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New Year Brings Changes

As we are well on our way into the New Year, 2020 itself will bring with it many new changes. Not only did we celebrate the beginning of a new year, 2020 also begins the start of a new decade. Just as each new year marks the beginning of a cycle of new events, so each new decade begins the cycle of events that happen once every ten years. We, at the Office of Aging would like to share with you, two very important events that the year 2020 will usher in.



First, beginning with the 2020 Elections, no polling places will be established. During last State Legislative session, the State Legislature passed a bill changing election procedures to mailed ballots beginning with the 2020 Election year. This means that not just individuals voting absentee will receive mail ballots. With some exceptions, all individual will receive mail ballots. Also, in place of polling places each county will establish voter service centers. Please take the opportunity now to familiarize yourself with this new procedure. This year "voting comes to you". For more information and to learn more on voting by mail, please

visit <u>www.elections.hawaii.gov</u>. For language assistance, you may call the Office of Elections at: 808-453-VOTE (8683).

Second, with the start of a new decade a new census will be taken. Every ten years our nation conducts the Decennial Census, managed and implemented by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. We may at times ask ourselves what is the purpose of the census, and how important is it? The information gathered through the census, is used to get a broader sense about the population in general. This information then is used to calculate the number of seats that each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. The information is also used to determine which communities and programs will receive federal funding, and how much. One of these programs that are impacted by the census are programs that provide services to the elderly.

Finally, with the first month of 2020 behind us it will not be long until these two events will be upon us. The Office of Aging would like to encourage each one to learn and be informed about the new vote by mail election procedure. Every vote counts! Please be a part of the process. Also, please participate in the 2020 Census. Every individual counts! The final count will impact us all for the next ten years. By participating in both events, we will have a part in shaping the future for our country, state, and county.

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ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE: **Do you have one?**

Let us help you complete an Advance Health Care Directive that documents your end-of-life wishes. It's <u>FREE</u> and doesn't require an attorney. You may attend any one of these sessions:

INITIAL SESSIONS			FOLLOW-UP SESSIONS (OPTIONAL)		
Day	Date	Time	Day	Date	Time
Wed	Feb. 12, 2020	5:00-6:30 P.M.	Wed	Feb. 26, 2020	5:00-5:30 P.M.
Sat	Mar. 14, 2020	9:00-10:30 A.M.	Sat	Mar. 21, 2020	9:00-9:30 A.M.
Mon	Apr. 6, 2020	9:00-10:30 A.M.	Mon	Apr. 20, 2020	9:00-9:30 A.M.
Wed	May 6, 2020	5:00-6:30 P.M.	Wed	May 20, 2020	5:00-5:30 P.M.
Wed	June 17, 2020	9:00-10:30 A.M.	Wed	June 24, 2020	9:00-9:30 A.M.

Presented by:



LOCATION

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Training Room 1055 Kino'ole Street, Hilo, HI 96720

REGISTRATION

Online at http://www.CommunityFirstHawaii.org/registration Phone: Tony Kent, (808) 292-4559 or Amy Hamane, 935-1500

MEDICATION MANAGEMENT — Wednesdays 1pm — 4pm



Walk-ins

Welcome



Community Pharmacist, George Karvas, meets with community members each week at the Aging & Disability Resource Center in Hilo. He is available to meet one-on-one to provide information on the safe, effective & appropriate use of prescribed medications, over the counter products & natural remedies. There is no charge for this service.

To make an appointment please call the Hawai'i County Office of Aging at 961-8600

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Get your Senior ID

Coordinated Services for the Elderly (CSE) Senior ID Card Schedule:

Date	District	Location	Time
02/26/20	Kona	West Hawai`i Civic Center - Building B	9:00 - 12:00 p.m.
03/02/20	Hilo	Kamana Senior Center	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
03/03/20	Puna	Pāhoa Senior Center	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
03/04/20	Honoka`a	Malama Market	11:00 - 1:00 p.m.
03/06/20	Puna	Kea`au Community Center	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
03/09/20	Ka`ū	Pāhala HI Housing Center	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
03/09/20	Ka`ū	Nā`ālehu Community Center	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.
03/09/20	Kohala	Kohala CSE "Old Bank of Hawai`i Building"	10:00 - 12:00 p.m.
03/10/20	Waimea	Lily Yoshimatsu Senior Center	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
03/10/20	Kona	Walmart – Kailua-Kona	9:00 - 12:00 p.m.
03/12/20	Kona	Keauhou Shopping Center (outside KTA)	11:00 – 1:00 p.m.
03/25/20	Honoka`a	Hale Hau`oli Senior Center	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
03/25/20	Kona	West Hawai`i Civic Center - Building B	9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH MAKE YOUR MARK: MAY 2020

SAVE THE DATE!

Hawaii County Office of Aging's
Outstanding Older Americans Luncheon
May 1, 2020

Tickets sales will run from March 16th – April 17th For more information contact 961-8600

Location: TBA Tickets \$25.00

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