

South River Office on Aging
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South River, NJ 08882

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The Senior Scoop

OFFICE CLOSURE

All borough offices, including the Office on Aging, will be closed on Monday, February 16th for Presidents' Day. Members wishing to take advantage of our Around Town Shuttle and Medical Transportation services on Tuesday, February 17th must call the office before 3pm on Friday, February 13th to schedule. Please be reminded that under no circumstances do voicemail messages and emails requesting transportation constitute reservations; all requests must be scheduled with a member of our staff either by phone or in person.

FEBRUARY TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

Mystery Trip: What: Bring your curiosity, we'll handle the rest. When: Friday, February 13th @ 10:30am (\$25 pre-paid); sign-up began January 12th; waitlist available. Please note that pick-up will begin at 10:30am, not 10am as originally announced.

Sips & Dips Social: What: Mix & mingle at our afternoon social with light bites & happy hour vibes. When: Thursday, February 19th @ 12pm (\$6 pre-paid); sign-up begins Monday, February 2nd.

"An Ecology of Quilts" Exhibit @ American Folk Art Museum, NYC: What: Drawing on the museum's extensive collection of quilts spanning the 18th to the 20th centuries, this guided tour tells a story of the woven web of environmental resources, scientific knowledge, craft, and collaboration that goes into the making of a quilt. When: Friday, February 27th @ 9:30am (\$10 pre-paid + Lunch); sign-up begins Monday, February 2nd.

PRE-PAID ACTIVITIES, TRIPS & EVENTS

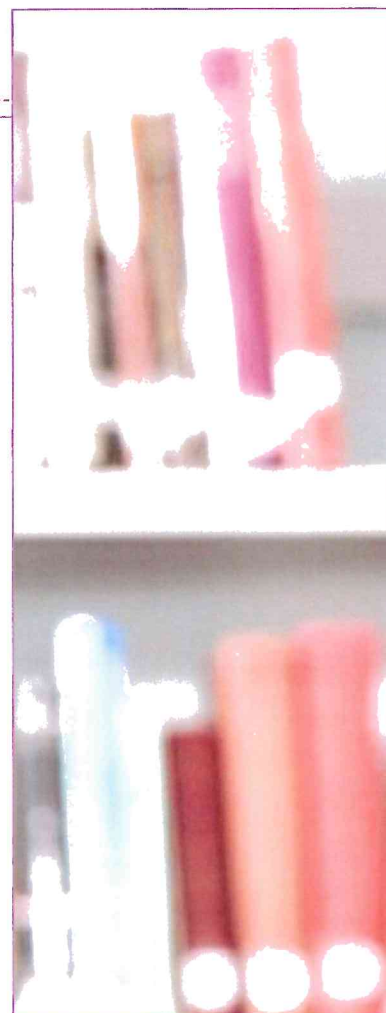
Please be advised that members who wish to pay for activities, trips, and events with cash must do so with exact change beginning in February. We also accept personal checks made payable to South River Senior Trust.

REID STREET ROAD WORK UPDATE

As announced in January's newsletter, the Office on Aging will be closed for one week as extensive repairs to Reid Street adjacent to our driveway are completed. We continue to await anticipated dates for the disruption to our facility, and will share information as soon as it becomes available.

MEMBER DATABASE UPDATE

In an effort to keep our member database current and accurate, all existing Office on Aging members must review and initial or make necessary changes to last year's Membership Application, and for those who use the gym or participate in Physical Activity classes, review and initial last year's Exercise Waiver. **This applies to all members who joined the Office on Aging prior to October 2025.** Please stop in at your convenience before March 31st—the process is quick and easy—and it's an integral part of our operation.



*There's nothing better
than a friend,
unless it's a friend
with chocolate.*

-Unknown



PLANNING AHEAD

Free Hearing Screening: When: Tuesday, March 3rd, 11am-1pm (by appointment); transportation is available; sign-up begins Monday, February 2nd.

BOROUGH CALENDAR (RESIDENTIAL WASTE & RECYCLING GUIDE)

Borough calendars will be available the first week of February, but we suggest calling before stopping by the Office on Aging to pick up your copy— included is information about trash and recycling pick-up schedules and procedures, municipal services, holiday closures, and special event dates.

