## SENIOR NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019 MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE AGING/ SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR EASTON SENIOR CENTER ALISON WITHERBEE 203-268-1137

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HOURS Monday through Friday 8:30 to 3:30

Dear Friends,

I have been settling back in and it is so nice to see so many familiar faces and have such a warm welcome back! I attended a training at the Department of Veteran's Affairs in Rocky Hill which was not only inspiring, but informative. There are a lot of programs for veterans like *Wartime Service Medal ceremonies*, *flags on your driver's license* and much more so if you are a Veteran, or know of a Veteran please contact me. I have been out visiting seniors (new favorite part of my job) if you would like me to visit, or you have an issue you would like to discuss, please contact me. I am also putting ideas together for speakers and programs and NEED your input, what do you want to learn about?

Finally, the sun is going to shine... eventually!

## It's Time to Have Your Voices Heard

It's time to email, or call, your senator to make sure that the Asset Test that they are proposing be added to the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) application does not become a reality. This would mean that seniors who qualify for MSP would lose their Part B premium being paid for and currently the MSP is only based on your household's income. Here is a script for those who can email:

Dear Senator Hwang,

I want to thank you for your support in maintaining the Medicare Savings Program without an asset test. This Program is so vital to our older residents. Please do your best to hold this program harmless throughout the remainder of the budget session!

Tony.hwang@cga.ct or you can call his office at 1-800-842-1421

(Be sure to add your signature, that you are representing Easton and any other information you would like)

The Commission for Aging will meet on Monday, June 3rd at 5 pm at the ESC.

Happy Father's Day Happy Flag Day Happy Beginning of Summer