

**Commission on Aging
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 18, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m.**

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION ON AGING

The Commission on Aging held a regular meeting on Monday, July 18, 2016 at the Senior Center, 14 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, CT. Chairman Curt Symes called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Curt Symes, Sheila Torres, John Boccuzzi, Margaret Imbro, Barbara Bloom, Anna Wiedemann, Anne Rothstein, Claire Theune, George Guidera, Ruby Ryles, Lisa Krauss

Absent: George Guidera, Mae Schmidle

Also Present: Marilyn Place and 2 members of the public

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Symes stated that Senior Shred Day went well and the work done by John Boccuzzi (Friends of Newtown Seniors) and others was phenomenal. He asked Mr. Boccuzzi to set up another shred day for the fall.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Ms. Wiedemann made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from June 20, 2016, seconded by Ms. Rothstein and unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Attachment A): Mr. Symes stated that a significant amount of activity is going on.

- A Nominating Committee needs to be appointed to develop the slate of candidates for the 2017 COA Officers.
- Mr. Symes corresponded with members of the Legislative Council to restate the importance of certain topics to both the Seniors of Newtown and COA (a new Senior Center, Senior Tax Relief, effective communications to seniors).
- A new CT Commission on Women, Children & Seniors has been formed by the state to replace the former Commission on Aging.
- The VNA is in desperate need of members – **it is not necessary to be a nurse to become a member.**
- The Newtown Arts Festival is scheduled for September 16th-18th and the COA will have a booth once again for the 4th successive year. Ms. Rothstein suggested having

- a COA Facts Sheet and Flyer available to hand out about the next Shred Day in the fall. Ms. Place suggested handing out a fan with dates listed of upcoming events.
- The Silver Sneakers program and other senior fitness programs are now being offered at the Newtown Youth Academy.
 - The 2017 CIP will begin discussion at town meetings in August and September and allocation of funds will undergo review. Mr. Symes wants to reach out to various groups and interested parties in Newtown to advocate for the long standing & much needed New Senior Center. The initial \$500,000 is there for the Senior Center design, but the \$2.5 million toward construction is “up for grabs”. The key to success will be for the 5,000+ Seniors of Newtown to be vocal about their position in correspondence and action to the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance & Legislative Council.

Mr. Boccuzzi made a motion to approve the allocation of \$105.00 from the Gift Fund for registration at the Arts Festival, seconded by Ms. Imbro and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Nominating Committee – Mr. Symes asked for volunteers to chair and serve on the committee. Ms. Wiedemann volunteered to chair and Ms. Imbro and Ms. Theune volunteered to serve on the committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of Seniors Tax Relief Program (Attachment B) – Mr. Symes introduced Ryan Knapp from the Legislative Council, Chairman of Ordinance Committee, to speak about Senior Tax Relief. Mr. Knapp stated this topic came up after the last revaluation was done. The Town allocated \$1.65 million for senior tax abatement (an increase from \$1.5 million). The program helps to meet the needs of approximately 22% of Newtown Seniors with an average of 40% reduction in taxes.

Mr. Knapp stated that there have been suggestions over the last year regarding expanding and modifying the ordinance. Gathering of data about numbers of seniors and their properties is very difficult. Given there was a surplus of funds this year, Mr. Knapp said they are trying to determine why that happened. Are seniors moving out of the community? The committee is looking to expand the limits or craft language of what to do with the surplus. Mr. Boccuzzi said that we need to get the word out about the program to seniors who may qualify but do not apply.

Friends of Newtown Seniors – Mr. Boccuzzi reported that the group now has an official board and they are working on establishing a 501(c)3. They are reaching out to various groups in town and looking for anyone doing anything for seniors in town in order to get help, support and resources to them. Mr. Symes suggested giving a portion of the proceeds from Senior Shred Day to the Friends of Newtown Seniors to help in their efforts. Ms. Rothstein would like to table the discussion until research can be done on how organizations such as the Library Board and Friends of the Library work together.

