



# Newsletter

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## December 2019

Richmond County Aging Services

# 41st Annual Senior Christmas Party



Sponsored by Richmond County Government,  
Andrew Sugg, D.D.S. of Green Park Dentistry,  
The City of Rockingham, Carter Funeral Home,  
and Pee Dee Electric Membership.



AT THE COLE AUDITORIUM IN HAMLET, N.C.

**Thursday, December 12, 2019**

**9:00am- 12:00pm or 2:00pm - 5:00pm**

ENTERTAINMENT + DOOR PRIZES + BOOTHS + SNACKS

Limited tickets are still available at  
your local senior center.

Call (910) 997-4491 for more information.

Canned Food Drive- donations are accepted at your senior center or you can bring them the day of the party. For each UNEXPIRED item you bring, you will be entered to win a \$ 50 gift card to Wal-Mart. Drawing will be held on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 3pm.

## Upcoming Closings

### East Rockingham Senior Center and Meal Site

Thurs. Dec 12<sup>th</sup> , Wed. Dec 18 through Thur. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>  
**reopen** Thur. Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Ellerbe Senior Center and Meal Site

Thurs. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> , Wed. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> through Thur. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>  
**reopen** Thur. Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Hamlet Meal Site

Wed. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> , Thur. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> , Wed. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> through Wed. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> **reopen** Thurs. Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Rockingham Senior Center

Wed. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> , Thur. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> , Wed. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> through Thur. Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> **reopen** Fri. Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>

It's time to evaluate your Medicare Drug Plan for 2020. Medicare Annual Open Enrollment Period is October 15<sup>th</sup> - December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Changes will be effective Jan. 1, 2020.

Call to schedule an appointment with your SHIP counselor today. (910) 410-1135 or call the State Hotline at (855) 408-1212



## Senior Center Field Trips

**Date: Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

A Christmas Carol Morning Matinees

Location: Winston Salem, NC

Time: Leaving Rockingham SC at 8:00am

Cost: \$ 20.00 (ticket and transportation)

Hurry, only 16 tickets are available.

See page 6 of the Newsletter for more details.

Deadline: Monday , November 25<sup>th</sup>

**Date: Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Hamrick's Shopping Trip

Location: Winston Salem, NC

Time: Leaving Rockingham SC at 8:00am

Cost: \$ 5.00 (transportation)

Deadline: Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Upcoming Special Events

**Date: Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

41<sup>st</sup> Annual Senior Christmas Party

Location: Cole Auditorium, Hamlet, NC

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm or 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Cost: FREE Event- LIMITED TICKETS remain at your local senior center. Hurry while they last.

**Date: Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

Alive After 55 Supper Club

Location: **There is NO Supper Club for December.**

**Check Jan. 2020 newsletter for Jan. Supper Club location.**

## Low Income Energy Assistance Program

Households in RICHMOND County with a person age 60 or older, or someone receiving assistance from the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services may qualify for help to pay their heating bill during the winter. Depending on the heating source, eligible households will receive \$300, \$400 or \$500 toward their heating bill.

To be eligible, you must meet certain requirements and apply in person or by mailing, faxing or dropping off the application between Dec. 2-31.

You can also visit- NC ePass to print off a LIEAP Application.

You may also call Betty Jo Oliver at 910-997-8422 with questions.

### << Schedule for Senior Citizens 60 years old or better >>

#### East Rockingham Senior Center

- Wednesday, December 4th and 11th

- 9:00am - 12:00pm

#### Hamlet Senior Center

- Thursday, December 5th and 12th

- 9:00am - 12:00pm

#### Ellerbe Senior Center

- Tuesday, December 17th

- 9:00am - 12:00pm

#### Ellerbe Apartments

- Tuesday, December 3rd

- 9:00am - 12:00pm

#### Cameron Grove

- Tuesday, December 10th

- 8:30am - 11:30am

#### Magnolia Garden

- Wednesday, December 18th

- 9:00am - 12:00pm

#### Lenox Station

- Thursday, December 19th

- 9:00am - 12:00pm



# RICHMOND COUNTY AGING SERVICES FOR THE LOVE OF ROCK



## FUNDRAISER - 2019 \$10 EACH



**1ST PRIZE** 18 ton load of stone\* provided by  
Vulcan Material-Local\*\* delivery included by  
James Grading & Hauling. \$ 767 value  
\* Riprap excluded  
\*\* Outside of Richmond County may be subject to a hauling fee

