



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

David J. Valesky

Senator Valesky to Hold Free Senior Fair on October 11 in Madison County

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Senator David J. Valesky (D-Oneida) is hosting his fifth annual Senior Information Fair at the Rusty Rail in Canastota on Wednesday, October 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Experts from local businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies will provide important information on health care, in-home services, health insurance, prescription assistance, housing, and local services, as well as offer giveaways. All residents are invited to attend this free event.

Rite Aid will offer flu shots (with insurance card and co-payment). Other organizations will offer blood pressure checks and health screenings.

“Madison County is home to dozens of organizations and agencies that can directly benefit seniors, but seniors may not be aware of all of the services available,” Sen. Valesky said. “This free Information Fair is a means for seniors and their families to connect with the experts and groups that can offer assistance and information on issues of importance to them.”

Attendees will be able to speak with representatives from the agencies listed below. For more information about the fair, call Sen. Valesky’s office at 315-478-8745 or email

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AARP New York

Alzheimer's Association, Central New York Chapter

American Cancer Society – ACS tumbler with candy

ARISE, Inc.

Ava Dorfman Center

Bethany Gardens – promotional product giveaways

BRiDGES Madison County Council on Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Inc. - pens

Cazenovia Chamber of Commerce – information on the Cazenovia Area Senior Association, newsletters, and other pertinent info for seniors

Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CABVI)

Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum – pens and other informational materials

Crouse Community Center – giveaways and basket drawing

Eat Smart NY – class sign-ups, grocery store information

Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield – Medicare plan options for 2017 & 2018 plan year

Food Bank of CNY – SNAP –information about SNAP/food stamps

Franciscan Lifeline

Gerrit Smith Estate/National Abolition Hall of Fame

Haynes & Hall - Medicare Solutions – information about 2018 Excellus Medicare plans

Hazel Carpenter Home, Inc. – WalMart gift card giveaway

HCR Home Care – information about certified home health and care management

Help Restore Hope Center

Jeanine's Spring Chickens - new Medicare plans for 2018

Legal Aid Society of Mid-NY, Inc.

Literacy Coalition of Madison County

Lutheran Care

Madison County Department of Social Services – Information about agency programs

Madison County Dept. of Solid Waste – Information about Madison County's Styrofoam program and recycling, giving away reusable bags and recycling guides

Madison County Health Department – information about community health worker immunizations, giving away ice/warm packs

Madison County Office for the Aging, Inc.

Madison County Sheriff's Office – information about Project LifeSaver, a locating system for dementia patients who wander from home; giveaways including pens, medicine organizers, nail files, ice scrapers, and educational materials

Madison County Veterans Agency

Mid York Library System – information about Hoopla, a digital streaming service available free with a Mid York library card, which includes music, movies, ebooks, audiobooks, graphics novels, and more.

National Library of Medicine

New York State EPIC

New York State Funeral Directors Association – information about funeral planning, handouts

New York State Office of the Attorney General

New York State Tax Department

Office of the New York State Comptroller – search for unclaimed funds

Oneida Healthcare

Open Doors Transition Center – information about transition service from nursing home to community, giveaways

Oviatt Hearing & Balance

Prudential Financial

Rite Aid – flu, pneumonia, and TDAP shots (with insurance card or cash)

Rural Health Council of Madison County – information about the Chronic Disease Self Management Program and Monday Miles in various parts of the county

Senator Valesky Constituent Services

Senior Companion Program, InterFaith Works of CNY

Seniors Helping Seniors

The Grand Healthcare/The Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing at Rome – basket giveaway

University Geriatricians – magnifiers as giveaways

Upstate Cancer Center - giveaways

Utica Rehabilitation & Nursing Center – notepads, pens, candy

VNA Homecare Options