Status of Newtown Seniors Communications & Website – Ms. Ryles reported that the website will be launched in November. The goal is to have all 10 Greater Danbury towns participate. They are working on the figures and reduction in costs based on fundraising events. As of now, the cost is \$1,200 for a town to reserve one page vs. a larger scope at \$5,000 on the website. This is a one-time start-up – development fee with a projected \$500 a year maintenance fee.

Ms. Wiedemann made a motion to spend \$1,200 from the proceeds of the Senior Shred Day to opt in the Western Connecticut Senior Resources Website, seconded by Ms. Imbro and unanimously approved.

Ms. Torres would also like to approve funding for the COA Senior Information Brochure which Ms. Ryles developed. The brochure should be available to hand out at the Arts Festival.

Mr. Boccuzzi made a motion allocate \$500 from the Gift Fund to print COA brochures, seconded by Ms. Wiedemann and unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT (Attachment C): Ms. Wiedemann distributed the monthly report along with a Tentative Accounting Budget of COA Expenditures to the Senior Center and other approved/voted activities which are typical throughout the year.

DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES REPORT (Attachment D): Ms. Place highlighted her report. The Annual Senior Outing at Holiday Hill is scheduled for Monday, August 8th. Ms. Place requested funding to sponsor up to 10 seniors and 4 staff members to attend the event totaling \$448.00.

Mr. Boccuzzi made a motion to allocate \$448.00 from the Gift Fund to sponsor up to 10 seniors and 4 staff members to attend the Senior Outing, seconded by Ms. Bloom and unanimously approved.

Ms. Place also requested funding to continue sessions with Arthur Gottlieb, 3 sessions @ \$110.00 per session.

Mr. Boccuzzi made a motion to allocate \$330.00 from the Gift Fund for 3 more sessions with Arthur Gottlieb, seconded by Ms. Wiedemann and unanimously approved.

Ms. Place reported:

- Met with Pat Llodra and Ann LoBosco and the Municipal Agent will begin to have hours at the Senior Center again. Ann will have use of a phone line as well as a computer in order to assist seniors with any programs.
- Jennifer Crane, Director of Center for Support and Wellness, has visited the Senior Center and will be meeting with clients needing support.

- Partnering with Social Services, Nunnawauk Meadows, and the VNA to revive the Friendly Visitor Program. Mr. Boccuzzi said that Friends of Newtown Seniors would definitely be interested in helping with the program.
- Newtown Comprehensive Foot Care will hold screenings at the Center free to seniors starting Oct 21st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY REPORT: No report at this time.

There being no further business, **Mr. Boccuzzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.**, seconded by Ms. Wiedemann and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann LoBosco, Clerk

AH. A

Newtown Commission on Aging (COA) - Chairman Report - 7/18/16 Meeting

Welcome to our July COA Meeting and Social Wellness Month, according to CareNotes and the National Council on Aging (NCOA). These groups urge us to reach out to others – friends, family and co-workers – to build stronger ties and help these important people in our lives feel good about themselves. For many individuals, the way to bring joy into others' lives starts with finding the joy in their own lives.

Our 1st order of New Business will be to Appoint a Nominating Committee to develop a slate of Candidates for 2017 COA Offices.

We will then continue our focus on “the way forward” for the Seniors of Newtown, regarding the pursuit of the New Senior Center & Expanded Programs, as well as, the key issues of better Communications to Newtown’s Seniors, working to understand related subjects of importance, like Town Tax Equity & Seniors Tax Relief (see Q&A Attachment), and collaborating with the Friends of Newtown Seniors, Parks & Rec and Newtown Schools on Shred Day, Newtown Seniors get-togethers and related projects.

