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A 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW
REPRESENTING THE 27TH

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Teaching 3rd Graders from John Paterson Elementary School in Newington how a bill becomes a law



Wishing a Happy 100th Birthday to Newington Resident MaryAnn Francolino with Senator Matt Lesser.



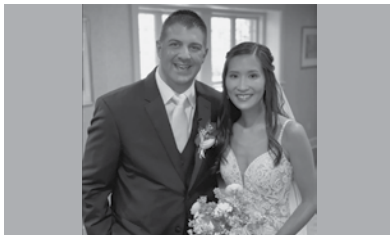
Enjoying New Britain's Little Poland Festival with Congresswoman Jahana Hayes



Celebrating the grand opening of Final Cut Sports Barber Shop with the Newington Chamber of Commerce



Meeting with New Britain's Racial Justice Coalition



Got married here in CT, July 2nd, 2023!

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Sign up online at housedems.ct.gov/Turco

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RESOURCES TO HELP YOU

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM NOW OPEN!

Take advantage of the free ArrayRx card program, which can save CT residents up to 80% on certain prescriptions at nearly all pharmacies. There's no cost, age, or income restriction to join. To sign up, go to arrayxcard.com.

Connecticut Higher Education Trust (CHET)

- CHET is a state-sponsored, tax-advantaged 529 college savings plan that's helping families and individuals plan for the cost of higher education.
- For information or materials call 1-888-799-CHET (2438) or visit aboutchet.com.

Healthcare Assistance Programs

- **Access Health CT**
Residents who purchase health insurance through Access Health CT will continue to receive enhanced subsidies to help pay for the cost of their monthly health insurance premiums. For more information, please visit: accesshealthct.com
- **Office of the Healthcare Advocate (OHA)**
OHA aids consumers in making informed decisions when selecting a health plan; assisting consumers to resolve problems with their health insurance plans and tracking trends of issues/problems.
Phone: 866-466-4446 (toll-free)
Email: Healthcare.Advocate@ct.gov
- **Other healthcare resources:**



To learn more about other healthcare resources, scan the QR code or visit portal.ct.gov/OHA/Resources/Helpful-Links-and-Resources

UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS



For more information on assistance programs or to determine if you qualify for financial hardship status, scan the QR code, visit Eversource.com/billhelp or call 800-286-2828.

Assistance with Paying your Electric Bill

- **Flexible Payment Program**
Up to 18 months assistance available to help residential customers with active accounts pay off money owed, regardless of income.
- **Matching Payment Program (MPP)**
Can lower the amount owed on energy bills. For every dollar you pay and every dollar you receive from the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program, we will subtract a dollar from the amount you owe.
- **Low-Income Discount Rate**
Starting December 1, a new electric bill discount will be available if you have a financial hardship status on your electric account.

Heating Assistance

- **Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)**
Can provide a basic benefit to help pay your heating bill. Apply online at CT.gov/heatinghelp or visit your local Community Action Agency.
- **Operation Fuel**
Provides cash assistance for heating and non-heating expenses for households with incomes at or below 100% of the State Median Income guidelines. Apply at operationfuel.org/gethelp

Water Assistance

- **Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)**
CT's first Low-Income Assistance Program is taking applications. The program addresses the need for financial water assistance. For more information visit: tinyurl.com/25z4e2k9

TAX CUTS STARTING IN 2024

Tax Cuts for Retirees

- **Retiree Income Tax Cuts**

New laws provide income tax exemptions for Social Security benefits, military retirement pay, pension and annuity income, teacher pension income, and individual retirement account (IRA) distributions. Starting In 2024, income levels will increase to \$100,000 for single filers and \$150,000 for joint filers.



To learn more about eligibility, scan the QR code or visit cga.ct.gov/2023/rpt/pdf/2023-R-0129.pdf

Not Retired Yet?

Good news, there will be reduced taxes for middle- and low-income individuals and families.

- State income tax lowers the 5.0% rate to 4.5% and the 3.0% rate to 2.0% for 2024.
 - The benefits will be capped at \$150,000 for single filer and \$300,000 for joint filers
 - One million tax filers will benefit from the rate cuts nearly 60% of CT residents.
- Increases the Earned Income Tax Credit from 30.5% to 40%
 - 211,000 filers will benefit from the EITC increase.
- Don't forget to claim your property tax credit up to \$300 on this year's tax return.