

DIGITAL TELEVISION CONVERSION UPDATE

What Is The DTV Delay Act?

Congress recently passed the DTV Delay Act, which extends the deadline for full-power broadcast TV stations to complete the DTV transition from February 17, 2009, to June 12, 2009. The new law allows more time for consumers to be prepared for the DTV transition. However, Congress did not require stations to continue broadcasting in analog after February 17th, and stations may choose to complete their transition, and stop broadcasting in analog, before June 12th.

What Does This Mean For Me?

If you have one or more analog televisions that receive free over-the-air TV programming with an outdoor antenna or "rabbit ears" on the TV, you will need to be prepared. You have three options: 1) purchase and connect a "digital-to-analog converter box" to your analog TV; 2) purchase a digital television (a TV with a built-in digital tuner); or 3) subscribe to a paid service such as cable or satellite TV. Each U.S. household is eligible to receive two \$40 coupons to be used toward the purchase of two digital-to-analog converter boxes.

What Should I Do Now?

Digital broadcast television programming is available now, so enjoy the many benefits of DTV by preparing now. Benefits include more channels, better quality picture and

sound, on-screen program guides, and more. If you have not yet applied for your converter box coupons, you should do so now. However, you should also prepare at least one TV in your home now by purchasing a converter box, installing it, and ensuring that you can receive the digital channels in your area before the analog channels are shut off. Or, you may wish to subscribe to a paid service such as cable or satellite TV.

Where Do I Go For More Information? For more information on the Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program or to apply for coupons, visit www.dtv2009.gov, or call 1-888-388-2009. For more information about the DTV transition, go to www.dtv.gov or contact the FCC by e-mailing dtvinfo@fcc.gov; calling 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322) voice or 1-888-TELL-FCC (1-888-835-5322) TTY; faxing 1-866-418-0232; or writing to: Federal Communications Commission Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Consumer Inquiries and Complaints Division 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554.



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VOLUNTEER VIEWS

Ellen Gold
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THE HEART OF OUR PROGRAMS

Thank you to all who help make our programs so successful. Without the support of our volunteers, **The Center** would not be able to offer the quality and breadth of services that allow our residents to remain in their homes, living independently.

The Friends Group, FOLOCA, has been very supportive of the Center recently, purchasing the shelving units for the Maple Tree Shoppe and carpeting in many of our rooms. Thanks to all the board members who work so diligently to provide for our programs and services. The FOLOCA board members include: **Jerry Camerota**, President; **Venessa O'Brien**, treasurer; **Irene Kotula**; **George Pennington**; **Diane Nadeau**; **Judy Arno**; and **Helen Keane**.

MAPLE TREE SHOPPE

If you are looking for an interesting or unusual gift, be sure to stop by the **Maple Tree Gift Shoppe**. Our shop has many new items and is stocked with a wide assortment of gifts and household items. Our card department has a wonderful selection at bargain prices.

However, we are in need of additional donations of women's clothing that are clean and in very good condition. When you are going through your closets for your spring cleaning, please remember

the **Maple Tree Shoppe**. Our shop is very important for the Center as its proceeds support many of our programs. We appreciate all of you who have made donations as well as our dedicated customers.



ALL OUR THANKS

We have more and more people using our Errand Runner volunteers to drive them to doctor's appointments. With the winter weather, we are even more appreciative of the dedicated service of the volunteers: **Mary Lord Brown, John Carey, Gundel Deex, Tina deMeza, Dolores Farrell, Wayne Fisher, Shawna Frazer, Charles Frueh, Beverly Gray, Dave Grimes, Emmie Grimes, Claudette Grzywacz, Harry Hobdell, Don Hoyer, Margaret Jenkins, Eunice Kavanagh, Tom Keane, Dick Kmetz, Marilyn Marr, Ray Marr, Amparo Moran, John Mitchell, Vivian Poisson, Eleanor Santos, Bob Shanley, Carl Stephan, Marilyn Sutton & Phebe Wallace**.

We are in need of volunteers for our Errand Runner Program. You can donate as little as two hours a month and we have a very flexible schedule. You can choose what days you are available and you have the option of accepting or a declining a ride request when called. Please contact Ellen at 565-4150 to sign up.