directly to your utility company or fuel supplier. Households that heat with deliverable fuels like oil or propane may be eligible for additional fuel deliveries.

CEAP recipients may also be eligible for matching payment plans, protection from shut-offs, and replacement and/or repairs for heating equipment.

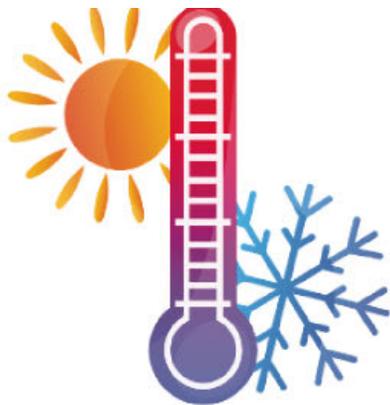
Call Eva Beau at extension 115 for more information and to schedule an appointment.



Medicare's open enrollment period for 2025 is **October 15, 2024** through **December 7, 2024**, with coverage beginning on **January 1, 2025**.

During this time, Medicare beneficiaries can review their coverage options and compare other plans. Changes made during open enrollment take effect on January 1 of the following year.

To schedule an appointment with CHOICES Counselor, Eva Beau call (203) 847-3115 X115 **Tuesday November 12, 2024** Southwestern CT Agency on Aging will host a Medicare Open Enrollment Event at the Norwalk Senior Center. Call for details and to schedule an appointment



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ABOUT US

The Norwalk Senior Center is a private not-for-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-sectarian organization. Our mission is to promote successful aging for 55+ adults & their families in the greater Norwalk area. The Senior Center is designated as a community focal point by the Area Agency on Aging & the Aging & Disability Resource Center for Norwalk.

We work collaboratively with other service providers to enrich and improve the quality of life for mature adults, their friends & families. We offer a wide variety of educational, recreational & cultural programs, trips, exercise classes, & direct services; they are provided for free or at a reasonable cost.

THE NSC MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS FROM JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025.
HOURS: 8:30AM – 4:30PM AT 11 ALLEN ROAD

NSC: (203) 847-3115

STAFF:

EXTENSION:

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Bookkeeper: 105

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Director of Social Services: 115

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(Bilingual)

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Bus Driver Calvin Johnson

Bus Driver Eliezer Ramos

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Do You Know About Medicare Savings Program?

The Medicare Savings Program will pay for your Part B Premium and may help pay Medicare deductibles and co-insurance. Medicare Beneficiaries with a monthly income less than \$3,088 and \$4,191 per couple will qualify. Assets are not considered. For more information or application assistance, contact SWCAA's Aging Answers Department at 1-800-994-9422



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 - Geriatric assessment center

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SENIOR BUS SCHEDULE

Shopping Schedule:

Tuesday 9-12: Shop Rite

Wednesday 9-12: Shop Rite

Thursday 9:00- 12:00: Shop Rite

Friday 8:30: Wal Mart

NSC Transportation:

Two Morning Pickup Routes:

8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

Monday through Friday

Afternoon Trips Home:

12:30 PM

2:30 PM

Monday through Friday

To schedule your ride, call:

(203) 847-3115 ext 107

Let us drive you to Stew Leonard's!

1st & 4th Friday 12:30 to 3:00

2nd Friday: 10:00 to 1:00



Passenger Guidelines:

1. Norwalk Senior Center membership required; annual membership fee is \$35, \$50, \$75 or \$100 based on your budget.
2. The suggested contribution for transportation is \$20 per month, due by the 5th of each month. There is no additional suggested donation for shopping trips leaving from our Center to the grocery store. (All passengers are required to carry their bus cards or paid receipt.)
3. You must be physically able to get from your home to/from the bus. If you utilize a wheelchair, you will receive assistance from the specialized equipment on our bus. Under no circumstances may a driver enter your home.
4. Make a reservation at least 24 hours prior to pick-up. Cancellations should be made as soon as possible. (Failure to cancel a reservation could jeopardize future rides).

FOR INFORMATION OR TO MAKE RESERVATIONS, CALL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR REMY EXANTUS AT (203) 847-3115 EXT. 107.

