

Senior Services is a department responsible to the Town Supervisor and the Town Board for the purpose of planning, coordinating, researching, and monitoring services and programs that benefit town residents aged 60 and older.

The Department is a community focal point where older persons or groups can avail themselves of services and programs that enhance their lives, support their independence, and encourage their involvement in and with the community.

Basic services include: Information and referral; transportation to medical offices, grocery stores and malls; liaison with other area agencies; outreach to homebound seniors; daily educational, social and recreational programs; and special events and day trips.

Transportation Guide:

*Medical Appointments are on Monday's, Wednesday's and Fridays
We take appointments within the hours of 9:30am and 1:30pm.

*Grocery Shopping days are on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays
You are assigned a day within the district where you live.

*Wal-Mart Run (also includes Crossgates Mall or Stuyvesant Plaza)
Mondays and Wednesdays depending on which district you reside in.

AARP TAX AIDE PROGRAM

Beginning Monday February 6 through Monday, April 16, free income tax preparation and e-mail filing will be provided Mondays and Saturdays at the Guilderland public Library by the all-volunteer AARP Tax Aid Program. Volunteers are trained and certified in cooperation with the IRS, and prepare personal Federal & NYS income tax returns for taxpayers of all ages with low & moderate incomes. Appointments are necessary; a separate appointment is required for each taxpayer. **Bring a copy of last year's return, social security cards for all people on the tax return, photo ID, all 2016 W-2's, 1099 statements, sold investments' with purchase dates and cost basis, and supporting documents if itemizing deductions.** Also, if these apply, bring supporting documents for any gambling winnings, medical insurance coverage, payments for any child care, payments for education, contributions to an IRA, and estimated tax payments you made during 2016. Bring your checkbook if you want a direct deposit of your refund. Tax Aide volunteers can't do estate or partnership returns, returns with rental income or returns requiring Schedule C (business returns with a net loss, inventory, employees, or expenses over \$25,000.) Both taxpayers must be present if filing a joint return, except in case of illness or infirmity.

Please call The 2-1-1 Appointment Call Center by dialing 211.

For an Appointment call 211.

HEAP PROGRAM

People with monthly incomes under: \$2300 for one person or \$3007 for two people, etc. are eligible for the Heating Assistance Program called HEAP. This grant can be received each heating season and goes directly to the heating company. The amount of the payment to each

person is determined by income, living expenses and type of fuel used. If you need assistance, completing the application please call to set up an appointment.

GHS SPRING MUSICAL!

The Guilderland Players' next musical will be "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

Big business means big laughs in this delightfully clever lampoon of life on the corporate ladder. A tune filled comic gem that took Broadway by storm, winning both the Tony Award for best musical and a Pulitzer Prize. J. Pierrepont Finch, a young New York window washer with large ambitions believes he can be a success in the corporate world after he impulsively picks up the book *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying*. The book promises its reader that he can climb the corporate ladder simply and quickly.

Senior Citizen Night will be **Thursday, March 16, at 7 p.m.**, and tickets will be available at a cost of \$5.00 each (cash only), in the Senior Office in **LATE** February (call ahead to check on ticket availability 280-7607).

Limited Transportation will be available for this event.

YOUNGER NEXT YEAR-February 16 @ 11:30

Atria Senior Living Community invites you to a viewing of a DVD "Younger Next Year", research presented by Dr. Henry Lodge on how seniors can improve quality of life and aging through engagement exercise and nutrition. There will be discussion after video as well as lunch.

Atria Senior Living Guilderland is located at 200 Mill Rose Court-off State Farm Road, by Stewart's shop.

Please call Sue Purga at 256-4569 by February 9 to reserve your spot at this program.

ADDITIONAL HEATING ASSISTANCE

A BIG THANK YOU for the donations from **Guilderland Knights of Columbus, Guilderland Elks, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Services, and De Marco-Stone Funeral Homes**. These wonderful community establishments continue to support the **longtime residents** of this Town and are generous to give back to those who supported them over the years. **This benefit is not public assistance**. Senior citizens with an gross monthly income of \$2300 or below for a one person household or \$3007 or below gross monthly income for two person household who would like to receive this limited funded benefit please contact the office at 356-1980 for an application. Proof of income will be **required** with a completed application.

PROGRAM & TRANSPORTATION WEATHER CONDITIONS REMINDER!

When the Guilderland Schools are **closed** due to inclement weather, all scheduled shopping trips and scheduled medical appointments and all programs/exercise at Town hall and off-site will be cancelled. You will now find the listing on the local television stations it will read: **Guilderland Senior Programs-No Transportation.**

When the Guilderland Schools are listed as delayed in opening-we will still provide transportation and but may be delayed due to road conditions.

PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

FOR PERSONS 65 YEARS OF AGE or who will be 65 years of age in this year. Persons whose annual total income is less than **\$37,400** may qualify for a partial property tax exemption, based upon their **2016 income**. An application must be filed **by MARCH 1**. Income includes: pension, social security, bank interest and dividends and all other income. It is necessary to provide proof of the following: DEED, BIRTH CERTIFICATES OF OWNERS, PENSION FORMS, SOCIAL SECURITY (WHITE FORM), AND INCOME TAX FORM. ALL OWNERS MUST SIGN THE FORMS. Please call the **Assessor's Office** for information on veterans or disability exemptions.

STAR PROGRAM (School Tax Relief Program)

Homeowners may be eligible for a school property tax relief on their **primary residence only**. The **STAR** credit or exemption applies only to the **school district tax**, not to other property taxes such as county, town or city. To receive a **new STAR** credit, **you must register with NYS Tax & Finance at 518-457-2036 or at www.tax.ny.gov**. **If you already have a STAR exemption you may file** an application for an Enhanced STAR exemption with the **Town Assessor** who is located in the Guilderland Town Hall. The "**enhanced**" program is available to **persons 65 years of age and older with income for 2015 under \$86,000**. For additional information, please contact the **Town of Guilderland Assessor's Office at 356-1980**.

Trip suggestions/Program Ideas

We would love to hear you ideas for additional programs. We have the small rooms at the senior center to offer more opportunities to keep yourself busy, such as group discussions, book club ?????? Let's hear your ideas!!

We are always open for trip ideas!!!!

NO HEALTH INSURANCE?

You may be eligible for **NO COST**:

- Easy, take-home colon cancer screening
- Mammogram
- Clinical breast exam
- Pap test

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Transportation to Guilderland Public Library

On February 9 anyone living East of Route 155 may call us for a ride to the library.

We will begin picking up at your home at approximately 12:30 PM and return to Library at approximately 1:45 PM to bring you home. You get to go to the Library once per month. If you plan on going please call 356-2920 at least one day before.

On February 16 anyone living West of Route 155 may call us for a ride to the library.

We will begin picking up at your home at approximately 12:30 PM and return to Library at approximately 1:45 PM to bring you home. You get to go to the Library once per month. If you plan on going please call 356-2920 at least one day before.

March Library pickup days

March 9th for East of 155

March 16th for West of 155.