

# MERCER COUNTY CONNECTION

# december

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 	3 Open Tuesday & Thursday night until 7:30 for passports	4 Passport Services available everyday	5 <b>Consumer Affairs Rep 12 - 3</b> <b>Notary Oath Night 3 - 7:30</b>	<b>HOURS OF OPERATION:</b> Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10-6 Tuesday & Thursday, 10-8 Saturday 10-3 <i>*Passport hours end 1/2 hour prior to closing</i>	
8	9 Meeting Room Available. Call for information	10 <b>Wills &amp; Powers of Attorney</b> <b>Mercer Legal 10:00 - 11:30</b>	11	12 <b>Mercer Bar Free 15 Minutes With a lawyer 5:30 - 7:00</b>	13 Summer Vacation Plans? Get your passport now!	14 Energy Assistance Applications Walk-ins December 7, 14, & 21 from 10 - 12
15	16	17 <b>Affordable Care Act Seminar 6 - 7</b>	18 SHIP Medicare Counselor by Appointment Wednesdays & Fridays	19 <b>Meet With Consumer Affairs Rep 12 - 3</b>	20	21
22	23 We take excellent passport photos every day!	24 Energy Assistance Applications by Appt. Tuesdays & Thursdays	25 <b>Closed for the Holiday</b>	26 Summer Vacation Plans? Get your passport now!	27 	
29	30 P.A.A.D. Applications Available Everyday	31 <b>Happy New Year from your friends at County Connection</b>			Programs are free but require advance registration.	

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## This Month's Events...

All programs are free, but registration is required.  
Call 609-890-9800 to reserve a seat.

### **CONSUMER AFFAIRS** Thursday, December 5th and 19th 12 to 3 p.m.

Experiencing difficulty with a local business? Do you need information on how to avoid Credit, Home Improvement, Automotive, or Internet Fraud? Have you had problems with purchases or unreliable repairmen? The Chief of the Mercer County Consumer Affairs Commission will be here to answer all of your questions.

### **WILLS AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY** Tuesday, December 10th, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Is your estate in order? Planning for incapacity is an important and often overlooked part of estate planning that covers how you are cared for if you become physically or mentally unable to care for yourself. This seminar will discuss planning tools to use to ensure that decision-making related to property or personal care can proceed without unnecessary disruption. Guest speaker will be Susan Knispel, Esquire, Project Director for The Mercer County Legal Services Project for the Elderly.

### **MERCER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION FREE LEGAL CLINIC** Thursday, December 12th 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

This free 15-minute consultation with an attorney is sponsored by **LAWYERS C.A.R.E.** Everyone is seen on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Attorneys will answer questions regarding Family Law, Real Estate Law, Landlord/Tenant Law, Personal Injury Law, Wills and Estates, Bankruptcy, Criminal Law, and Municipal Court Law.

### **AFFORDABLE CARE ACT SEMINAR** Tuesday, December 17th 6 to 7 p.m.

Join us for a free community forum to learn about our new healthcare choices including: What does the Affordable Care Act mean for you, what is the Marketplace and how can you enroll, and what impact does the Affordable Care Act have for families, small businesses, freelancers, young adults, entrepreneurs, and early retirees. The seminar will be presented by Argelys Morel, Member Engagement & Outreach Associate, Health Republic Insurance of New Jersey.

## Recurring Events...

### **N.J. NOTARY OATH FILING** First Thursday of Every Month, 3:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The Mercer County Clerk sends staff here monthly to swear in new and renewing New Jersey notaries. The cost is \$15 and payment can be made via check, money order, or credit card. No cash is accepted.

### **THE STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** By Appointment Only

SHIP volunteer counselors provide free assistance to NJ Medicare beneficiaries, who have problems with, or questions about, their Medicare insurance. Call 609-890-9800 for an appointment.

### **HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE**

The County of Mercer working in coordination with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs will be accepting applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) beginning on October 1, 2013. Connection Hours will be: Tuesday and Thursday 10 to 12 By Appointment, Saturdays, December 7th, 14th, and 21st walk-ins from 10 to 12. To make an appointment call the Mercer County Housing and Community Development Office at 609-989-6858 or 609-989-6959.

## Upcoming Events...

### **VETERANS AFFAIRS PTSD SEMINAR** Friday, January 10th, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### **MCIA RECYCLING SEMINAR** Tuesday, January 14th, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

### **SOCIAL SECURITY SEMINAR** Wednesday, January 15th, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.