



OLDER ADULT SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

CITY OF NOVI

Council Conference Room | Novi Civic Center

Tuesday, October 22 – 6 P.M.

248.347.0414

Attending:

Janet Censoni, Cecilia Gallagher, Dr. Joslen Letscher, Salene Riggins (PRCS Commissioner), Matt Lazell (ab-ex), Michael Longo (ab-ex)
Sandy Fisher (OAS Social Services Coordinator)
Madison Lachance (OAS Recreation Supervisor)
Kit Kieser (OAS Manager)

1. Past and upcoming programs, events report-out

Recreation Supervisor Lachance updated the group on recent travel trips—the mParks Grand Experience on Mackinac Island and trips taken to the DIA for Melodies at the Museum—and events including the Novi Choralaires Concert at Meadowbrook Activity Center, Pumpkin Painting at Lakeshore Park, and the upcoming Thanksgiving Luncheon.

Recreation Supervisor Lachance and Manager Kieser shared details about the upcoming Veterans Day Celebration event on November 7th. Lunch will be provided by Mission BBQ. The event will include a welcome by Mayor Fischer, a Presentation of Colors by VFW Post #1519, the winner of our fist essay contest will read their essay, the National Anthem performed by the Novi High School Choir, musical hits from the '60s to '80s by the Oil Can Larry Band, and a finale with the Novi High School Choir singing a medley of the military branch anthems. There are 12 sponsors for the event and Central Catholic HS's Shamrocks for Veterans club will both volunteer and donate funds for centerpieces at the event.

Coordinator Fisher reported on new programs, MSU Extension's Sleep Education for Everyone and Mindful Art Journaling & Mental Health Resources. She shared two Medicare-related programs—one-on-one counseling and Medicare 2025: What You Need to Know—that have already filled. Upcoming programs include People's Expressed: Public Transportation – An Overview, Cutting the Cord, and One-on-one Technology Assistance with Technanagy.

Manager Kieser gave an admin update: the budget process for FY25-26 has begun; updates on the schedule for Engage magazine; and she shared information about the process of the Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan currently out for public review.

2. Transportation update

Manager Kieser updated the group on current status of People's Express operations in Novi. While the City is still awaiting a few remaining details to provide a full overview of transportation services provided by People's Express, there has been a remarkable 85% increase in rides for Novi residents this year compared to Q1 last year when Novi Senior Transportation was in operation.

3. ADJOURNMENT

2024 OAAB Meeting Dates:

Meetings will be at 6pm in the Council Conference Room unless otherwise specified.
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