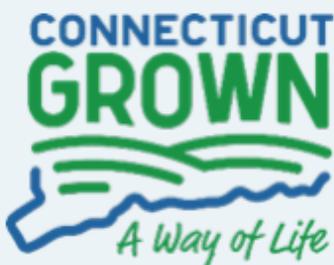
Our Thrift Store, **The Shop Around the Corner** is looking for donations!

If you have any gently used items, please bring them to the Norwalk Senior Center at 11 Allen Road. *Please note we cannot accept furniture, food items or clothing at the Shop.*

Thank you!



The USDA's Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) offers FREE Farmer's Market Food Cards to eligible Seniors in Norwalk. Call Eva Beau to schedule an appointment to determine if you're eligible. Food Cards can be used at any



DINING at Norwalk Senior Center

The Norwalk Senior Center is pleased to offer a high quality, hot nutritious and tasty daily luncheon. Reservations and cancellations are required at least 24 hours in advance by calling (203) 847-3115.

THERE IS A SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$4 FOR INDIVIDUALS AGE 60 AND OLDER AND \$6.38 FOR INDIVIDUALS AGE 59 OR YOUNGER.

Lunch Menus will be available on our website at www.norwalkseniors.org, and at the front desk. We also can mail you a menu upon request.



OTHER SENIOR TRANSPORT IN NORWALK

Norwalk Transit District
(203) 852-0000

The Norwalk Transit District offers public transportation for senior citizens who ride on their Wheels buses. It is only 85¢ per ride for 65+ or disabled adults. (You must show your Medicare, ADA ID or state elderly/disabled ID card to the driver).

Wheels 2U

A micro-transit service which provides rides for \$2 each way anywhere in Norwalk from 7AM to 7PM using minivans. Call (203) 852-0000 for more information.

DISPATCH-A-RIDE

203-299-5180

Provides door-to-door transportation for elderly and disabled residents who qualify on a disability basis. Dispatch-a-Ride applications are available at the Transit District. Reservations are required and tickets are \$3.50 each way or \$35.00 for a book of 10 tickets. **PLEASE NOTE:** Wheels bus cards and Dispatch-a-Ride tickets are no longer available for purchase at the Norwalk Senior Center.

For more information or to sign up for any of our trips, please call Carlos at (203) 847-3115.

Long Distance Fieldtrip Policy

Norwalk Senior Center's transportation service helps seniors remain independent.

Last year, we provided seniors with nearly 10,000 miles of transportation all over the state! We travel to: area attractions, grocery stores, museums, restaurants, shops, shows & more utilizing three mini-buses & three experienced bus drivers.

Our long-distance fieldtrips requirements are as follows:

- 1) NSC Membership
- 2) Payment at the time of reservation
- 3) No refunds
- 4) No substitutions
- 5) No exceptions

Participants will be provided with a copy of the new policy along with a list of answers to most frequently asked questions. The new policy is necessary for NSC to continue to provide fabulous & fun trips.

OCTOBER

SAVERS OF BROOKFIELD

OCTOBER 3

Lunch is on your own

Depart @ 10 AM

\$10 per person



NOVEMBER

CLINTON CROSSING

NOVEMBER 7

Lunch is on your own

Depart @ 10 AM

\$15 per person



BURLINGTON FACTORY OUTLET

of Stratford

OCTOBER 16

Lunch is at HIBACHI

Depart @ 10 AM

\$10 per person



MILFORD MALL

NOVEMBER 21

Lunch is on your own

Depart @ 10 AM

\$10 per person



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Enhance Fitness: Mon 10:30; Tues 10:30; Wed 9:15

Enhance Fitness focuses on dynamic cardiovascular exercise, strength training, balance & flexibility—everything older adults need to maintain health and function as they age.

Instructor: Sharon Rubinstein

Fee: There is no charge, but registration is required.

Arthritis Exercise: Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Developed by the Arthritis Foundation, the Exercise Program uses movements created by physical therapists that address pain and fatigue while increasing strength.

