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**January & February 2025**

**AARP Safe Driving Class:**

We have scheduled an AARP Safe Driving Class for Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the Preston Senior Center. We do request that participants arrive by 8:45 a.m. to complete paperwork. Registrations are a must and the cost for AARP members is \$20.00 and the non-members fee is \$25.00. If you are an AARP member, you do need to bring your membership card to receive the discounted rate of \$20.00. There is a potential discount on auto insurance for successfully completing the course. Discounts vary per insurance carrier so, contact your individual insurance company to verify the benefit. To Register, call the Senior Affairs Office at 860-887-5581 ext. 6. To answer a frequently asked question in advance, this DOES NOT include a behind the wheel road test.

**TVCCA Café Program: Preston Senior Center Location**

Our January menu selections consist of the following:

Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>: Beef Stew, Steamed Parsley Potatoes, Cauliflower, Carrots & Snap Peas, Tropical Fruit Cup, Bread, Margarine and Beverage.

Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>: Sloppy Joe w/Bun, Herb Roasted Potatoes, Corn w/Peppers & Onions, Applesauce Cup, Bread, Margarine and Beverage.

Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>: Closed due to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>: Chicken Parmesan w/Bun, Germelli Pasta, Mixed Vegetables Medley, Sweet Treat, Grape Juice, Bread, Margarine, Beverage.

Register in person on Monday, (9-1), Tuesday & Thursday (12:30 – 4)

### **AARP Tax-Aide Program:**

We are extremely fortunate to be able to continue our AARP Tax-Aide Program this year at the Preston Senior Center. Our schedule begins with Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Appointments will be scheduled at one-hour intervals starting at 10:00 a.m. and continuing through 1:00 p.m.

AARP Income Tax Assistance Program is free of charge and will be conducted at the Preston Senior Center, 42 Long Society Road. The income tax preparation assistance is designed for low and middle-income taxpayers of all ages, with special attention to those individuals who are 60 years of age or older.

**We do request that you bring your Income Tax documents from 2023 which you filed.** If married, we ask that both husband and wife are present during the income tax counseling session. **Taxpayers must bring all documents which they have received that apply to their 2024 income tax.**

If you are interested in scheduling an appointment with a Certified AARP Tax Counselor, please contact the Senior Affairs Office at 860-887-5581 ext.6 leaving your name, telephone number and a brief message. You will be contacted regarding scheduling availability.

The AARP Tax Assistance Program is provided FREE of charge by extremely well trained and Certified Counselors. The counselors make every effort to ensure accuracy, and they complete every income tax appointment in a professional manner. On occasion, some income tax appointments take a little longer to complete than others. We ask you to be patient as it's not the intent to complete as many returns as possible but to allow ample time to

# AARP Foundation<sup>3</sup>

## Tax-Aide

# How We Can Help You Today

In conjunction with the IRS, we offer free tax return preparation to anyone who needs it.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers are trained to help you file a variety of income tax forms and schedules. In certain situations, however, our volunteers may be unable to provide assistance. The Volunteer Protection Act requires that our volunteers stay within the scope of tax law and policies set by the IRS and AARP Foundation. Here's a guide to what our Tax-Aide volunteers **can** and **can't** do.

### We can prepare most returns with:

- Wages, interest, dividends, capital gains/losses, unemployment compensation, pensions and other retirement income, Social Security benefits, among other types of income.
- Self-employment income, with limits.
- Most income reported on Form 1099-NEC, Form 1099-K, or Form 1099-MISC.
- Schedule K-1 that includes only interest, dividends, capital gains/losses, or royalties.
- IRA contributions — deductible or not.
- Health savings accounts (HSA).
- Certain adjustments to gross income and itemized deductions, including noncash contributions to charity that total no more than \$5,000.
- Qualified business income deduction, with limits.
- Cancellation of nonbusiness credit card debt.
- Most credits, including earned income, education, child/dependent care, simplified method foreign tax credit, among others.
- Repayment of first-time homebuyer credit.
- Estimated tax payments.
- Injured spouse allocation, depending on state.
- Amendments to filed returns.
- Tax returns for certain prior years.
- Other tax situations specific to this state or site, including sites with volunteers certified in Military or International may assist with matters within their certification, as listed here:

