

Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Newsletter

August 2026



MCAAA, Inc. Senior Centers: A Place to Connect, Stay Active, and Belong

As many of you know, our Agency, Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc, recently celebrated 50 years of serving the older adults of Mercer County. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on where we've been and how we got here. Looking ahead at the next 50 years, we're just as committed today as we were 50 years ago, and we'll continue working hard to serve the older adults of Mercer County for many years to come. With that being said, we would like to highlight one opportunity for you to stay active and engaged.

Have you ever visited one of our senior centers? We have four centers across Mercer County, and each one offers a full schedule of activities to keep you active, engaged, and connected. Whether you enjoy exercise classes, card games, crafts, educational programs, special events, or just sit down with friends for lunch and good conversation, there's always something going on. Our centers are open to the public to individuals 60 years of age and older.

Our senior centers are so much more than just a place to grab a warm meal. They're places where people make new friends, catch up with old ones, and find a sense of belonging. If you haven't stopped by in a while, we'd love to see you again. And if you've never visited, now is a great time to come check us out. You might be surprised by everything we have to offer.

As we look ahead at the next 50 years, we hope you'll continue to support your local senior center. Come to an activity, bring a friend, introduce yourself to someone new, or simply stop in for lunch. Every person who walks through our doors helps make our centers the welcoming places they are.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our senior centers over the years.

We couldn't do what we do without you.

Greenville Senior Community Center

45 Alan Ave.,
Greenville, PA 16125
724-588-3155

McQuiston Center by the Park

29 Railroad Street,
Sandy Lake, PA 16145
724-376-3608.

Grove City Senior Community Center

301 S. Broad Street,
Grove City, PA 16127
724-458-6844

Shenango Valley Senior Center & Adult Day Care

220 N. Buhl Farm Drive,
Hermitage, PA 16148
724-981-7950



Protect Yourself from Financial & Phishing Scams

Financial scams are becoming more sophisticated, with criminals posing as banks, mortgage companies, debt collectors, or other trusted organizations. They may call, text, or email claiming your account has been compromised, offering a better loan rate, or threatening legal action over an unpaid bill. Their goal is to pressure you into sharing personal information or sending money immediately—often through peer-to-peer (P2P) payment apps.

Remember: Legitimate financial institutions will never ask for your password, one-time security codes, or immediate payment through P2P apps.

What Is Phishing?

Phishing is a scam where criminals impersonate a trusted source to steal sensitive information such as passwords, bank account details, credit card numbers, or Social Security numbers. Phishing attempts may come through:

- Email (phishing)
- Text messages (smishing)
- Phone calls (vishing)
- Social media messages

Some messages also contain harmful links or attachments that can install malware on your device.

How to Protect Yourself

- Never share personal or financial information in response to an unexpected call, email, or text.
- Don't click on suspicious links or attachments.
- Contact your bank directly using the phone number on your card or its official website to verify requests.
- Enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) whenever possible.
- Be cautious of messages creating urgency or demanding immediate payment.

A few extra moments to verify a request can help protect your finances and your identity.

Resources:

Federal Trade Commission (FTC): <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-scams>
Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA): <https://www.cisa.gov/topics/cybersecurity-best-practices/social-engineering>

FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3): <https://www.ic3.gov>

Government Imposter Scams Posing as Local County Sheriff Offices

HARRISBURG – Attorney General Dave Sunday is warning Pennsylvanians to be aware of an uptick in government imposter scams in which callers pose as members of local County Sheriff's Offices. The calls appear to come from the county sheriff's offices due to the use of number spoofing, making their phone number appear legitimate on caller ID.

The caller may claim to be a sheriff and say an arrest warrant has been issued because you failed to appear for Federal Grand Jury duty or missed a court hearing. The scammer then demands payment for "bail" or a "bond" to avoid arrest.

"Scammers are becoming increasingly sophisticated and convincing, but their goal remains the same – to pressure you into sending money before you have time to verify the facts," Attorney General Sunday said. "No legitimate law enforcement agency or court will demand immediate payment over the phone. If you receive one of these calls, hang up, verify the information independently, and report it."

No law enforcement agency, government office, or court will ask you to pay any outstanding fees with gift cards, Bitcoin, or other cryptocurrency.

