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<https://www.unioncountyohio/senior-services-home>

Transportation for Seniors

For calendar year 2022, Senior Services wants to ensure Union County residents 60 years of age or more are getting their transportation needs met to the best of our ability with available resources. UCATS and Legends Lift & Transport are contracted to transport seniors to their activities of daily living (medical, shopping, banking, legal, exercise, library, miscellaneous civic needs, etc.) and activities of socialization free of charge to the senior. The only eligibility criteria is to be 60 years of age or older. There is no cost for the riders. Below is the contact information for transportation:

- **UCATS**—Call 937.642.5100 to schedule a ride or complete a request online at www.unioncountyohio.gov/ucats
- **Legends Lift and Transport**—call to schedule at 937.358.2024

UCATS Group Shopping Days in April 4/7 at Kroger/Ace Hardware, 4/14 at Walmart/Home Depot, 4/20 Richwood Region Shopping, 4/21 at Aldi/Dollar General/Lowes, 4/26 The Cheese House, 4/27 Richwood Breakfast, and 4/28 at Meijer/Home Depot

Welcome Samantha Meaige!

Samantha Meaige joined the Senior Services team on 1/31/22 as the Senior Services Supervisor. Samantha came from Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging where she spent the last six years working for Medicaid's Specialized Recovery Service program. She earned her psychology degree from The Ohio State University and has more than ten years working in mental health. Samantha and her husband are Union County residents and currently live in Plain City with their nine-month old dog, Harper. Samantha enjoys spending her free time with her family and watching OSU football in the fall. Samantha is excited to be working with the Union County Seniors and becoming more active in her community. Samantha may be reached at Samantha.meaige@jfs.ohio.gov or 937.644.1010 extension 2014.

Hospets

Did you know that Union County Senior Services awarded a grant to Hospets for 2022 specifically to assist Union County Seniors provide basic care to their pets for the well-being of the pet, pet owner, and caregivers. Examples include vaccines, spay/neuter, and veterinary needs in order to ensure seniors will not neglect their own health needs because they have no one to provide care for their pets.

Contact Hospets at 614.266.3267 or www.hospets.org

Fraud and older adults – what’s your story?

By: Bridget Small, March 10, 2022, www.consumer.ftc.gov

Every year millions of people report fraud, scams, and bad business practices to the FTC. Your stories help us better understand how fraud affects every community. During National Consumer Protection Week, we’re offering information and advice for some of these communities, and today we’re focusing on scams that have an impact on older adults.

Scammers are using social media for investment, romance, and online shopping scams. More than one in four people who reported losing money to fraud from 2020 - 2021 said it started on social media with an ad, a post, or a message. The most money was lost to investment and romance scams.

Romance scammers pursue people on dating apps and social media with fake tales of love, then demand payments with gift cards, wire transfers, and cryptocurrency. The median reported loss across all romance scam reports was \$2,400 last year, but the amount was higher among older adults. People 70 and over reported the highest median losses at \$9,000.

Imposters posing as Amazon workers tricked people with messages about suspicious activity or unauthorized purchases on their accounts. Among people age 60 and over who reported the calls in 2020-2021, the median reported loss was \$1,500, compared to \$814 for people under age 60. If you spot one of these — or another — scam, please call law enforcement.



From Detective Candice Gee from the Marysville Division of Police: 14 Cryptocurrency (bitcoin) scams to know and red flags to watch for

- Scammers promise big payouts with guaranteed returns
- Scammers make big claims without details or explanations
- Scammers promise free money
- The payment request is urgent
- Threatening messages
- Payment requested in cryptocurrency
- A social media user is asking you to pay for something using cryptocurrency
- The advertisement or post has many enthusiastic reviews
- Misspellings in the app name or description
- Unsolicited favors asked
- Your account password is requested
- A person asks you for money, but you have never met in person
- Urgent requests to complete payment
- Asks to click on a link

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