

SENIOR NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2022
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Dear Friends,

Fall is always a busy time with energy assistance and Medicare Open Enrollment which starts October 15th and goes through December 7th. Please read below for information pertaining to these two programs, and if you have any questions please contact me.

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

I will be having one Medicare Open Enrollment day and it will be **November 1st from 10 am to 2 pm** and it will be a HYBRID event. Lisa Alhabal from the **Southwestern CT Agency on Aging (SWCAA)** will be in person seeing clients for ½ hour sessions (and please note that if you are a couple then you need to make individual appointments). The other part of the day will be done with another CHOICES counselor via phone or Zoom (if you want zoom please let me know so a link can be sent to you). Whichever way you choose I will mail you a Personal Information Form (PIF) that you will need to (each) fill out and bring with you to your appointment, or mail or scan to me so I can forward to the counselor. This Open Enrollment day is for Easton residents only.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Energy Assistance season is here and applications can be done at my office starting September 15th or you may contact **Alliance for Community Empowerment** www.alliance.com or call 203-366-8241 if you prefer. You are welcome to call me to see if you qualify, or have any questions. If you would like to come to my office and complete an application please call, or email me, to set up an appointment. If you are approved for energy assistance deliveries begin on November 1st.

The following documents are required for applications:

- Bank Statement (for every member of the household)
- Current UI bill
- Any paperwork pertaining to Employment/Unemployment/Pension
- Paperwork from DSS if you are receiving SNAP benefits

The Commission for the Aging will meet on Monday October 3rd at 5pm at the ESC

