



*Advocating for Older Adults of Today and Tomorrow*

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# **Property Tax Forum at Capitol to Assess Municipal Relief Programs for Older Adults**

HARTFORD—Municipal leaders, tax assessors and others involved in designing and administering property tax relief programs for older adults are invited to attend the 2008 Carlson Forum Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon in room 1D of the Legislative Office Building adjacent to the state Capitol.

The free event is co-sponsored by the Connecticut Coalition on Aging, Inc. and the Connecticut Commission on Aging. The forum is presented annually by the coalition to explore issues and share ideas on topics affecting Connecticut's older adults.

This year's event gives representatives of local government, assessors, people who design and administer tax relief programs and other stakeholders an opportunity to share ideas and experiences, explore municipal and community impact and offer suggestions for future improvements.

The keynote speaker will be Dennis R. Heffley, Ph.D., professor and department head of the University of Connecticut Department of Economics. Dr. Heffley conducts research in health economics, urban economics and economic theory.

The Connecticut Commission on Aging, an independent agency of the Connecticut General Assembly, is co-sponsoring this year's forum in connection with its ongoing work to monitor issues, such as financial stability, that affect older adults of today and tomorrow.

In 2007 the commission completed a statewide survey of Connecticut's 169 municipalities to record the variety of older-adult tax relief programs they offer. The report is available on the commission's website at [www.cga.ct.gov/coa](http://www.cga.ct.gov/coa).

Opening remarks will be delivered by the co-chairs of the legislature's Select Committee on Aging, State Sen. Paul R. Doyle (D-9<sup>th</sup>) and State Rep. Joseph C. Serra (D-33<sup>rd</sup>).

Simsbury First Selectman Mary Glassman will serve as moderator for the panel discussion.

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Speakers and panelists will include State Sen. Jonathan A. Harris (D-5<sup>th</sup>), vice-chair of the legislature's Planning and Development Committee; State Sen. Leonard A. Fasano (R-34th), ranking member of the Planning and Development Committee; Gian-Carl Casa, director of public policy and advocacy for the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities; David Dietsch, incoming president of the Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers; Paul LaBella of the Intergovernmental Public Policy Division, state Office of Policy and Management; and Richard P. Roberts, associate member of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns.

To register for the forum or to receive more information, call the Commission on Aging at (860) 240-5200 or email [coa@cga.ct.gov](mailto:coa@cga.ct.gov).

The Connecticut Coalition on Aging, Inc., founded in 1974, is dedicated to improving the quality of life for older adults, especially those most vulnerable, through study, education, communication and advocacy.

The Connecticut Commission on Aging, located at the state Capitol, is an independent agency of the General Assembly charged with advocating on behalf of Connecticut's present and future generations of older adults. It serves as an objective, credible source of information for the legislature, governor's office and other public and private sector stakeholders.

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