### We can't prepare returns with:

- Self-employment if there are employees, losses, expenses that exceed \$35,000, depreciation, business use of home, 1099 filing requirements, or other complicating factors.
- Hobby income or other activities not for profit
- Complicated capital gains/losses, such as futures or options.
- Schedule K-1 with other than permitted items.
- Rental income, except land-only rentals or rentals of personal residence less than 15 days.
- Royalty income with expenses if not from self-employment.
- Tax on a child's investment and other unearned income (kiddie tax).
- Farm income or expenses.
- Some income, deduction, or credit items that are not included in our training.
- Alternative minimum tax, additional Medicare tax, or net investment income tax.
- Foreign financial asset reporting requirements.
- Any return where the answer to the digital asset (virtual currency) question on Form 1040 is "yes."
- Other tax situations specific to this state or site as listed here:

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complete each return accurately. If you need to cancel your appointment, a courtesy call letting us know would be appreciated.

### **Food Distribution:**

Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the next distribution date at the Preston Senior Center from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. We make every effort to continue this valuable service to residents and non-residents alike. We ask for your consideration when attending the distribution, please be mindful of our neighbors and **DO NOT BLOCK THEIR DRIVEWAY.**

We do have agency employees who routinely attend our distributions too. These individuals are usually TVCCA employees providing helpful information on Energy Assistance and Medical Assistance Programs.

Uncas Health District is a contributing participant to the monthly distribution schedule. Uncas Health District Nurses provide pertinent health information, provide flu shots (To those interested) and distribute their monthly newsletter.

It's with great appreciation that we thank UCFS for their dedication to our community.

### **PVMS Reading Program:**

Did you see the newspaper article? We hit the press with wonderful heartwarming coverage plus photos too of our visit to Preston Veterans Memorial School! We are planning another visit to the school on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. We're always looking for additional people to participate in this important intergenerational program. We are looking at lunch options for participants which currently are incomplete. If you're interested in joining us for the reading program, please contact the Senior Affairs Office at 860-887-5581 ext. 6.

### **Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners Program:**

The Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners Program application process does not begin officially until February 1, 2025. I want to remind everyone who currently participates in the program or are contemplating applying during the upcoming year the importance of collecting all the documents essential for participating in the program. They include all sources of income such as: Social Security benefits, Retirement income, Interest, W-2's, etc. If you file Income Tax, proof of that information must be made available too. Yes, I know it's early to think about a program that starts in February but, sometimes things get misplaced or disposed of which ultimately causes a dilemma.

Income guidelines for the program are \$45,200.00 for a single individual and \$55,100.00 for a married couple. The filing period is February 1 – May 15, 2025.

If you are currently participating in the program and it is the year which you must reapply, the Assessor's Office will notify you, in writing, of that requirement. If you are uncertain whether you might qualify or not, feel free to direct your questions to the Senior Affairs Office at 860-887-5581 ext. 6.

### **A Message from Jill Keith, Preston Town Clerk:**

It has recently been brought to our attention that a company called "Property Site" located in Corona, California has contacted residents in town. Please be aware that all recorded deeds are public records. Homeowners may obtain a copy of their original deed for \$1.00/page. Copies do not need to be purchased from an outside party. If you feel you have been directly affected or misled from "Property Site" please contact the Attorney General's Office at 860-808-5318. An example of the correspondence follows.

PROPERTY SITE  
1611 Pomona Rd Suite 232  
Corona, CA 92878  
PHONE: 1-888-959-1204

THIS SERVICE TO OBTAIN A COPY OF YOUR PROPERTY ASSESSMENT PROFILE IS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY. YOU CAN OBTAIN A COPY OF YOUR GRANT DEED OR OTHER RECORD OF TITLE FROM THE COUNTY RECORDER IN THE COUNTY WHERE YOUR PROPERTY IS LOCATED FOR A NOMINAL FEE.

