

Fairfield Social Services News

June 2021



SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS: ACTIVITY BOXES & CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

If summer camp is not an option, and your family is struggling financially, The Department of Social Services has put together some summer activity kits for children of all ages. Also, our “Campership” Program is designed to help eligible families with the cost of summer camp. Parents and legal guardians are encouraged to research potential camps (and scholarships that they might offer) prior to applying for assistance. For more information, or to apply, please call 203-256-3170.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ALLIANCE PROVIDES A LOT MORE THAN JUST ENERGY ASSISTANCE?

Alliance for Community Empowerment, our local community action agency, connects people with an array of services to promote self-sufficiency. These services include GED classes; job search assistance and job training; child care referrals; transportation resources, and more. Check out their website at www.alliancect.org or call 203-838-8110.

HOUSING RESOURCES

Rental & Utility Assistance

Tenants and property owners may be eligible for up to \$10,000 towards overdue rent and utility payments through UniteCT. Apply online at www.bit.ly/UniteCT, or call 1-844-864-8328 for assistance.

Please Note: Anybody without a social security card or ITN number may call CIRI (Connecticut Institute for Immigrants and Refugees) for rental assistance at 203-336-0141.

Eviction Help

For those facing the possibility of eviction, legal services are available at 1-800-453-3320 (toll free).

Foreclosure Help

BTN (Building Neighborhoods Together) offers both Foreclosure Prevention Counseling, and also Foreclosure Prevention Clinics (the next one is scheduled on June 8th 5:30 - 7:30 pm via zoom). For more information: info@bntweb.org/class-descriptions, or call 203-290-4255.

Mortgage Assistance - Contact Michelle Walker, Housing Coordinator at Operation Hope for help at 203-292-5588, ext. 218.

Emergency Broadband Benefits

For a monthly discount on broadband service up to \$50, eligible households can enroll through an approved provider or by visiting getemergencybroadband.org. Check website regularly for latest information: www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit.

FOOD RESOURCES

Operation Hope Food Pantry, 636 Old Post Road, Fairfield - Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10:00am – 12:00 noon; Thursdays 4:00 – 6:00 pm. For more information, you may call 203-254-2935.

Mobile Food Pantry - If you are unable to get to Operation Hope, or to the market, the Mobile Food Pantry will deliver non-perishable groceries to your door. If interested, please call Amy Luciano at the Department of Social Services to determine eligibility (203-256-3170).

CT Food Bank, 1316 Barnum Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06610 – Hours: Saturdays 7:45-10:30am. For more information, contact the food bank at 203-469-5000.

NOT IN CRISIS BUT NEEDING TO CONNECT?

Talk to a peer counselor at Soundview Warmline 9am – 9pm, 7 days a week, at 800-921-0359. For additional mental health resources, support groups, and easily accessible ways to connect with others who may share similar mental health challenges, visit The Hub's website at www.thehub.org



Ann Cole Day - Friday, June 25 at 12 noon

Please join us for a special celebration of Ann Cole, our Social Services Secretary who passed away last year. Ann was a kind and gentle soul who could not do enough for others. We miss her terribly. Ann's love of family and children are a model for us all. Social Services has created a fund to help Fairfield families experiencing difficulties to send their children to camp in the summer. We'll celebrate Ann by planting a memorial tree in her honor, and ice cream from Saugatuck Sweets.