AARP TAX PREPARATION PROGRAM

Low- and moderate-income taxpayers of any age (with priority given to those age 60+) residing in Middlesex County are invited to take advantage of free income tax preparation provided by the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program. The program is available from February 2nd-April 8th, by appointment only, at the neighboring venues listed below. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to contact their preferred location as soon as possible to schedule an appointment.

East Brunswick Public Library

2 Jean Walling Drive, East Brunswick

Mondays & Wednesdays; call (732) 390-6767

Spotswood Office on Aging

1 Arlington Avenue, Spotswood

Wednesdays; call (732) 251-3432

Additional locations outside of our immediate area are available upon request.

While the preparers are certified to do most returns, some cannot be accommodated, such as income from rental properties, certain types of self employment income, foreign asset reporting, out-of-state income, and part time New Jersey residents.

E-ZPASS SENIOR DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Customers of the NJ E-ZPass program age 65+ are eligible for the E-ZPass Senior Citizen Discount Program, which provides a 10% discount on the off-peak rate on the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway (peak times include Monday-Friday 7am-9am and 4:30pm-6:30pm; Saturday-Sunday all day. In addition to meeting the age requirement, participants must have a current NJ E-ZPass account, valid driver's license issued by any state, and a vehicle registered in their name or their spouse's name. The program is "tag specific," which applies to the existing E-ZPass tag/transponder used exclusively by the eligible senior citizen enrolling in the program, who must be in the vehicle at the time of each toll transaction. Enrollment in the program may be completed online by visiting www.njta.gov/toll-discounts or 2-page paper form, which is included here for your convenience, along with instructions. Members who wish to expedite the process by applying online, but require assistance, are encouraged to call us to schedule an appointment.

SIGNING UP: HOW IT WORKS

Generally, sign-up for the month begins on the first business day of the calendar month, unless otherwise indicated. Sign-up for activities, events or trips that may be scheduled during the first week of that month are accepted the last week of the month prior.

Some programs, trips and events require advanced sign-up and payment; information including date and costs are specified in the body of the newsletter, so please be sure to read it in its entirety.

Members who commit to an activity and find themselves unable to attend should notify the office immediately (leave a voicemail message if it's outside of normal business hours). Habitual no-shows may result in modified sign-up procedures, and refunds will not be issued.

Members are welcome to sign up for themselves and one other member.

Still unsure? We're happy to explain further.



February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Office on Aging Hours of Operation Monday-Friday 9:30am-3pm (732) 257-2340	2	3 9am-2pm Around Town Shuttle & Medical Transport	4 10am Dollar Tree TJ Maxx/Kohl's Home Goods Stop & Shop/Aldi Brunswick Sq. Mall	5 10am ShopRite	6	7 Mondays 10am Line Dancing Classes w/ Joyce \$1 recommended contribution
8	9	10 9am-2pm Around Town Shuttle & Medical Transport	11	12 10am ShopRite	13 10:30am Mystery Trip \$25 pre-paid waitlist available	14 Tuesdays 10am Strength Training Classes w/ Nancy \$1 recommended contribution
15	16 Presidents' Day Office Closed	17 9am-2pm Around Town Shuttle & Medical Transport	18 10am Woodbridge Mall Woodbridge	19 10am ShopRite 12pm Sips & Dips Social \$6 pre-paid	20	21 Wednesdays 10am-12pm Haircuts by Mike the Barber \$8 please call ahead
22	23	24 9am-2pm Around Town Shuttle & Medical Transport	25	26 10am ShopRite	27 9am "An Ecology of Quilts" Exhibit @ American Folk Art Museum NYC \$10 pre-paid + Lunch	28 Thursdays 11am Gentle Yoga Classes w/ Steff \$1 recommended contribution

New Jersey Turnpike Authority

Senior Citizen Discount Program for E-ZPass®

What You Need to Know...

Thank you for your interest in the E-ZPass Senior Citizen Discount Program. In order to participate in this Program you must be 65 years of age or older, have a **New Jersey E-ZPass** account, have a valid driver's license issued by any state, and have a vehicle registered in your name in any state. **You do not have to live in New Jersey to open a New Jersey E-ZPass account.**

The Senior Citizen Discount Program is "tag specific" which means that you will be asked to identify the one (1) E-ZPass tag/transponder that will be used exclusively by the eligible senior citizen enrolling in the Program. There is an eleven (11) digit number on the tag/transponder and it must begin with "003", "009", "022", "025" or "029".