**RECORDED DEED NOTICE**

ALL FOR AADC 060

Preston, CT 06365-8006



<b>Record ID#</b>	
<b>Service Fee</b>	<b>\$123.00</b>
<b>Please Respond By</b>	<b>11/22/2024</b>

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**Detach and mail**  
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- November 2024**
- Please Respond by  
11/22/2024**
- Parcel Number**
- PAY BY PHONE  
1-888-959-1204**
- Se habla español**

Property Site recommends that all homeowners obtain a copy of their **Property Assessment Profile** which includes a complimentary copy of **your current Grant Deed or other record of title**. These documents can provide evidence that the property at **1 - Preston, CT 06365-8006** was, in fact, transferred and/or has interest to the individual(s)

The "Property Assessment Profile" is a comprehensive property report that provides a wealth of information on the property that can be used to verify property information is recorded correctly, as mistakes can affect property taxes. Legal description and information, flood information and maps, home valuations and projections, history, comparable properties, and more are included.

Records obtained through public information show a Grant Deed or other record of title was recorded in your name **6/25/2024**, which indicates your ownership and/or interest in the specified property below.

**NEW LONDON COUNTY PUBLIC INFORMATION**

**Recording Date:** 06/25/2024  
**Transaction Amount:** N/A

**Year Built:** 1987  
**Document #:** N/A

**Land Use Desc:** SFR  
**Carrier Code:** R006

**Legal Property Address:**

**06365-8006**

747-20900930

**To obtain a copy of your Property Assessment Profile and complimentary Grant Deed or other record of title, Please detach and return in the enclosed envelope with your service fee of \$123.00 You will receive your documents and report within 21 business days.**

Upon receipt of your service fee, your request will be submitted for document preparation and review. If for any reason your request for a Property Assessment Profile and complimentary Grant Deed or other record of title cannot be obtained, your service fee will be immediately refunded.

- Total Assessed Value
- Total Assessor Market Value
- Total Tax Amount
- Tax Year
- Subject Property legal Description
- Comparable Sales Data
- Area Sales & Tax Analysis
- Tax Delinquency
- Homeowners Exemption
- Tax Exemption
- Prior Transfer Recording Date
- Flood Report
- Shows the Recorded Transfer Date
- Shows the Sale Amount
- Shows the Square Footage

Property Site uses powerful software and cutting edge algorithms to analyze public information to create Property Assessment Profile Report. Due to the costs associated, we charge a service fee of \$123.00 for the Property Assessment Profile Report. As an additional benefit to our clients, we also include a complimentary copy of the current Grant Deed or other record of title. This is a complimentary copy and is not part of the \$123.00 service fee. This is not a bill. This is a solicitation. You are under no legal obligation to pay the amount stated, unless you accept this offer. If you are not 100% satisfied with this product, simply return it within 30 days for a full refund.

### Free Blood Pressure Screening:

On Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, we will continue our monthly blood pressure screening provided by an Uncas Health District nurse. No appointments are necessary and it's on a first come, first served basis. Everyone is welcome from 12:45 – 1:45 p.m. at the Preston Senior Center.

### My Favorite Sayings:

It's hard to climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pockets.

That's funny, I don't remember being absent -minded.

The person who spends all day looking for easy work always goes to bed tired.

The right attitude has a remarkable way of changing things for the better.

Friends are those rare people who ask how you are and then wait to hear the answer.

### Preston Senior Affairs Committee vacancy:

We are extending an invitation to Preston residents to consider becoming a member of the Preston Senior Affairs Committee. Monthly meetings are conducted on the First Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m., except for July and August when we are on recess. For further information, please contact the Senior Affairs Office at 860-887-5581 ext. 6

### WRITERS' PANTHEON

AIKEN	GRAY	PAINE
ARNOLD	HARDY	POPE
AUSTEN	JOYCE	RILEY
BARRIE	KAFKA	RUNYON
BAUDELAIRE	KIPLING	SPENSER
BRONTE	LONDON	SWIFT
CAMUS	MALRAUX	TWAIN
CONRAD	MANN	WELLS
DEFOE	MARLOWE	WHITMAN
DONNE	MENCKEN	
EMERSON	MORE	WORDSWORTH
FERBER	NASH	
FRANCE	O'NEILL	

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