



OLDER ADULT SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

CITY OF NOVI

Council Conference Room | Novi Civic Center

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 – 6 P.M.

248.347.0414

Attending:

Janet Censoni, Cecilia Gallagher, Matt Lazell, Dr. Joslen Letscher, Michael Longo, Salene Riggins (PRCS Commissioner)

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 nature events, including a butterfly garden presentation, a stargazing night at ITC Community Sports Park, a bee program at Lakeshore Park, and Earth and Arbor Day celebrations. She also reported increased participation in social programs such as the Valentine's Day Luncheon, the Blarney Bash, and the launch of the intergenerational Wisdom Exchange. Travel programs remain popular; the Mackinac Island Grand Experience filled quickly, "Melodies at the Museum" is nearly full, and the Spring Travel Fair was well-attended.

Social Services Coordinator Fisher updated the group on the AARP Tax Aide Program, noting all 460 appointments filled three weeks earlier than last year. She reported strong attendance for MSU Extension's Cooking for One class, which reached full capacity with 25 participants, and highlighted increased registration for the upcoming Oakland County Veterans Resource Fair.

Coordinator Fisher shared updates about the Memorial Day Parade, including the reactivated website, opening of registration, and submission of road closure permits. She also provided details on upcoming March programs, including Estate Planning Basics, Retirement and Investment Planning, One-on-One Technology Assistance, and Cutting the Cord.

Manager Kieser updated the group on several administrative items. She reported Novi Parks is preparing for CAPRA reaccreditation in 2026, noting she has been selected as a CAPRA Volunteer Visitor for Gainesville, Georgia, which will provide valuable insights for Novi's own reaccreditation process.

Kieser also shared updates on People's Express transportation, highlighting its growing popularity and the recent City Council decision to continue subsidies.

Regarding Engage magazine, she noted a shift from five to three issues annually, along with layout improvements for readability.

Finally, Kieser discussed Recreation Supervisor Lachance's recent Older Adult Services program analysis, which confirmed the strengths and growth in travel and nature programming and will guide future planning.

2. ADJOURNMENT

Next OAAB Meeting

April 22, 2025

Next Parks Commission Meetings

February 20, 2025

March 20, 2025

April 17, 2025