Instructor: Sharon Rubinstein

Fee: \$3 per class. Registration is required.

Tai Chi: Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

Tai Chi for Better Balance is an effective means of improving balance, functional limitations, and strengthening muscles, which reduces the risk of falling. Tai Chi is a low-impact dance-like exercise that can be done in almost any location.

Instructors: Bill & Betsy Wrenn

Fee: There is no charge, but registration is required.

Strong Steps: Fridays at 10:30 AM

Designed by Kristen Leopoldi, OTR, this 45- minute class will work to improve your balance and mobility through various cardio exercises, upper & lower body strengthening, and posture training.

Fee: \$3 per class

Chair Yoga: Tuesdays at 1:30

This class teaches classic, gentle YOGA poses modified for the chair. Chair Yoga increases strength & flexibility, while reducing stress. Beginners welcome- No prior Yoga experience is necessary. Facilitated by Linda Lombardo.

Fee: \$6 per class payable directly to instructor.



Pickleball Schedule:

Monday

8-10:15AM: All Play

12-2PM: Intermediate

2-4PM: Intermediate

Tuesday

8-10AM: Intermediate

12-2PM: Beginner

2-4PM: Intermediate

Wednesday

8-9AM: All Play

12-2PM: Adv. Beginner

2-4PM: Intermediate

Thursday

8-10AM: Intermediate

12-2PM: Beginner

2-4PM: Intermediate

Friday

8-10AM: All Play

12-1PM: Beginner

1-2 PM: Adv. Beginner

2-4PM: Intermediate

To sign up for any of our activities, please call (203) 847-3115 or stop by the front desk!

Karaoke
Thursdays | 9:30 to Noon
Room 11

Facilitated by Bob Leng. Bob's love of music makes for a great time! He runs an organized hour of music and fun.



Groovin' & Swingin'
Dance Class for All

Fridays at 10:30:

Oct 4th & 18th; Nov 1st & 15th; Dec 6th & 20th

\$6 per class. Learn the foxtrot, swing, chaha, the electric slide and more!



Chess Lessons & Games

When: Thursdays

Time: 1PM

Place: Rm 3

All members are welcomed and encouraged!

Organized by Rick Crawford

Intermediate Spanish Lessons

Cost: \$10.00 per class

Payable to Luz Rincon

Tuesdays from 12 PM–1PM

Registration is required!



Monthly Birthday Cake
October 4th & November 1st | 12:30pm

All are welcome to celebrate our members! The monthly birthday cake will follow lunch on the first Friday of the month. Sign up for lunch or stop in at noon for cake. Sponsored by Dean @ Bridges by Epoch



Movie Mondays: 12:45

For a full list of titles see the front desk.

Monday October 7th & 21st

Monday November 4th & 18th



BE CREATIVE IN ART GROUP!
Join us Tuesdays from 12:30-2

Bring your own projects to work on in a creative, welcoming, and supportive setting. All skill levels are welcome. We will help you discover your inner artist! We have limited supplies such as acrylic and water color paints, brushes, easels, glue, scissors, and scrapbook paper which are free to use. If you need specialized materials, you may need to bring your own.



Monthly Lunch and Learn will be held on **Tuesday October 15th.**

Registration required. Sign up at the Front Desk. \$7 per person for lunch and a delicious dessert.





Interested in becoming a Pen Pal with a young Police Cadet?*

Join our “Pen Pal Program”

You’ll write a letter every two weeks to a young person who needs encouragement and words of wisdom.

By participating in this program, you are helping to instill courage and kindness into a young person who will carry these

important traits into future policing practices.

• **Pen and Paper Provided ***

***The Norwalk Police Cadet program offers training to young people who want to become police officers.**

Reach out to Eva Beau for more details (203) 847-3115 X115

Expert Tips for a Better Night's Sleep

When was the last time you had a good night's sleep?

For many, sleep doesn't come easy. Up to 70 million Americans suffer from sleep disorders, such as obstructive sleep apnea, insomnia, narcolepsy and restless legs syndrome. Nights are spent staring at the walls as insomnia takes control, or frequently waking from snoring or gasping for air due to untreated obstructive sleep apnea. Fortunately, achieving the recommended seven hours of healthy sleep and managing a sleep disorder is possible with help.

