

FINAL
Minutes of the Commission on Aging Monthly Meeting
April 5, 2023

Attendees: Halesteen Graham Days, Marie MacDonald, Patricia Miller, Jeannette Rivers, Leon Rivers, Peter Wilcox

Guests: Marie Bendzans and Yvette Huyghue-Pannell (senior services liaison), Kay Sherman

Absent: Bob Berman, Susan Odoms, Barbara Reisner, Shirley Thompson

Pat called the meeting to order at 12:37 pm.

Old Business:

Yvette was able to reach the manager at Coventry Place and has confirmed that the May 3 meeting will be held in their Community Room.

There was a good turnout for last month's senior resources program with State Representative Bobby Gibson. The panel included Amy Porter (State Commissioner of Aging & Disability), Nora Duncan (State AARP Director), Camilla Hillian and Dawn Cooper-Grodger (Bloomfield Social & Youth Services Director and Assistant Director, respectively), Patricia Miller and Bob Berman (Bloomfield Commission on Aging), and Marie Bendzans (Bloomfield Senior Services). Representative Gibson indicated that he would like to present a similar program in the fall.

There is one week remaining in this year's AARP Tax-Aide program; however, there are no more appointments available.

The Town Hall Greeter program resumed this week after the recess caused by the pandemic.

Public Comments:

Eversource and CNG will be at the Human Services Center tomorrow afternoon to provide individuals with information regarding programs designed to assist residents with utility bills.

Bloomfield Senior Services is partnering with Bloomfield Public Library and the Alzheimer's Association to present the program "The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's" on April 20. This will be a hybrid meeting.

There are two more sessions to the SNAP-ED program: April 21 and May 19.

There will be a shred day on Saturday, April 29. There will be a 3-bag limit per person. Small electronics will also be accepted for recycling.

The Senior Services Mother's Day luncheon will take place at the Simsbury Inn on Thursday, May 11. There are still a limited number of seats available.

The 7th Annual Casual Prom (with the University High School of Science & Engineering honors students) will take place on Thursday, May 18. This is always a fun event, with music, games, dancing and conversation (and, of course, refreshments).

There will be a trip to the Bronx Zoo on Monday, June 5; as well as an intergenerational trip to the New England Aquarium and Quincy Market in Boston on May 20. The Aquarium trip is presented by the Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services, Senior Services, and Social & Youth Services.

If there is enough interest, Senior Services will plan trips to the National Museum of African American History & Culture in Washington, D.C., and/or to Cape Cod later this year.

The police department has just shared information regarding the latest in scams. In a twist on the “your grandchild is in prison/has been injured and needs money right away” telephone scam, the caller is now advising that a courier will come to the victim’s home and pick up the cash. Anyone who may be contacted regarding this type of swindle is requested to call the Bloomfield Police Department.

There was not a quorum, so approval of the March minutes is tabled until next month.

Pat made a motion to adjourn; Jeannette seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:59 pm.

The next meeting will take place at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, May 3.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary