#### SENIOR NEWSLETTER **SEPTEMBER 2014** 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.

I cannot believe that the summer is over and that it's Labor Day weekend!!!! Things are busy in the Witherbee house with transitions into two new schools, two soccer teams and two girls who are keeping me on my toes!!! Things are busy here at the Municipal Agent's office as well, and I have many things planned for the fall. Open enrollment for Medicare is just around the corner and I am ready to answer questions, compare plan options and get you enrolled!!!! I have had some inquiries about bereavement groups in the area and it got me thinking why not start our own? If you are interested in a monthly meeting (during the day) please call me.

As always, I am here to help in any way I can!

The Commission on Aging will resume their monthly meeting on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at the ESC.

# Mark Your Calendars with these important dates!!!

## **FUEL ASSISTANCE**

Applications for Fuel Assistance will start on **October 1**<sup>st</sup>. Please call my office 203-268-1137 to make an appointment.

## **MEDICARE & OPEN ENROLLMENT**

Open Enrollment for changing your Medicare health or prescription drug coverage is from October 15<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Please start comparing your coverage with other options before October 15<sup>th</sup>. In most cases, this may be the one chance you have to make a change to your health and prescription drug coverage. On **October 28<sup>th</sup>** two CHOICES counselors will be here to help you with Medicare enrollment from 10am – 2pm so sign up to reserve your 30 minute slot!!!!

On Wednesday, **October 22<sup>nd</sup>** a representative from *Veteran's Financial* will be here giving a presentation on the Aid & Attendance Pension from the Department of Veteran's Affairs. This benefit, if you qualify, can help to defray the cost of care for you, or your spouse, from a home health agency, assisted or independent living community or a nursing home. Don't miss this opportunity to hear all about this benefit from the VA.

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.