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April & May 2022

Renters Rebate Program:

April 1st is right around the corner and the Renters Rebate Program will be getting underway.

To participate in the program, you must have been 65 years of age by the end of the calendar year preceding the filing period; or be 50 years of age or older and the surviving spouse of a renter, who at the time of his/her death, had qualified and was entitled to tax relief at the time of his/her death. Applicants filed under the disability provision must be accompanied by current proof of disability. The Claimant must have been a resident in Connecticut for a one-year period of time prior to filling an application.

Applicant's qualifying income in the calendar year 2021 must not exceed \$38,100 if unmarried, or \$46,400 if married or other. For married couples or other, unless legally separated, income from both husband and wife must be counted in establishing qualifying income, regardless of living arrangements. Qualifying income is considered wages, bonuses, commissions, gratuities and fees; self-employment net income; gross Social Security benefits, Federal Supplemental Security income, dividends, interest, annuities; IRA distributions, Black Lung payments; Green Thumb payments; interest resulting from gifts received; Lottery winnings; net rental income, pensions, Railroad Retirement; severance pay, Unemployment Compensation, Workers Compensation, Alimony, etc.

The applicant must provide proof of rent and utilities payments during the 2021 calendar year.

Individuals interested in making application for the Renters Rebate of Elderly and Totally Disabled Programs are requested to contact the Preston Senior Affairs Office at 860-887-5581 ext. 6 leaving your name, telephone number and a brief message. The application filing period is April 1st through October 1st.

Food Distribution:

The next date of our Food Distribution will be on **Friday, April 8th from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** at the Preston Senior Center. A special note of thanks to all of the patient participants at the March 4th program. Unfortunately, the UC&FS vehicles were stuck in Norwich traffic and were delayed in their anticipated arrival at the Preston Senior Center. None the less, our team of dedicated volunteers distributed 125 bags of groceries to Preston residents and nonresidents alike on that cold, cold, windy day. We're most appreciative to United Community & Family Services for continuing to support this valuable program in Preston regardless of the obstacles placed before them. Routinely, our food distributions occur on the First Friday of each month and are held at the Preston Senior Center, 42 Long Society Road. (anticipated distribution date for next month is May 6th).

Preston Senior Center Café Program:

We are pleased to provide the TVCCA Senior Café MENU for the month of April for your viewing pleasure. The program is designed for individuals who are 60 years of age and older. You do not need to be a Preston resident to participate. There is a suggested donation of \$3.00 per person. If you are interested in signing up for the program, please contact the Preston Senior Affairs Office at 860-887-5581 ext.6 or by contacting the senior center directly at 860-889-0770 or visiting the Preston Senior Center in person on Monday's 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday afternoons between 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

April Menu:

April 4th: Italian Pork Sausage & Peppers, Penne Pasta w/Marinara, Green & Waxed Beans, Sweet Treat, Apple Juice. Bread, Margarine and Beverage.

April 11th: BBQ Pulled Pork w/Bun, Baked Beans, Mixed Vegetables Medley, Pineapple Tidbits, Bread, Margarine and Beverage.

April 18th: Whole Grain Fish Sticks, Tater Tots, Broccoli, Peppers, & Mushrooms, Diced Peaches, Bread, Margarine and Beverage.

April 25th: Sloppy Joe w/Bun, Sweet Potato Tater Tots, Peas & Pearl Onions, Diced Peaches, Bread, Margarine and Beverage.

Come, enjoy a nice meal and visit with neighbors both young and old.

Puzzles:

Our puzzle room is bulging at the seams, we've got stacks and stacks of puzzles! Easy to mind boggling ones! And they are all looking for you! Come to the senior center, work on one here or take one home and work on it there.

Games: Monday afternoons are set aside as a special game day, bring your own or use the games that we have available. The center is open from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. each Monday (excluding holidays). Or, drop in on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and join in with friends and neighbors playing Pitch, Rummikub, Cribbage, etc.

Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowner Program:

As a reminder, the application deadline for the Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowner Program is May 17th. Although it may seem like a long way away, time has the ability of creeping up and before you know it, you've missed the deadline. The telephone number of the Senior Affairs Office is 860-887-5581 ext. 6 to schedule an appointment to file your application.