**2ND PRIZE** Pair of 2 rocking chairs. \$ 310 value

**3RD PRIZE** Pair of reserved seat tickets to the "The  
Wonderful Wizard of Song" Show at the  
Cole Auditorium. \$ 90 value



**DRAWING HELD:  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 AT 3PM**

**WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

Thank you for your support!

Vulcan Materials Company  
James Grading and Hauling  
Richmond County Government  
Richmond Community College- The Cole Auditorium

only 250 tickets  
printed



All proceeds go to help RC Aging Services  
programs and activities.



# The 2020 Census and Confidentiality

*Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics—they cannot be used against you in any way. By law, all responses to U.S. Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential.*

## Respond to the 2020 Census to shape the future.

Responding to the census helps communities get the funding they need and helps businesses make data-driven decisions that grow the economy. Census data impact our daily lives, informing important decisions about funding for services and infrastructure in your community, including health care, senior centers, jobs, political representation, roads, schools, and businesses. More than \$675 billion in federal funding flows back to states and local communities each year based on census data.



## Your census responses are safe and secure.

The Census Bureau is required by law to protect any personal information we collect and keep it strictly confidential. The Census Bureau can only use your answers to produce statistics. In fact, every Census Bureau employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life. Your answers cannot be used for law enforcement purposes or to determine your personal eligibility for government benefits.

## By law, your responses cannot be used against you.

By law, your census responses cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), not by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), not by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and not by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The law requires the Census Bureau to keep your information confidential and use your responses only to produce statistics.



## The law is clear—no personal information can be shared.

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about individuals, households, or businesses, even to law enforcement agencies.

The law states that the information collected may only be used for statistical purposes and no other purpose.

To support historical research, Title 44 of the U.S. Code allows the National Archives and Records Administration to release census records only after 72 years.

All Census Bureau staff take a lifetime oath to protect your personal information, and any violation comes with a penalty of up to \$250,000 and/or up to 5 years in prison.

### **There are no exceptions.**

The law requires the Census Bureau to keep everyone's information confidential. By law, your responses cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way. The Census Bureau will not share an individual's responses with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or allow that information to be used to determine eligibility for government benefits. Title 13 makes it very clear that the data we collect can only be used for statistical purposes—we cannot allow it to be used for anything else, including law enforcement.

### **It's your choice: you can respond securely online, by mail, or by phone.**

You will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone. Households that don't respond in one of these ways will be visited by a census taker to collect the information in person. Regardless of how you respond, your personal information is protected by law.

### **Your online responses are safe from hacking and other cyberthreats.**

The Census Bureau takes strong precautions to keep online responses secure. All data submitted online are encrypted to protect personal privacy, and our cybersecurity program meets the highest and most recent standards for protecting personal information. Once the data are received, they are no longer online. From the moment the Census Bureau collects responses, our focus and legal obligation is to keep them safe.

### **We are committed to confidentiality.**

At the U.S. Census Bureau, we are absolutely committed to keeping your responses confidential. This commitment means it is safe to provide your answers and know that they will only be used to paint a statistical portrait of our nation and communities.

Learn more about the Census Bureau's data protection and privacy program at [www.census.gov/privacy](http://www.census.gov/privacy).

### **Earn extra income while helping your community.**

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count. Visit the link below for more information and to apply:

<https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html>



### **Laws protecting personal census information have withstood challenges.**

In 1982, the U.S. Supreme Court confirmed that even addresses are confidential and cannot be disclosed through legal discovery or the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). In 2010, the U.S. Justice Department determined that the Patriot Act does not override the law that protects the confidentiality of individual census responses. No court of law can subpoena census responses.

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