

Bergen County Division of Senior Services Speakers Bureau Directory

Speakers agreed that the listed presentations does not include any commercial endorsements or selling of specific products or services.

Title	Summary	Speaker/Organization	Phone/Email
Adults with Aging Parent Drivers	Roadmap to help families address their loved one's ability to drive safely as a result of the natural aging process so that the older driver's dignity and independence is never unnecessarily jeopardized.	David Stamberg, Senior Care Authority	201-564-7997 davidS@seniorcareauthority.com
Aging in Place - Combining Households	10 tips for combining households with parents. Whether your parents live acrosss the country or down the street, combining households with your parents can be a significant undertaking.	Louanna Branca Louanna's Senior Hub	551-580-1986 louannabranca@gmail.com
A Safe Drive Through the Aging Process	Developed specifically for senior drivers.	David Stamberg, Senior Care Authority	201-654-7997 davidS@seniorcareauthority.com
Bill Management and Fighting Financial Fraud and Exploitation	Overview of our free bill payor and management program and discussion of financial fraud and exploitation. We can speak at an event and/or host an information table at an event.	Ronnie Leo, SilverBills, Inc.	917-675-1085 ronni@silverbills.com
Cancer 101 - A Conversation	Presentation is focused on the importance of screening. Presenter talks to community members about the different types of cancer to educate them on the subject. Topics include Breast Cancer & Screening, Colorectal Cancer & Screening, Screening for Cancer, What are Gynecological Cancers & Prevention.	Siclali Flores, Crossroads4Hope	908-524-6186 sflores@crossroads4hope.org
Depression & Social Isolation	The different types, warning signs of depression & links to dementia.	Kristine Allen, Act Now Foundation Dementia Resource Center	201-721-6721 kallen@actnowfoundation.org
Elder Abuse	Identifies the different types and resources for help and reporting of elder abuse.	Harvey Silberstein, Division of Senior Services	201-336-7400 seniors@BergenCountyNJ.gov
Enhancing Quality of Life Through Effective Communication	This session focuses on how improving communication skills can positively impact the lives of senior citizens by fostering stronger relationships, better mental health, and more effective interactions with healthcare providers and their loved ones.	Claire Brinkman, MBA Embracing Endings	973-554-3328 claire@embracingendings.com
Estate Planning & Elder Care Law Workshop, "How to Protect Your Stuff"	The workshop will cover all processes and details pertaining to estate planning, elder law and asset protection.	Michael Willis, Esq. Willis Law Group LLC	201-897-7750 csc@williselderlaw.com

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Fair Housing, Housing Discrimination and Housing Resources in Bergen County	Presentation on housing discrimination, fair housing rights, homebuyer and rental counseling and housing resources in Bergen County.	David Whritenour, Fair Housing Council of Northern NJ	201-489-3552 david@fairhousingnj.com
Fall Prevention, Strategies to Recover from Falls and Preventing Injuries	Falls account for about 30-40% of hip fractures, which is the leading cause of death for the elderly. Teaching strategies to assess home environment to prevent falls, strategies to recover from falls, and staying active to prevent injuries.	Ali Ismail, Core Care Plus Rehab	201-351-1064 aismail@corept.care
Falls & Your Risk of Dementia	Prevention lifestyle measures and home safety tips, and how to get up from a fall.	Kristine Allen, Act Now Foundation Dementia Resource Center	201-721-6721 kallen@actnowfoundation.org
Free for Seniors	If 65 is the new 45, what is 55? It is old enough to receive what might be called the Not-So-Senior Discount. Retailers, restaurants and travel services will do whatever they can to get people to buy what they are selling, and that includes extending the senior discounts to customers who are 55 years of age and older. Sometimes you may need to announce that you are 55 or older to get the best senior discounts, but it can save you money on big purchases or help pay for tips or taxes on the smaller.	Louanna Branca Louanna's Senior Hub	551-580-1986 louannabranca@gmail.com
Healthy Legs, Happy Life! What to know about leg health and how to boost leg health	Roadmap to help families address their loved one's ability to drive safely as a result of the natural aging process so that the older driver's dignity and independence is never unnecessarily jeopardized.	Gloria Jung, Vascular Center for Lower Extremity Wellness	201-468-3143 gjung@advancedsurgerycentersnj.com
Healthy Movements for Everyday Living	Gentle movements (seated or standing) to improve mobility, flexibility, and reduce inflammation.	Christopher Carroll, YWCA	201-345-1912 ccarroll@ywcannj.org
Information Table: Bergen SHIP	SHIP staff and/or volunteers can host an information table at an event.	SHIP Counselors, Division of Senior Services	201-336-7413 seniors@BergenCountyNJ.gov
Information Table: Division of Senior Services	Division of Senior Services staff and volunteers can host an information table at an event.	Staff, interns, volunteers, Division of Senior Services	201-336-7400 seniors@BergenCountyNJ.gov
Interior Design for a Safer Home	Tips for Seniors to keep their homes looking good, while making them safer.	Jeff Rosenfeld, Ph.D., Parsons School of Design	347-249-4014 Rosenfej@NewSchool.Edu

