

# IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Assemblyman Bob Oaks..... 946-5166

## WAYNE COUNTY

Office of the Aging and Youth ..... 946-5624  
 Clerk's Office ..... 946-7470  
 DMV..... 946-7490  
 Health Services ..... 946-5748  
 Meals on Wheels ..... 946-5622  
 Social Services ..... 946-4881  
 Veterans Services ..... 946-5993

## CAYUGA COUNTY

Office of the Aging ..... 253-1226  
 Clerk's Office ..... 253-1271  
 DMV ..... 253-1241  
 Health Services ..... 253-1451  
 Social Services ..... 253-1451  
 Veterans Services ..... 253-1281

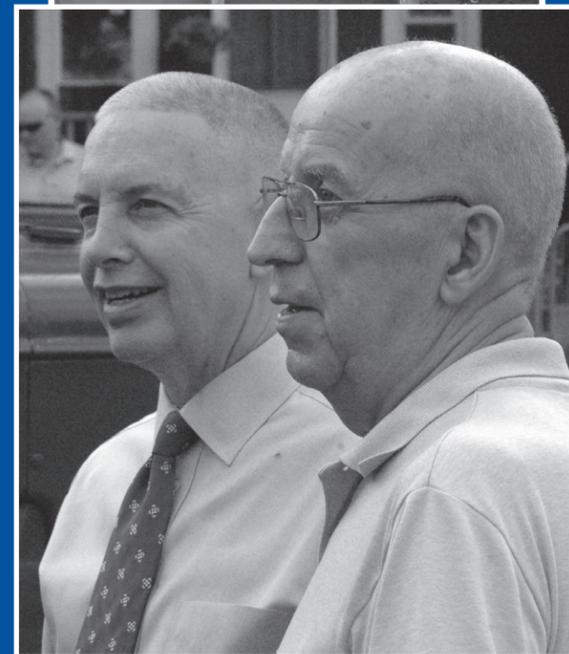
## OSWEGO COUNTY

Office of the Aging ..... 349-3484  
 Clerk's Office ..... 349-8621  
 DMV ..... 349-8300  
 Health Services ..... 349-3555  
 Social Services ..... 1-888-963-5377  
 Veterans Services ..... 591-9100

## FIRE, POLICE & AMBULANCE

Emergency..... 911  
 Sheriff (Non-Emergency)  
   Wayne County ..... 946-9711  
   Oswego County ..... 349-8591  
   Cayuga County..... 253-2911  
 New York State Police  
 Non-Emergency..... 946-3039  
 RG&E Gas Emergency ..... 1 (800) 743-1702  
 NYSEG Gas Emergency ..... 1 (800) 572-1121  
 National Grid Gas Emergency .. 1 (800) 892-2345  
 Poison Control ..... 1 (800) 222-1222

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**A Guide to  
New York State  
Senior Citizen  
Programs  
from  
Assemblyman**

# Robert Oaks

Dear Neighbor,

As your assemblyman in the 128th District, covering Wayne, Cayuga and Oswego counties, my top priority is to represent you in the State Capital. I am committed to ensuring that all seniors have the best health care opportunities and protections available.

This helpful guide is meant to acquaint you with some of the special programs and services available to senior citizens in New York. You may have more specific questions than the general answers listed in the guide. In that case, please contact my district office at 315-946-5166 and we will help to find the information you need.

Also, if you're not sure which agency to turn to for your needs, encounter problems in your search or would like to request additional copies of this guide, please feel free to call me. Don't forget to save the important phone numbers included in the guide.

Sincerely,  
*Robert C. Oaks*  
**Robert C. Oaks**  
 Member of Assembly



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## Social Security Retirement Benefits

### Benefits

Monthly cash benefits based on years of employment and amount withheld from earnings.

### Eligibility

Full Retirement Age (FRA): 66 for people born between 1943 and 1954.

### Income Limits

- Earning limit for individuals under 66 - \$14,460
- Individuals 66+ - no limit
- For individuals under age 66 for all of 2012, \$1 in benefits is withheld for every \$2 earned over the earning limit.
- An individual who attains age 66 in 2012 can earn up to \$38,880 with no loss of benefits.
- An individual turning age 66 during 2012 will have \$1 deducted from their benefits for each \$3 they earn above \$38,880, until the month they reach age 66.

### Resource Limits

None

### Government Agency

Social Security Administration:

1(800) 772-1213

[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

## Important State Phone Numbers

NYS Office of Aging .....	(800) 342-9871
NYS EPIC Hotline.....	(800) 332-3742
NYS Veterans Affairs .....	(518) 626-5680
NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles .....	(518) 486-9786
NYS AARP .....	(866) 227-7442
NYS SSI/Medicare .....	(800) 772-1213
NYS Voter Information .....	(800) 367-8683
NYS Senior Citizens Hotline.....	(800) 342-9871
LIFELINE (24-hour crisis hotline) .....	(800) 310-1160
NYS Attorney General.....	(800) 771-7755

## Medicare Part D - Prescription Drug Coverage

### Benefits

Covers both brand-name and generic prescription drugs at participating pharmacies in your area. Medicare prescription drug coverage provides protection for people who have very high drug costs.

### Eligibility

Everyone on Medicare is eligible for this coverage regardless of income and resources, health status or current prescription expenses.

**Note:** The annual open enrollment period starts on October 15 and ends on December 7. If you don't sign up for a plan during this period, you may have to pay a penalty. If you are new to Medicare, you may join a Medicare prescription drug plan from three months before you turn 65 to three months after you turn 65. Generally, if you are disabled, you may join three months before and three months after your 25th month of disability.

### Income Limits

None

### Resource Limits

None

### Government Agency

US Department of Health and Human Services

Call 1-800-MEDICARE to enroll or help you choose a plan.

For information on Parts A and B you can call the Social Security Administration 1-800-772-1213

## Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC)

### Benefits

For seniors in the Medicare Part D coverage gap.

### Eligibility

NYS residents 65 or older; must meet income guidelines. Not eligible if receiving full Medicaid benefits.

### Income Limits

Fee Plan: Single: \$35,000 or less

Married: joint income: \$50,000 or less

### Resource Limits

None

### Government Agency

EPIC Helpline

1(800) 332-3742

## Medicaid Full Coverage

### Benefits

Comprehensive health care benefits, including coverage for hospital, physician, skilled nursing facility, health related facility, home care.

### Eligibility

Persons 65+, blind, disabled children under 21 or the caretaker relative of a dependent child who is experiencing deprivation of parental support.

### Accountable Income Limits

Individuals: \$792/month

Couples: \$1,159/month

When one spouse is institutionalized and receiving Medicaid, the other spouse, while not receiving Medicaid, may retain \$2,739 in monthly income and \$109,560 maximum in assets.

### Resource Limits

Individuals: \$14,250. Couples: \$20,850. Exempt: primary residence, car, certain additions for burial.

### Government Agency

Medical Assistance Program

[www.health.ny.gov/](http://www.health.ny.gov/)

(315) 789-3030

## School Tax Relief (STAR) Exemption

### Benefits

Partial exemption from school property taxes for owner-occupied primary residences.

### Eligibility

**Enhanced:** For 2012, seniors 65 years of age or older who own and live in a one-, two- or three-family home or condominiums whose income is less than \$79,050

### Government Agency

New York State Office of Real Property Taxation

[www.orps.state.ny.us](http://www.orps.state.ny.us)

Offices of Real Property Tax Services:

Wayne County ..... 946-5916

Cayuga County..... 253-1270

Oswego County..... 349-8315

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