SENIOR NEWSLETTER MARCH 2021 MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE AGING/ SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR EASTON SENIOR CENTER ALISON WITHERBEE 203-268-1137 <u>awitherbee@eastonct.gov</u> HOURS Monday through Friday 8:30 to 3:30

Dear Friends,

I know that Punxsutawney Phil called for six more weeks of winter, but daylight savings starts March 14th and the first day of spring is March 20th so things are looking up! If you email, use the internet or ZOOM send me your email so I can let you know about webinars, ZOOM events and up to the minute information on Covid-19, and the Vaccine. Anne Fiyalka's 100th birthday celebration drive by parade was something to see, and it was wonderful to see so many friends, neighbors and dignitaries participate, that is what Eason is all about am I right? Please turn this over and read the notice form the town's Assessor's office about Tax Relief and the Veteran's Exemption. Visit the Town of Easton's website **eastonct.gov** there is a lot of information on the website and weekly updates from our First Selectman. Be safe,

Beginning February 11, 2021, Connecticut residents age 65 and older are now eligible to sign up to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Please see the link below that enables you to upload your information into the Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS) which is the online enrollment system you will use to register for vaccination

https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine

Please note that EACH individual MUST have his or her own unique email address to be entered into VAMS. No duplicate emails can be used. If you do not have email, please have a family member help you obtain an email address so you are able to sign-up in VAMS. Each individual will receive an email from CDC.GOV/VAMS which will allow you to make an appointment to receive the vaccine. Numerous locations for vaccination are available; please choose a location most convenient for you.

Schedule on the phone by calling the CT COVID Vaccine Appointment Assist Line at 877-918-2224. Beginning Monday, February 8, 2021, 125 trained contact specialists will be available to take phone calls to schedule vaccine appointments from 8a.m. to 8p.m., seven days per week.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE IS STILL AVAILABLE

It is not too late to apply for Energy Assistance, you can start by calling me and I can do a quick screening over the phone to see if you qualify. If you would prefer you can call *Alliance for Community Empowerment* (formerly ABCD, Inc.) yourself at 203-366-8241 and follow the prompts. Energy Assistance continues through March so it's not late to see if you qualify. Visit the **United Illuminating** website for some tips on how to save money and webinars you can attend virtually www.uinet.com/HelpwithBill

The Commission for the Aging will meet on March 1st at the ESC at 5pm Happy St. Patrick's Day