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The main office of PASS at 308 Walnut Street is open Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. to service the general public. You can call the main office at (215) 923-1900. Clients coming to the main office are asked to call in advance so that a Social Service Representative can be assigned to provide information and assistance and to secure appropriate documents and information necessary for processing each request.

Some services are listed in this newsletter, but the staff can assist you with many other programs available to both senior citizens and individuals of all ages. Services can be provided in the English or Polish language. Everyone is welcome to contact the agency for services.

PASS also makes many community outreach visits throughout the year. There are also several special outreach visits made to senior citizen groups which are announced in local newspapers or church bulletins.

The following outreach service locations and schedules are in operation: Daily services for clients from these areas are also available at the main office.

Main Office:

308 Walnut Street
Downtown Philadelphia
Monday to Friday
9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Port Richmond & Fishtown areas:

St. Adalbert Office
Thompson Street & Allegheny Avenue
Every Tuesday
9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Northeast/Bridesburg & Frankford areas:

St. John Cantius Hall
Thompson & Orthodox Streets
Every 1st Wednesday
10 A.M. to 12 Noon

Manayunk/Roxborough areas:

St. Josaphat Hall
Cotton & Silverwood Streets
Every 3rd Monday
10 A.M. to 12 Noon

Other outreach areas served by PASS are announced in community newspapers and in church bulletins.

For information on those outreach visits call the main office at (215) 923-1900.

Medicare Updates for October 2007

Fall is here, and it is time to revisit Medicare issues as this is the time to make any changes you may need or ask questions you may have about your medical insurance and prescription drug coverage.

First of all, the Social Security Administration began sending redetermination letters in mid-September, to people who qualified for the Extra Help program for Medicare Part D. If you receive this redetermination letter, DO NOT throw it away. It should be completed and returned to Social Security within 30 days. If you need help understanding or completing this form, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or PASS at 215-923-1900 where assistance is rendered in the English and Polish Languages.

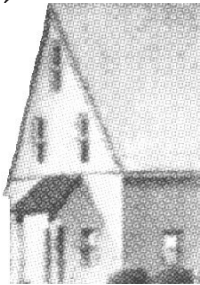
In October, medical insurance and prescription plans will begin to announce changes in their plans for 2008. If you would like to make any changes to either your medical insurance or prescription plan, Medicare has an open enrollment period from November 15th through December 31st for people that would like to make changes for 2008. If you need assistance, please call PASS at 215-923-1900. You will be assisted or referred to the proper agency that can handle your concern.

Get Ready for Winter

PASS would like to send out a friendly reminder to think ahead for the things you may need this winter. Have you considered the following:

1. How is my heater doing? Was it acting up at the end of last winter? Did I renew my maintenance agreements?
2. Did I budget for the upcoming heating bills? Should I consider going on a budget or payment plan with my fuel vendor?
3. Do I have any problems closing my windows or doors? Are any windows broken? Are there gaps around doors or windows that could let the heat out of the house? Should I insulate my attic?
4. Did I shut off my outside water faucet so it doesn't freeze?
5. Do I have a good snow shovel and some salt or other ice melting supplies? Did I talk with someone who could help me with snow removal this winter if I am not able to do it myself?
6. Will I need a new winter jacket, sweater, gloves, boots or hat?
7. How is my home emergency kit? Do I have enough replacement batteries, fresh bottled water and cans of food?

Thinking about these things now and making the phone calls or buying the things you need will be a big help before the mercury really dips!



Property Tax Rent Rebate Program
Extended to December 31, 2007!

For seniors, widows and widowers, or disabled persons whose annual income is below \$15,000 for renters, and \$35,000 for homeowners, it's not too late to get a rebate on the real estate taxes or rent that you paid in 2006.

REMEMBER THAT ONLY HALF OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY OR SSI INCOME IS COUNTED FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PROGRAM!

Don't wait till the end of the year to apply. To find out if you qualify for this program, or if you need help in filling out the application or would like an application, please call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

You can get back as much as \$650.



Look Out For LIHEAP
Fuel Rebate Program About to Begin

As in previous years, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), also known as the Fuel Rebate Program, will be starting on November 5, 2007. Those who have applied in previous years should be receiving applications in the mail.

For those who are not familiar with the program, there is no age restriction to apply. The household income must be within the following guidelines:

Number in Household	Approximate Monthly Income	Annual Income
1	\$1,276	\$15,315
2	\$1,711	\$20,535
3	\$2,146	\$25,755
4	\$2,581	\$30,975
For each additional person add:	\$435	\$5,220

For more information on filing requirements or to get an application when they become available, call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

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