

BOLTON SOCIAL SERVICES

SUMMER 2021

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Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Important Announcements

- **Reopening:** The building will open Monday, July 19. The Food Pantry will reopen Wednesday, July 21 for in-person selection (see below).
- **New and Improved Food Pantry!** We moved the Food Pantry to a larger location within the Senior Center. We can't wait to give you a tour! Upon reopening our new Pantry Open Hours will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or by appointment or delivery for the remainder of the week. We also have a new electronic check-in station to replace the folders. Simply type in your phone number and select Food Pantry to start your visit.
- **Leave of Absence:** Carrie will be out of the office at the end of the summer/early fall for parental leave. See Pam and Karen for additional assistance during that time.
- **Holiday Program!** The annual Holiday Program Registration is coming in September! This is your chance to sign-up for any of the holiday baskets and gifts. Registration is due October 30, do not delay!

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Remember: Appointments for winter fuel or electricity assistance begin as early as August! Get ready for the winter now so you don't have to worry! Call ACCESS Willimantic at 860-450-7400

RENTERS REBATE

Are you a renter age 65+ (or fully disabled) and have income under \$37,600/single or \$45,800/couple? Call the Assessor at 860-649-8066 to learn more. Applications due by October 1.

Transportation is available for residents age 60+ or adults with a disability. Travel to Hartford/Tolland Counties and Willimantic for any appointments or errands. Call 860-647-9196 to schedule.

Reminder! Please keep us updated on your contact information!

PANDEMIC RECOVERY PROGRAMS

UNITE CT RENTAL ASSISTANCE: If you had difficulty paying rent due to a loss of income due to Covid-19 and you meet income guidelines, you may qualify for rental assistance. For more information and to apply go to www.bit.ly/UniteCT. If you would prefer to be connected with a Unite CT Mobile Bus for application assistance, please call 860-647-9196 and we will let you know of the nearest location (schedule changes weekly).

FEDERAL BROADBAND BENEFIT: If you are having difficulty paying for internet service to connect to education, employment or healthcare services, the FCC is offering a program to help with internet service. To apply, you must either meet income limit criteria or have a loss of income since 2020 due to unemployment or furlough. For more information, go to getemergencybroadband.org or call 833-511-0311 for a mail in application.

FEMA COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE: If you lost a loved one due to Covid-19 call 844-684-6333 (Monday—Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.) to apply for the FEMA Funeral Assistance Benefit.

FOOD RESOURCES

Bolton Food Pantry: Serves residents of all ages. Items available include non-perishable foods, paper goods, and toiletries.

MACC Food Pantry: Residents can attend the larger food pantry (produce, bread, meat and dairy) located at 460 Main St. Manchester. Call 860-647-8003 to schedule an appointment. MACC also has meals to-go six days a week.

Mobile Food Share: Every other Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at St. George's Church (1150 Boston Turnpike). Upcoming dates: July 20, August 3, 17, 31, September 14, 28.

***Special Summer Food Share Drive-Through:** Every Tuesday in July & August from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Old Showcase Cinema in East Hartford (936 Silver Lane).

End Hunger Connecticut: EHC will help you apply for food stamp benefits. Note: Benefit amounts have been significantly expanded as of June 2021. Call 866-974-7627. Seniors, ask for special appointment hours when you call.