As I mentioned in the introductory announcements:

- we have now revised the sequence of our Agenda to ensure better, more-timely coverage of topics
- worked with the Friends of Newtown Seniors on a very successful Shred Day
- initiated discussion with the Legislative Council on a number of topics important to our 5,000+ Seniors

In addition,

- the State has now re-structured a New Commission on Women, Children & Seniors
- the Newton VNA is in need of new members
- the NYA has been approved for silver Sneakers & other Senior Fitness Programs
- the NAF is in full preparation for the Sept. 16-18 2016 Event
- new Senior Programs at Newtown Youth & Family Services

The 2017 Newtown Government - Capital Improvement Plan or CIP - will begin its process to determine the proposed allocation of project funding, like a New Senior Center, in the August – September timeframe. Therefore, it is imperative that the Seniors of Newtown prepare to engage with their Local Newtown Legislative Council Representatives in this process, as it goes forward, and make their positions known.

The Newtown Seniors Tax Relief Program which helps to meet the needs of approximately 22% of Newtown Seniors with an average of 40% reduction or discount is only a part of the tax solution. A reduction in the school asset cost base by the closing of a non-cherished, repurposed school would have

a significant impact on overall taxes and optimally help to solve some of the other space issues facing the various town departments.

Respectfully submitted,

Curt Symes

Chair, Newtown COA

AH. B

Newtown 2016 Seniors Tax Relief Program – COA Facts Sheet:

(Draft of Current Status by Curt Symes, Chair of COA, 7/18/16)

- * Original Town of Newtown Seniors Benefits Q&A issued 8/8/13
- * Updated 2016 Q&A Seniors Benefits on town website 7/11/16
- * Program intended for Seniors in Financial Need - Income = or < \$70,000 Gross
- * It is not intended to be a Municipal Entitlement Program, like State & Federal
- * Program enhanced over the years
- * Approximately 22% of Newtown Seniors average 40% Tax Discount
- * Newtown now offers 1 of the Top Discount Programs across the State of CT

Note: A more detailed explanation of the current program has been written up in The Newtown Bee, dated 7/8/16, pages A-1 & A-8 and is posted on their website.



Q&A – Benefits for Newtown Seniors

The Town of Newtown deeply values its senior citizens. We understand that there may be economic considerations for Seniors that are unique and that the Town needs to provide financial supports to the extent possible in order to help our Senior residents continue to live and thrive in our community. This Q&A details some of the programs the Town of Newtown offers to Seniors.

QUESTION	ANSWER
<p>Does the Town have a tax relief program for Seniors?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, in fiscal 2016-17 the Town allocated \$1.65 million for Senior Tax Relief. 705 households qualified for relief. • Homeowners can qualify if they are 65 years old as of July 1st and if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant total income is \$70,000 or less; • Applicant has resided and paid taxes in Newtown for one year; and delinquent taxes are paid in full; • Property is a legal domicile & occupied by applicant more than 183 days each year. • The credit is applied to the residence and house lot, not excess acreage.
<p>When are applications available for the Senior Tax Relief Program?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications are available March 1st through May 15th of any given year and can be obtained at the Newtown Municipal Center – 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT. • Residents can apply at the Tax Office and need to fill out the application (signed) and provide copies of the signed Federal Income Tax return & a copy of the 1099 statement from social security.
<p>What does the town take into consideration when I apply for this benefit?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All sources of income are taken into consideration. This includes, but is not limited to: interest bearing accounts, all social security income, wages, pensions & annuities, rental monies, etc.
<p>How much benefit will I receive?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you made under \$45,000, you are eligible for \$2,525 off your taxes. • If you made between \$45,001-\$55,000, you are eligible for \$1,750 off your taxes. • If you made between \$55,001-\$65,000, you are eligible for \$1,300 off your taxes. • If you made between \$65,001-\$70,000, you are eligible for \$800 off your taxes.

How often do I need to re-apply for the Senior Tax Relief Program?