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Introduction to Medicare	Provides an overview of Medicare to current and prospective beneficiaries. Includes information on the services of the Bergen County State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) including free Medicare counseling.	SHIP Counselors, Division of Senior Services	201-336-7413 seniors@BergenCountyNJ.gov
Introduction to Programs and Services for Seniors in Bergen County	This presentation provides an overview of federal, state, and local programs and resources for older adults and caregivers in Bergen County, including services funded under the Older Americans Act.	Tess Tomasi or Lorraine Joewono, Division of Senior Services	201-336-7400 seniors@BergenCountyNJ.gov
Introduction to Programs and Services for Seniors in Bergen County, for Korean Speakers	Provides an overview, in Korean, of federal, state, and local programs and resources for older adults and caregivers in Bergen County, including services funded under the Older Americans Act.	Clara Choi, Division of Senior Services	201-336-7400 seniors@BergenCountyNJ.gov
Mandala Project	Integrates a stress-reliving, culturally-inspired arts & crafts activity with information about resources for seniors and caregivers including current advocacy issues and Medicare Savings Programs.	Linda Cross, Division of Senior Services	201-336-7400 seniors@BergenCountyNJ.gov
Money Management and Taking Control of Your Finances	Presentation empowering seniors to remain independent by offering in-person assistance with their day-to-day financial management needs, including mail sorting and bill organization, budgeting, and referring/applying to benefits and resources with the seniors.	Bright Side Family	201-530-7559 ejvizzi@brightsidemanor.org
Navigating the Bergen Aging Network, for Professionals	Introduces social workers and other professionals to federal, state, and local home- and community-based services for older adults and their caregivers.	Tess Tomasi, Division of Senior Services	201-336-7400 seniors@BergenCountyNJ.gov
Northeast New Jersey Legal Services Overview	Presentation covers all of the legal areas that Northeast NJ Legal Services handles as well as the intake process, to inform people in the community of free legal assistance in civil matters should they ever need it.	Laura Arriaza, Northeast NJ Legal Services	201-792-6363 x3269 larrriaza@lsnj.org
Prevent, Detect, and Report Medicare Fraud	Educating Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report Medicare fraud, waste, and abuse through outreach, such as group outreach and community events. Presentations are totally free and can be live or via Zoom or Microsoft teams.	Charles Clarkson, JFS of Middlesex County/Senior Medicare Patrol of NJ	732-777-1940 charlesc@jfsmiddlesex.org

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Preventing Incontinence After Pelvic Surgeries	Incontinence is a very common complication after pelvic surgery or even with aging. Physical therapy has a major role in helping elderly population to prevent these complications and improve control in pelvic floor muscles to improve quality of life.	Ali Ismail, Core Care Plus Rehab	201-351-1064 aismail@corept.care
Radburn: "The Town for the Motor Age" at 95	Using a PowerPoint slide presentation, I lead the audience through a virtual walking tour of Radburn, built in the 1920s as a model planned suburb -- "the town for the motor age." Radburn, one of only four National Historic Landmarks in Bergen County, has a fascinating history. For one thing, the community once advertised as "safe for children," because it separated pedestrians and cars, is increasingly popular with older pedestrians.	Rick Hampson, Radburn Historical Society	201-286-9577 fjhampson@gmail.com
Reducing Your Risk of Dementia	Lifestyle Choices that Help Lower Your Risk of Dementia	Kristine Allen, Act Now Foundation Dementia Resource Center	201-721-6721 kallen@actnowfoundation.org
Retirement Planning and Investing for Seniors	This educational presentation guides seniors on retirement planning and investing. Topics include: calculating retirement funds needed, choosing investments, optimizing social security benefits, tax-efficient income plans, estate planning, understanding alternative investments, and differentiating between financial advisors. The goal is to help seniors secure a comfortable retirement.	Jeffrey Barnett, Fintegrity	201-266-6829 jeff@fintegrity.com
Ride Connect	Provides information about available transportation services for older adults and persons with disabilities.	Orestes Rios, Division of Senior Services	201-336-7404 orios@BergenCountyNJ.gov
Scams & Frauds, Staying Alert	Discussion of trending scams and popular scams that people fall for everyday including imposter, grandparent, phone, affinity, and romance scams. There is also discussion on shopping online scams and what to do if you are a victim of identity theft. In addition, we talk about skimming and finding resources so you can make good choices when donating to charities.	Denis Niland, Division of Consumer Affairs for Bergen & Passaic County	201-336-6409 dniland@BergenCountyNJ.gov

