



Celebrating 50 Years of Service – Senior Center Open Houses

The Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is proud to celebrate **50 years of service** to older adults in Mercer County. Since its founding, the agency has worked to support independence, health, and quality of life for seniors through programs, services, and the county's senior centers.

As part of this milestone celebration, the agency will host a series of **Senior Center Open Houses** throughout April. These events will provide community members with an opportunity to visit local senior centers, learn about programs and activities, and see firsthand the services available to older adults in Mercer County.

Each open house will take place from **3:00 PM – 6:00 PM** and will include **light hors d'oeuvres, program and activity demonstrations, health screenings, door prizes, and a "Become a Dementia Friend" presentation at 5:00 PM.**

Open House Schedule

Tuesday, April 7

Greenville Senior Center
45 Alan Ave., Greenville

Thursday, April 9

McQuiston Center by the Park
29 Railroad St., Sandy Lake

Tuesday, April 14

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

Thursday, April 16

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



Community members are encouraged to stop by, meet staff, and learn more about the programs, services, and social opportunities offered at Mercer County's senior centers.

There is **no cost to attend** and **donations will be accepted.**

For more information, contact Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. at **724-662-6222.**

Coming Soon! The 2026 Mercer County Senior Games!
June 1– June 13, 2026

Building a Dementia Friendly Community

As part of our 50th anniversary celebration, our agency will offer Dementia Friends Information Sessions during each open house at 5:00 PM. These short presentations are designed to help community members better understand dementia and learn simple ways to support individuals living with the condition.

The Dementia Friends program helps people understand what dementia is and how it affects thinking, memory, and daily life. Participants learn key facts about dementia, including that it is not a normal part of aging and that it is caused by diseases of the brain. The program also emphasizes that people living with dementia can continue to live meaningful lives and remain active members of their communities.

During the one-hour session, participants will learn the five key messages everyone should know about dementia and gain a better understanding of what it may be like to live with the condition. The presentation also shares practical ways people can support friends, neighbors, and family members experiencing cognitive changes.

Our agency is proud to have a certified Dementia Friends Champion on staff who will present the information during the open houses. These sessions provide an opportunity for community members, families, and professionals to increase awareness and help build a more dementia-friendly community.

We invite everyone to join us at our open houses, learn something new, and take part in supporting individuals and families affected by dementia as we celebrate 50 years of service to our community.



PA Senior Food Box Program

The PA Senior Box program is a nationwide, federally funded program that provides low-income seniors with the food they need. This program serves 450 seniors at 29 locations across Mercer County. To qualify, seniors must have an income at or below 150% of the federal poverty level based on household size. Call the Mercer Co. Food Bank for more information at 724-981-0353.

**AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE SITES
IN MERCER COUNTY FOR 2026**

Free in-person tax preparation service for low-to-moderate income taxpayers but especially those who are older than 60.

All sites require an appointment scheduled in advance only.

LACKAWANNOCK TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL

1742 MERCER WEST MIDDLESEX RD, **MERCER**

WE: 09:00 AM - 02:00 PM

TH: 09:00 AM - 02:00 PM

MUST SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

(724) 300-3112

2/4/2026 - 4/9/2026

HICKORY VFW POST 6166

5550 E STATE ST, **HERMITAGE**

MO: 09:00 AM - 01:30 PM

TU: 09:00 AM - 01:30 PM

MUST SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

(724) 815-0206

2/2/2026 - 4/13/2026

JAMES STONER VFW POST 6233

3747 NEW CASTLE RD, **WEST MIDDLESEX**

WE: 09:00 AM - 01:30 PM

TH: 09:00 AM - 01:30 PM

MUST SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

(724) 418-4119

2/4/2026 - 4/8/2026

DAVID JOHNSON MEMORIAL CHAPEL

94 COLLEGE AVENUE, **GREENVILLE**

MO: 09:00 AM - 01:30 PM

TU: 09:00 AM - 01:30 PM

MUST SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

(724) 252-8881

2/2/2026 - 4/7/2026



Did you know AARP has virtual online events? Go to www.aarp.org/events to learn more.

Mercer County Property Tax Reassessment Update

Tentative Value Notices have been mailed out to property owners in Mercer County. This notice has the new value that has been calculated based on the data collected for each property listed at the bottom of the form. As you review this value, ask yourself if you would or could sell your property for the amount listed. If you feel that the value is accurate, you don't need to do anything more at this time. However, if you feel that the property value is inaccurate you have the opportunity to appeal. Please call 724-662-3800 ext. 2505 for more information. We will have more information on this soon.

