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In This Issue

This issue is dedicated to information about senior services in our area. Please share this newsletter with others in your community.

Tax Help for Area Seniors

AARP and the Elburn Public Library have teamed up again to provide **free**, confidential tax help for area senior citizens. Tax-Aide 2004 is available Wednesdays, February 4- April 7th between 9 am and noon. While the service is free, clients must call the library to make an appointment (630/365-2244) and pay for any copying charges. AARP and Community Care Team member, Ron Limbrick is one of the volunteers working with this program. He recommends bringing the following items to your appointment:

- Copy of last year's income tax return
- Current year's tax forms and preparation booklet
- W-2 forms from each employer
- Unemployment compensation statements
- SSA-1099 form if you received Social Security benefits
- All 1099 forms showing interest and/or dividend and documentation showing original purchase price of sold assets
- 1099R if you received a pension or annuity

- all forms indicating federal income tax paid
- child care provider information (name, employer, ID, Social Security number)
- all receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions, and
- Social Security numbers for all dependents

Call for your appointment today! Clients will be served on a first come, first served basis.

Safe Return Program

Do you know someone caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease? Persons with Alzheimer's lose their ability to recognize familiar places and faces. Many cannot remember their name or address. They may become disoriented and lost in their neighborhood or far from home.

It is common for a person with Alzheimer's to wander, often repeatedly, as the disease progresses. This behavior can be dangerous, even life-threatening to individuals and stressful for caregivers.

The Alzheimer's Association **Safe Return Program** assists in the safe return of individuals with Alzheimer's or a related dementia who wander and become lost. **Safe Return** is a nationwide identification, support and registration program working at the

community level. **Safe Return** provides assistance whether a person becomes lost locally or far from home. Assistance is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, whenever a person is lost or found. The registration fee of \$40 includes identification jewelry and a caregiver checklist. Caregivers must supply information about their loved one, including a photo, medical information, emergency contact information, social security number, local law enforcement information and physical description.

If a registrant is missing, **Safe Return** will fax the person's information and photo to the local law enforcement department. If a registrant is found, a citizen or law official can call the 800 number on the identification jewelry. **Safe Return** can access registrant information and notify the listed contacts.

For more information contact:

Alzheimer's Association Safe Return Program

P.O. Box 3687

Chicago IL 60690-3687

OR

888/572-8566

TDD: 888/500-5759

www.alzheimers-illinois.org

Stay Connected with Lifeline

Lifeline is a personal response and support system for seniors living independently. One push of a button on the Lifeline necklace or bracelet gets you immediate help, allows you to answer your phone without rushing and provides access to trained professionals 24 hours a day, every day. Lifeline is available from Sherman Homecare Partners. Call 847/429-6218 for more information and rates.

Senior Services Associates

Senior Services Associates is our local not-for-profit senior assistance agency. It provides a variety of services, including:

- **Information, referral and outreach.**

Information is available over the phone or during a home visit and includes help with social security, Medicare, energy assistance, circuit breaker and more.

- **Case Management Services.** Case managers assess the need for in-home assistance, develop an overall plan of care and follow up once services are in place.

- **Elder Abuse Intervention**

- **Nursing Home Ombudsman Services**

- **Adult Day Center**

- **Recreation, Education and Health Programs**

- **Transportation (limited areas)**

Call the Kane County Senior Services at 630/897-4035 for more information about service eligibility.

Right at Home

Right at Home is a private in-home care and assistance business located in Batavia. It provides a variety of non-medical services, including respite care, meal preparation, pet care, reading and responding to mail, companionship, transportation and errands, assistance with dressing and bathing and more. The rates are hourly, with a minimum of 2 hours a week required for sitter services. Other services include live-in services, sleep-over services, couples services and discharge/outpatient services. For more information and rates call Kathy Wetters at 879-1965 or visit their web site at www.rightathome.net/foxvalley