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# PRIME TIME

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## Union County Guardianship Services

The Union County Guardianship Services provides trained, professional “guardians of the person” to those in Union county who are found to be incompetent and do not have appropriate family of friends to protect their rights and best interests. Guardianship services also acts as a resource center for family and friends acting as guardians by providing continuing education classes and overall guidance on how to address specific situations with their senior. Guardians ensure the senior’s homes are safe, benefits are maintained, appropriate community services are engaged, preventative healthcare needs are met, and the senior is protected against neglect, abuse or exploitation. Guardians guide the decision in keeping the senior in the least restrictive environment appropriate for their care and wellbeing. Union Count Senior Services works with Guardianship Services by providing a grant to assist families needing education and assistance in filing or maintaining guardianship of their loved one.

### Calendar Corner

- 👉 **Mondays March 27th—May 15th, 1-3pm: Matter of Balance Classes** at Windsor & Community Seniors. Call 937.645.2049 to register.
- 👉 **April 17th, 1-4pm: Housing, Medicaid, Hospice, and End of life Planning** by Union County Guardianship Services at 940 London Ave, Marysville, Oh Conference RM B. Call 937-209-2275 ext. 0 to register.
- 👉 **May 9th at 2pm: Welcome to Medicare**
- 👉 **May 21st, 11am-3pm: Hospets Event** FREE pet vaccinations: at Human Services parking lot, 940 London Ave, Marysville, OH. No RSVP required.

### Welcome to Medicare

#### Presented by the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP)

- Will you be eligible for Medicare soon?
- Already enrolled and still have questions?
- Do you provide assistance to a family member?

**Then this Event is for You!**

Come learn about Medicare A and B benefits, prescription coverage (part D), Advantage plans, and Supplement insurance.

**When:** May 9th, 2023 at 2pm

**Where:** Union County Services Building, 940 London Ave, Marysville, Oh 43040 Conference Room A  
To **RSVP** call 937.644.1010 option 5

### Adult Protective Services

Do you have concerns that a senior, 60 or over, is being maltreated? Examples include physical harm/injury, neglect, self-neglect, financial exploitation, verbal/emotional abuse, sexual abuse. Contact the Abuse Hotline at 937-644-1010 Option 1

## How to Make Wise Energy Choices

Federal Trade Commission

**Some marketers and governmental aggregators may offer green energy options that some consumers may prefer. Always compare prices when considering such options.**

1. **Staying with the Utility's "Standard Offer"** - Consumers should not assume that prices offered by an energy marketer will be lower than the price of the utility's standard offer, especially over time. Particularly with regard to buying natural gas, many marketer offers have been more expensive than the utility's standard offer. The utility's standard offers remain a good, conservative approach for consumers to economically purchase energy. Consumers can confirm if they are currently buying energy from their utility's standard offer by contacting their utility or reviewing their monthly bill. Consumers can contact their utility to switch from a marketer offer to the utility's standard offer.
2. **Energy Marketers**- We recommend that consumers avoid buying energy from a marketer during a door-to-door sale. And consumers should not share personal information, such as their utility bill or account number, with a marketer during a door-to-door sale. When comparing energy offers, beware of "teaser" rates. Some marketers initially offer low "teaser" rates that soon are replaced by higher rates. You also have the right to stop electric and gas utilities from sharing your personal contact information with energy marketers. You can contact your utility to enforce that right.
3. **Governmental Aggregation**—In some parts of Ohio, government aggregation is another option for purchasing natural gas or electricity. Under government aggregation, residents can authorize their local government, typically through an election, to supply electricity to their residents. Governments use the buying power of many consumers to negotiate prices.

### Smoke Detector Maintenance

According to U.S. Fire Administration, three out of five home fire deaths results from properties without working smoke alarms and the risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half with a working smoke alarm. Your smoke alarm should be checked once a month and batteries changed twice a year. Call Senior Services for more information and resources, 937.644.1010 option 5.

### Just for Laughs

How are the stars like false  
Teeth?

They both come out at night

Why did grandma put wheels  
on her rocking chair?

So she could Rock n Roll!



### Need a Ride?

Union County 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, A Way Out, Legends Lift & Transport, and WINGS 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. 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](http://www.unioncountyohio.gov/ucats)
- **A Way Out** - call to schedule at 614.381.1979
- **Legends Lift and Transport** - call to schedule at 937.358.2024
- **WINGS** - call to schedule at 937.642.9555

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