- You need to apply every two years. However, if your income changes, please contact the Tax Collector's Office at 203-270-4320.

Does the State of CT have a tax relief for Seniors?

- Yes, the State offers a program for those age 65 and older if income is under \$35,200 (single) & \$42,900 (married).
- Applications can be obtained February 1st through May 15th at the Newtown Municipal Center – 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT.
- Applications taken in 2016 are applied to July 2016 bill.
- Please call the Newtown Tax Assessor's office at 203-270-4240 or the Tax Collector office at 203-270-4320 for the local senior tax benefit.

If I want information about Town or State tax relief for Seniors who do I call?

Why doesn't the Town just freeze tax payments for Seniors?

- If the Town froze taxes and did not apply increases, then by law, the Town would have to put a lien on that property and then recapture the frozen amount when the property was sold. This is a burdensome process for both the Town and the Senior taxpayer.

Are there any programs for Seniors who are Renters?

- Yes, a Renters Rebate Program is a program for Senior Renters who have lived in Newtown for any part of 2015 and are 65 years of age by December 31, 2015. People renting an apartment or room, or living in cooperative housing or a mobile home may be eligible for this program. Renters' rebates can be up to \$900 for married couples and \$700 for single persons and the rebate amount is based on a graduated income scale. The filing period for this program is now April 1st – October 1st. For more information, please contact the Social Services Department at 203-270-4330.

Does the Town provide transportation services for Seniors?

- Yes, there is daily, door-to-door minibuss service for Senior residents (SweetHART bus service). You must be 60 years of age or older. Proof of age is required. Call 203-748-2511 at least 2 days in advance. Service is provided Monday to Friday and half day Saturday.

Does the Town provide transportation for medical appointments?

- Yes, FISH provides transportation for Newtown residents, regardless of age, who need transportation to medical appointments. Volunteers are available Monday through Thursday and transportation goes to Danbury, Bethel, Brookfield & Southbury. Call 1-800-794-0034.

What other programs for Seniors does the Town of Newtown offer?

What other programs are offered to Seniors?

- The Senior Center offers a wide variety of programs and activities including: **fitness, nutrition & health, Meals on Wheels, educational programs, flu shot clinics, health screenings and income tax assistance.** For more information call: 203-270-4310.
- Seniors are entitled to **free swim passes** through the Newtown Parks & Recreation Department for Treadwell Pool and Eichler's Cove Beach and **free residential permits for all Newtown parks.** For more information, call: 203-270-4340.
- Seniors can also purchase permits for the **Transfer Station for \$80 (a \$10 savings).** Registering online can also save an additional \$5. For more information, call 203-270-4307.
- For more information about any of the following programs, please call the Newtown Social Services Department at 203-270-4330. Please note that these programs have income requirements.
 - **Medicare Savings Program** to help pay for your Medicare premiums, coinsurance, and deductibles.
 - **Energy/Fuel Assistance**
 - **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