2026 PRIMARY ELECTION DEADLINES

- The deadline to register to vote for the May 19, 2026 Municipal Election is **May 4, 2026**.
- The Last day to request a Mail-In ballot is **May 12, 2026 by 5:00 PM**.
- Mail-In Ballots **must be returned by 8 pm on May 19, 2026**.

MCAAA, Inc. Program Highlight: Caregiver Support Program

Caring for an older loved one can be rewarding—but it can also be challenging. Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. offers a dedicated Caregiver Program designed to support individuals who care for adults age 60 and older. Caregivers may be spouses, family members, neighbors, or friends, and the program helps families assess their needs and find practical solutions that make caregiving more manageable. Through benefits counseling, caregivers learn about services and supports available to them. Using a cost-sharing approach, families may receive up to **\$600 per month** to help offset out-of-pocket expenses such as respite care or caregiving supplies. The program also supports home modifications—including ramps, stair lifts, and bathroom updates—so older adults can safely remain at home. For a free caregiving resource created by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging please visit www.pa.gov/carekit.

To learn more about the Caregiver Support Program, please call 724-662-6222.



New “Fancy” QR Codes are Making Quishing More Dangerous

Scammers are increasingly using visually stylized, or “fancy,” QR codes to deliver phishing links, according to Help Net Security. Unlike traditional black-and-white grids, these QR codes embed colors, logos, and images that preserve scan functionality while evading both human suspicion and some detection tools. Citing research from Deakin University, Help Net Security notes that these artistic designs can make malicious codes nearly unrecognizable. The threat is amplified because QR codes are often scanned on personal phones, bypassing workplace security controls, and can even be placed as physical stickers in public locations. With reports showing that 73% of Americans scan QR codes without checking the destination and millions redirected to malicious sites, agencies like the FTC and New York City DOT have issued warnings—underscoring the growing risk of “quishing.”

NEW! SPRING, 2026!

A variety of Adult classes are available at the Mercer County Adult Education center.

Open to ANY ADULT wanting to learn something new! Bring a friend or make new ones!

BASIC COMPUTER CLASS is an introductory computer course that will cover operating systems of the computer. Students will learn the basics of navigating around a computer and exploring the internet. In addition, students will learn the basics of email, hands on experience with word processing, spreadsheets and slideshows. Class sessions in the Sharon and Grove City Locations.

To see all the classes the center offers, visit www.mercercountyadulthood.org.

Celebrating
50
YEARS

MERCER COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING, INC.
INVITES YOU TO OUR

SENIOR CENTER OPEN HOUSES

JOIN US FOR FOUR OPEN HOUSE EVENTS!

3PM-6PM

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Thursday, 4/16 | Shenango Valley Senior Center
220 N Buhl Farm Dr., Hermitage

- ★ Become a Dementia Friend – Presentation at 5 PM
- ★ Hors d'Oeuvres & Refreshments
- ★ Program & Activity Demos
- ★ Door Prizes
- ★ Health Screenings

NO COST TO ATTEND!

Donations Accepted.

CALL 724-662-6222 FOR MORE INFORMATION!

FREE WEBINAR for Northwest Pennsylvania: UNDERSTANDING DUAL ELIGIBILITY

Thursday, March 26, 2026 | 1:30 PM- 3 PM



Shenango Valley Senior Center

220 N. Buhl Farm Drive

Hermitage, PA 16148

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM ET

What You'll Learn: People with Medicare and Medicaid are known as “dual eligibles”. Medicare and Medicaid provide good health insurance coverage, but navigating these two big (and separate) programs is complicated. People often face challenges getting coverage and care, especially during transitions. This HYBRID training session will include: the basics of dual eligibility coverage; common problems dual eligibles face and tips for troubleshooting them; and programs that help with Medicare costs. A representative from the local PA MEDI Program (PA's State Health Insurance Program) will talk about the services they provide to help people on Medicare and dual eligibles. A representative from the host Senior Center will talk about the services they provide.

The Pennsylvania Health Law Project (PHLP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit legal services organization.

www.phlp.org

Are you a Grandparent Raising your Grandchild in Pennsylvania?



The PA Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Legal Line is here for you.

