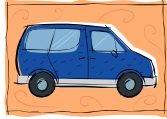


LONGMEADOW LINES

Meet Senator Candaras' Aide

Janice Hassett

Monday, December 7th, 11- 11:45 AM



STATE PRIMARY VOTING

Van Pickup

Tuesday, December 8th, 12:30 PM

Call for reservations

VAN AROUND TOWN

Friday

December 11th, 10:30—12:30 PM

Longmeadow Shops

ENFIELD MALL

See you in January for the Sales!

Call for reservations—565-4150

STATE PRIMARY

The State Primary to fill the vacancy created by the death of Ted Kennedy will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2009.

The Special State Election will be held on January 19, 2010. Anyone wishing to vote by Absentee Ballot will need to fill out a NEW application for 2010 Elections. If need a ride to the polls, please call The Center at 565-4150 a few days in advance.



Refuse Collection Christmas and New Year's Week

During the weeks of December 28, 2008-January 2, 2009 and January 4-8, 2009, the Town will allow each resident to put out 2 barrels or 2 bags of refuse up to 40 lbs. for each of these weeks. Any additional refuse must be in approved Longmeadow refuse bags.

Residents are reminded that there will be no refuse and recycling collection on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 2009 and New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, 2010. Refuse and recyclable material collection for Friday of these 2 weeks will be delayed by 1 day.

If you have any questions, please call the DPW office at 567-3400 and have a safe and Happy Holiday Season.



Christmas Tree Pick-Up

The Department of Public Works (DPW) will pick up Christmas trees the weeks of January 4th and January 11th, 2010. Longmeadow residents are asked to place their Christmas trees on the tree belt in front of your house. The trees will be picked up by voter precinct (precinct A=Monday, precinct B=Tuesday, etc.)

Please call the DPW office (567-3400) with any questions

Last Minute Holiday Gift 2010 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Up to 50% off dining out. Great deals on travel and big savings on shopping, services and entertainment. Makes a great gift at only \$30 for Western Mass Edition.

TOWN OF LONGMEADOW SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM

Seniors who meet the eligibility criteria and contribute 100 hours of volunteer work authorized under the program will receive a "Senior Citizen Property Tax Abatement" of \$675. Eligible seniors must be 60 years old at the time of application and meet the same income eligibility criteria as the guidelines for the "Senior Circuit Breaker" state income tax credit. Your total income cannot be greater than these limits: \$51,000 single; \$64,000 head of household; \$77,000 married filing jointly.

Applications will be accepted through December 18, 2009 with volunteer service starting in January 2010 and running through December 1, 2010.

Applications and detailed program guidelines are available at the Longmeadow Adult Center, 231 Maple Road, from 9 – 3 PM, Monday – Friday. Call 565-4150 with any questions.

Fiscal Year 2010 Preliminary Tax Bill

Tax Bills will be mailed and include the 3rd quarter (due February 1, 2010) bill which will be mailed by December 31, 2009 and 4th quarter (due May 3, 2010) bill which will be mailed by March 31st 2010.

***NOTE: If property taxes are escrowed and are paid by a bank or mortgage company, taxpayers should continue to follow established procedure with them. Most mortgage companies received the information electronically, but some may still require you to submit a copy of your tax bill for processing.*

PRESCRIPTION ADVANTAGE UPDATE Effective January 1, 2010

Prescription Advantage will no longer pay any portion of your Medicare Part D drug plan premium. The premium subsidy you received from Prescription Advantage will be eliminated. The Low Income Subsidy (also known as Extra Help) that you receive from Medicare will still continue to pay part of your premium but you will now be responsible for a portion. By January 2010 you will begin to receive a monthly invoice directly from your Part D plan for your portion of the premium. If you do not pay this invoice you will lose your Medicare Part D coverage.

There are no changes to the co-payment assistance that you currently receive from Prescription Advantage. However the co-payment assistance from Prescription Advantage is only available if you remain enrolled in a Medicare Part D drug plan or creditable coverage plan.

If you have questions regarding your Prescription Advantage benefit, please contact Prescription Advantage Customer Service at 1-800-AGE-INFO (1-800-243-4636), press 2, or TTY for the deaf and hard of hearing at 1-877-610-0241.

TOWN OF LONGMEADOW POLICE WEBSITE

The Longmeadow Police Department's new web site is now up and running. The website includes all aspects of not only the police department, but links to town By-laws and ordinances, as well as a scrolling message board that can be input with any "need to know" information. There is also a link to the Registry of Motor Vehicles to update your information with them as well.

The web site is: www.longmeadowpolice.com.