

## **Have You Heard About Monroe County's Best Kept Secret???**

### **Monroe County Commission on Aging**

Monroe County has an array of services to help senior citizens in their daily lives but it falls on the Monroe County Commission on Aging to coordinate those services. In 2007, the Commission budgeted \$3,210,169 for programming for local residents 60 and older. The money comes from the .50-mill tax levy that homeowners pay annually. This year the millage is expected to generate about \$3 million. The difference between what is budgeted and what the millage is expected to generate comes from the Commission on Aging's fund balance. These county funds match several thousands of additional State and Federal dollars that our county receives for additional senior services. By coordinating with agencies that offer senior services, the Commission hopes to maximize services and avoid duplication. Money is funneled to the agencies through the Commission but not before the agencies provide a detailed plan on how they intend to spend that money. The Commission's pledge is that the greatest benefit will go to those most in need and the most frail will receive the highest priority.

### **Your Tax Dollars Working in the Community**

In 2008, the following agencies provided Monroe County residents with these amounts of service:

- Ash Senior Center-** 2,681 activities for 99 area seniors
- Bedford Health Van-** 2,733 one-way trips for 115 seniors
- Bedford Senior Center-**3,755 activities for 368 area seniors
- Berlin Senior Center-**2,153 activities for 78 area seniors
- Deaf and Hearing Impaired Services, Inc. -** 1,829 hours of interpretation and counseling for 63 deaf and hard of hearing seniors
- Dundee Senior Center-** 1,117 activities for 198 area seniors
- Faith in Action for Monroe County-** 3,980 hours of respite & friendly visiting for 47 seniors
- Lenawee, Monroe, Hillsdale Foster Grandparent Program-** 13,513 hours of help to children in need by 16 dedicated seniors
- Frenchtown Senior Center-** 30,637 activities for 958 seniors and 9,074 hours of adult day care service for 28 area seniors
- Lake Erie Transit-** 15,905 one-way trips for 899 seniors around town, dialysis and doctor appointments
- Living Independence for Everyone-** 240,018 hot meals to 2,567 seniors
- Milan Senior Center-** 13,078 activities for 171 Milan area seniors.
- Monroe County Health Department-** 250 hours of diabetes instruction for 435 seniors
- MCOP Home Care-** 5,202 hours of in-home care to 73 seniors
- MCOP Home Chore-** 16,536 units of chore service for 346 seniors
- MCOP Ramps-**1 additional portable temporary aluminum ramp in the community
- MCOP Specialized Transportation-** 5,145 one-way trips for 208 seniors
- MCOP Commodity Food Program-** 109,554 food items for 526 seniors
- MCOP Resource Advocacy-** 5,433 hours of counseling and assistance for 1,285 seniors
- MCOP Home Injury Control-** 258 assistive safety devices to keep 110 seniors safe
- MCOP Fuel Assistance Program-** 176 fuel bills paid for 70 seniors
- MCOP Unmet Needs Program-** 63 unmet needs items for 40 seniors
- Monroe Center-** 37,203 activities to area 527 seniors
- Monroe Center Cancer Connection-** 246 one-way trips for 19 seniors by trained volunteers
- Monroe County Senior Legal Services-** 2,518 hours of legal service for 1,165 seniors
- Petersburg Summerfield Seniors-** 53 activities for 8 Petersburg area seniors.
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program-** 79,255 hours of volunteer time from 516 seniors for events
- AAA 1-B Community Care Management-** 24,813 units of Personal Care, Home Care, and Respite directly provided to 264 seniors.
- Self and Family Behavioral Counseling-** 222 hours of counseling to 17 seniors

For more information on any of the services or to check on qualifications for programs, **call the Monroe County Commission on Aging at 734-240-7363 or toll-free at (800) 354-5500, ext. 7363**