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Senior Driver & Pedestrian Safety	An interactive presentation providing pedestrian and driver safety tips focused on safety for seniors with healthy living tips included. Free giveaways and hand-outs are provided. Maintaining safety, mobility and independence is prioritized during the presentation.	Lisa Lee, EZ Ride	201-939-4242 ext. 123 llee@ezride.org
Senior Housing Consultant Representative	Helping area Seniors to get Senior and Affordable Housing applications and other Social Service needs	Stephan Jang, Korean American Senior Citizen's Association of NJ	201-945-2400 kascanj@gmail.com
Sleep & Dementia	The complex process of sleep and how sleep changes as we age.	Kristine Allen, Act Now Foundation Dementia Resource Center	201-721-6721 kallen@actnowfoundation.org
Smart Food Choices for Healthy Aging	Learn about the link between diabetes and dementia, and the Mind Diet.	Kristine Allen, Act Now Foundation Dementia Resource Center	201-721-6721 kallen@actnowfoundation.org
Stress in Seniors	Defines and helps attendees understand and manage stress.	Lucy Bates and Myrna Bruno, DSS Senior Services Advisory Council, Health Committee	201-336-7400 seniors@BergenCountyNJ.gov
Successful Aging Part 1 & 2	Get to know your brain and how learning and memory work.	Kristine Allen, Act Now Foundation Dementia Resource Center	201-721-6721 kallen@actnowfoundation.org
Tax/Refund Scams and How to Avoid Them	Discusses the latest tax and refund scams that target seniors as well as resources to prevent a scam and what to do if you have been scammed.	Glenn Gizzi, Internal Revenue Service	732-777-7269 glenn.j.gizzi@irs.gov
Tenants' Rights and other Greater Bergen Community Action Programs	Brief summary of the rights of tenants and small landlords as well as an overview of the many other programs and services available through Greater Bergen Community Action such as Home Energy Assistance, Weatherization (home improvements), lead paint abatement, Immigrant Assistance and more.	Cynthia Arone, Greater Bergen Community Action	201-968-0200 ext. 7501 cynthia.arone@greaterbergen.org
Thrive in Place	The presentation will cover the concept of aging in place, the importance of regular safety evaluations, and the critical role of personalized planning. We will also discuss the unique challenges faced by Solo Agers and the necessity of regular plan updates to ensure that it remains effective	Claire Brinkman, MBA Embracing Endings	973-554-3328 claire@embracingendings.com

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Understanding and Supporting Your Autistic Grandchild: A Journey from Both Sides of the Desk	Bring expert insight and heartfelt wisdom to your organization with a presentation designed specifically for grandparents of autistic children. As both a school principal specializing in autism, I offer a unique dual perspective that transforms uncertainty into confident connection. I offer practical strategies, personal stories, and evidence-based approaches that help grandparents build meaningful relationships with their grandchildren.	Jennifer Kaufman Grandparenting on the Spectrum	201-245-3480 jen@grandparentingonthespectrum.com
Understanding Alzheimer's	Looking for answers on What is Happening? What Should I do? Where Should I go for help?	Kristine Allen, Act Now Foundation Dementia Resource Center	201-721-6721 kallen@actnowfoundation.org
What's New in Medicare: Open Enrollment	Presented during Medicare Open Enrollment, this session includes information on Medicare so seniors can make informed choices for their Medicare in the upcoming year.	SHIP Counselors, Division of Senior Services	201-336-7413 seniors@BergenCountyNJ.gov
Your Legal Rights in the Face of a Disaster	Noticing the impact of natural disasters in our communities from events like Hurricane Ida, we created this new presentation to inform everyone on how legal aid is crucial in that context. In this seminar, we will discuss the legal issues that arise in the short, medium, and long term of a disaster. We will also go over what you can do to prepare today, such as locating and protecting important documents.	Edward Madrigal, Northeast NJ Legal Services	201-792-6363 ext. 3214 emadrigal@lsnj.org