

Department of Aging News and Events

Research with SHIP Key to Finding Best Part D Plan

Baltimore County's SHIP Volunteer Counselors will again be assisting Medicare Beneficiaries during Open Enrollment from October 15 to December 7.

The Medicare Part D Plans are allowed to change each year, therefore SHIP highly recommends that you go online to determine if your current plan is still the best for 2022.

Go online to register at <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/aging/medicare/index.html> or call 410-887-2059 to make an appointment if you desire a Part D counselor to assist you with the research at an area senior center. At the same time, the counselor will assess whether or not you are eligible for any of the programs to assist with the cost of your drugs and Medicare costs.

Connect with BCDA on Facebook, Instagram and Flickr!

Keeping informed about all the programs, resources and special events offered by the Baltimore County Department is easy through social media.

Stay tuned through our Facebook page (@BaltimoreCountyAging), Instagram account (@BaltCoAging), Flickr albums (BaltimoreCountyAging) or website (www.baltimorecountymd.gov/aging.)

Do You Enjoy Theatre, Concerts, Tours, and Travel?

Senior Box Office (SBO) offers complimentary and discounted tickets to members for cultural, educational, and entertainment events. SBO also offers exciting travel opportunities to both members and non-members. A brochure outlining events and trips is published quarterly.

Older adults age 55 and older are invited to join. More information, as well as a membership application, is available on the SBO website www.seniorboxoffice.org. You may also call SBO at 410-887-5399 or email sbo@seniorboxoffice.org to request an application.

Senior Craft Gallery Has Re-Opened

Find affordable handmade items created by Baltimore County older adults at the Gallery located at 1801 Glen Keith Boulevard, the former Loch Raven Elementary School.

Hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays from 9 a.m. to Noon.

New volunteers and consignees are welcome. For information, call 410-887-5319.

Holiday Closures

The Baltimore County Department of Aging administrative offices and senior centers are closed on Monday, October 11 for Indigenous Peoples' Day.



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CENTER CONNECTION

410-887-2970

Center Connection links persons age 60 and over who need support to activities and services provided by the senior center. Center Connection Specialists, operating in eight Baltimore County Senior Centers, maximize individual's senior center experience by encouraging participation in activities, registering for classes/Eating Together, and connecting them with other members.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

410-887-2594

Community Outreach Specialists evaluate the needs of older adults, 60+, and assist them in applying for benefits and services.

COUNTYRIDE

410-887-2080

CountyRide provides paratransit transportation Monday through Friday within the County for qualifying clients. Reservations are pre-scheduled on a first come, first serve basis, destinations include medical appointments, shopping and other general purpose trips. Cost of rides are \$3.00 or 1 ticket each way. A book of 6 tickets costs \$15 and saves \$.50 per way.

EATING TOGETHER

410-887-3052

The Eating Together program provides a nutritious meal, socialization, and nutrition education in 35 County sites in senior centers, community buildings and senior residences. Residents aged 60 and over and their spouses of any age are eligible to participate in this program and are asked to make a voluntary, confidential donation.

HOME TEAM

410-887-4141

This community-based volunteer program provides social support to County seniors 60+ who are isolated and confined to their home. Through friendly in-home and telephone visits, volunteers offer the needed interaction, socialization and reassurance to help seniors maintain a higher quality of life with the ability to remain independent in their home longer.

MAP of Baltimore County

410-887-2594

aginginfo@baltimorecountymd.gov

Maryland Access Point offers information and assistance to older adults, persons with disabilities and their families. It also offers a loan closet for durable medical equipment.

Additionally, the (MAP) division is a great resource for Baltimore County residents to learn about the variety of **Assistive Technology (AT)** available. Assistive technology consists of a wide range of items used for areas such as dressing, personal care, eating, cooking, safety, mobility, and medication management. Many devices are available through MAP for demonstration and hands-on practice for County residents over the age of 60. Several items can also be loaned for an extended period of time. Individuals requiring financial assistance can be referred by the BCDA to possible funding sources that can help with purchasing AT. A demonstration of AT items is available by appointment with the MAP office at 410-887-2594 or by emailing bjchjagA dajjpsfbvazne/hpv/

STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHIP) 410-887-2059 SENIOR MEDICARE PETROL (SMP)

Trained volunteers answer questions regarding Medicare A and B, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Supplement Insurance (medigaps), Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (Part D), Medicaid and potential Medicare frauds. Also, callers are assessed for eligibility to obtain financial assistance to help with Medicare and prescription cost.