My Favorite Sayings:

Minds are like parachutes.....they function only when open.

Our duty is not to see through one another, but to see one another through.

Laziness is the habit of resting before you get tired.

Nostalgia: recalling things we never noticed when they happened.

Childhood passes like a turtle; old age, like a hare with a hotfoot.

If at first you don't succeed, recheck the wastebasket for the directions.

Budgeting is like golf...you drive hard to get to the green and end up in the hole.!

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COMPOSER GYPSY MUSIC PAGANINI POEMS

CONCERT LYRICAL PARIS ROME

CONDUCTOR OPERA PERFORM SOLO

FERENC OVERTURE PIANO SONATA

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April 2022 Events

National Library Week: April 3rd-9th

-Come into the Library this week to win fun prizes!

April is Passport to Connecticut Libraries!

Register at a participating library, receive a passport and visit at least 5 different participating libraries to be considered for raffle prizes. This program runs from April 1st to April 30th ; then must submit your passport (or a copy if you want to keep it) to the registering library, who will then determine a random winner and a Most Libraries Visited winner, both for children and adults!

Sunday April 10th at 1:00 pm

Sunday Afternoon Tea and Poetry Reading with

Margaret Gibson, Connecticut Poet Laureate,

Hosted by the Friends of the Preston Public Library

Please join the Friends of the Preston Library for an Afternoon Tea and Poetry reading by Preston's own, Margaret Gibson, Conn. Poet Laureate 2019-2022. Margaret will be reading from her latest book of poems, *The Glass Globe*, the last in a trilogy. In this new collection, she blends elegies of personal bereavement with elegies for the earth during the ongoing global crisis wrought by climate change. Preston Public Library, 389 Route 2, Preston, Sunday, April 10, 1:00 PM. There will be a \$10 fee to benefit the Friends group. Space is limited, please register by calling (860) 886-1010 or email us at prestonlibraryprograms@gmail.com.

Saturday April 16th 10:30 am-12:30 pm:-"Quilling with the Serial Quiller: Spring Butterfly"

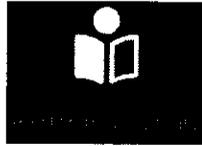
-Discover the exquisite art of Paper Quilling with master artist Marcy Kaplan of Serial Quiller Creations! Participants will learn techniques for creating unique designs out of paper. For ages 18 and up, limit: 15. **Please note: there is a \$40.00 charge for materials for this program.** Please register by calling (860) 8861010 or email us at prestonlibraryprograms@gmail.com.

Saturday April 16th 10:00 am-1:00 pm:- Electronic Recycling Event with Indie Cycle LLC -Keep the earth clean by safely disposing your e-waste! Indie Cycle LLC will be at the Library from 10 am-1 pm to take the following e-waste items: ACCEPTED AT NO CHARGE—COMPUTERS & ETC: Computers, routers, monitors, TVs, laptops, mice, keyboards, cameras, printers, toner, wires/cables, microwaves, etc. Anything with a wire! . PHONES: All cells, cordless, and landlines. STEREO & MORE: Stereo equipment, speakers, CD/DVD players; play stations, and other electronic gadgetry. BATTERIES (no single use): Lead acid batteries, backups, and auto/marine. **ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: Light bulbs, Glass Broken TV tubes, smoke detectors, Single Use Disposable Batteries Furniture, Paint, Plastic Paper/Styrofoam Chemicals/Aerosol cans . \$10 DISPOSAL FEE APPLIES TO EACH: Wooden Stereo speaker (\$5 for small), air conditioner, dehumidifier, mini fridge, and other coolant containing appliances.** For more information, go to www.indiecycle.com or email: at indiecycle@gmail.com for specific questions.

Tuesday , April 19th 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm :

Thames Valley Rockhounds with the Lapidary and Mineral Society of Connecticut

Discover the wonders of minerals, rocks, and fossils with the Thames Valley Rockhounds and the Lapidary and Mineral Society of Connecticut. Learn about fossils, gemstones, and rock specimens in this hands-on program. This presentation is for all ages and no registration is required.



**Youth Services April 2022 Events:
National Library Week: April 3rd-9th**

-Come into the Library this week to win fun prizes!

