

# **May 2022**





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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 and a resident of Union County. 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 May: 5/5 Kroger/Ace Hardware, 5/12 Walmart/Home Depot, 5/19 Aldi/Dollar General/Lowes, 5/25 Kelly's Kitchen, 5/26 Meijer/Home Depot, and 5/27 Eda's Italian Ice.

Did you know that UCATS is currently hiring drivers?

Go to www.unioncountyohio.gov/jobs for more information.

#### Communication

Union County Senior Services is improving our communication to the public. We are focusing on updating our webpage, using social media, and providing service statistics in the Prime Time. We welcome community feedback and have placed a Customer Service Survey on our webpage. Below are a few of the January - March 2022 statistics.

New Referrals for Senior Services: 128 Homemaking: 87 clients (548 hrs) Personal Care: 28 clients (216 hrs)

Respite: 15 clients (359 hrs)

Emergency Response/Medication: 150 clients

Transportation: 1,603 trips

Education Presentations: 4 presentations

#### **Community Events**

- Senior Health Fair for ages 55+ on May 6 from 1-3 pm at the Family YMCA (1150 Charles Ln, Marysville OH). For more information call Ricki Trippett at 740.360.0972 or rtrippett@passaah.org. No RSVP required.
- Medicare Informational meeting on May 17 at 11am at Conference Room A, 940 London Ave, Marysville OH. RSVP at 937.644.1010 option 5. Information provided by Ohio Department of Insurance.
- Union County Falls Coalition Informational meeting on May 25 at 10:30 –11:30 am at Conference Room A, 940 London Ave, Marysville OH. May is Older Americans Month and this year's focus is aging in place-how older adults can plan to stay safely in their homes. The Union County Falls Coalition is looking for seniors who want to get involved to help reduce falls. Join us for a meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup> to learn about the coalition, our goals, and ways to make Union County a safer, healthier place for yourself and your community. Light refreshments provided. Please RSVP to attend by calling Rebecca Honaker at the Union County Health Department at 937-645-2049.

### **Bridges Community Action Partnership**

Union County Senior Services awarded a grant to Bridges Community Action for 2022 specifically to assist Seniors with home repair. **Elderly Home Repair Program** will provide necessary repairs so that the client can stay safely in their homes. This program is being underutilized, so please call for more information. **Contact Bridges Community Action Partnership at 937.642.4986** 

#### **Marysville Public Library**

Union County Senior Services awarded a grant to Marysville Public Library for the following purposes:

- Wifi HotSpots Seniors often have limited resources for internet connectivity. This grant provides circulating Wifi HotSpots to Seniors in the community who do not have reliable internet connectivity in their homes. The grant supports the monthly service fees directly related to those devices circulated to Senior library card holders.
- Outreach Home Delivery Seniors living in their homes with mobility issues, travel challenges, or health concerns have difficulty visiting the library. The library provides outreach deliveries using materials that are part of the general circulating collection.
- Outreach Craft Kits Craft Take & Make kits were created to take the place of in-person programing during the pandemic. Items are delivered to Seniors in their homes to keep them connected and their minds engaged.

## **Computer Equipment Donation to Senior Centers**

In March, Union County Human Services (which includes Senior Services, UCATS, and Department of Job and Family Services) donated four iPads and two computers to each of Senior Centers serving Union County Residents including Community and Seasoned Citizens, Pleasant Valley Senior Center, Richwood Civic Center, and Windsor and Community Seniors.

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Senior Services at 937-644-1010 **Option 5**. If you would like to receive an electronic copy via email contact janell.alexander@jfs.ohio.gov.