

Polish American Social Services "PASS"

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Polish American Social Services United Social Services Outreach Program

The main office of PASS at 308 Walnut Street is open Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. to service the general public. You can call the main office at (215) 923-1900. Clients coming to the main office are asked to call in advance so that a Social Service Representative can be assigned to provide information and assistance and to secure appropriate documents and information necessary for processing each request.

Some services are listed in this newsletter, but the staff can assist you with many other programs available to both senior citizens and individuals of all ages. Services can be provided in the English or Polish language. Everyone is welcome to contact the agency for services.

PASS also makes many community outreach visits throughout the year. There are also several special outreach visits made to senior citizen groups which are announced in local newspapers or church bulletins.

The following outreach service locations and schedules are in operation: Daily services for clients from these areas are also available at the main office.

Main Office:

308 Walnut Street
Downtown Philadelphia **Monday to Friday**
9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Port Richmond & Fishtown areas:

St. Adalbert Office **Every Tuesday**
Thompson Street & Allegheny Avenue **9 A.M. to 1 P.M.**

Northeast/Bridesburg & Frankford areas:

St. John Cantius Hall **Every 1st Wednesday**
Thompson & Orthodox Streets **10 A.M. to 12 Noon**

Manayunk/Roxborough areas:

St. Josaphat Hall **Every 3rd Monday**
Cotton & Silverwood Streets **10 A.M. to 12 Noon**

Other outreach areas served by PASS are announced in community newspapers and in church bulletins.

For information on those outreach visits call the main office at (215) 923-1900.

Property Tax Rent Rebate Program Extended to December 31, 2006!

For seniors, widows and widowers and disabled persons whose income is below \$15,000 a year, it's not too late to get a rebate on the real estate taxes or rent that you paid in 2005.



REMEMBER THAT ONLY HALF OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY OR SSI INCOME IS COUNTED FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PROGRAM!

Don't wait till the end of the year to apply. To find out if you qualify for this program, or if you need help in filling out the application or would like an application, please call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

PROPERTY TAX RENT REBATE PROGRAM EXPANDED FOR 2006

If you are a homeowner and your income falls within the income guideline listed below, you could be eligible for a rebate on real estate taxes that you paid in 2006.

ONLY COUNT HALF OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY OR SSI!

For more information or to get on the mailing list so you can receive an application in 2007, call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

Income Limits and Rebates for Expanded Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program

Income (Minus 50% of Social Security Income)	Rebate
\$8,000 or less	\$650
\$8001-\$15,000	\$500
\$15,001-\$18,000	\$300
\$18,001-\$35,000	\$250

ARE YOU FACED WITH AN UTILITY SHUT-OFF?

If you had a utility shut off or are in the process of a shut off, there could be help for you through the Utility Emergency Services Fund (UESF) program.

Through this program, a grant of up to \$500 could be made available, but this grant should make the account reach a zero balance. If the bill is in excess of \$500, the applicant is responsible for the balance.

Income guidelines are \$1,429 monthly income for a single person and \$1,925 for a couple.

For more information about eligibility, how to apply and what documents are necessary, contact PASS at (215) 923-1900.

Eye Care Program - Free!



Low income working Pennsylvanians and their families can obtain free eye exams through the VISION USA program. This program does not pay for eye glasses.

For an application or more information about eligibility guidelines, please call 1-800-766-4466, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Water Bill Assistance

PASS reminds senior citizens living in the City of Philadelphia that they can apply for the 25% water and sewer discount program.

To qualify, you or your spouse must be:

- * 65 years of age or older
- * have an annual household income of less than \$27,600, (approximately \$2,300 per month.)



Those who qualify will receive a 25% discount on every monthly water bill. There are many people still eligible who have not applied.

For more information or an application contact Polish American Social Services "PASS", Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. at (215) 923-1900.

Electric bill - CAP- Customer Assistance Program

PECO Energy offers a CAP Rate (Customer Assistance Program) which provides a discount based on the level of income for the first 500 kWh of electric usage billed. Additional usage over 500 kWh will be billed at the regular rate. The CAP Rate is designed for income eligible customers whose monthly gross income is at or below \$1,225 for a single person and \$1,650 for a couple and are payment troubled. You can call CAP at 1-800-774-7040 or PASS at (215) 923-1900.

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Look Out For LIHEAP

Fuel Rebate Program About to Begin



As in previous years, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), also known as the Fuel Rebate Program, will be starting on November 6, 2006. Those who have applied in previous years should be receiving applications in the mail.

For those who are not familiar with the program, there is no age restriction to apply. The household income must be within the following guidelines:

Number in Household	Approximate Monthly Income	Annual Income
1	\$1,225	\$14,700
2	\$1,650	\$19,800
3	\$2,075	\$24,900
4	\$2,500	\$30,000
For each additional person add:		\$425
		\$5,100

For more information on filing requirements or to get an application when they become available, call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

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