Red flags to watch out for:

- The caller insists you **stay on the phone with them until the payment is received.**
 - The caller **instructs you to withdraw cash from your bank account and deposit funds into a Bitcoin ATM.**
 - The caller encourages you to **tell the bank teller that the funds are for something else** like a car purchase or home improvement projects rather than the "bail/bond."
 - The caller says **you shouldn't tell anyone what is happening.**
 - The caller provides you with a **QR code or other code to scan or enter.**
- If you receive one of these calls:**

- **Hang up the phone immediately.**
- **Do not withdraw cash** from your bank when you receive instructions to do so over the phone.
- **Talk to someone you trust** – especially if the person on the phone says it is serious, involves a crime, or claims to be from the government or law enforcement.
- **Never deposit funds into a Bitcoin ATM** or purchase gift cards for services/payment.
- **Never transfer or send money, cryptocurrency, or gold** to someone you don't know in response to an unexpected call or message.
- If you receive a suspicious call and want to **confirm your local sheriff's department, please call 1-800-441-2555.**

If you received a call similar to one described above, you may submit a complaint form to the Office of Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection by visiting the [website](#), by emailing scams@attorneygeneral.gov, or by calling the office at 1-800-441-2555.



Good news! Mercer County still has 2026 Senior Farmers Market Vouchers available.

**If you haven't received yours yet,
contact one of the distribution locations below.**

Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc., is offering the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) to eligible Mercer County Seniors. This program is made possible through the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Food Distribution. The purpose of this program is to encourage older adults to eat more fresh fruit and vegetables produced by local growers as well as to support local growers. The SFMN provides \$25.00 in vouchers to eligible older adults. To be eligible to receive the vouchers in Mercer County, a consumer must be:

a resident of Mercer County;

and 60 years or older as of 2026;

and have a gross annual income (including interest, Social Security, wages, etc.) at or below \$29,526 for a single person, or \$40,034 for a couple.

(Income includes income before any deductions such as income taxes, Social Security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, bonds, etc.)

Proof of age and residency is required (driver's license, photo ID, etc.).

A representative may pick up the vouchers for an eligible Senior as long as they have a signed and completed proxy form and the consumer's proof of age and residency. The proxy form is available at any of the Agency's Senior Community Centers or the Administrative Office.

AN ELIGIBLE CONSUMER MAY ONLY RECEIVE THE \$25.00 VOUCHERS ONCE EACH YEAR.

Eligible Seniors can pick up their vouchers at the following locations at the times listed, while supplies last.

Greenville Area 724-588-3155

Greenville Senior Community Center, 45 Alan Ave., Greenville

Distribution hours are 1:00 P.M.—4:00 P.M. on the following dates:

Wednesday, August 5 & Wednesday, August 12.

Starting August 17th, Monday — Friday 2:00 P.M.—4:00 P.M.

Grove City Area 724-458-6844

Grove City Senior Center, 301 S. Broad St., Grove City, PA

Distribution hours are on the following dates:

Wednesdays, 1:00 P.M.—3:00 P.M.

Thursdays, 10:00 A.M.—11:30 P.M.

Sandy Lake Area 724-376-3608

McQuiston Center by the Park

29 Railroad St., Sandy Lake

Distribution hours are Mondays and Tuesdays

9:00—11:00 A.M. and 2:00—4:00 P.M.

Shenango Valley Area 724-981-7950

Shenango Valley Senior Center 220 N. Buhl Farm Drive, Hermitage

Tuesday—Thursday 2:00 P.M.—4:00 P.M.

Starting August 3, 2026, Monday—Friday after 2 P.M.

Mercer Area 724-662-6222

MCAAA, Inc., Administrative Office, 133 N. Pitt St., Mercer

Tuesdays —Thursdays from 9:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

Want to Save on Medicare Costs?

PA MEDI can help!

If you have limited income and resources, you may qualify for **Extra Help**, potentially saving you thousands on prescriptions each year.

There are also **Medicare Savings Programs** that may save you **money** on Part B Premiums each year. You can reapply for benefits even if you've been denied in the past!

PA MEDI is a free service provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging that provides free, unbiased Medicare counseling and can help you look for savings.



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Medicare Education and Decision Insight

PA MEDI is the known and trusted source
for unbiased Medicare information!

**Call the PA MEDI Helpline
1-800-783-7067
or your local
Area Agency on Aging
at 724-662-6222.**


Link
TO AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCES
1-800-753-8827


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Free On-Line Training:

Protecting Seniors Online: Think Before You Click

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Older adults are increasingly being targeted by financial fraud, including impersonation scams, phishing emails, and other schemes designed to steal personal and financial information.

To help protect this vulnerable population from online scams, the Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, is hosting a **virtual** workshop on cybercrime prevention.

