Has the IRS called yet?

It may be just a matter of time. Soon you will answer a ringing phone and hear a voice say, “I’m from the IRS and you owe us money.” Will you hang up or wait to hear what follows? This ploy just one of many scams proliferating right now, and it can be very threatening. Remember: The IRS will not be calling you without prior notice!

While hanging up is always a good idea, you can also help others by reporting any bogus IRS calls or other telemarketing scam calls. If you capture the telephone number and other details, you may submit complaints to the Federal Trade Commission at [https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov](https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov).

Have you signed up for alerts about scams?

Scams are covered frequently in newspaper columns and consumer publications, but up-to-date information is available from a number of sources. Read everything you can about protecting yourself from scams and consider signing up at one or both of the following entities for free alerts:


When will PVSC call?

PVSC does NOT call to ask for contributions. We may call you if there has been a change of plans for a specific event or course for which you are registered. We may also call you if you have expressed an interest in volunteering or have requested information. We guard your contact information closely and keep it secure.

Are You Facebook Friendly?

PVSC has a Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, please search for Penobscot Valley Senior College and “like” us! Your comments and questions are appreciated, too.

CANCELLATIONS: If classes or programs are canceled due to weather, notices will be recorded on PVSC’s message phone (992-0118) and provided to local television stations. See the January Memo for more detail.

Ideas, comments, suggestions about anything else? Email PVSC at seniorcollege@eaaa.org (or leave a message at 992-0118 for referral to the appropriate PVSC officer or committee chair). We try to respond quickly.
Legal Services for the Elderly
What it is and what it does

We have probably all seen announcements on TV about some of the topics handled by Maine’s “Legal Services for the Elderly” (LSE) but those are only the tip of the iceberg. This not-for-profit organization began serving clients in 1974 and provides persons age 60 and over with free legal advice on a broad range of “elder related” topics. Please join us in hearing Julie Mallett and Hilary Fernald, two of the Staff Attorneys from LSE along the supervisor of their Medicare Part D Unit share information on the legal pitfalls facing today’s seniors and actions that can be taken to protect our finances.

Wednesday, April 15, 2015  2:00 to 4:00 pm

124 Eastport Hall on the Bangor Campus of UMA

The Consumer Sentinel Network reports there were over 6,600 identity theft, fraud or other consumer complaints reported during last year in Maine. There were many others that never got reported. If you have a telephone or a computer, it would not be surprising if you had not been contacted at least once in the past 3 months by someone with the intent of separating you from your financial resources. In some cases, it may be difficult to quickly determine fact from a scam but there may be clues or warning that should be noted. This program will provide an excellent opportunity to gain knowledge on how to help protect yourself from a variety of scams or other attempts to steal some of your most valuable items such as your identity.

This program will be open to members and guests so why not invite a friend to show them one of the values of PVSC. Parking on the Bangor campus should not be a problem but don’t wait to register.

To register call 992-0118, and leave names of participants and your phone number.
Acknowledgement cards will be mailed approximately one week before the Event