Revised 7/11/16

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Att. C

SENIOR SERVICES GIFT FUND									
DATE	RECEIPTS/DISBURSEMENTS	C/R	C/D	FRANK KNOTTS TRUST FUND	NEW SENIOR CENTER	GRANT	BALANCE		
7/1/15	Beginning Balance						43,169.00		
7/6/2015	DONATION- TAUNTON PRESS- T-3319		150.00				43,319.00		
7/6/2015	DONATION- NEWTOWN LIONS CLUB- T-3320		1,000.00				44,319.00		
7/20/2015	TRUST DISTRIBUTION- T-5727					598.40	44,917.40		
7/30/2015	Ck #19567- Holiday Inn(3 STAFF/GUESTS)	(310.00)					44,607.40		
7/30/2015	Ck #19532- Alan Devalerio(White House Speaker)	(100.00)					44,507.40		
8/12/2015	S.C. TEE SHIRT- T-9066		10.00				44,517.40		
9/17/2015	Ck #20233 Arthur Gottlieb- History Pres- Sept/Oct/Nov	(330.00)					44,187.40		
10/23/2015	TRUST DISTRIBUTION- T-23697					598.40	44,785.80		
10/29/2015	Ck #20828- CS Consulting & Services	(125.00)					44,660.80		
10/29/2015	Ck #20875- Image One	(495.60)					44,165.20		
11/12/2015	Ck #21130- Rafel Sgammato- Music Therapy	(150.00)					44,015.20		
11/12/2015	Ck # 21092- Michael's At The Grove- Deposit for Xmas party	(200.00)					43,815.20		
11/19/2015	Annual Holiday Bazaar- T28709		2,463.75				46,278.95		
11/30/2015	Bazaar Monies T30656		50.00				46,328.95		
12/3/2015	Ck #21428- Michael's At The Grove- Holiday Party	(725.00)					45,603.95		
12/3/2015	Ck #21426- Sean Mckee- DJ for Holiday Party	(250.00)					45,353.95		
12/8/2015	Bazaar monies T-32152		20.00				45,373.95		
12/10/2015	Ck #21526- Rafel Sgammato- Music for Dec 18	(150.00)					45,223.95		
12/18/2015	Holiday Bazaar Raffle- T-34351		310.00				45,533.95		
1/21/2016	TRUST DISTRIBUTION- T-37791					557.46	46,091.41		
4/19/2016	TRUST DISTRIBUTION T-51771					557.46	46,648.87		
4/19/2016	TRUST DISTRIBUTION (Add'l Int.) T-51772					358.00	47,006.87		
5/4/2016	P-Card- Big Y	(71.46)					46,935.41		
5/4/2016	P-Card-Dollar Tree	(22.33)					46,913.08		
5/4/2016	P-Card- Michaels	(76.69)					46,836.39		
5/4/2016	P-Card- Shoprite	(44.34)					46,792.05		
5/26/2016	Ck #23403- Arthur Gottlieb- History Presentation	(330.00)					46,462.05		
5/26/2016	Ck #23452-Marilyn Place- Reim for Senior Appreciation Day	(46.53)					46,415.52		
6/4/2016	P-Card- Michaels	(43.38)							
6/4/2016	P-Card- Lowes	(159.12)							
6/4/2016	P-Card- Hollanda	(64.65)							
6/4/2016	P-Card- Bobs	(438.99)							
6/30/2016	Donations- Newtown Lions and Taunton Press-T-61961		1,150.00						
6/30/2016	Shredding Day income- T-61966		2,045.10						
6/30/2016		(4133.09)	7,198.85			2,669.72	48,904.48		

