

JANUARY EASTON SENIOR CENTER NEWS



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Easton Senior Citizen's Center is an intellectual, educational, cultural and social center for adults of all ages, but especially for retirees, seniors, and physically challenged adults. Its purpose is to enrich the town and surrounding communities and to provide assistance to individuals and communities in need.

SERVICES

- Cable TV
- Computers
- Fax Machine
- Internet Access
- Notary Public
- Justice of the Peace
- Large Print Books
- DVDs
- Reading Library
- Mail Services
- Optelec Readers
- Photocopy Machine
- Therapy Equipment
- Haircuts
- Manicure and Pedicure
- Handyman Lists
- Massage Therapy
- Seamstress
- Bus transportation for homebound
- Wi-Fi [Free]
- Shredder

The Easton Senior Center would like to thank the following folks for their generous donations to cover the cost for printing and mailing this newsletter: the Lions Club of Easton, the Norton Family, Carolyn and James Wilson, Southwest CT Agency on Aging, Helen and Robert Bepko, Eileen Crowley, Marjorie Goodfellow, Joan Kleinknecht, Jeanine Martin, Girish and Prabha Gupta, Barbara and John Hurley, Arlene and Diane Wilson, and the Easton Arts Council.

NEWS FLASH from the CT. DEPT. of TRANSPORTATION in HARTFORD. The Easton Senior Center has been awarded an "80% off" grant to purchase a new van for the center in the new year!!

God bless everyone in our Easton Senior Center family during this festive season. Our whole family wishes you the very best in health and happiness for a better 2021 new year.

We continue to work indoors and folks have been wonderfully cooperative making sure that masks are worn at all times and that social distancing rules are followed. We have been averaging 30-50 people daily. The system of making appointments for boutique & tag sale shopping has worked very well. We have been conducting classes since October 1, 2020 and are very thankful for First Selectman Dr. Bindelglass' guidance and support.

Please remember not to come to the Center if you have a cold, fever, chills and a headache. When you visit you must wear a mask, have your temperature taken, use hand sanitizer, follow the rules of social distancing, keep six feet from the check-in desk, bring your own cookies or snacks and DON'T move any chairs or furniture that has been placed, to avoid contacts with other visitors. Wash your hands whenever you can with lots of soap and warm water. Please stay away from groups that have not practicing precautions.

Thanks so much to the folks who have organized our wonderful boutique Mary Ellen Diana, Cheryl Constand and also Randy Shapiro for his bidding and research on Ebay. They raised almost \$4,000. See notes inside concerning the sale of boutique items left over. Althea Falco is busy preparing for our annual PROGRESSIVE TAG SALE which will begin in January and end in April. If anyone would like to volunteer to help Althea with the tag sale, please give the center a call.

A Pumpkin Story— Many years ago, even before I was planning the first senior center in the 1980's, I completed assignments for at least 6 newspapers in Fairfield County. I still have copies of everything I wrote at that time, articles which Derek and I now include in our family blog. I realize that many seniors may be interested in my historic stories, whether you have a computer or not. I will be sharing one each month. If you have a computer, go to our blog at www.eastonctvoices.com; if you do not have a computer the center has 5 available in our computer room for use; if you would like a copy mailed monthly just call the center at 203-268-1145. I have enclosed a sample for your perusal.

RAFFLE: Our festive raffle was a great success. Thanks to all the local merchants and friends who donated to this fundraiser. We raised \$1,700.

IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS IN PREPARATION FOR JANUARY-MARCH.

- Snow cancelations: Classes will be canceled on TV channels 3, 8 and 12 by 7am when necessary. If in doubt call the center. Staff will remain at work until instructed to do otherwise by Easton Town Hall.
- Transportation cancellations will be made with a personal call to each passenger from the van driver.
- The center will be closed Friday, January 1st, New Years Day, and Monday January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- It is extremely important that you sign up early for any special events. Classes and movies will continue to be restricted to 9 persons.
- SIGN UP FOR TRIVIA WITH RANDY, January 13 and 27th at 1pm. Prizes will be awarded