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Hunterdon Senior Programs Will Continue At No Cost To Seniors

Fees Waived On Both In-person And Virtual Programs

Hunterdon County's Board of Commissioners, at the July 20th Board meeting, approved a plan that allows senior citizens participating in both in-person and virtual senior center programs to do so at no cost for the remainder of the year, Board Director Susan J. Soloway has announced.

Soloway stated, "During the time the center was closed to the public by the Governor's executive orders, virtual programs, offered at no cost, had been very important in helping our senior community to stay engaged.

Now that the Senior center is currently offering programs both in person and virtually, the Board has determined that no program fees should be charged through the rest of the year."

In person programs at the Hunterdon County Senior Center on Gaunt Place, in Raritan Township, resumed on June 7, 2021.

Commissioner Shaun C. Van Doren, the Board's liaison for the Human Service Department, had recommended the Board consider the fee waiver during comments at the July 6th Board meeting.

At that time Van Doren said, "Given the trial and tribulations we have all been through, particularly our seniors, I believe it is appropriate to extend the waiving of fees for both the virtual and in-person programming at this time.

The senior programs, particularly those that have been and still are offered virtually, have been very important to helping our senior community stay engaged during the pandemic. We want to encourage participation and the sense of community that comes with it."



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Van Doren noted that both Human Services Department Director Meagan O'Reilly and Laine Nauman, Division Head for Seniors, Disabilities and Veterans Services have recommended that the moratorium on fees for those participating continue.

Information on senior center programs is available on the County website;
<https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/aging.htm> or by calling 908 788-1361.