SENIOR SERVICES GIFT FUND						
DATE	RECEIPTS/DISBURSEMENTS	C/R	C/D	FRANK KNOTTS TRUST FUND	SENIOR CENTER NEW	BALANCE
					GRANT	
	GRANT-WCAAA					
7/29/2015	ck #19744-Claudia Landwehr				(200.00)	
7/29/2015	ck #19721-Susan Bradley				(200.00)	
7/29/2015	ck #19722-Eileen Byrnes				(200.00)	
8/6/2015	ck#19638-Susan Bradley				(160.00)	
8/6/2015	ck#19640-Eileen Byrnes				(160.00)	
8/6/2015	ck#19675-Claudia Landwehr				(160.00)	
9/7/2015	Grant Received				1,080.00	
9/10/2015	Ck# 20185- Eileen Byrnes				(160.00)	
9/17/2015	Ck #20260- Claudia Landwehr				(160.00)	
9/17/2015	Ck # 20183- Susan Bradley				(160.00)	
9/17/2015	Grant Received				480.00	
10/15/2015	Ck #20602- Susan Bradley				(160.00)	
10/15/2015	Ck #20606- Eileen Byrnes				(120.00)	
10/15/2015	Ck #20687- Claudia Landwehr				(200.00)	
11/2/2015	Grant Received				480.00	
11/12/2015	Ck #20991- Susan Bradley				(120.00)	
11/12/2015	Ck #20993- Eileen Byrnes				(120.00)	
11/12/2015	Ck #21076- Claudia Landwehr				(160.00)	
12/10/2015	Ck #21454- Eileen Byrnes				(160.00)	
12/10/2015	Ck #21500- Claudia Landwehr				(160.00)	
12/10/2015	Ck #21452- Susan Bradley				(120.00)	
1/27/2016	Ck #21970- Eileen Byrnes				(120.00)	
1/27/2016	Ck #21968- Susan Bradley				(200.00)	
1/27/2016	Ck #22007- Claudia Landwehr				(200.00)	
2/18/2016	Ck #22197- Eileen Byrnes				(120.00)	
2/18/2016	Ck #22194- Susan Bradley				(160.00)	
2/18/2016	Ck #22254- Claudia Landwehr				(160.00)	
					(1,800.00)	
	GRANT- REGI-POTTERY CLASS					
12/30/2015	GRANT- T-34792				4,954.00	
2/18/2016	Ck #22326- Lynn Welsh				(149.55)	
2/18/2016	Ck #22192- John Bocuzzi				(27.90)	
3/4/2016	P-Card- Ceramic Supply, Dickblick, Dollar Tree				(474.69)	
4/4/2016	P-Card- Blick Art Supplies				(218.55)	
4/14/2016	Ck #22946- Lynn Welsh- Pottery Supplies				(21.25)	
4/14/2016	Ck #22822- John Bocuzzi- Pottery Supplies				(48.84)	
4/28/2016	Ck #23090- Lynn Welsh-Pottery Class(March)				(390.00)	
5/26/2016	Ck #23501-Lynn Welsh-Pottery Class(April)				(345.00)	
6/4/2016	P-Card- Dick Blick				(86.34)	
6/23/2016	Ck #23652- Brookfield Craft Center				(97.50)	
7/7/2016	Ck #23796- Brookfield Craft Center(June Bill)				(1,500.00)	
					1,594.38	

NEWTOWN COA TENTATIVE BUDGET

August of 2013	Holiday Hill Getaway Tours Tip for Driver Image One - Senior Guidebook	\$261 \$675 \$92 \$510
November	Vinnie Carr Cappellaro's Grove	\$450 \$1,095
January	P Card	\$212.70
March	Registration for Arts Festival	\$100
May	P Card Mother's Day Tea	\$250 \$3,646
August of 2014	Holiday Hill Michael's @ the Grove	\$270 \$200
September	Superior Signs Minuteman Press Men's Breakfast	\$340 Vinyl Banner \$485 \$61.42
October	Andrea Zimmerman	\$281.25
November	Sean McKee Party Michael's @ the Grove	\$250 Entertainment \$490
December	CW Resources	\$240 Senior Nutrition Services \$2,618
February of 2016	Information Community Center Craft Bazaar Supplies Valentine Bingo	\$71.37 \$69.86 \$28.77

NEWTOWN COA TENTATIVE BUDGET

March	Information Session Billy Michael	\$48.99 \$75	Community Center
April	Ethel Kaufman P Card Micahels Party Depot Christmas Tree Shop	\$100 \$48.99 \$41.64 \$50.91 \$246.73	
May	Big Y Caraluzzi	\$25.46 \$19.98 \$327.28	Mother's Day Mother's Day Mother's Day
June	Lowes Hollandia Fitness Shoprite Andrew Gottlieb Susan Bradley	\$103.84 \$128.71 \$95.98 \$37.15 \$330 \$150 \$2,000.66	Flower's for Boxes Flower's for Boxes

COMPLETED EVENTS:

- Stars and Stripes cake demo w/ Maplewood July 15, 2016
- Lunch and Learn Art Therapy History of Mendala w/ Masonicare July 15

