



### Senior Center

The Cumberland Senior Center was built in 1940 as an agricultural outbuilding and converted for senior services in 1991. It is the only senior center open to the public located in the Town of Cumberland.

The center serves Cumberland seniors, as well as surrounding cities and towns including Pawtucket, Central Falls, Lincoln, and Woonsocket. The Town is currently updating bathrooms, ceilings, lighting, floors, and expanding the exercise room. These improvements are leading to an increase in membership and use from returning and new members.

In the summer of 2019, the Town received a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$500,000. This will enable additional improvements to be made including:

- Kitchen restoration including installation of new ventilation and fire suppression system and commercial grade appliances.
- Electrical upgrade to accommodate energy needs of computers and kitchen activities.
- Install HVAC for improved energy efficiency and comfortability.
- Rebuild front entrance for ADA compliance including ramp, railings, overhead protection and electronic door.
- Insulate exterior of concrete block building and re-clad building.
- Create ADA access to senior community garden and install hardscape to safely accommodate walkers and wheelchairs, replace fence, add raised garden beds to improve access and crop yield.
- Add lighting and repave/grade parking area around center to improve drainage and remove trip hazards.
- Landscape exterior and add outdoor benches.

In early 2019, the town received a \$10,000 grant from the Rhode Island Foundation to be used on improvements to the gazebo located in front of the Senior Center. This generous grant will enable the town to connect the Senior Center to the gazebo as an accessible covered area. In November 2019, the gazebo will be re-roofed, lighting updated, railings repaired, exterior cleaned/stained, landscape improvements