“Sleep should be a restorative experience, but sleep disorders are notorious for robbing us of that nightly pleasure,” said Patti Van Landingham, chair of the American Alliance for Healthy Sleep (AAHS). "Whether recently diagnosed with a sleep disorder, such as obstructive sleep apnea, or just noticing warning signs, such as snoring, choking during sleep or fatigue and daytime sleepiness, people need to seek support so that they can experience the joy of sleep again."

However, where do you start and what resources are available? The AAHS, a patient-focused membership organization made up of health care providers and patients with sleep disorders, shares the following three tips to manage your sleep better:

Talk to your doctor — As a society, we often deprioritize sleep issues despite a patient's need to address a lack of sleep. Many patients do not proactively talk to their primary care physician about their sleep during routine exams, mainly due to a perceived high cost of treatment. By asking the right questions or finding an accredited sleep center for testing and consultation, you're one step closer to a good night's sleep. A sleep physician can help outline a treatment strategy that can last a lifetime, helping you take back control and reduce the cycle of the frustration of losing valuable sleep.

Stay up to date — It's an exciting time in the sleep field, and advancements are on the horizon. From new sleep monitoring technology and more comfortable positive airway pressure machines, researchers continue to focus on new ways to provide high-quality patient-centered care. By joining together, patients and their family members can learn more about healthy sleep, access exclusive news affecting the sleep community and ultimately be a part of a collaborative discussion that furthers the success of the sleep disorders community. Together you can advocate for increased and improved care for patients and rally for more significant research funding to improve the understanding and treatment of sleep disorders. To learn more about improving your life through healthy sleep, visit <https://sleepeducation.org/resources/>.

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2024 Annual Picnic

Our seniors enjoyed the perfect weather for our Annual Picnic at Ripka's Beach Tent! Thank you to all who attended.



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This new offering is a huge hit!

Since June, members of the Norwalk Senior Center can schedule an appointment for a haircut on Tuesdays between 12 - 4 PM.

Seniors schedule their appointment directly with the hairdresser by calling or texting Alana Strock at 203-904-5538 and mentioning the NSC Hairdressing Program.

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Haircuts cost only \$10!

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The location of the appointment is inside the Center near Room 8.

Enjoy!

Health & Wellness

Family & Children's Agency Series (Spanish)

3rd Wednesday of the Month with Mayra Velez from Home Care Program at FCA will meet with participants to discuss health and wellness tips and topics.

Serie Agencia Familiar y Infantil (español)

El tercer miércoles del mes con Mayra Vélez del Programa de Atención Domiciliaria de FCA se reunirá con los participantes para discutir temas y consejos sobre salud y bienestar.

Visiting Nurse & Hospice Series

Christine Burns, RN Community Health Coordinator, will facilitate a monthly health & wellness series. Presentations and Q&A sessions will focus on health issues related to the importance of staying healthy and aging gracefully.



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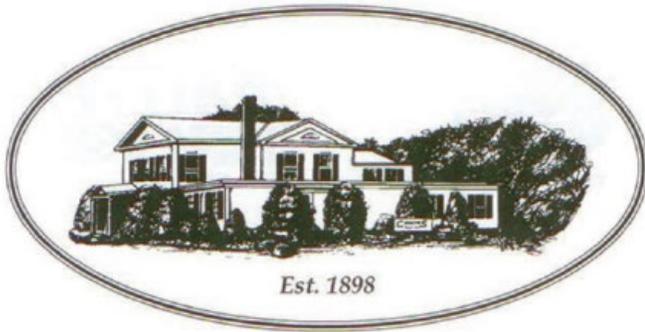
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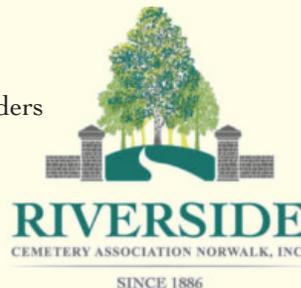
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