#### Flathead County Area IX Agency on Aging

## **NEWSLETTER**



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# On the Move—South Campus Ready for Occupancy

July is a busy and exciting month for the Agency on Aging. We have relocated from Kelly Road to the new South Campus building. We're getting settled in and will be open to the public on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> for dining and in-office appointments.

We're excited to welcome the Kalispell Senior Center's move in the next few weeks. Our consolidated location will provide better access to the programs and services we both offer as well as new and expanded opportunities for activities.

We are also pleased to introduce our Volunteer Greeters who are available in the foyer to direct folks to the appropriate areas.



We ask for your patience and understanding during the transition. Once we are up and running there may still be some work going on in the new building and surrounding areas.

If you have questions you can call our main line at 758-5730. We look forward to welcoming you to the new location.

### **On-Line Auction for Surplus Items**

Are you looking for office furniture, cabinets, shelves, or equipment? Flathead County has surplus items listed on the county website. Visit the **www.flathead.mt.gov** and click on the *Surplus Auction* link. You will find photos of items and easy to follow directions on how to bid. Many new items will be added as the county departments continue the move in to the new South Campus building. Check the website often for a current listing.

This is a "sealed bid" auction, so only one bid per person is allowed. Auctions items are available for one month, opening the first day and closing at midnight on the last day of the month. There are many good items offered for sale.



## Does this letter look familiar?





#### How to Get Help With Your Medicare Costs

We are writing to let you know how you can get help paying your Medicare costs. You may be able to get help paying your Medicare prescription drug coverage costs and Medicare Part B (medical insurance) premiums and other medical costs. Some people also may get help with their Medicare Part A (hospital insurance)

#### Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs

The Extra Help program helps pay your Medicare prescription drug plan costs. If you have little income, few resources, and Medicare, you may be able to get Extra Help. To get Extra Help:

- Your yearly income should be less than \$17,505 if you are single, or \$23,595 if you are married and living together. Your income can be higher if you or your spouse works, other people who live with you rely on you for support, or you live in Alaska or Hawaii.
- Your resources (such as money in a bank, stocks, or bonds) should not total
  more than \$13,440 if you are single, or \$26,860 if you are married and living
  together. Certain things you own, like your house, car, life insurance, and
  up to \$1,500 per person in burial expenses do not count as resources.

#### To Apply for Extra Help or Ask Questions

To apply for Extra Help or get more information, please contact the Social Security Administration. You can visit <a href="www.socialsecurity.gov/i1020">www.socialsecurity.gov/i1020</a> to apply online and get more information. You also can call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. TTY users may call 1-800-325-0778. To use Extra Help, you must enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan. For more information on

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In May, the Social Security Administration (SSA) mailed out over 1800 letters in Flathead County alone to Medicare recipients who may be eligible!

If you or someone you know received a letter like this one with explanation about *Extra Help* or *Medicare Savings Program* (MSP) please call 758-5730 for free application assistance. *Extra Help* will assist you with your Part D prescription costs and *MSP* will cover Part B premiums and possibly other medical costs.

A little time spent with us can add up to big savings for you. Other programs may help you save on utilities, groceries, and other household expenses. For a free *Benefits CheckUp*, please call us at 758-5730. *You gave, now it's your time to save!* 



## Get Involved!

Social dining, art classes, exercise sessions, card playing and tournaments, music, and more!

Bigfork Community Center	837-4157
Kalispell Senior Center	257-1598
Lakeside Gathering Place	546-8537
North Valley Senior Center (Columbia Falls)	892-4087
Whitefish Community Center	862-4923

Call for Meal Reservations/Cancellations and to find out what is happening this month for social opportunities.

Serving older adults and people with disabilities in Flathead County.

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