

MULTI-SERVICE



NEWS

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OFFICE HOURS: 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.
Monday thru Friday
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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK....

So much has happened since moving into our new home in January 2006 that in many ways it seems like a long time ago; in other ways it seems like only yesterday. We have weathered 4 Thanksgivings, 4 Christmases, 5 Easters, 4 heating seasons, 5 tax seasons, and watched as both the services at The Center at Spring Street and Multi-Service have more than tripled. It has been such a pleasure to see just how well the facility handles all of the activity. The ability to offer additional services has increased our relationship with other agencies and has made it possible for them to expand their services to the residents of the community. This was all made possible through the financial support of area residents and the donation of hundreds of volunteer hours. Without the relationship with community residents, none of what has been accomplished would have been possible.

Multi-Service continues to look for ways to meet the ever growing demand for services. We strive to meet the recreational/social, educational and nutritional needs of those 55 years of age and older as well as offer supportive services to those faced with homelessness, unemployment, transportation issues and nutritional inadequacies. It is a challenging but very worthwhile endeavor. Independence and self sufficiency is the goal for all of the residents of the community and to help maintain a strong healthy community. Please feel free to offer suggestions as to how we can better serve you.

As the agency strives to help residents to achieve independence and self-sufficiency, programs are being implemented to help this organization achieve the same. Towards that end, the Boyertown Area Endowment Fund was established. The community has worked very hard to see this program succeed and we want to insure its success and service to the community for many years to come. Additional information about the Endowment Fund can be found on our website at www.boyertownareamulti-service.org (click on Ways to Help) or by calling 610-367-6957.

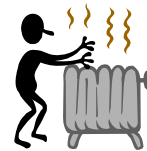
There are a couple of large fundraising efforts underway to help raise money for programs. One is the \$10,000 Vacation Raffle

and the other is the Second Annual Art Auction. The drawing for the Vacation Raffle is on September 11, 2010, which is the night of the Art Auction. The winner does not need to be present to win but anyone who has purchased a raffle ticket may use that ticket as entrance into the Art Auction.



Additional information for both of these events can be found on the Multi-Service website.

Although the summer season is upon us we are planning for the upcoming fuel season and how we might more efficiently serve those who are applying for fuel assistance through the LIHEAP program. We



are looking for volunteers who would be interested in completing fuel assistance applications from October 1, 2010 thru April 1, 2011. Volunteers will be asked to donate one day per week between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday thru Friday. Hours will also be available from 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. If you are available or would like additional information please call Dana at 610-367-6957.

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FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM

Farmer's Market checks are available and will be distributed by appointment only.

Call 610-367-6957 for an appointment. Checks are distributed by county of residence. Montgomery County checks are limited, so plan to pick them up as soon as possible. Montgomery County residents may also pick up their checks at the Pottstown Area Seniors' Center.



To be eligible for four \$5.00 checks you must be age 60 or older and have an income of \$20,036 or less if you are single or \$26,995 if married. Income includes interest, social security, wages, and child support that the entire household earned during 2009.



Checks may be used at participating farmers' markets and road stands to purchase freshly grown Pennsylvania produce. Please call Ginny if you have any questions regarding this program.

Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Inc. is a member agency of the Boyertown Area United Way, and is also funded in part by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging through Berks County Office of Aging, Montgomery County Aging and Adult Services, and the generosity of the individuals, churches and organizations of the Boyertown Area.

The Center at Spring Street Presents:

FINANCIAL EDUCATION SESSIONS

“IT’S A LONG MONTH: LIVING ON A FIXED INCOME”

July 6, 2010 – 10:45 A.M.

Are you living on a fixed income? Learn to “stretch” your income by setting priorities, establishing a budget, planning, and saving.

“AVOIDING IDENTITY THEFT”

August 17, 2010 – 10:45 A.M.

The fastest growing crime in America is identity theft. Learn how to protect yourself and your assets from thieves who want to steal your information. Anyone can be a victim of this crime. Presenter: Kimberly Wisser with Money Management International.

The above programs are free of charge to anyone age 55 and over. For more information, call The Center at Spring Street at 610-367-6957.



Computer classes will resume in Fall, 2010. Please call the Center to indicate your computer training needs!

DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

September 15 & 16, 2010

9:15 A.M. to 1:15 P.M.

8 hour course

September 22, 2010

9:15 A.M. to 1:15 P.M.

4 hour course




For prior participants of a Driver Safety Course within the last 36 months. Proof must be presented.

Fee: \$12.00 for AARP members
 \$14.00 for Non-members

This course covers the effects of aging and medications on driving, local hazards, accident prevention measures and more. Films and discussions will be presented and a driver’s manual provided. No written or on-the road test required. Upon completion of the course, your insurance company should give you a discount on your auto insurance.

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LOOKING AHEAD...

Multi-Service is accepting donations of “back to school” supplies. Any donations would be greatly appreciated by the end of July. Distribution of items will  begin in August. For questions regarding this program, please call Amy Davies at 610-367-6957. to indicate your computer training needs!

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