



**FROM THE OFFICE OF
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THE SENIOR NEWS

STATE & LOCAL PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

As crimes against senior citizens continue in forms of abuse, scams, and robbery, it is important to be aware of a variety of programs that help seniors. Our office provides Senior Safety Speeches that educate the community about recent crimes and ways to avoid being a victim. We also sponsor FREE self-defense classes, and register individuals in our Take Me Home Program, a database that allows law enforcement to identify citizens who are lost and unable to adequately communicate their information, such as persons with autism, dementia and Alzheimers.

The Summit County Sheriff's Department provides the Senior Watch Program (330-643-8617) allowing residents to register for regular deputy visits to their homes to ensure health and safety.

The Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs (330-643-2470) investigates complaints against businesses where the consumer is not satisfied with a product or service. The Info Line is also a great source (2-1-1 or 330-376-6600). They can direct you to an agency that can best help you.

The state of Ohio has combated some of these crimes with services such as the Abuse, Neglect, Misappropriation, and Exploitation Program (ANM) through the Ohio Department of Health (614-752-8805). The program conducts investigations based on reports of abuse in assisted living facilities and nursing homes. Ohio's Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman also resolves problems and concerns that may arise from people receiving assisted living both at home and in nursing homes. The Ohio Department of Aging provides information about benefits and consumer rights (1-800-266-4346).

The statewide program Pro Seniors (513-345-4160) has a legal hotline to speak with an attorney for free. They help resolve any legal problems and long term care issues that may arise for seniors. The program also includes Senior Medicare Patrol that teaches those aged 60+ how to avoid Medicare fraud and possible identity theft.

Look for us at these Upcoming Events!



June 1, 2019, 10am-4pm

18th Annual WAKR Pet Expo
At Hardesty Park
1615 W. Market St., Akron 44313

June 4, 2019, 11am-1pm

Senior Safety Fair
Tallmadge Community Center
80 Community Rd., Tallmadge
RSVP - (330) 701-7667

June 15, 2019, 8:30am-11am

Autism Walk at Firestone Stadium
1575 Firestone Pkwy, Akron 44301

August 14, 2019

WAKR Senior Luncheon
St. George Fellowship Hall
3204 Ridgewood Rd., Copley
(330) 869-9800; \$14.00

*Doors open at 11:00 a.m.; Lunch at 12:15 p.m.
Purchase tickets at WAKR, 1795 W. Market St., Akron, Ohio 44313 or send check made out to WAKR Senior Lunch with self-addressed stamped envelope to address above.*

September 6, 2019, 10am-2pm

Senior Safari at the Akron Zoo
500 Edgewood Ave., Akron 44307

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Prosecutor Sherrri Bevan Walsh spoke to the Widows of Faith, Hope & Charity in Tallmadge

Crimes Against Seniors



Although the warm weather is here and it feels nice to keep windows and doors open, it is crucial to lock your doors and windows at night. Remember to never open the door to strangers. Unfortunately,

many crimes against seniors are burglaries that occur when the door has been opened to allow a criminal access. There are other situations where the door or window is destroyed to gain access. It is important to know what to do in these instances.

Recently, an 89-year-old man in Akron fell victim to crime as his home was invaded by two men. The man's home was ransacked and he was pinned underneath a refrigerator in his basement after opening up his door to the knocks of two strangers. Once the door was opened, the men punched the elderly man in the nose and then forced their way inside. A neighbor later found the victim underneath the refrigerator and notified both the paramedics and the police. The victim told police the men were posing as salesmen.

On March 4, 2019, Nathan Furlow was found guilty of aggravated burglary with a firearm specification and was sentenced to six years in prison. Furlow broke into a 74-year-old man's home. Furlow pounded on the victim's door but the victim would not open the door. Furlow then broke a window in the door to gain entrance, cutting himself in the process. The victim hid in his bathroom. Furlow's blood was found at the scene of the crime which led to his conviction.

In order to help protect yourself from similar crimes, remember to always keep your door locked and **DO NOT** open your door to anyone you are not expecting. You can also consider installing an alarm system or outside cameras to deter criminals. Never hesitate to call the police if you or someone you know feels threatened.

Learning Self-Defense is for all Age Groups!



If you have not made it to one of our FREE self-defense classes, you are missing out on some very important information and also a fun time.

The classes are not difficult and are tailored toward every age group. You will learn techniques on how to free yourself if someone grabs your wrist or grabs you from behind trapping both of your arms. Do you know how to get out of a chokehold?

There is an easy technique for that too. The classes will leave you with a better understanding of what you would do if you are put in a difficult situation.



Watch our Facebook page or call our office at (330) 643-2702 to find out where the next class will be or to schedule a self-defense class for your senior group.