

**SENIOR NEWSLETTER      OCTOBER 2020**  
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**HOURS Monday through Friday 8:30 to 3:30**

Dear Friends,

It's the little things in life that we have to appreciate like the weather being cooler, but not too cold, our town's oldest resident celebrating 104 years, and that kids are adjusting to their new hybrid model of school! I have conducted a few Energy Assistance applications and all has gone very smoothly because everyone followed the protocols. If you think you might qualify for Energy Assistance please call me. ZOOM, Ring Central, Skype and FaceTime are the new ways of communicating so if you have email and/or a smart phone then email me so I can let you know about webinars on ZOOM like the one on October 6<sup>th</sup> (see below for details).

**Come ZOOM with Lisa Alhabal, Senior Medicare Patrol from the Southwestern CT Agency on Aging (SWCAA) Tuesday Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**  
Lisa will be discussing how to protect yourself from some of the scams out there related to COVID-19 and Medicare Open Enrollment. This is important for everyone to learn about so please email me so I can send out the link for the ZOOM meeting.

My email is [awitherbee@eastonct.gov](mailto:awitherbee@eastonct.gov)

**Medicare Open Enrollment begins on October 15<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
The process for reviewing or signing up for a Supplemental or Advantage Plan, or Part D prescription plan will be very different this year. There will not be the two days of individual appointments, but there will be support from myself and CHOICES counselors from SWCAA via telephone or ZOOM. Everyone must make an account on the Medicare.gov website before we can begin the task of helping you navigate the plan finder. I know this is not optimal for everyone, but no CHOICES counselors are allowed to assist clients in person due to COVID-19. Please call me with any questions you have and I will point you in the right direction. I will also post information on the town's website **eastonct.gov** so visit the site under ***Municipal Agent for the Aging or Social Services.***

*The Commission for the Aging will meet on October 5th, 2020 at 5pm in the Easton Public Library's community room.*

And lastly, please continue to social distance, wear your masks in public and be safe!