

Dear Vintage Member,

Since mid-March, we have all been challenged by the COVID-19 crisis and the impact it has had on us as individuals and as a community. As we worked to navigate that international disaster we were faced with another crisis at home, the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis at the hands of law enforcement.

Vintage stands with all those protesting the murders of black citizens by law enforcement. As an organization, we acknowledge the injustice and inequality fueling the outrage both locally and nationally. We stand in solidarity with all those demanding equal justice under the law, and we share in the sorrow for the death of George Floyd, and so many others, who were victims of police brutality.

Vintage embraces the values of equity, fairness, respect, and acceptance. We recognize the importance of adding our voice to so many other voices in the demand for racial justice.

Respectfully,

Ann Truxell, Executive Director

UPDATE ON VINTAGE RE-OPENING:

We recently received guidelines from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and from the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging regarding the reopening of senior centers. The guidelines limit the number of people permitted in the building, and also limit the types of activities we can offer, in order to comply with social distancing requirements. Vintage will also be mandated to conduct health screenings on anyone entering the building. We must meet all CDC and PA Health Department regulations regarding cleaning protocols and risk reduction activities. We anticipate that the Area Agency on Aging will need to approve our Plan prior to authorizing us to open. Due to all of these complexities, we do not anticipate reopening prior to August. Once we have specific details, all members will receive our reopen announcement in the mail. In the meanwhile, please call Vintage if you need help: 412-361-5003.

UPDATE ON FARMERS MARKET VOUCHERS:

The Farmers Market Distribution Event originally scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th is CANCELLED due to concerns for public safety. This year the process of applying for vouchers will be different. Attached you will find an Application Form. **Please carefully follow the instructions.**

Mail your completed form to:

Area Agency on Aging
Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program
2100 Wharton Street, 2nd Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

To email your completed form: AAA-SFMNP@alleghenycounty.us

You may also drop your form off in the box at the front entrance of Vintage, Mon-Friday, 10am-3pm.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS – USE INK!

- 1ST Participant Name:** PRINT YOUR NAME HERE.
- Birth Date:** ENTER YOUR FULL BIRTH DATE (Example: July 4, 1955 or 7-4-1955).
- Signature:** SIGN YOUR FULL NAME (Example: *Samuel Smith*, NOT *S. Smith*)

- 2nd Participant Name:** LEAVE BLANK UNLESS YOU ARE A MARRIED COUPLE (SEE BELOW)

FOR MARRIED COUPLES ONLY

- 2nd Participant Name:** PRINT YOUR SPOUSE'S NAME HERE.
- Birth Date:** ENTER YOUR SPOUSE'S FULL BIRTH DATE (Example: July 4, 1955 or 7-4-1955).
- Signature:** HAVE YOUR SPOUSE SIGN THEIR FULL NAME (Example: *Samuel Smith*, NOT *S. Smith*)

FOR EVERYONE

- Address:** ENTER FULL ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, AND ZIP CODE)
Note: Vouchers will be mailed to you – Please include your full mailing address

Identifiers: PLEASE CIRCLE BOTH ETHNICITY AND RACE

Note: This is to ensure that vouchers are fairly distributed regardless of ethnicity/race

- Telephone Number:** ENTER YOUR PHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE (Example: 412-555-2222)
- County you live in:** ENTER "ALLEGHENY"
Note: If you live outside of Allegheny County, you must mail to your County Office.

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EMAIL YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO:

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DROP OFF YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO:

Vintage, Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm
Leave in the box outside the main doors



FRAUD SQUAD ALERT

COVID 19-RELATED MEDICARE SCAMS

Criminals are using the COVID-19 pandemic to try to steal your Medicare Number, personal information, and money. And they're using robocalls, social media posts, and emails to do it.

➔ Remember, if anyone reaches out to get your Medicare Number or personal information in exchange for something, you can bet it's a scam.

Con artists may try to get your Medicare Number or personal information so they can steal your identity and commit Medicare fraud. Medicare fraud results in higher health care costs and taxes for everyone.

Be on the lookout, so you can stop scams before they happen.

➔ **Here are recent Coronavirus scams to watch for:**

- Robocalls offering you respiratory masks they'll never send
- Social media posts fraudulently seeking donations for non-existent charities, or claiming to give you stimulus funds if you enter your bank account information
- Fake testing kits, cures, "immunity" pills, and offers for protective equipment

GUARD YOUR MEDICARE CARD like it's a credit card to protect yourself from Medicare fraud.

➔ **Remember:**

- Medicare will never contact you for your Medicare Number or other personal information unless you've given them permission in advance.
- Medicare will never call you to sell you anything.
- You may get calls from people promising you things if you give them a Medicare Number. **DONT GIVE OUT YOUR MEDICARE NUMBER!**
- Medicare will never visit you at your home.
- Medicare can't enroll you over the phone unless you called first.

Visit [Medicare.gov/fraud](https://www.medicare.gov/fraud) for more information and tips on preventing Medicare scams and fraud.

To report Medicare fraud: 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)



Virtual Senior Academy

Developed by the Jewish Healthcare Foundation in 2017, VSA is a free web-based platform that connects seniors 50 years and older in Pittsburgh to their peers through interactive online classes. Technology provides a unique opportunity for engagement, expanding the reach of existing educational programs for seniors.

CONNECT online to take interactive group classes using video conference technology. The Virtual Senior Academy offers a wide variety of Pittsburgh-based classes every week.

PARTICIPATE in live classes on a variety of topics including health and wellness, history, book clubs, arts and music and so much more!

EASY to use platform. No prior computer experience needed. All you need is access to a computer with internet and a webcam.

For more information email Maddie Barnes at mbarnes@jccpgh.org

Sign up at www.virtualsenioracademy.org



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