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# PRIME TIME

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



Pictured above L-R: Alonna Watkins (left), Yvonne Fisher, Tonya Brooks, Jessica Holmes, Karen Chuvalas, , Kathy Titmuss-Smith, Samantha Meaige, and Janell Alexander.

## THANK YOU UNION COUNTY VOTERS!

Thank you to the Union County voters for the support you provided to seniors in this county. Whether that was having a sign in your yard, voting for the levy, telling friends and families about the levy or simply sending good thoughts our way. We are pleased at Senior Services to continue to provide direct services to our seniors to assist in living safely and independently in the community and preserving their dignity. It is an honor and privilege to be part of such a caring community.

*From the staff of Union County Senior Services: Sue Ware, Janell Alexander, Samantha Meaige, Tonya Brooks, Karen Chuvalas, Yvonne Fisher, Jessica Holmes, Kathy Titmuss-Smith, and Alonna Watkins.*

### 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, 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. 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](http://www.unioncountyohio.gov/ucats)
- **Legends Lift and Transport**—call to schedule at 937.358.2024
- **WINGS** - call to schedule at 937.642.9555

Cancellations and no-shows of riders has been on the increase. When you cancel the same day or are a no-show, you have reserved resources that other riders may not utilize. If you need to cancel your trip, please do so as far in advance as possible.

## 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

## Medicare

Medicare Open Enrollment is through **December 7th**. During Open Enrollment, trained Service Coordinators at Union County Senior Services can assist you with reviewing options and making Medicare selections. You may schedule a free, unbiased, private consultation by calling 937-644-1010 option 5. Appointment locations are at Union County Senior Services, Suite 1800, 940 London Avenue, Marysville OH 43040. When you enter the main building entrance, go down the left hallway, and the lobby is the first door on the left.

## Stay away from scams this Medicare Open Enrollment Period

November 4, 2022 from the Federal Trade Commission Consumer Advice

If you or one of your loved ones are on Medicare, you're probably aware that open enrollment ends on December 7. And you're probably reviewing and comparing different options to select a plan that's right for you. But as you shop around, know that scammers might take advantage of this period to impersonate Medicare agents.

Scammers may sound professional, say they're from Medicare, and have your personal details. But in reality, they're trying to steal your money, Medicare information, or your identity. Here's how to spot potential scams and what to do:

- **Don't trust the name displayed on your phone.** Scammers can fake a caller ID.
- **Hang up if anyone calls and asks for your Medicare, Social Security, or bank or credit card information.** Legitimate Medicare employees have your Medicare number on file.
- **Don't be rushed into making a decision.** You have until December 7 to enroll, and Medicare doesn't offer extra benefits for signing up early.
- **Ignore threats to take away your benefits.** If you qualify, your benefits can't be taken away for not signing up for a plan.
- **Don't talk to anyone that suggests their plan is preferred by Medicare.** The truth is that Medicare doesn't endorse a specific plan.

**Get help** to deal with Medicare fraud and abuse at [smpresource.org](http://smpresource.org).

To report someone pretending to be affiliated with Medicare and other Medicare scams, call 1-800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227) and tell the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov).

**Did you know that UCATS is currently hiring ?**  
Go to [www.unioncountyohio.gov/jobs](http://www.unioncountyohio.gov/jobs) for more information.



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