

Update, January 30th, 2023

Taxes.

They didn't go away. They're still out there and the Taxman is lurking...

Yes, we are hosting the AARP Tax Aide program again this year. First you need to know that there are updated requirements to be heeded and acted upon before you come in for your appointment. Here we go;

You all know that there is an envelope with paperwork in it for you to pick up and complete before for your appointment. Let me stress that you **MUST PICK UP AND COMPLETE** the paper work in the envelope **BEFORE** you return for your appointment. Don't show up to your appointment and expect to fill it out here. All pertinent forms **MUST** be filled out prior to your arrival for your appointment.

All documents needed to complete your taxes **MUST** accompany you to your appointment so be sure to gather your **ALL** forms first. If you are missing paperwork or haven't filled in all the appropriate spaces, it delays the preparation which impacts the next person waiting for their turn and can result in late nights for the volunteer preparers as well. That's not something we want to happen.

Be aware that that the tax preparers will not be able to do your taxes at the time of your appointment if the necessary forms are not completed and/or you are missing necessary tax documents.

So...don't even think about coming in with incomplete documentation or unfinished forms, our preparers won't be able to help you and you'll have to try find another appointment.

OK, here's the skinny on how to arrange an appointment.

It looks like we'll be taking appointments beginning February 1st between 9:30 am and 12:30pm. Not before 9:30, not after 12:30.

Please don't leave us messages on the answering service regarding tax appointments. We want to talk with you live.

Appointments will be available on Tuesday evenings between 6:00 and 9:00 and Saturdays from 9:30 until 2:00. The schedule will run from Tuesday February 6th and end on April 16th.

Questions?

A couple other reminders- the annual coat collection we share with Angela and her colleagues at Northern Berkshire transport was another success as we once again realized our goal of collecting over 100 coats for redistribution to our neighbors in need. Thank you all for your support! We'll do it again later this year commencing on November 1st.

Tech Tutoring resumes on Friday February 9th at 4:00 until 5:00. No changes there. Having problems figuring out how to operate or make sense of your device's features? Any device, iPhone, Chromebook, Android, whatever, it all works for us! Make a reservation by calling us

here at Harper, 413-458-8250 and one of our Tutors, Williams students, will assist you! Each session is an hour, bring your device, yourself and your problem and we'll try to help.

Here's more exciting tech-oriented news- Wednesday, February 21st, 4:15 begins a new chapter in Tech assistance we call drop in "Office Hours". If you have a minor device problem, something that can be addressed in 10 minutes or less, our office tech will help resolve the issue or, if it's more complicated, we'll refer to the Friday sessions.

Our Loss Support Group Facilitated by Corrine Case will resume on Tuesday February 27th at 10:00 and anyone who has suffered a loss is welcome to participate. Loss is loss, they all hurt.

Speaking of Corrine, she's also going to facilitate a support group for caregivers who are caring for or living with someone who has cognitive disorders of some type. It will be offered monthly, likely on a Saturday afternoon at the Milne Library. It's a part of our Dementia Friendly Williamstown activities and you'll hear much more about this soon!

Finally, once more, we want to ask you to keep your germs to yourself and not come in here if you're ill. We have numerous immunocompromised people in here every day and we don't want them to catch anything from you, now do we? So please, have a care and stay away if you're not feeling well. Thank you.

See you around! Brian