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Working for You

A senior specific resource guide & invite to important public safety events inside...



IS YOUR CAR FIT?

Join Mike Norris for car safety screenings!

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What is EPIC?

The Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program is a New York State program for seniors administered by the Department of Health.

To join EPIC, a senior must:

- Be a New York State resident;
- Have an annual income below \$75,000 if single or \$100,000 if married;
- Be enrolled or eligible to enroll in Medicare Part D (no exceptions); and
- Not be receiving full Medicaid benefits.

For more information regarding the EPIC program, <http://on.ny.gov/2Aye3o8> or call **1-800-332-3742** (TTY: **1-800-290-9138**).

Important Local Contacts

ERIE COUNTY:

Erie County Office for Senior Services:.....(716) 858-8526
or www2.erie.gov/seniorservices

NIAGARA COUNTY:

Niagara County Office for the Aging:.....(716) 438-4020
or www.niagaracounty.com/aging

ORLEANS COUNTY:

Orleans County Office for the Aging:.....(585) 344-4400
or www.orleanscountyny.gov/OfficefortheAging

NY CONNECTS: Your link to

Long-Term Services and Supports.....1-800-342-9871

U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Federal Information Center (for all locations)1-800-333-4636
Health Care Fraud Hotline (Inspector General)1-202-418-3300
Internal Revenue Service - Information Line1-800-829-1040
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection1-518-434-1935
..... or 1-800-442-3863
Social Security Administration Hotline1-800-772-1213
TTY1-800-325-0778
Department of Veterans Affairs1-800-827-1000

TOLL-FREE HELPLINES & OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AARP1-202-434-2277
Alliance for Aging Research1-202-293-2856
Alzheimer's Association1-800-272-3900
Leading Age1-202-783-2242
American Cancer Society Response Hotline1-800-227-2345
American Diabetes Association1-800-342-2383
American Diabetes Assoc. Professional
Membership and Subscription Line1-800-232-3472
American Heart and Stroke Association1-800-242-8721
American Lung Association1-800-586-4872
Arthritis Foundation Information Line1-800-283-7800
Medicare and Medicaid Services Hotline1-800-MEDICARE
..... (1-800-633-4227)
National Cancer Institute1-800-422-6237
National Consumer Voice for Quality
Long-Term Care1-202-332-2275
National Hospice Organization1-800-658-8898
National Institute on Aging1-800-222-2225
Parkinson's Disease Foundation1-800-457-6676
NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs1-888-VETS-NYS
..... 1-888-(838-7697)

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Official Health Plan Marketplace.....1-855-355-5777

To contact Assemblyman Mike Norris on these or any other state issues:
8180 Main Street, Clarence, NY 14221 • (716) 839-4690

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Assemblyman Mike Norris & the Niagara County Sheriff Partner to Keep Motorists Safer

Is your car fit? Join Mike and the Sheriff's Office to screen your car for safety (including seat and mirror adjustments) at one of their upcoming events:

Saturday, April 28, 2018

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Lockport Town Hall

6560 Dysinger Road, Lockport, NY 14094

Saturday, June 16, 2018

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Olcott Fire Company

1691 Lockport Olcott Road, Burt, NY 14028

For more information:
www.car-fit.org/

Golden Park Program

If you are a New York State resident 62 or older, on any weekday (except holidays) you can obtain:

- Free vehicle access to many state parks, boat launch sites and arboretums and
- Fee reduction to state historic sites and state-operated golf courses.

You can do the above simply by presenting your currently valid New York State Driver License or New York State Non-Driver Identification Card.*

For locations with pay stations, please contact the facility directly for information. For information about facilities where this program is valid, contact the nearest state park, state park regional office – Niagara Region (serving Western New York): (716) 278-1770

or contact:

New York State Parks

Albany, NY 12238

518-474-0456

TTY/TDD through 711 Relay Service

**A New York State Driver License or a New York State Non-Driver Identification Card may be obtained from your local Motor Vehicle office. You may want to contact them first to be certain you bring the required forms of identification.*



What is RSVP?

THE RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)

- It provides life-changing opportunities for volunteers aged 55 and over.
- It helps meet the critical needs of communities by mobilizing thousands of volunteers who provide service.
- It strengthens public and nonprofit agencies by matching skilled volunteers with vital programs and services.

For more information:

Erie County RSVP: (716) 858-7548

Niagara County RSVP: (716) 285-8224 ext. 216



WHAT IS NY CONNECTS?

NY Connects helps anyone who needs information on long-term services and supports individuals with disabilities, older adults, family members and caregivers, friends or neighbors, veterans, and helping professionals.

NY Connects can help you ...

- Find care and support
- Remain independent
- Understand care options
- Find transportation
- Learn about supports in caregiving
- Find supported employment programs
- Get answers about Medicare
- Apply for medical and other benefits

For more information regarding NY Connects, visit www.nyconnects.ny.gov or call **1-800-342-9871** or your local NY Connects contacts:

Erie County: (716) 858-8526

Niagara County: (716) 438-3030

Orleans County: (585) 589-3191

Senior Citizens Real Property Tax Exemption

Local governments and school districts in New York State can opt to grant a reduction on the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying senior citizens. This is accomplished by reducing the taxable assessment of the senior's home.

To qualify, seniors generally must be 65 years of age or older and meet certain income limitations and other requirements. To see if your locality provides a tax exemption, call your local assessor.

Last year, I helped enact a new law excluding income from an exchange of an annuity that results in non-taxable gain from being considered as income when qualifying for the Senior Citizens Real Property Tax Exemption.