1-877-727-7529 Statewide



Pennsylvania Department of Aging

Mobile Pantry Monthly Schedule

SANDY LAKE

Sandy Lake Presbyterian Church

1st Wednesdays

- 11am–1pm

GREENVILLE

St. John's Lutheran Church

2nd Thursdays

- 11am–1pm

TRANSFER

Reynolds Drive-In Theater

3rd Fridays

- 12–2pm

*Dates and times are subject to change.

Distributions are first come first serve to income eligible Mercer County recipients until quantities run out.

Caregiving journeys are unique, but shared experiences can help.



CAREGIVER RESOURCES

The Many Faces of Caregiving

Explore some of the common caregiver stories from others. Find reassurance, advice, and resources for your situation.

PA CareKit

pa.gov/CareKit

What's New in Medicare

"NEW" MEDICARE CARD SCHEMES



Do you know what isn't new this year?
Your Medicare card.

People with Medicare **ARE NOT** receiving new cards this year, But scammers may attempt to convince you otherwise.



PROTECT

Medicare and/or health ID #s and only share it with your health care provider or trusted person. **Protect your Medicare card like you would a credit card.** Scammers have ways of stealing your personal information.



DETECT

medical identity theft by reading your Medicare statements often. If you see services or prescriptions that you didn't know about or receive, your Medicare and/or health ID number could be considered "compromised."



REPORT

potential medical ID theft to your local **SMP** as it can affect your medical and health insurance records, ability to receive future services or equipment, and lead to incorrect costs for both you and the Medicare program.



RED FLAGS TO LOOK FOR:



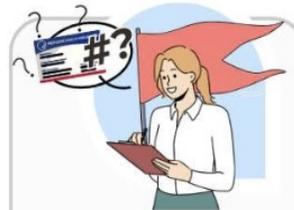
Unsolicited calls from anyone claiming to be from Medicare



Anyone requesting your personal information so that they can send you an updated Medicare card



Anyone saying your card is expiring, and they need to send you a new one or you will be charged a fine



Anyone stating Medicare is issuing new cards and you need to verify your number



Contact your local **Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)** if you believe you have experienced potential Medicare fraud, errors, or abuse.

smpresource.org | 877.808.2468



Contact your **SHIP** if you have questions about 2026 coverage, enrollment periods, or cost assistance programs.

shiphelp.org | 877.839.2675



Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

ADULT DAY SERVICES

220 N. Buhl Farm Drive, Hermitage, PA 16148

For every person enrolled in an adult day care program,
two people get their lives back:
the Individual and the Caregiver.

Visiting a Center will prove that life does not end with a diagnosis.
Adult Day Services can serve as the cornerstone
of community-based long-term living.

Adult Day Care Programs are designed
to serve adults experiencing a decrease in
physical, mental and social functioning.

The Adult Day environment
recognizes and attends to emotional and intellectual needs,
as well as physical needs.

If you think this program
can help you and your loved one,
call 724-981-7950 or email adc@mercercountyaging.org.

Open Monday through Friday.



YOU might be perfect for the ombudsman program if you:

- Are 18 years or older.
- Have reliable transportation.
- Agree to complete a background check.
- Agree to visit long-term care facilities on a regular basis.
- Agree to complete certification training.

For more on the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman:



You can make a difference!

Become a volunteer ombudsman

Benefits of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

- Residents of long-term care facilities benefit through trusting relationships with trained volunteers who are well-informed and objective, listen to concerns, and respect residents' privacy and confidentiality.
- Volunteers benefit through the joy of making a difference in the lives of residents, and volunteers utilize and enhance their interpersonal skills.

Volunteer ombudsmen utilize skills in:

- Time management
- Teamwork
- Listening
- Communication
- Analyzing information
- Relationship building
- Problem solving
- Negotiation skills

Contact us:

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

Our mission

“Advocate for those who can’t, support those who can, and ensure all long-term care consumers live with dignity and respect.”

Residents have the right to:

- Be treated with dignity and respect
- Exercise self-determination
- Participate in the creation of one’s individualized care plan
- Know about services and financial charges
- Express a grievance without fear of retaliation
- Privacy in treatment and care

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.

Don't forget to check our website!

www.mercercountyaging.org

PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE		
ELIGIBILITY		
Call: 800-225-7223	PAGE	PACENET
Age 65+	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PA Resident for at least 90 days	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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