Farmers Market Vouchers Available

Lackawanna County senior citizens will once again be able to participate in the very popular local farmers market voucher program that has been a staple in our community for a number of years.

Lackawanna County’s Area Agency on Aging, in cooperation with the State Department of Agriculture, will be distributing Farmers Market Nutritional Program vouchers at either senior community centers, public facilities or “POP UP” venues, beginning Friday, June 14.

Under the program, each eligible senior can receive up to four $5 vouchers that can be redeemed at participating farmers markets and farm stands for fresh fruit and produce. The program is a win-win for both consumers and farmers. It gives senior citizens access to locally grown produce and directs shoppers to area farmers that they generally may not see on a regular basis.

The County has over 22,000 vouchers available for distribution.

Those who qualify are Lackawanna County residents who will be 60 or older by December 31, 2019 and whose annual income does not exceed $23,107 for a single person, $31,284 for a couple or $39,461 for a three person household. Proof of age in the form of a driver’s license or birth certificate must be provided along with proof of Lackawanna County residency in the form of a utility bill or a driver’s license.

Vouchers will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis generally from 9 AM – noon at the centers, unless otherwise indicated. Seniors who are unable to visit a site may appoint a proxy to pick-up a voucher for them. Proxy forms can be obtained at the Area Agency on Aging, local senior centers or online at www.lackawannacounty.org.

Distribution dates and sites include:

Friday, June 14: PA Anthracite Heritage Museum, 22 Bald Mountain Road, Scranton, 9 AM – 11 AM
Saturday, June 22: South Scranton Farmers Market, 300 Block of Alder Street, Scranton, (10 AM – 1 PM)
Saturday, June 29: South Scranton Farmers Market, 300 Block of Alder Street, Scranton, (10 AM – 1 PM)
Tuesday, July 2: POP UP Senior Center with Farm Stands, Courthouse Square, N. Washington Avenue, Scranton

Wednesday, July 10: Dunmore Senior Center, 1414 Monroe Avenue, Dunmore
Thursday, July 11: The Marketplace At Steamtown, 300 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, (2 PM – 7 PM)
Tuesday, July 16: POP UP Senior Center with Farm Stands at Carbondale City Hall/Memorial Park, Carbondale
Friday, July 19: Taylor Community Center, 700 S. Main Street, Taylor

Monday, July 22: Mid Valley Senior Center, 310 Church Street, Jessup

Saturday, July 27: South Scranton Farmers Market, 300 Block of Alder Street, Scranton, (10 AM – 1 PM)

Monday, July 30: POP UP Senior Center with Farm Stands at North Pocono Middle School, 701 Church Street, Moscow

Any questions on the program should be directed to the Area Agency on Aging at (570) 963-6740.