School Vacation Week is April 18th to April 22nd: Check Out Our Programs!

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Tuesday, April 5th, 15th, and 26th 10:30 am to 11:00 Spring Story Time for Toddlers

-Fun and learning for two-year olds and their caregivers! Stories, finger plays, rhymes, songs, and crafts! ***(Please note there will be no story time during school vacation week)***. To register, call (860) 886-1010 or email the Library at prestonlibraryprograms@gmail.com. For ages 24 months to 36 months. Limit: 15.

Wednesday, April 6th, 16th, and 27th 10:30 am to 11:15 am Story Time for 3 to 5 Year olds

-Preschool Story Time fun with favorite picture books: hear stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts! ***(Please note there will be no story time during school vacation week)***. To register, call (860) 886-1010 or email the Library at prestonlibraryprograms@gmail.com. For ages 3 to 5 year olds. Limit: 15.

School Vacation Week Programs:

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Wednesday, April 20th 11:00 am to 1:00 pm : Recycle Craft: Make Pride the Lion

Make an adorable Lion out of the following recycled materials: newspaper, toilet paper rolls, and more! Help the earth and create something beautiful with material that is usually discarded! This is a stop-in craft for youth and families; no registration is required. While supplies last.

Thursday, April 21th 11:00 am to 1:00 pm : Recycle Craft: Screwy Buddies

Make silly, Screwy Buddies out of the following recycled materials: wood pieces, screws, and other material from the local hardware store! Help the earth and create something beautiful with material that is usually discarded! This is a stop-in craft for youth and families; no registration is required. While supplies last.

Do you love graphic novels and/or comics? Check out our new service Comics Plus! Go to the Library's website, click on Digital Branch and click on the drop down of EBooks. Click on the link below the Comics Plus icon to land on the Comics Plus site. Click Reader Login and enter Preston Public Library under "Find Library". You will then need to enter your Preston Public Library card number to access thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and manga from 100+ library-friendly publishers!

PRESTON PARKS & RECREATION

Office Phone # (860) 887-5581 x113 ~ Email recreation@preston-ct.org

PRESTON COMMUNITY YARD SALE ON MAY 7!!

Time to clean out your basement and garage!!

If you choose to purchase a 10x10 spot at Preston Plains Middle School, the fee is \$15. Community Yard Sale at Preston Plains Middle School will run from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Registration deadline is May 5th.

If you choose to host the yard sale at your residence, fee is \$2. (*Town of Preston requires all hosting a yard sale to obtain a permit, which costs \$2. Sign up for our Community Yard Sale and Preston Parks & Recreation staff will do the paperwork for you!!*) You can choose the start and end time of your sale and that will be printed on the map next to your address.

Last day to register your address without a late fee is April 20th.

\$10 late fee for all sign ups received after April 20th, absolute last day to register and be on the map is April 25th.

Register online at www.preston-ct.org

CHAIR YOGA

A complete yoga practice using the support of a chair. Breathing techniques, yoga philosophy, meditation and deep relaxation are woven into each class. In this fun and informative class students will take home tools for mindfulness and relaxation as well as movements for energizing and stretching the body. Chair yoga classes are targeted for ages 60+ but classes are open to all adults and abilities.

Class will be offered in person at Preston Public Library Meeting Room or you can choose to participate via Zoom.

Session #7

Dates: Mondays: May 9 – June 20, 2022

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 am

Fee: \$38 for 6 week session

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS...

Friday, May 13 ~ My Fair Lady

Friday, May 20 ~ Blue Man Group

Friday, June 3 ~ Jersey Boys

All trips will be to Providence Performing Arts Center and we will travel via Town of Preston school bus

Preston Youth Services will once again be spreading Spring cheer to Preston seniors (65+) and shut ins through our Art from the Heart program.

Preston Senior Affairs and Preston Parks & Recreation and Youth Services staff will be delivering the hand made crafts by children in Preston the week before Easter.

If you are a Preston senior (65+) or shut in and would enjoy a springtime delivery you can sign up online at www.preston-ct.org, email youthservices@preston-ct.org or call our office at (860) 887-5581 x113... or you can sign up a family member, friend or neighbor!!