



## Age-Friendly Teaneck News & Updates

As Teaneck works to create a more age-friendly environment for residents, we'll keep you posted about new developments programs and events.

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**LAST CHANCE:** Click [HERE](#) to complete our survey before it closes on Aug. 7  
Help us better advocate for older residents' needs

### Age-Friendly Teaneck Coordinator An Experienced Social Worker

Age-Friendly Teaneck is pleased to announce changes to its leadership team, which we are confident will help us sustain and expand our efforts to make Teaneck as great a place to grow old as it is to grow up.

EJ Nicolas, a licensed social worker with deep ties to our parent organization, Geriatric Services Inc., is now serving in the position of Project Coordinator. [Read More](#)



### Forty-units of Affordable Senior Housing Coming to Teaneck



Another affordable senior housing residence is coming to Teaneck, one that will include community space for wellness programs and other supportive services for older adults living in the building and in the surrounding community  
The 40-unit building will be constructed at 1425 Teaneck Road, on a lot that is currently the site of a former municipal public works building. [Read More](#)

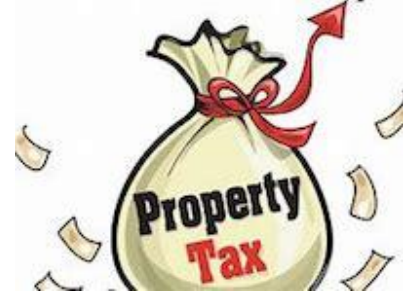
### Property Tax Relief Programs Could be Lost to State Budget Cuts

**Older Homeowners, Those with Disabilities Urged to Act**

In the wake of the economic devastation caused by Coronavirus, New Jersey may cut property tax relief programs that many longtime Teaneck residents need to afford living in their homes.

Funding for both The Homestead Benefit Program and The Property Tax Reimbursement Program, more commonly known as the “Senior Freeze,” was left out of the three-month stopgap state budget enacted in June.

Aging advocates fear that both programs will not be restored in the budget that must be adopted by Oct. 1, and they are advising older adults to contact their legislators and the governor’s office to urge that funding be restored to both. [Read More](#)



Click [Here](#) for Lawmaker Contact Info and Sample Letter

## Get Help from Heightened, Independence and Progress (HIP)

Hackensack Agency Has Pandemic-Relief Funds For People with Disabilities: Free Grocery Cards, Assistive Devices, Health Technology



131 Main Street, Suite 120, Hackensack, NJ 07601 / 201-996-9100 / [www.hipnj.org](http://www.hipnj.org)  
During the COVID-19 crisis hip staff has been working remotely to ensure that people with disabilities have the appropriate services to withstand the challenges brought on by remaining in their homes. Thanks to the CARES Act we have been given the opportunity to expand our services to ensure that people with disabilities can continue to remain independent in their communities. In addition to the programs listed below our Center for Independent Living can provide services to:

- Improve access to information and connection to community through enhanced technology.
- Ensure that people who need assistance with food, supplies and equipment receive the necessary services.
- Maintain health and safety at home through the provision of self-monitoring devices (blood pressure monitors), window unit air conditioners, microwaves, PT equipment, etc.
- Assist people with training for the use of new technology and assistive devices.
- Establish new lines of communication for information and referral, peer support and advocacy.

We recognize that our delivery of services will be slightly different from our usual in-person meetings, but we are here to respond to your specific needs.

Contact us: Phone (201) 996-9100 ext. 18 or [info@hipnj.org](mailto:info@hipnj.org)

Adjustment to Vision Loss coordinates peer support groups (via telephone conference call).

Community Advocacy and Outreach Program seeks to promote full inclusion through advocacy, education, and legislation.

Division of Developmental Disabilities Support Coordination Program assists individuals to discover their full potential.

Hispanic Outreach Program directs Independent Living services to individuals of Hispanic origin, in English and Spanish.

Modification Access Project (MAP) assists with funding for barrier-free home renovation projects from concept to completion.

Multimedia Transcription Service (MTS) transcribes textbooks and other materials into Braille.

Senior and Caregiver Assistance Program provides care management to individuals over the age of 60 and/or adult family caregivers.

Special Needs Assistance Program (SNAP) provides funding and facilitates acquisition of services and adaptive devices such as wheelchairs, bathroom equipment, hearing aids and more.

Support for Independent Living (SIL) provides ongoing care management services through assessment, linkage, and coordination for people with disabilities (18-59).

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is a state-funded case management program for New Jersey residents who have survived an acquired brain injury, for services and supports they need to live in the community.

### Covid19 Community Response Program

#### FOOD GIFT CARD APPLICATION

Heightened Independence and Progress (HIP) is providing assistance to individuals with disabilities and their families who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of our efforts, we will be distributing grocery store gift cards to approved individuals and/or families. Approved recipients/households will receive a Shoprite gift card to assist with grocery purchases.

**To be considered for the gift cards, please complete the 2 page application. Incomplete applications will be delayed. One gift card per household per month.**

Applications can be emailed to [mvalentin@hipnj.org](mailto:mvalentin@hipnj.org), faxed (201) 996-9424 or mailed to:

HIP  
131 Main St. Suite 120 Hackensack, NJ 07601  
Attn: Covid19 Community Emergency Response Program

**If you are a new applicant to HIP, please include, one copy of proof of Bergen County residency:**

**\*PSE&G Bill, Phone bill, Bank Statement, Social Security Award Letter**  
(stating name and address of applicant)  
**\*Copy of Proof of income, such as Social Security Award letter, Unemployment or Paystub**

**If you have any questions or need assistance with the completion of the application, please contact our office at 201-996-9100 X18.**

**Your application can be completed over the phone if you are currently a HIP consumer.**

#### CONTACT INFO

Full Name

Click [Here](#) to read about the programs and services HIP offers

Click [Here](#) for an application for food gift card for those in need

## Teaneck Public Library Offering Pick-Up Service and Tech Help

Teaneck Public Library  
**Expanded Hours**

for **doorside**  
and **front desk**  
hold pickup only

Visit [teanecklibrary.org](http://teanecklibrary.org) for more information.

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Tues 10AM - 8PM  
Wed 10AM - 8PM  
Thurs 10AM - 8PM  
Fri 10AM - 4PM  
Sat 10AM - 4PM  
Sun 1PM - 4PM

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**Save the Dates:** For Two Upcoming Virtual Community Events



**A Virtual Gala to Celebrate...**  
**Teaneck Creek Conservancy**  
Sat., Aug 5  
6:30 p.m.

The event will be premiered on Facebook, YouTube and on organization's website: <http://www.teaneckcreek.org>

To donate to this fundraiser,  
Click [Here](#)



**Holy Name Medical Center's**  
**Walk for Women's Cancers.**  
Social distancing to be followed, plus  
walkers can join virtually.  
Sunday, Sept. 13,  
10:30 a.m.  
Click [Here](#) to register

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**Age-Friendly Teaneck is Proud to Be a Member of ...**

## **North Jersey Alliance of Age-Friendly Communities**

### **Exciting Alliance News!**

**Four New Community Initiatives Have Joined Our North Jersey Network.**  
We Welcome **Fair Lawn**, **Livingston**, **New Providence** and **Wayne** Into Our Local and Global Age-Friendly Movement. [Read More](#)

Check out the alliance's [blog](#) about age-friendly issues in NJ

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***A great place to grow up  
and grow old!***

Be sure to visit our website  
and keep up-to-date on local  
news related to aging.

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