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**Peters Township Fire Department Announces Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program**

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As part of its emergency management function, the Peters Township Fire Department has partnered with the McMurray Rotary Club and Meals on Wheels @ the Crossroads in order to assist those with a high risk of contracting COVID-19.

The purpose of this program is to ensure that community members with a high risk of contracting COVID-19, such as those with preexisting illnesses and senior citizens, have the life sustaining resources that they need, allowing them to stay home. This program provides a safe platform for this population to connect with a volunteer who has undergone a background check by the Peters Township Police Department, and eliminates the potential of scammers.

The program is managed by the Peters Township Fire Department’s Emergency Management team, with the physical shopping or prescription pick-ups by McMurray Rotary volunteers. The Rotary club will also handle billing for the items obtained for the resident. If a resident is requesting non-perishable goods, or is not able to afford a shopping bill, Meals on Wheels will provide food donations for the resident.

The health and safety of both the volunteers and community members receiving these services is paramount, and volunteers will be adhering to strict guidelines including no contact drop-offs.

In times like these, the collaboration and cooperation of community organizations is vital to the well-being of its community members. Together, we will work to ensure that our most vulnerable citizens remain safe while not jeopardizing their needs.

**How residents can help**

Call and check in on your elderly friends, family, and neighbors. If you know of someone who could benefit from this program, visit www.PetersTownship.com and fill out the Neighbors Helping Neighbors form or call our Emergency Operations Center at (724) 942-5044.

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