

# Putnam County Council on Aging

“Giving for Seniors Makes Cents!”

## VOTE YES ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017



### Fact Sheet

#### **Why is a senior services levy needed?**

A senior services levy is needed in order to continue vital services offered by the Putnam County Council on Aging. The funds raised will also help the Council on Aging expand services in order to meet the growing needs of our local aging population. In 2010, Putnam County’s 60+ population was 19.4%. By 2020, it is estimated that Putnam County’s 60+ population will be 26.4% (1 in 4 residents will be 60+).

#### **What will the money raised be used for?**

The money generated will allow the Council on Aging to continue providing quality services to Putnam County senior citizens age 60 and better. Services offered include: Transportation, Chore Assistance, Outreach by a Licensed Social Worker, Fall Prevention Classes, a Medical Equipment Loan Closet, Telephone Reassurance, Caregiver Support, Caregiver Library and Information and Referral Services.

#### **Who benefits from the levy?**

We all do! Seniors have access to much needed services that will assist them in remaining independent in their own home. Spouses, children and caregivers have peace of mind knowing there are caring individuals to lend a helping hand in the care of their loved ones. The community benefits by providing its members with a cost efficient way of helping seniors remain independent in their own homes.

#### **What do you charge for services?**

The Council on Aging offers all of its services to residents of Putnam County, aged 60 and better, regardless of income. No fee is charged for any service, although donations are always welcome and encouraged from those able to donate. No senior is ever refused service because of an inability or unwillingness to donate.

#### **What will the levy cost homeowners?**

The U.S. Census Bureau lists the median price of a home in Putnam County as \$138,900. That home would have a taxable value of \$48,615. The owners of that home would pay \$27.34 per year, \$2.28 per month or 7 cents a day, to support this levy. Below is a list of home appraisal values versus the cost of the levy:

<u>Appraisal Value</u>	<u>Taxable Value</u>	<u>Yearly Cost of the Levy</u>	<u>Monthly Cost of the Levy</u>	<u>Daily Cost of the Levy</u>
\$100,000	\$ 35,000	\$21.00	\$1.75	\$0.06
\$150,000	\$ 52,500	\$31.50	\$2.63	\$0.09
\$200,000	\$ 70,000	\$42.00	\$3.50	\$0.12
\$300,000	\$105,000	\$63.00	\$5.25	\$0.17

## **When will the levy take effect and how long will it last?**

The current levy, passed in 2012 and will expire at the end of 2018. The new levy will take effect at the start of 2019 and will run for 5 years.

## **What services do you provide?**

The mission of the Council on Aging is to provide services that will enable Putnam County residents, age 60 and better, to remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible. Services include:

**Caregiver Assistance:** Information and support for non-professional caregivers, including a Caregiver Library of books, videos, and cd's.

**Chore Assistance:** Chore workers help older adults remain safe and secure in their own homes by providing assistance with seasonal needs, home maintenance and other tasks which older adults are no longer able to perform. Examples include: washing windows, trimming shrubs, raking leaves, cleaning spouts and eaves, small paint jobs, installing grab bars, and so much more.

**Fall Prevention:** The Matter of Balance (MOB) Program is an award winning, evidenced based program designed to help older adults manage falls and increase activity levels. The MOB classes are for older adults who are concerned about falling, who want to improve balance, strength and flexibility, and for those who have fallen and do not do things they used to enjoy because of the fear of falling.

**Information and Referral:** The Council on Aging is the place to call for information when you don't know where to start or where to turn. The Council on Aging can provide information and refer you to local and other area community services.

**Medical Equipment Loan Closet:** The Council on Aging has an assortment of new and used durable medical equipment on hand to lend to those in need for a few days, a few weeks or a few months. Items available include: canes, walkers, wheelchairs, grab bars, commodes, shower chairs, grabbers, raised toilet seats, and so much more.

**Newsletter:** Sent to over 1500 homes with information about program services and issues important to the senior population.

**Outreach:** A Licensed Social Worker provides personalized help to link older adults, their loved ones and their caregivers to community resources in order to maintain independence. The social worker can help in completing paperwork and "cutting the red tape" for many programs.

**Telephone Reassurance:** A daily telephone call to provide companionship, conversation and a check on a client's well being.

**Transportation:** Transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, prescription pick-up, and other personal business and essential errands. Transportation is available within Putnam County and to the surrounding counties for medical appointments.

## **How is the Council on Aging funded?**

The Council on Aging is supported from many sources. The most important support is at the local level. Approximately 80% of our budget comes from a local senior service levy passed by the voters of Putnam County. State and Federal funds make up approximately 3% of the budget. We are also a United Way agency. Donations are received from area individuals, businesses and organizations.

## **Support Putnam County Seniors By Voting YES On November 7, 2017.**

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