

Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Newsletter

July 2026



The Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. wishes everyone a safe, happy, and enjoyable summer! We hope you're able to take advantage of the warm weather, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy all the season has to offer. Whether you're attending community events, relaxing at home, or exploring the outdoors, we wish you a fun, safe, and healthy summer!

SCAM ALERT FOR VETERANS

Mercer County Area on Aging, Inc. has been made aware of reports involving a misleading "Veterans Savings Program" postcard that may appear to be an official government or veterans benefit communication. There have been reports of Veterans from several states receiving these misleading postcards.

Before providing any information to any mailed request:

- Verify the source,
- Never share personal or financial information with unknown organizations.

If you miss a VA benefits payment, notice a discrepancy, or suspect suspicious activity with your direct deposit, contact VA right away at 1-800-827-1000.

If you suspect you have experienced fraud, you can find out more and report to the appropriate agency at [VSAFE.gov](https://www.vsafe.gov) or by calling 1-833-38V-SAFE.



Getting organized can be one of the BIGGEST challenges. Caregivers – we have you covered! Visit the pa.gov/CareKit to find printable worksheets to help with tasks like medication management, doctor visits, caregiver schedules, and so much more!



2026 Farmers Market Voucher Program Distribution Schedule

SENIOR FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM

Summer is here and with the warm weather comes locally grown, fresh fruits and vegetables. 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:

July 1, 2, 8, 10, 15, 17, and 22.

Wednesday, August 5 and Wednesday, August 12.

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.

July 1, 8, 15, and 22.

Thursdays, 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

July 9, 16, and 23.

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

Tuesdays & Thursdays 2:00 P.M.–4:00 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.

STEPS TO SAFE AND HEALTHY FRUITS & VEGETABLES

From the Store to Your Table

Fruits and vegetables are healthy to eat. But did you know that harmful germs, like *Salmonella*, *E. coli*, and *Listeria*, can sometimes be on fruits and vegetables? There are steps that can help keep you healthy—and your fruits and vegetables safer to eat—from the store to your table.



Fruit and Vegetable Safety at the Store or Market



Check for Bruises

- Choose fruits and vegetables that are free of bruises or damaged spots, unless you plan to cook them.



Keep Precut Fruits and Vegetables Cold

- Choose precut and packaged fruits and vegetables that are refrigerated or kept on ice.



Separate

- Separate fruits and vegetables from raw meat, poultry, and seafood in your shopping cart and in your grocery bags.

Fruit and Vegetable Safety at Home

Get fruits & vegetables home and in the fridge in 2 hours or less



Wash

- Wash your hands before and after preparing fruits and vegetables.
- Wash or scrub all fruits and vegetables under running water before eating, cutting, or cooking.
- Fruits and vegetables labeled "prewashed" do not need to be washed again at home.



Keep Cold

- Refrigerate cut, peeled, or cooked fruits and vegetables as soon as possible, or within 2 hours.
- Use a refrigerator thermometer to make sure the temperature stays at 40°F or below.



Separate

- Store fruits and vegetables away from, and not next to or below, raw meat, poultry, and seafood. These items can drip juices that may have germs.
- Use a separate cutting board for fruits and vegetables that is never used for cutting or preparing raw meats, poultry, or seafood.
- Wash cutting boards, counter tops, and utensils with hot, soapy water before and after preparing fruits and vegetables.

For more information, call 1-800-CDC-INFO or visit www.cdc.gov.

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Accessible version: <https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/communication/steps-healthy-fruits-veggies.html>



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

SATURDAY SPECIAL BINGO!

July 25, 2026

*@ The Senior Center!
Open to the Public -
All Welcome!*



**Greenville Senior
Community Center**

45 Alan Avenue (entrance to the Park)
724-588-3155

- Doors open at 11:00 AM
- Bingo starts at 12:30 pm
- \$6.00 per packet
Includes:
10 regular games and 2 specials
- Refreshments available for sale
Hot Dogs
Chili Dogs
Chips
Cookies
Pop
- FREE Coffee
- 50/50

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!

SUMMER SAFETY

TIPS FOR ADULTS

DO

STAY HYDRATED.

Drink at least eight glasses of water and/or fruit juices every day.

STAY INDOORS.

In extreme heat and high humidity, the body works harder to maintain a normal temperature. Limit your outdoor activity to the morning and the evening.

DRESS APPROPRIATELY.

Loose-fitting and lightweight clothing is best. Dress in lighter colors that reflect the sun and heat.

PROTECT YOUR SKIN AND EYES.

Wear sunglasses to block harmful UV rays. Wear sunscreen of SPF30 or higher.

KNOW THE SIGNS OF HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES SUCH AS DEHYDRATION, HEAT STROKE, HEAT EXHAUSTION, ETC.

