

We're Open for Business

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Contrary to what you might have heard, Neighbors InDeed is open for business!

True, Handy Helpers are doing "urgent only" calls to ensure your safety and ours. But as soon as restrictions are lifted, they'll be back in business. You'll be notified through E-News, the Compass, or Sun Senior News when that happens. But for now, the Handy Helpers are replacing batteries in chirping smoke alarms, replacing light bulbs in unlighted areas inside the house, the garage and the front porch, reprogramming thermostats, sprinkler controllers and garage door openers, and other tasks that ensure your safety and well-being at home. Call us at 916-223-2763 and our volunteers will let you know if we can do the task. If not and you can't wait, we can refer you to a vendor who can do it.

The Medical Equipment Loan Program volunteers are also working. If you need to borrow a wheel chair, transport chair, walker, cane or crutches to get around, call and it will be delivered to your home. When you're done with it, call again and we'll come pick it up. All equipment is sanitized when returned from a resident before being placed in the storage unit to wait for the next loan. We also loan out ramps to make getting into and out of the house in a wheelchair or transport chair easier.

And last but not least, our Information & Referral volunteers, who direct your Handy Helper and Medical Equipment calls to the right team, are also giving referrals to vendors who have been recommended by other residents and to public and private agencies who can assist in meeting your needs. These vendors range from appliance and HVAC repair to general contractors, pet sitters to alterations and automotive repair. Just call, ask if its on our list, and if yes, you'll get three referrals. Public and private agencies include, but are not limited to, Placer County Dpartment of Public Health and Seniors First, the State contracted agency for senior services, as well as agencies who provide in home medical and non-medical care.

This is still a difficult year for all of us, but these three groups of volunteers are working hard to ensure that you can carry on as best as possible in your home. We wear masks when we come to your house, and appreciate it when you're willing to do so as well.

So leave a message for us at 916-223-2763 and we'll return your call Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check out our website at

www.neighborsindeed.org.