



Dear Members,

### **Re-Opening**

We understand that you are most interested in knowing if there is any news about reopening the Vintage building. Unfortunately, we regret to say that we still do not have any new information to share. At this time, no County-funded senior centers are open per guidance from Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging.

### **Voting in the General Election**

Many people are feeling anxious about making sure their vote counts in the Presidential Election on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. *Please See Enclosed Flyer for Important Updates Regarding Voting Options.*

### **How Vintage is Helping While the Building is Closed**

Although the Vintage building has been closed for in-person services since mid-March, the organization continues to support our members. Staff members have placed more than 5,000 phone calls to Vintage members, distributed more than 4,000 meals, and have sent a monthly informational mailing to all members. We were also able to complete all of the tax preparation appointments that had been scheduled, and responded to more than 600 calls to our information office. We have received questions from some members regarding why the wellness phone calls are not still occurring. For the first several months of the COVID-19 crisis, Vintage staff were making check-in calls with members. The primary goal of these calls was to provide connection and reassurance during the early phase of the crisis. As we are now in the 6<sup>th</sup> month of the COVID-19 crisis, the staff have turned their attention to developing new remote services that we can offer. The simple truth is that, with only 6 staff members, we do not have the resources to also continue the wellness calls to all members. However, check-in calls will be made upon request. If you live alone, or have limited support from family/friends, ask for check-in calls from Vintage by call Linda at 412-361-5003 ext. 101. In regard to the new remote programs, Vintage is offering a self-study Chronic Disease Self-Management program which is supplemented with phone support from a trained coach. We are also offering a new Senior Tech Support initiative for seniors lacking access to online services. *See Enclosed Flyer for Additional Details.*

### **How You Can Help Vintage**

Like almost all businesses, Vintage has been hurt financially by the pandemic. For the 12-month period that ended on June 30, 2020, Vintage lost \$95,000. Although we made as many spending cuts as we could, it was not nearly enough to balance our budget. One of our primary goals is to make sure Vintage remains in business and continues as an available resource for the community. You can help by keeping your membership current. If your membership has expired, you can send a check to: Vintage, 421 N. Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206. You can also pay online by visiting our website ([www.vintagepittsburgh.org](http://www.vintagepittsburgh.org)). If you need assistance with paying online, please contact Cheryl at 412-361-5003 ext. 102. *Please See the Enclosed Membership Brochure – your membership expiration date is listed.*

While we understand that everyone wants to “get back to normal”, we are also aware that COVID-19 poses specific risk for older adults, minorities and people with underlying health conditions. If venturing out, please be aware of the risks and proceed with care – wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Best Regards, *Vintage Staff*

**See Enclosed Flyers For Other Important Information**

# NOV 3<sup>RD</sup> VOTING ALLEGHENY COUNTY

## Apply Online for a Mail-In Ballot

Registered voters can apply for a mail-in ballot online with a valid PA driver's license or photo I.D. VISIT: <https://alleghenyvotes.com/>

## How to Track Your Ballot

[www.pavoterservices.pa.gov](http://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov) and select "Ballot Tracking" from the menu.

**IMPORTANT:** Return Your Ballot as early as possible!

**NEED HELP?** Call Cheryl 412-361-5003 ext. 102.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How can I return a mail-in or absentee ballot?

- Return by United States Postal Services – mail as early as possible.
- Return to the Elections Office, 542 Forbes Avenue, Room 601, Monday - Friday, from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.
- Visit a temporary Elections location (local schedule below) – you can return your ballot or complete your vote “over-the-counter”.
  - *Saturday, Oct. 10, 9 am – 5 pm and Sunday, Oct. 11, 11am – 7pm*  
CCAC Homewood Campus, 701 N. Homewood Avenue  
County Office Building – downtown Pittsburgh
  - *Saturday, Oct. 17, 9am – 5 pm and Sunday, Oct. 18, 11am – 7 pm*  
Hill District Shop n Save – 125 Virginia Avenue

For additional dates and locations, or for assistance with any questions about voting, please contact Cheryl at 412-361-5003 ext. 102.



## What if I receive a mail-in ballot but decide to vote in person?

- To vote in person after requesting or receiving a mail-in or absentee ballot, take your entire ballot packet to your polling place and provide it to the poll workers for the ballot to be spoiled. If you do not receive your ballot, or misplace it, you can still go to the polling place but will be asked to vote by provisional ballot.

## What do I need to know if I plan to vote in-person?

- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you are in line at 8:00 p.m. you will be allowed to vote.
- COVID-19 Mitigation Measures will be in place on Election Day. Voters are asked to wear a face covering, observe physical distancing and to be cognizant of others around you.
- First-time voters - including individuals are voting for the first-time at the polling place - will be asked to show an approved form of identification.

Approved forms of photo identification:

- PA driver's license or ID card issued by PennDOT
- ID issued by any other Commonwealth agency
- ID issued by the U.S. Government
- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Armed Forces ID
- Student ID
- Employee ID

Approved forms of non-photo identification (must include voter's name and address):

- Voter's identification card issued by the voter registration commission
- Non-photo ID issued by the Commonwealth
- Non-photo ID issued by the U.S. Government
- Firearm permit
- Current utility bill
- Current bank statement
- Government check or current paycheck






## **DO YOU WANT TO LEARN OR IMPROVE YOUR COMPUTER SKILLS? *SIGN UP FOR FREE SENIOR TECH SUPPORT LESSONS!***

During the COVID-19 crisis, it has become clear to us how critical it is to have access to online resources, such as email, online shopping and online banking. If you would like to learn or improve your computer skills as a way to stay connected and to access services and resources, Vintage would like to help.

- Call Michael 412-361-5003 ext. 108 and ask about Senior Tech Support.
- Don't have a computer or internet? Ask about our Lending Program!

**Tool Kit for Active Living  
with Chronic Conditions**

- Making Decisions
- Planning
- Sleep
- Using Your Mind
- Understanding Emotions
- Healthy Eating
- Evaluating Treatments
- Problem-Solving
- Physical Activity
- Pain Management
- Weight Management
- Communication
- Medication Usage
- Working with Healthcare Professionals



Most older adults have at least 1 chronic condition (such as arthritis, heart disease, diabetes, depression, cancer). Take this self-study program to learn how to manage symptoms and live a more active life!

- “Do At Home” at your own pace!
- All materials provided at no cost
- Phone calls from a trained coach
- Originally developed by Stanford University, and proven to be effective
- Call Linda at 412-361-5003 ext 101