DON'T

OVERDO ALCOHOLIC AND CAFFEINATED BEVERAGES SUCH AS SODA, COFFEE AND TEA LEAVE YOU DEHYDRATED QUICKLY.

FORGET TO USE A FAN OR AIR CONDITIONER.

WEAR DARKER COLORS THAT ATTRACT THE SUN AND HEAT.

FORGET TO WEAR A HAT AND GLASSES.

HESITATE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION IF YOU FEEL ANY SYMPTOMS.

DOWNTOWN SHARON FARMER'S MARKET

2026 Season

FARMERS MARKET

DOWNTOWN SHARON, PA

**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





MERCER COUNTY FOOD BANK



Mobile Pantry • 2026 Schedule



Hermitage, PA

Sharon Baptist 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
- Sep 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 Elementary
School • 1609
Brentwood Dr.

from 11am–1pm
or until supplies last

- Feb 21
- March 21
- April 18
- May 16
- June 20
- July 18
- Aug 15
- Sept 19
- Oct 17
- Nov 21
- Dec 19

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.



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



Wrapping Up the 2026 Mercer County Senior Games!

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the
2026 Mercer County Senior Games!

We had an incredible two weeks of exciting competition and community spirit during the
Mercer County Senior Games, with events taking place across the entire county.

Stay tuned—results will be announced soon!

We're already looking forward to next year's games. Be sure to sign up and
bring a friend to join in the fun!

Thank you for making the 2026 Senior Games a success!

Thank you to the 2026 Mercer County Senior Games Sponsors!

Platinum Sponsors:

- * Anderson Coach & Tour * Cashdollar/ Confluence *
- * UPMC Health Plan * Walberg Family Pharmacies *

Gold Sponsors:

- * Acrisure / Davevic Benefit Consultants *
- * Lifeline Physical Therapy *
- * NuChoice Home Care *

Silver Sponsors:

- * St. Paul's Senior Living Community *

Bronze Sponsors:

- * Datex Inc. *
- * Gilbert's Risk Solutions *
- * Shenango Valley Tennis Club *

Facility Sponsors:

- * 10 Pin Alley *
- * Buhl Park * Buhl Community Recreation Center *
- * Greenville Borough/Riverside Park *
- * Grove City Memorial Park *
- * Hermitage School District *
- * MCAAA, Inc., Senior Community Centers *
- * Tam O'Shanter Golf Course *

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!

WE'RE HIRING!



Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

Are you looking to make a difference?
Consider joining our team and make a difference in the lives of
older adults in Mercer County.

Full-time and part-time positions available:

- Care Manager
- Protective Services Investigator
- Ombudsman (advocate for long term care residents)
- PA MEDI Coordinator (insurance counseling)
- Senior Center Aide

If you are passionate about improving the lives of others,
we want to hear from you!

For more information about our mission, services or job
offerings, check our website at
www.mercercountyaging.org or scan the QR Code.
Call 724-662-6222 or email admin@mercercountyaging.org
We can't wait to meet you!



Make a Difference: Volunteer with the Mercer County Area Agency on Aging!

Looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community?

The Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. has volunteer opportunities that make a real impact on the lives of
local seniors—and we're looking for compassionate people like you!

Whether you'd like to become a trained advocate for residents in long-term care and be an Ombudsman, educate the
public about Medicare options through the PA MEDI program, or simply answer phones or help serve meals at a senior
center, there's a role that fits your interests and schedule.

Call 724-662-6222 today to learn how you can get involved, make new connections,
and support older adults in your community.

Volunteer. Connect. Make a difference.

UPCOMING Community events:

State Representative Parke Wentling Senior Expo

Friday, July 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hickory VFW, located at [5550 East State St.](#) in Hermitage.

2026 Buhl Park Concert Series

Sundays at 6:00PM and Wednesdays at 6:30PM

Sun., July 5	The Breeze Band	Hits of Michael Jackson, Prince, Bruno Mars, Earth Wind and Fire
Wed., July 8	Vintage Vinyl Band	Favorites from the 60's to 70's
Sun., July 12	2nd Avenue Project	Rock n' Soul hits from Chicago, Santana, Steely Dan & more
Wed., July 15	The Dante DiThomas Swing Band	A variety of Swing, Jazz and Pop Music
Sun., July 19	Mercer Community Band	A variety of Concert Band Music
Wed., July 22*	Guys Without Ties	Classic Rock with horns, music from old to new
Sun., July 26	Reminiscent	Music from the lady groups of 60's Motown and more.
Wed., July 29	12th St Band	From the 60's, 70's, 80's through the music of today
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.*

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



Administration / Care Management / Older Adult Protective Services

133 N. Pitt Street, Mercer, PA 16137
724-662-6222

Greenville Senior Community Center

45 Alan Avenue, Greenville, PA 16125
724-588-3155

Grove City Senior Community Center

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

McQuiston Center by the Park

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

Shenango Valley Senior Center and Adult Day Care

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