UPCOMING EVENT:

- Arthur Gottlieb presentation on Long Island Sound July 20
- Wellness Presentation Series w/ Arthur Gottlieb LCSW Effective Communication Skills Aug 10
- Lunch and Learn and Bingo w/ Regional Hospice August 17
- Arthur Gottlieb presentation on Margaret Burke White August 18

TRIPS:

- Old Sturbridge Village Lunch & Cabaret July 27
- Lobster fest and Patsy Cline Tribute Aug 25
- The Dupree's at Grand Oak Villa Aug 31
- Mohegan Sun Sept 13
- An American in Paris on Broadway Sept 14
- The Marcells At Grand Oak Villa Sept 20
- 9/11 Memorial and Museum Oct 5

OVERNIGHT TRIPS:

- Lake George and Saratoga August 10-12
- New Bushkill Inn in the Poconos Sept 19-22
- Autumn in Lancaster, PA including Samson Oct 19-21

CRUISES:

- Canada & New England Oct 8 -15
- Hawaii Oct 29-Nov 5
- Florida & The Bahamas Feb 19-26, 2017

New programs:

1. Craft of the Month (alternates w/ different senior volunteers) 4th Thursday of the Month
2. Qi gong Tuesdays @ 12:45
3. Morning Meditation Tuesdays @ 9

Lunch and Learns will continue with some great info seminars:

1. Regional Hospice and Home Care August 17

Cultural History Series: Continues w/ Arthur Gottlieb LSCW

July 20 Long Island Sound

Aug 18 Margaret Burke White

ONCE A MONTH CRAFT CLASS:

This has taken off with positive inter-action!

Different seniors volunteer their creative knowledge to facilitate a craft, teach it and add to the items for the upcoming annual Bazaar in the Fall.

2016 Annual Statewide Senior Outing @ Holiday Hill is scheduled Monday August 8.

Transportation provided by HARTransit, plus the van.

GIFT FUND ACCOUNT:

**1. Request for sponsoring up to 10 seniors @ \$32 pp = \$320
Plus 4 staff @ \$32 = \$128 (myself, Judy, Marianne and Bob)
Possible total: \$448**

2. 3 sessions w/ Arthur Gottlieb at \$110 per session = \$330

Annual Newtown Senior Picnic Friday September 16 @ Masonicare

UPDATE:

1. Happy to share the Municipal Agent will begin again with hours here at the Senior Center. Those hours will be determined by myself and Ann. The old phone line ext. will be activated and space in either the VNA office or the small room adjacent to the card room will be made available.
2. Jennifer Crane Director of Center for Support and Wellness is available to seniors ...free. I spent a morning with her and introduced her to many of the members. Her card will be at the front desk. Ann and I share some difficult senior clients whereas we now can lean on each other for support esp. with two who have case #'s w/ police.
3. I have partnered w/ Nunnawauk Meadows and Arthur Gottlieb LCSW to do a Wellness Presentation series. 1st is scheduled on August 10 at 10am. Topic is "Effective Communication Skills".....There are over 38 topics he does in his practicefrom Baby Boomers & the Denial of Aging , Isolation for Seniors to Understanding Reminiscence.
4. Again through partnering with Ann's office, Nunnawauk Meadows and the VNA we will be reviving the Friendly Visitor Program. This was originally through R.S.V.P. (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and each surrounding senior center had a group. As with state cuts in the past years we lost many good such programs. There are many isolated seniors out in our community. Some choose to be that way but this program can help many who help them.
5. Newtown Comprehensive Foot Care will start a Podiatry Screening(s) here at the Center FREE to seniors starting Friday Oct 21 from 10-12
6. We have finished 34 oversized lap quilts for the Praxair Center. I have 4 wonderful sewing volunteers who have work diligently on them. This is one of my favorite projects.

Happy Summer!
Keeping the seniors busy and active.

Marilyn

