

# Senior Companion has October meeting

The October meeting of the Senior Companion Program Advisory Council was hosted by Mary Ellen Hall at 127 Main St., Chester. The council meets on a quarterly basis to advise and assist the project sponsor and staff.

They work to promote community support, conducting annual and ongoing evaluation and provide rec-

ommendations and ideas for further program development. The council consists of individuals from various agencies, clubs and community leaders.

The Volunteer Senior Companion Program is funded by a federal grant and through the Community Long Term Medicaid Waiver Program with an enrollment of 33

companions. Companions are assisted through the volunteer stations of Neighbors Care Home Health, Chester County Department of Social Services, Chester/Lancaster Developmental and Special Needs, Hospice and Community Care, Senior Services Inc., Palmetto Village and Chester Active Daycare.

Volunteers serve 20 hours

weekly and are reimbursed a modest tax-free stipend, mileage expense and lunch. Senior companions are to be 60 years old or older, no longer in the workforce and meet income eligibility, among other requirements.

Seniors interested in the program may call Frances Stephenson at 385-3838 between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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### New formal clothing store has come to town