Speakers will include Pennsylvania Attorney General Dave Sunday, David Shallcross of the Senior Protection Unit, Mary Bach, Consumer Issues Task Force Chair of AARP PA, Rick Cimakasky, representing the PA Bankers Association and VP Bank Fraud & Security Officer with Penn Community Bank and former FBI Special Agent, and the Pennsylvania State Police.

Designed for older adults, caregivers, family members, and anyone who supports seniors, this informative session will provide practical tips for recognizing online threats, protecting against financial scams, safeguarding personal information, and knowing what steps to take if you or a loved one becomes the victim of fraud.

For more information or to register, please email Trina Schellhammer, Public Engagement Manager, at tschellham@pa.gov.



Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

In Partnership with
**HopeCAT, Primary Health Network,
and Buhl Park**

Presents

Healthy Steps

for Older Adults

A PROGRAM TO PREVENT FALLS

Healthy Steps for Older Adults is an evidence-based program developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging to help adults learn practical ways to reduce their risk of falling and remain independent.



**FREE
PROGRAM**

DURING THIS INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP YOU'LL LEARN:



How to reduce
your risk of falls



Simple exercises to
improve balance and strength



Home safety tips
to prevent accidents



How medications, vision,
hearing, and foot health
affect fall risk



Community resources to
help you stay healthy and
independent



**WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16, 2026**
12:30 PM – 4:30 PM



**ACTIVITIES BUILDING
AT BUHL PARK**

730 Forker Blvd.
Hermitage, PA 16148

TO SIGN UP FOR HEALTHY STEPS:



Call Ericka at
724-662-6222

OR



Scan the QR code
to register online!

SCAN ME



Please register by Friday, September 11, 2026.

This program is offered at no cost to participants.



Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

*Enriching the quality of life of older adults
in Mercer County since 1976.*

WE ARE *Hiring!*

Join our dedicated team and make
a difference in the lives of older adults
in Mercer County.



MULTIPLE POSITIONS AVAILABLE



SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY AIDE

Help create fun, engaging
activities and meaningful
experiences for older adults.



ACCOUNTANT

Support our financial
operations with accuracy,
integrity, and attention
to detail.



OMBUDSMAN/ PA MEDI

Advocate for older adults and
help them access the services
and benefits they deserve.



CARE MANAGER

Coordinate services and
support to help older adults
maintain independence
and well-being.



OLDER ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES INVESTIGATOR

Investigate reports of abuse,
neglect, and exploitation and
help keep older adults safe.



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Provide essential support
to keep our office and
programs running smoothly.



READY TO MAKE AN IMPACT?

Email your resume to
admin@mercercountyaging.org



LEARN MORE ABOUT US AT
www.mercercountyaging.org



MERCER COUNTY FOOD BANK



Mobile Pantry • 2026 Schedule



Hermitage, PA

Sharon Baptism Church
1531 George St.

from 11am–1pm
or until supplies last

- Feb 5
- March 5
- April 2
- May 7
- June 4
- July 2
- Aug 6
- Sept 3
- Oct 1
- Nov 5
- Dec 3



Greenville, PA

St. John's
Lutheran Church
10 Beil Hill Rd.

from 11am–1pm
or until supplies last

- Feb 12
- March 12
- April 9
- May 14
- June 11
- July 9
- Aug 13
- Sept 10
- Oct 8
- Nov 12
- Dec 10



Transfer, PA

Reynolds Drive-In
Theater • 3706 N.
Hermitage Rd.

from 1pm–3pm
or until supplies last

- Feb 21
- March 21
- April 18
- May 16
- June 20
- July 18
- Aug 21
- Sept 18
- Oct 16
- Nov 20
- Dec 18

New time &
location →

If you are in need of food, but are unable to attend a Mobile Pantry distribution, we can help connect you with a local member agency for assistance. Visit mercercountyfoodbank.org or call 724-981-0353.

Did you know MCCT is no longer limiting trips?

That's right! You can now travel for medical, recreation, senior centers, shopping and visiting friends and family. We also transport to Cranberry and Pittsburgh for medical trips on Tuesday and Thursday



MERCER COUNTY TRANSIT: IT'S HOW WE GET THERE!

DOWNTOWN SHARON FARMER'S MARKET

2026 Season



**OUR 2026 SEASON RUNS 8 AM - NOON
BOTH WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS
JULY THROUGH OCTOBER
UNDER THE PAVILION NEXT
TO QUAKER STEAK & LUBE.
101 CHESTNUT AVE., SHARON**

Fresh produce, bakery treats, homegrown flowers, and pop-up artisan vendors! Plus the Farmer Dollar program, kids activities, coloring pages with Mercer County Food Bank and a Book Cart from the Community Library of the Shenango Valley!

