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Annual Public Hearing Announced

The Sussex County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior Services (Area Agency on Aging), and its Advisory Council will hold their Annual Public Hearing on Thursday, June 6, 2024, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Sparta Senior Center, 40 Trapasso Drive, Sparta, New Jersey. The purpose of the Hearing is to receive comments on the proposed 2025 Area Plan Update, which generates funding for Sussex County through the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended. The Public Hearing will summarize the planning and contracting process. In addition, a presentation of currently funded programs will be provided. Several service agencies will be available to provide information and answer questions. Attendees will have an opportunity to voice their opinions on current service needs for the seniors of Sussex County.

A copy of the 2023-2025 Area Plan Contract, including all currently funded services by the Sussex County Area Agency on Aging, can be obtained by visiting the Division of Senior Services website at:
<https://www.sussex.nj.us/documents/dhs/srsvcs/2023/2023%20APC%20full%20grant.pdf>.

If you are interested in testifying at the Public Hearing or would like to submit written testimony, please contact the Sussex County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior Services by May 30, 2024, at 973-579-0555, ext. 1382 or email seniorservices@sussex.nj.us.

Individuals requiring transportation to the Public Hearing may contact Sussex County Skylands Ride at 973-579-0480 no later than 11:00 a.m. on May 29, 2024, to make a reservation.



SENIOR FARMERS MARKET VOUCHERS

Income eligible seniors, age 60+ can receive a \$50.00 benefit to purchase local produce at participating farm stands. (A list of farm stands are provided with the booklet you will receive).

In order to receive the farmers' market one-time per year benefit, you **MUST** meet **ALL** the following requirements.

1. Must be 60 years of age or older (**with proof of one of the following**)
 - a. Driver's license
 - b. Birth certificate
 - c. Sheriff Dept. I.D.
2. Must be a Sussex County resident (**with proof of one of the following**)
 - a. Driver's license
 - b. Utility or telephone bill
3. Income guidelines: **GROSS income, NOT NET income**, which means the amount before your Medicare deduction from your social security)

Effective 6/1/24–6/30/24 – Income Limits Increase on 7/1/24

Single	\$26,973 yearly
	\$ 2,248 monthly
	\$ 519 weekly
Married	\$36,482 yearly
	\$ 3,041 monthly
	\$ 702 weekly

The program is available to eligible seniors from **June 1 to September 30, 2024** and your electronic benefit must be redeemed by November 30, 2024. Please contact the Division of Senior Services at 973-579-0555 for more information.

Older Americans Day
Friday, May 10, 2024
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sussex County Fairgrounds Agriculture Pavilion
37 Plains Road, Augusta, NJ 07822

Pre-paid Registration Required

Donation: \$5.00 per person

\$10 after May 1st

(space permitting)

Sorry, there will be no refunds!

PLEASE BRING A DONATION OF ONE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR THE SOCIAL SERVICES FOOD PANTRY

Make checks payable to:

SENIOR SERVICES TRUST FUND

Send to: Sussex County Division of Senior Services
One Spring Street, Newton NJ 07860



MOVE & GROOVE

Come join us for some light stretching and exercising to fun music. What a great way to enjoy time with friends or a chance to make new ones. Great for those with arthritis or low flexibility.

Liberty Towers
32 Liberty Street, Newton NJ 07860

Wednesdays
May 22 – June 26, 2024
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

and at the

Sussex Community Center
37 Main Street, Sussex, NJ 07461

Thursdays
May 2, 9 and 23, 2024
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

To register, or for additional information, please contact the Sussex County Division of Senior Services at 973-579-0555, ext. 1221 or kking@sussex.nj.us.

2024 Senior Bus Trips

Hardyston Senior Club – Will host an overnight bus trip on **Wednesday, May 15, 2024**, to Cape May. The cost is \$325 per person (double occupancy).

Hardyston Senior Club – Will host a bus trip on **Wednesday, August 7, 2024**, to the Forestburgh Playhouse to see *Beautiful, The Carole King Musical*. The cost is \$92 per person and includes show, buffet lunch and transportation.

Montague Seniors – Will host a three-day, two-night bus trip on **September 16 – 18, 2024** to Wildwood with visits to Cape May and Smithville. The cost of the trip is \$499 per person double occupancy. Single supplement add \$95.

Montague Seniors – Will host a bus trip on **Wednesday, August 14, 2024**, to Pride's Point Landing in Newburgh, New York to board the *Pride of the Hudson* for a two-hour cruise. The cost is \$65.00 for Montague Senior Club members and \$75.00 for non-club members.

Sparta Recreation – Will host a bus trip on **Wednesday, June 12, 2024**, to Resorts World Casino in the Catskills to see a matinee, *Musical Tribute to Carole King*. The cost is \$60 per person and includes \$25 in slot play. Please call (973) 729-2383 to register.

Sparta Recreation – Will host a lecture connecting The Revolutionary War to Morristown on **Thursday, May 23, 2024**, at 12:00 p.m., at the Famished Frog Restaurant, 18 Washington Street, Morristown. The cost is \$45, which includes entry to the lecture and a full meal. Please call (973) 729-2383 to register.

Stanhope Senior Club – Will host a bus trip on **Tuesday, July 16, 2024**, to Riverview Inn in Matamoras, PA for a luncheon show starring Jeff "Elvis" Krick. The cost is \$70 per person and includes appetizer, meal, beer, wine and transportation.

St. Jude Senior Club – Will host an overnight bus trip on **Thursday, October 17, and Friday, October 18, 2024**, to Lancaster. Stay at the Eden Motel and enjoy the play "Daniel" at the Sight & Sound Theatre. Enjoy a guided tour of the Amish Farmlands (an underground railroad tour), the American Treasure Museum Tour and Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market. The cost is \$429 per person.

XYZ Club/St. Francis DeSales Church Club - Will host a bus trip to Forestburgh Playhouse on **Wednesday, July 10, 2024**, to see *Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville*. Lunch will be at the Erie Hotel in Port Jervis, New York. The cost is \$100 per person.

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