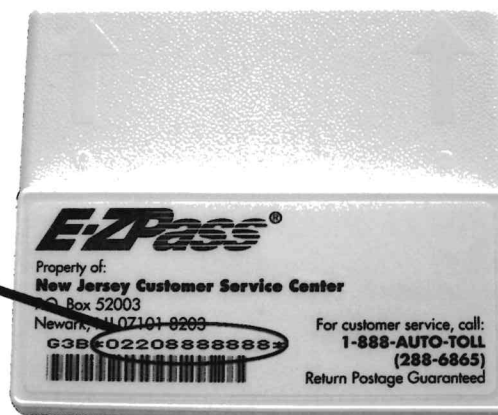
Your 11 digit

E-ZPass Tag/Transponder #

is located here

(Only numbers between *asterisks*)

EXAMPLE



What You Need to Do...

To register for the E-ZPass Senior Citizen Discount Program, you must:

- 1) include a copy of your valid driver's license;
- 2) include a passenger vehicle registration in your name or your spouse's name
(if you lease the vehicle, include copy (top portion only) of your lease agreement showing that you are the lessee);
- 3) **complete and submit the Application and above paperwork to:**

**New Jersey Turnpike Authority
Customer Service
P.O. Box 5042
Woodbridge, NJ 07095**

If the proper documentation is not received, your application will be returned to you. Please allow 6-8 weeks for processing. After that time, you may call NJ E-ZPass Customer Service Center at 1-888-288-6865 or check online at www.ezpassnj.com to verify that you are registered for the Program. Click "Check Your Account" then click "Plans".

If you have any questions regarding the New Jersey Turnpike Authority's Senior Citizen E-ZPass Discount Program, please call 732-750-5300.

New Jersey Turnpike Authority

Senior Citizen Discount Program for E-ZPass

Important Rules:

- E-ZPass is not accepted in “Exact Change” lanes on the Garden State Parkway. Do not use an “Exact Change” lane or you will be required to pay the full cash toll.
- The eligible senior citizen must be a licensed driver in any state, must have a vehicle registered in his/her name in any state, and must be in the vehicle at the time the transaction occurs.
- Discount is **not valid** during **Peak Hours***.
- The Senior Citizen Discount Program is available to only passenger vehicles. No commercial vehicles can participate in the Program.
- Anyone who misuses the E-ZPass Senior Citizen Discount Program will be barred from further participation in the Program.
- We reserve the right to assess full cash toll amount retroactively for any and all tolls charged at the Senior Citizen Discount Program rate if any unauthorized use is detected.

*** Peak Hours:** Mon-Fri, 7am-9am, 4:30pm-6:30pm; All Day Saturday and Sunday

For specific information on the terms and conditions of a New Jersey E-ZPass account, please visit www.ezpassnj.com or call 1-888-288-6865.

If you have any questions regarding the New Jersey Turnpike Authority’s Senior Citizen E-ZPass Discount Program, please call 732-750-5300.

PLEASE KEEP THIS FORM FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

NJ E-ZPass Account # (13 digits)

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E-ZPass Tag/Transponder # (11 digits)

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(See back of application for location of the number.)

NJTA Senior Citizen Discount Program for E-ZPass APPLICATION

You Must Have An Active New Jersey E-ZPass Account Before Completing The Following

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail: _____ (Optional)

Phone Number:

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New Jersey E-ZPass Account #:

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E-ZPass Tag/Transponder #:

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**ONLY ONE TAG / TRANSPONDER
PER SENIOR.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR
VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION.**

To Open a New Jersey E-ZPass Account, you can apply online at www.ezpassnj.com, or call 1-888-288-6865 to apply by telephone or request an application. You can also apply in person at one of our E-ZPass Customer Service Center locations found on the website.

ATTENTION: Use of the tag/transponder registered with NJ E-ZPass as eligible for the Senior Citizen Discount Program by anyone who is not eligible and entitled to the Senior Citizen Discount Program will result in loss of privileges to the enrolled senior citizen participant. We reserve the right to assess full cash toll amount retroactively for any and all tolls charged at the Senior Citizen Discount Program rate if any unauthorized use is detected.

I have read and understand the above terms and conditions of participation in the NJTA Senior Citizen Discount Program:

Applicant's Signature

Date

Please mail to: New Jersey Turnpike Authority, Customer Service, P.O. Box 5042, Woodbridge, NJ 07095

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