

**SOUTHINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMUNICATOR
NOVEMBER 2025**

TAKE ACTION:

- **REVIEW** our community calendar found on our site under Resident Resources
- **SET** clocks back one hour before bed on **11/1** for Daylight Saving Time
- **VOTE** on **11/4** for Election Day
 - **To VOTE** early:
 - Southington Public Library **10/31 – 11/2** from 10 AM - 6 PM
- **OBSERVE** on **11/11** our Veterans and thank them for their service (**OFFICE CLOSED**)
 - **Veterans Events at the Calendar House:**
 - Office Hours on **Tuesdays** 10 AM – 12 PM
 - Coffee Hours **11/21** at 9:30 am / **12/19** at 9:30 AM
 - **Veteran Contacts:**
 - Southington Vet Committee 860-276-6299, veteranscommittee@southington.org
 - Larry Ireland 860-628-9890, lireland@kiltonicpost72.org
- **ATTEND** Board Meeting on **11/25** at **5 PM** in the Academy community room
- **CELEBRATE** your blessings on **11/27 and 11/28** (**OFFICE CLOSED for HAPPY THANKSGIVING**)

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

1 st Kim Buongirno	12 th Casmir Lukasiewicz
4 th Charles Whitfield	14 th William Wink
7 th Maria Santana Reyes	18 th Melody Sutter-Fisher
8 th Dennis O'Brien	19 th Kenneth Ahlstrom
9 th Derek Pete	28 th Alexander Derisi
11 th Hazel Swisher	Susan Zima

MAINTENANCE TIPS AND REMINDERS:

- Submit work orders timely as the issues occur. Work Orders held for inspections resulted in 100+ work orders. **Maintenance will prioritize work orders due to the high volume**

 Important Notice: SNAP Food Benefits – November 2025

- **As of 10/28:** SNAP food benefits will not be added to cards in November. The state has confirmed that no new SNAP money will come in November unless the shutdown ends.
- The Governor is helping with emergency food funding, but it **will not fully replace SNAP**.
- This **does NOT affect** your **rent**. SNAP is not considered income for housing purposes.

Can I use my existing EBT balance past October?

- At this time, SNAP benefits already loaded onto your EBT cards remain available for use to purchase food through Oct. 31, 2025.
- If the federal shutdown continues past Oct. 31, you **will** still be able to use any SNAP benefits left over from **previous** months until the federal government reopens.

What if I need to renew my SNAP benefits and have not turned in my renewal?

- It is important to submit your renewal right away. You can submit your [renewal](#) online at [MyDSS](#) in person, or by mail.

Where You Can Get Help with Food

We know this is hard. Below are places in Southington and nearby that can help:

Bread for Life (Southington)

- Hot meals, groceries, and delivery for homebound residents.

Southington Community Services

- Food, hygiene items, bread, and produce.
- Open Monday–Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.

Giving Back Food Pantry (Southington)

- Open every other Tuesday, 9:00 – 9:45 AM.
- Also, open 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 9:00 – 10:00 AM.
- **Bring ID.**

Plainville Seventh Day Adventist Church

- Food pantry is open every Wednesday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS:

Southington Community Services Operation Stay Warm – Winter Clothing Shop

Choose from Winter Coats and accessories and share seasonal cheer with music, light refreshments, and a raffle!

DATES:

November 3rd – 10 AM – 12 PM at Pleasant Street Community Room

November 5th – 10 AM - 12 PM at Academy Street Community Room

November 6th – 10 AM – 12 PM at Main Street Community Room

November 7th – 10 AM – 12 PM at Carter Lane Community Room

South Central Health District – TOPIC: FOOD Safety *PRIZES*

All attendees will be entered in a drawing to win a Lyman Orchards Pie (ONE WINNER PER SITE)

Two winners will receive a Meat Thermometer

DATES:

November 3rd – 11 AM at Academy Street Community Room

November 3rd – 1 PM at Pleasant Street Community Room

November 17th - 10 AM at Main Street Community Room

November 17th – 1 PM at Carter Lane Community Room

Day-Break hosted BINGO

Fun prizes, great company, and light refreshments will be provided while you get to know their services.

WHEN: Wednesday, 11/19 from 11 AM – 12 PM

WHERE: Pleasant Street Community Room

Southington Community Services - If you have not signed up, contact 860-628-3761.



Thanksgiving Food Baskets

- Delivery Date: Saturday, November 22 / Snow Date: Sunday, November 23



Christmas Food Baskets

- Delivery Date: Saturday, December 20 / Snow Date: Sunday, December 21



Christmas Gift Delivery

- Delivery Date: Thursday, December 18

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- If you are not home during delivery, you must call the office, 860-628-3761, to schedule a pickup appointment.
- Gifts are provided at the discretion of the donor. You may receive some, all, or none of the items requested during sign-up.
- No items will be left unattended or with a neighbor.
- Items will only be distributed on the scheduled dates. No early or late pickups will be allowed.



The Calvanese Family & Aqua Turf Complimentary Thanksgiving Dinner

Date: Thursday, November 27

Arrival Time: 11:30 AM

Dinner Served: 12:00 PM

Location: Aqua Turf Club, 556 Mulberry Street, Plantsville, CT

Who's Invited:

- Veterans (plus up to 3 family members)
- Individuals who are disabled or elderly

RSVP by November 20: Contact Kathy at 475-689-0219 to reserve your spot.

Energy Assistance Requirements 2025-2026 Preparation

- **Review** the attached guidelines and the tips below:
 - Bank Statements with Social Security payments that are directly deposited
 - Separate statements are needed for pension or any other monthly compensation
 - 1099-R form from 2024 or a recent monthly "stub"
 - Separate documents needed for VA benefits, Unemployment, or IRA monthly distributions
 - **Collect** the required documentation needed
 - **WAYS TO APPLY**
 - Direct with Calendar House
 - By Appointment with Southington Community Service or another agency
 - Use the SHA drop box
 - Rent history available upon request
 - Benefits range from \$295 - \$645, paid to your utility company.
 - Additional programs may include Matching Payment and shut-off protection.
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SOUTHINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY REMINDERS:



Recertification Reminder

Packets are scheduled to be delivered beginning in November. To streamline efficiencies regarding recertifications, tenants will see a different format for personal declaration.

PREPARE: Start collecting documents now!

-  Bank Statements – July – December 2025
-  Verification of income (i.e., 1099, Social Security, Pension, etc.)
-  Medical Expense / Receipts – *ENTIRE YEAR 2025*

 **Tip:** Use an envelope or folder to keep everything in one place. Staying organized now will make recertification easier later