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Annual Public Hearing Announced

The Sussex County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior Services (Area Agency on Aging), and its Advisory Council will hold their Annual Public Hearing on Thursday, June 5, 2025, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Sparta Senior Center, 40 Trapasso Drive, Sparta, New Jersey. The purpose of the Hearing is to receive comments on the proposed 2026 Area Plan Update, which generates funding for Sussex County through the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended. The Public Hearing will summarize the planning and contracting process. In addition, a presentation of currently funded programs will be provided. Several service agencies will be available to provide information and answer questions. Attendees will have an opportunity to voice their opinions on current service needs for the seniors of Sussex County.

A copy of the 2025-2027 Area Plan Contract, including all currently funded services by the Sussex County Area Agency on Aging, can be obtained by visiting the Division of Senior Services website at: <https://www.sussex.nj.us/documents/20240416-Senior-Services-Resolution.pdf>.

Anyone who is interested in testifying at the Public Hearing or submitting written testimony should contact the Sussex County Division of Senior Services by May 30, 2025 at 973-579-0555, ext. 1222 or email seniorservices@sussex.nj.us.

Individuals requiring transportation to the Public Hearing may contact Sussex County Skylands Ride at 973-579-0480 no later than 11:00 a.m. on May 29, 2025 to make a reservation.

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Older Americans Day
Friday, May 16, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sussex County Fairgrounds Richards Building
37 Plains Road, Augusta, NJ 07822

Pre-paid Registration Required

Donation: \$8.00 per person

\$12 after May 9

(space permitting)

Sorry, there will be no refunds!

Send your check payable to:
SENIOR SERVICES TRUST FUND to
Sussex County Division of Senior Services
One Spring Street, Newton, NJ 07860

YOGA

(not Chair Yoga)
With Karen Felix

Sussex County Seniors and Veterans join us for a series of FREE classes of stretching, strengthening and flexibility building exercises!

Stillwater Community Center
931 Swartswood Road
Newton, NJ 07860

Mondays
June 16 to July 15, 2025
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration is required and opens **May 1**
For information or to register, please call
(973) 579-0555, ext. 1225 or
Email kking@sussex.nj.us

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SENIOR FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM

Income eligible seniors, age 60+ can receive a \$40.00 benefit to purchase local produce at participating farm stands. (A list of farm stands are provided with the booklet you will receive).

In order to receive the farmers market one-time per year benefit, you **MUST** meet **ALL** the following requirements.

1. Must be 60 years of age or older (**with proof of one of the following**)
 - a. Driver's license
 - b. Birth certificate
 - c. Sheriff Dept. I.D.
2. Must be a Sussex County resident (**with proof of one of the following**)
 - a. Driver's license
 - b. Utility or telephone bill
3. Income guidelines: **(GROSS income, NOT NET income)**, which means the amount before your Medicare deduction from your Social Security)

Gross Income Limits – See Dates & Amounts Below

	<u>6/1/25 - 6/30/25</u>	<u>7/1/25 – 6/30/26</u>
Single	\$27,861 yearly	\$28,953 yearly
	\$ 2,322 monthly	\$ 2,413 monthly
	\$ 536 weekly	\$ 557 weekly
Married	\$37,814 yearly	\$39,128 yearly
	\$ 3,152 monthly	\$ 3,361 monthly
	\$ 728 weekly	\$ 753 weekly

The program is available to eligible seniors from **June 1 to September 30, 2025** and your electronic benefit must be redeemed by November 30, 2025. Please contact the Division of Senior Services at 973-579-0555 for more information.



UPCOMING SENIOR TRIPS

Hardyston Senior Club – is hosting a bus trip on Wednesday, **July 9, 2025**, to New York City to see the Broadway show *And Juliet*. The cost is \$100 per person with balcony seating.

Hardyston Senior Club – is hosting a 3-day, 2-night bus trip to Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada from **September 10 – 12, 2025**. You will need a Passport. Too many activities to mention. The cost is \$575/pp double occupancy.

Hardyston Senior Club – is hosting a drive yourself event on Wednesday, **October 15, 2025**, at the Riverview Inn in Pennsylvania for Oktoberfest. The cost is \$55 per person.

Montague Senior Club – is hosting a drive yourself event on Wednesday, **July 16, 2025**, to the Forestburgh Playhouse for a lunch and show to see *Young Frankenstein*. The cost is \$73.50 per person.

Montague Senior Club – is hosting a bus trip on Monday, **July 28, 2025**, to Wind Creek Casino. The cost is \$45 per person.

Montague Senior Club – is hosting a three-day, two-night bus trip to Cape May from **December 8 – 10, 2025**. On this Gaslight and Gingerbread Holiday trip, you will stay at the Grand Hotel. The cost is \$699 pp/double occupancy.

XYZ Club – is hosting a bus trip on Wednesday, **July 30, 2025**, to the Forestburgh Playhouse in Forestburgh, NY to see the play *Newsies* and stop for lunch at The Erie Hotel in Port Jervis, NY. The cost is \$105 per person.

XYZ Club – is hosting a 2-day, 1-night bus trip to Lancaster, PA on **August 27, 2025 and August 28, 2025** to see *The Buddy Holly Story* at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre. The cost is \$397/pp double occupancy and singles add \$76.00.

XYZ Club – is hosting a bus trip on Tuesday, **October 14, 2025**, to the Riverview Inn in Matamoras, PA for a Special Oktoberfest Show, *The Wedding of Freida and Fritz*. The cost is \$83 per person.

For complete details, please contact the Division of Senior Services at 973-579-0555, ext. 1277.