

# The Royal News

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## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

For each petal on the shamrock  
This brings a wish your way -  
Good health, good luck, and happiness  
For today and everyday.

- Author Unknown



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St. Patrick's Day is an enchanted time -  
a day to begin transforming winter's  
dreams into summer's magic

- Adrienne Cook

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## Social Security News

As part of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Social Security has made it easier to apply for retirement or spouses benefits with the institution of an online application.

In order to apply for benefits online one must:

- Be at least 61 years and 9 months old,
- Want to start his or her benefits within 4 months of completing application\*\* *and*
- Live in the United States or one of its commonwealths or territories

\*\* Those who are already age 62 may begin receiving benefits in the month they apply.

To apply for Social Security or spouses benefits online, visit:

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/info/isba/retirement/>

The website provides step-by-step instruction on the completion of the application which includes a demo of the application along with information on the document(s) one will need in order to complete the online process.

For more information, call Social Security toll free at 1-800-772-1213

Info retrieved from [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

### *Provider's Corner*

*SENIORS Helping SENIORS is a company which provides in-home services to seniors, by seniors. The services provided include companionship, light housekeeping, cooking, gardening, transportation, home maintenance and more.*

*The senior citizens who request the services are charged a reasonable hourly rate while the senior citizens providing the services receive reasonable hourly pay.*

*SENIORS Helping SENIORS works to ensure that services are delivered respectfully with care and understanding.*

*If you are in need of services or wish to help in the delivery of services please contact SENIORS Helping SENIORS at [www.seniorshelpingseniors.com](http://www.seniorshelpingseniors.com) or call 610-858-2556.*

## Medicaid News

The State of Nevada is one of 13 states that has been awarded Money Follows the Person (MFP) grant monies so that it may continue to help Medicaid beneficiaries stay in their homes or community settings longer and out of institutions.

MFP is a demonstration program that many other states have benefited from. The program was set to expire in fiscal year 2011; however, through the Affordable Care Act the program will continue for another five years with Nevada as an awardee.

The monies awarded would allow qualifying elderly and/or disabled Medicaid beneficiaries to move out of nursing homes or other institutions and continue to receive the services and support they need.

Info retrieved from Senior Journal.com

## Did You Know...

...that you could receive a FREE cell phone from the government? Yes, it's true! There is a government supported program that provides a free cell phone and free air-time coverage for income-eligible seniors.



The program is called SafeLink Wireless Lifeline Service. Qualifying individuals receive a free phone and may choose between three different plans with free monthly minutes. Some seniors may already be familiar with the Lifeline/Link-up program that is offered through their local phone company.

The eligibility requirements are similar for both programs: You must be a participant in a federal or state assistance program such as Medicaid, Section 8, or TANF or have income that is at or below 150% FPI (175% for Lifeline/Link-up).

For more information or to sign up for the SafeLink Wireless Lifeline Service visit [www.safelinkwireless.com](http://www.safelinkwireless.com) or call 1-800-SAFELINK (1-800-723-3546).

For more information on the Lifeline/Link-up program call CenturyLink's business office at 1-800-877-7077.



# Upcoming Events

## FORECLOSURE MEDIATION

**March 15 / March 29 / April 12 / April 26 - Ask - A - Lawyer Program - - 9am - 12pm**

Sign up at: Regional Justice Center, 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89101

- Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada attorneys will be available to assist unrepresented individuals going through foreclosure mediation seeking legal advice on their rights
- For more information contact LACSN at 702-386-1070

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

**March 16, 2011 - Under the Rainbow - St. Patrick's Celebration\* - - 11:30am - 1pm**

The Las Vegas Senior Center, 451 E. Bonanza Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101

702-229-6454

- Participants will enjoy a traditional St. Patrick's Day meal with corned beef, cabbage, and more
- Cost is \$5 per person

**March 17, 2011 - Luck of the Irish Luncheon\* - - 11am**

Doolittle Senior Center, 1930 N. J Street, Las Vegas, NV 89106

702-229-6125

- Participants will enjoy a traditional St. Patrick's Day meal with corned beef, cabbage, and more
- Cost is \$5 per person

*\* Must be a current member in City of Las Vegas Senior Programs (\$2/year)*

## SENIOR FAIRS

**March 19, 2011 - Spotlight Senior Expo at Sun City Summerlin - - 9am - 1pm**

Desert Vista Community Center, 10360 Sun City Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89134

- Participants will receive free health screenings along with valuable information on senior living options, Medicare, Health & Nutrition, Veterans Benefits, and much more!
- For more information contact Spotlight Senior Services at 702-409-1253

**May 18, 2011 - Senior Health Fair**

Desert Springs Hospital, 2075 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119

- This is an annual event for seniors age 55 and older. Participants will receive free health screenings and an array of health information from numerous providers
- For more information contact 702-853-3276

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