

FONS Accomplishments

Organized a Chore Services Program:
The first year has been completed with 111 requests for help, including everything from referrals for contractors, to replacing roofs, to cleaning yards.

Accepted leadership of the Newtown Age-Friendly Livable Community Initiative.

Partnered with other organizations to develop programs to enhance senior living in Newtown.

Received Grants to support our efforts to improve Transportation in Newtown and fund the Chore Services program.

Improved senior-focused communication tools, including the newtown-ct.gov "senior" button, FONS webpage, weekly Constant Contact emails and Facebook posts.

Hosted monthly social gatherings and special events open to all Newtown seniors.

Raised funds through donations, and a paper shredding event, Kettle Corn sales and coffee sale. Funds are used primarily to support the Chore Services program.

And we've only just begun!



MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Friends of Newtown Seniors (FONS) is free to seniors and anyone interested in advancing the interests of seniors in the community, through volunteerism, financial support or contribution as a resource specialist.

**SUPPORT FONS
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JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST**

By subscribing to FONS emails, you will help build a comprehensive list of Newtown Seniors and people who care about seniors. You'll learn about efforts on behalf of Newtown Seniors, find opportunities to serve or be served, and find ways to contribute to building a vibrant Newtown.



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Friends of Newtown Seniors

*Seniors building a vibrant
Newtown for today
and tomorrow*



FONS board members at work!

FONS Mission

The mission of the Friends of Newtown Seniors is to provide advocacy and services to Newtown seniors (those 55+ who reside in Newtown). This will be accomplished in two complementary ways: through new initiatives conceived and developed by its board of directors and by partnering with various non-profit, for-profit, governmental, political and religious organizations serving the Newtown senior population.

Focus Areas For Our Future

- Work as an advocacy and action Group on behalf of the Newtown seniors
- Host social gatherings for seniors
- Pursue grant funds that will benefit Newtown seniors & support Transportation & Chore Services initiatives
- Implement HomeFit program
- Continue to promote housing options for seniors in Newtown
- Expand the reach of our communications
- Develop fundraising strategies to support expanding services for seniors
- Complete the Livable Community Plan for submission to AARP

Chore Services

Chore Services is a service to support Newtown Seniors (55 years of age or older) with the ability to remain in their own home safely, independently and comfortably. Volunteers can assist with chores including the replacement of batteries in fire/CO Detectors, changing window/door screens, and even help organize living space. If materials are needed to help with repairs Chore Services can assist with purchasing these items depending on the homeowner's financial situation. For larger, more complex jobs Chore Service maintains a list of vetted, highly recommended professionals and vendors known to be reliable that can assist with electrical, plumbing, carpentry, home remodeling. Fees for these services are based on the individual contractor and not considered volunteer services. Contact Chore Services Coordinator, 203-430-0633.

FONS FAQs

Who can join? Newtown residents age 55+ are automatically members! Also family members, friends, caregivers and anyone interested in advancing the interests of Newtown and its seniors through volunteerism, financial support or contribution as a resource specialist.

Is membership free?: Yes, FREE!

What do I get by subscribing to FONS' email list? Emails about meetings, social events, initiatives, and opportunities to help and get help. Access to FONS network of engaged supporters and a voice in the conversation!

How can I participate in FONS? Attend social events; advocate for programs; volunteer within FONS and/or serve others; build FONS' communication tools; volunteer to help a senior through the FONS Chore Service or other programs; attend advisory meetings; and more!

Are there social events? Monthly social gatherings, holiday parties and more, as announced.

How is FONS different from the Senior Center? FONS supports and complements Senior Center membership programs with advocacy, communications, services and opportunities for all Newtown current and future seniors. Do both: Subscribe to FONS to be part of our town-wide senior organization; join the Newtown Senior Center for abundant member programming.