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### Did you know?

Union County Senior Services is primarily funded by the Union County Sales and Use Tax Levy. Union County Senior Services and the Union County Engineer's Office share the sales and use tax as follows: *"sales and use tax in the amount of one-quarter of one percent for the purpose of generating revenues to benefit the general fund to be allocated and split 50% for the improvement, construction, reconstructions, maintenance and repair of Union County roads and bridges and 50% for direct senior services including home delivered meals, home health care, transportation, and other senior services for a period of 5 years."* The Sales and Use Tax Levy is on the ballot every five years. **The next ballot will be on November 8, 2022.** Jessica Cain from the Union County Engineer's Office and Janell Alexander from Union County Senior Services attended training provided by the Central Ohio Public Information Network on techniques to communicate to the public the financial stewardship and plan for these public funds.



### Did you know?

Union County is unique in that every person (**even non-residents and non-property owners**) that makes a purchase in Union County contributes to the services that Union County Senior Services provides and the roads and bridges that the Union County Engineer services. For example, if a person purchases \$100 at a local store, \$0.12 will go to Union County Senior Services to provide home delivered meals, home health care, transportation, and other senior services.

### Did you know?

**Financial Stewardship:** Union County Senior Services is following the levy language as the guide for assisting Union County Seniors to live safely and independently in the community. In 2022 Union County Senior Services focused on increasing services to reach and exceed pre-pandemic levels, to ensure the levy funds and COVID grants are being spent timely. For example, the budgets for home delivered meals increased by 40% and the home health care was increased by 79%. For transportation, two new providers were added, in addition to UCATS, to increase transportation options for Union County Seniors to include trips on evenings and weekends. Union County Senior Services also expanded the types of trips to include activities of daily living.



*Samantha Meaige, Senior Services Supervisor, and Alonna Watkins, Service Coordinator, participated in a round table where they discussed Senior Services and Adult Protective services*

**Plan:** Over the next five years, Union County Senior Services will continue to follow the levy language and serve as many Union County Seniors as possible to keep Seniors living safely and independently in the community. We will leverage the levy funds and grants to extend the levy services like meals, home health care, and transportation.

## 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](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.

- UCATS Group Shopping Days in November: 11/3 Kroger/Ace Hardware , 11/10 Walmart/Home Depot, 11/17 Aldi/Dollar General/Lowes, and 11/22 Meijer/Home Depot (all day shopping).
- UCATS will be closed on Veterans Day (11/11/22), Thanksgiving (11/24/22), and the day after Thanksgiving (11/25/22).

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

## SANTA PAWS IS COMING!



Hospets is holding their annual Santa Paws program for Ohio seniors, 60 years of age or older. ***Having a Pet is not required.*** Please tell them a little about the senior, their pets, and their situation. The more you can tell Hospets about the seniors and their needs, the more they can assist. Please no generic gift card-only requests. Hospets will match them with a person/or family interested in "adopting" a senior for the holiday. They will shop for the senior and either deliver the gifts in person or opt to have them shipped directly to the senior. There is absolutely no cost to you or the senior. Last year Hospets were able to assist over 750 seniors. Email signup form to [lisa@hospets.org](mailto:lisa@hospets.org).

## Medicare

Medicare Open Enrollment is October 17th 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.

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