

**SENIOR NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2015**

**MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY/SENIOR SOCIAL SERVICES
EASTON SENIOR CENTER
ALISON WITHERBEE 203-268-1137 MONDAY – FRIDAY Hours: 9 AM to 2 PM
OUTREACH PAM HEALY 203 261-0289**

Dear Friends,

What is it they say? Hope SPRINGS eternal...well I am hoping that spring is going to come after the snowy, cold winter we've had! I must say that I was impressed by how prepared most of you were during the big storms...people I spoke to had batteries, water, oil in the tank, and food on hand so way to go! I just got off the phone with a daughter of a senior who informed me of numerous phone calls her mother was receiving that were SCAMS!!! A man called about there being trouble with the home computer, another call was about being entitled to a settlement for a medical procedure (which she didn't have by the way) and so, as always, DO NOT give any information to anyone over the phone, and please let me know if you or someone you know is receiving these sort of calls. As I write this it is *February 18, 2015* and it is my one year anniversary as your Municipal Agent!!!! I have enjoyed meeting so many of you, learning on the job and look forward to continuing to help you in any way I can!

Sincerely,

STATE TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

Qualifications for income for the **Elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Relief Program** applications are **Single \$34,600** and **Married \$42,200**. These levels are to be used for the 2014 Grand List Homeowner and Renter applications, 2015 Grand List Additional Veteran's applications and may also be used for any local option programs. You must provide your 2014 income along with Social Security Statement (1099) for 2014. Call the Assessor's Office for Applications and any questions you might have at 203-268-6291.

Bereavement Support Group

Our third meeting was held and we had a new member which was great! Going forward I have decided to set a definitive time for the meeting so that I don't change the days and times so often. Meetings will be held on the **last Wednesday of each month at noon** (so March's meeting will be on Wednesday, March 25th !!!!)

Fuel Assistance

Fuel Assistance ends on March 16th and so if you applied and still have a delivery left please order your fuel before the deadline. Please call my office **203-268-1137** with any questions you may have.

Please, call Pam Healy to arrange a visit. She is a caring listener, and has valuable information about the social services programs and resources available to you. As your Easton Outreach Visitor, Pam is available to you with just a phone call 203-261-0289.

The Commission for the Aging meets Monday, March 2nd at 5pm at the ESC