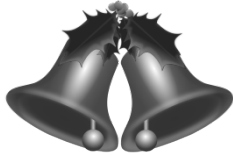


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Our mission is to serve older Windsor adults by providing opportunities and resources that advance the quality of life in a rural community.

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Happy New Year!



In the spirit of the season, the members of your Council on Aging are sharing their thoughts and wishes with everyone.

"What is special to me about living in Windsor is the strong sense of community that's shared by every resident I meet. Though we may differ in age, political views, education background, work status, etc., there is a communal warmth that permeates throughout our town. It makes me not only happy but very proud to say I live in Windsor.

"My wish for the new year is peace for all children with the end of wars and peace around the globe. Imagine!" Sandie Zink

"I have always appreciated the pace of life in Windsor. We have a unique community of people who truly care about each other, and are always willing to offer help whenever there is a need.

"My wish for all is good health, happiness and that we continue to maintain the spirit of caring that makes Windsor so special."
Diane Pennetti

"What makes Windsor special to me is the tranquility that surrounds me every time I step out of my house. I call it my little slice of God's country. Yet, there is far too much chaos happening in today's world, so my wish for the New Year is an old, memorable one: "Peace on Earth."
Diane Saunders

"Windsor has good and helpful people who are ready to pitch in to meet any need. I wish everyone a good and healthy new year!" Alan Zawistowski

"I appreciate living in Windsor. It was a great place to raise our children. It's very comforting to consistently see that when people need help, others in town stand up to lend a hand. I am especially thankful for the volunteer Fire Department and EMS services and their dedication to the community. I hope that more people will consider joining these crews."

Sue Riley

"One special thing about living in Windsor is the library. The volunteer librarians are so friendly and helpful and will order any book you want. They have passes for museums, art galleries, etc. There are lots of children's programs and I have fond memories of taking my children to them when they were young. Our little library is a blessing!"

My wish for the New Year is that our COA members all remain healthy and committed to our work, and that we continue together to make a difference in the lives of Windsor elders.”
Jean Wagner

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*“The thing about living in Windsor is the people are great! I have a job I really love. The one wish I have is to have everyone be safe, healthy, happy, and to call me if anyone needs help with anything. I hope everyone had happy holidays.” Jessica Buoymaster, Windsor Outreach*

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“Moving to my husband’s home town over thirty years ago has become a bigger blessing than I ever could have imagined. Like everyone on our board, it’s the people, starting with Madeline, our Town Administrator who (almost) single-handedly recruited the volunteers who serve faithfully on so many groups to provide a quality of life for our community, from the Park, Library, Fire Dept., Green Committee... the list is endless! Of course, I believe our COA Team is the best!

“My wish for the new year is for everyone to be healthy and safe, and as Sandie said so well, peace in the world.”
Sue Jacobs

Community Coffees

Remember to mark the second Wednesday of each month on your calendars for the popular community coffees. We gather at the Town Hall from 10-12 and enjoy good conversation, beverages and baked goodies. Upcoming are January 10th (with special guest, Ed Pelletier) and February 14th. Come celebrate Valentine’s Day with us!

Reminders....

It’s not too late to apply for **Fuel Assistance**. Please contact Jessica who will help you get into this valuable program.

Transportation for Windsor residents is available! Ed Pelletier, coordinator will be joining us (weather permitting) at the January Community Coffee so you can meet him and he can tell you all about this wonderful service.

To make an appointment, call Ed at 413-296-4232 with your request: Doctor’s appointments, trips to the Pharmacy or for Groceries can all be arranged. You need to plan ahead (same call requests cannot be met), so call a week or even a month ahead to schedule your ride. You can reach Ed in the office from 8:15 to 9:45 AM weekdays, or simply leave a message and he will call you the following morning. We have drivers here in Windsor ready to help. Some residents have already used this service and can attest to its value.

What’s the best way to talk to a Viking? Norse Code.

Have you heard about TRIAD?

Triad is a national organization whose goal is to reduce criminal victimization of elders through education. This is done through collaboration with local Police Departments, Sheriff, DA and Protective Services. Dalton has a monthly meeting at 1 PM on the third Wednesday of each month at the Senior Center. Folks from surrounding communities attend and learn first-hand from representatives of the PD, DA and Sheriff’s Offices about community issues and current scams, and to ask questions. (Our Windsor PD sends a report via Sue each month). Please come.