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Municipal Agent For The Aging/Social Services

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I will not be in the office the week that the Senior Center is closed 12/22-1/2.

I will be home enjoying Christmas & New Years with my family. For Social Service type questions call SWCAA at 800-994-9422 or 211.

On Saturday 12/8/18, I had the pleasure of **representing Easton** by ringing the kettle bells for the **Salvation Army** at Stop and Shop in Fairfield. The funds from this drive benefit residents of Easton and surrounding towns with assistance with Fuel, Food and Shelter.

Fuel Assistance: I continue to be available to help with ABCD fuel assistance applications. Call me & make an appointment.

Easton's Food Pantry: A big thank you to all of you who have generously donated to the pantry!! We continue to accept donations of shelf stable food. If you know anyone who could benefit from the pantry let me know. I am happy to drop the groceries off at their home need be.

Accepting Monetary Donations & Gift Cards for Easton's Social Services Department

Senior Tax Relief Info on the other side

Tax Relief For Seniors 65 and Older

Town of Easton, State Tax Credit, and Additional Veteran's Exemption. This year's Town forms will be sent out to your homes in March and the State forms in February. The qualifications for Easton's Tax Relief will be the same as last year so find out if you might qualify ahead of time. Deadline for applications is in May but don't wait until the last minute. The tax office can help you figure out if you qualify for the town, state or veteran's tax assistance. ***Rachel*** in the ***tax office*** is so nice and helpful call and set up an appointment ***203-268-6291***.

Easton's Senior Tax Relief has two different options:

The Tax Abatement Program: This program provides a credit against the applicant's real-estate taxes. The credit is a % of last year's tax bill. Abatement % is calculated on a sliding scale based on income. Maximum abatement is 46%.

Tax Deferral Program (optional): This allows the applicant to defer up to 75% of their remaining tax after all other relief benefits have been taken. The deferral draws interest at the town's borrowing rate. The deferral continues until the house is sold, transferred, vacated or taxpayer dies. Deferred taxes may be repaid without penalty. The deferral is secured by a lien on the property.