Email us at
downtownsharonfarmersmarket@gmail.com to be a vendor today!



Black, Bashor & Porsch, LLP



Seed to Supper

A Beginner's Gardening Course*

Learn to Grow Veggies on a Budget!



Sponsor: Bethany Church

Where:

Bethany Church

100 W. Venango Street
Mercer, PA 16137

When:

Meet & Greet-Sept 15, 2026
from 5:30-7:00 PM

Classes: Start Sept 22 thru Nov 10
from 5:30-7:30 PM every Tuesday

Who:

Open to ALL community members.

How:

Pre-registration is required
Contact Kinorea: 814-350-7748
kkt5317@psu.edu



Join the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners in learning how to build healthy soil, plan your growing space, choose your crops, care for your growing garden and harvesting your bounty!
**Attend cooking demos and tastings of vegetables you*

Might have grown in your garden if available.



Plan to attend all 8 classes.

Participants can receive a free seeds and other gardening supplies based on availability of those supplies for this program.



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UPCOMING Community events:

2026 Buhl Park Concert Series Sundays at 6:00PM and Wednesdays at 6:30PM

Sun., Aug. 2	The Terry Dach Band	Americana, Folk Rock, Classic and Originals
Wed., Aug. 5	Rick Hornyak & The Highway Companions	Americana and Classic Rock
Sun., Aug. 9	Four Kings and a Queen	Funk, Rock, R & B, Motown and Jazz
Wed., Aug. 12	FX Project	A variety of Blues & Funk
Sun., Aug. 16	Silver Springs	Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band
Wed., Aug. 19*	The Groove	Lively mix of Classic Rock, Pop, Funk, and R&B favorites
Sun., Aug. 23	Menagerie	A wide variety of music, bring your dancin' shoes!
Wed., Aug. 26	The Dorals	Music of the 50's, 60's, 70's, Soul, R & B, Motown & more
Sun., Aug. 30	Vegas Reunion Band	R & B, Pop, Funk, Soul and Blues
Wed., Sep. 2	RAIN DATE	Reserved for a rain make-up
Mon., Sept. 7	BUHL DAY	Buhl Day on Labor Day Event – live music, food, kids activities
Wed., Sept. 9	RAIN DATE	Reserved for a rain make-up
Sun., Sept. 13	RAIN DATE	Reserved for a rain make-up
Fri., Sept. 18	Mr. Miyagi 80s Band	The ultimate 80s party with electrifying rock and pop hits

**On June 24th, July 22nd, and August 19th, presenting sponsor UPMC Health Plan will be onsite offering free health screenings.*



Property Tax/Rent Rebate Deadline

EXTENDED

Apply for rebates on rent and property taxes paid in 2025. Deadline to apply Dec. 31.

Learn more and apply: pa.gov/PTRR

We're on Facebook!

The Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is excited to announce that we now have a Facebook page! Follow us at **Mercer County Aging** to stay up to date on programs, services, community events, wellness tips, and important announcements. We look forward to connecting with you online!

Senior Resources

AARP (www.aarp.org)— The National site for AARP a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization for people, ages 50 and older. Call 1-888-687-2277

Benefits Checkup (www.benefitscheckup.org)— An online questionnaire to help search for a list of all state and federal benefits.

COMPASS (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Application for Social Services [www.compass.state.pa.us])— Enables Pennsylvania citizens to apply for social service programs online. Call 1-800-692-7462.

Medicare (www.medicare.gov)—The official government site for Medicare consumer information. Call 1-800-633-4227

Mental Health Services

Do you need to talk to someone about loneliness or depression?

Locally:

Mercer County Crisis:

724-662-2227

Community Counseling Center Warm Line:

724-981-1741

1-866-853-7758

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

Dial 988 –or- 1-800-273-8255

Veteran Crisis Line: Call 988 then press 1.

Want to see if you can save money on Medicare costs? Call PA MEDI at 724-662-6222.

PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY 		
Call: 800-225-7223	PAGE	PACENET
Age 65+		
PA Resident for at least 90 days		
Individual Income	under 14,500	between 14,500- 33,500
Married Income	under 17,700	between 17,700- 41,500

Local Volunteer Opportunities:

Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc.
724-662-6222

American Red Cross 1-800-422-7677

Meals on Wheels 724-342-2042

United Way of Mercer County 724-981-1884

Mercer County Food Bank 724-981-0353

MCAAA, Inc. Contact Information:

www.mercercountyaging.org



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