



# **OLDER ADULT SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA**

**CITY OF NOVI**

**Meadowbrook Commons**

**Tuesday, April 19, 2022 – 6 P.M.**

**248.347.0400**

**1. Welcome – Introductions:**

Dr. Joslen Letscher, Michael Longo, Mary Storch, Neha Kiru, Janet Censoni and Cecilia Gallagher

Salene Riggins (PRCS Commissioner)

Sandy Fisher (OAS Social Services Coordinator)

Madison Lachance (Recreation Supervisor)

Ginny Hallam (Community Manager of Meadowbrook Commons)

Arielle Blagg (Office Manager and Resident Lifestyle Director of Meadowbrook Commons)

**2. Facility Tour and Update (Hallam and Blagg)**

Meadowbrook Commons Community Manager Hallam gave a tour of Meadowbrook Activity Center and Meadowbrook Commons. Hallam highlighted the activity room, craft room, card room, hair salon, therapeutic massage room, Sundry Shop, and movie theater. Hallam and new Resident Lifestyle Director of Meadowbrook Commons, Blagg, shared plans about daily programs for Meadowbrook residents including cards, movie matinees, crafts, and outings. The board was complimentary of all the amenities the facility has to offer and the implementation of future programs.

**3. Special Outreach Services (SOS) Update (Lachance)**

Recreation Supervisor Lachance shared updates about Special Outreach Services. Recreation Programmer Klein distributed over 500 copies of the SOS Resource Guide to churches, doctor's offices, rehabs, and senior living centers. OAS met with other City departments to create a referral form that will be placed on the e-web for internal use. The goal of the referral form is to assist residents 50+ and those with special needs that City staff encounters while working in the field. The board feels the referral form is a good idea and will be successful if they are returned directly to OAS staff.

**4. Programs and Events (Lachance)**

Updates were given on recent programs including the birding program at Lakeshore Park, the Novi Group Travel Fair, the annual Euchre Tournament, and the new walking/hiking group. Details were also shared about upcoming programs such as the Mackinac Island Grand Experience trip meeting and Sip, Sip, Hooray.

**5. Social Services Update (Fisher)**

Social Services Coordinator Fisher shared updates about the AARP Tax Aide Program, the popular "Cutting the Chord" class, and the success of the Medicare Medicaide Assistance Program. April is volunteer appreciation month and OAS is

sharing the story of volunteerism in action with a spotlight on these three volunteer facilitated programs. The board thanked Fisher for all her hard work.

**6. Roundtable: Oakland County Blueprint for Successful Aging Discussion**

Discussion took place about the services that the City of Novi offers. The board feels that the City is lacking lawn and snow removal services. The board looks forward to more complimentary programs being offered to Older Adults through collaborations with the Novi Public Library and Meadowbrook Commons staff. Concerns were expressed about residents not knowing what services the City offers. A brainstorm session was held on how to get the word out with a focus on target mailing and utilizing different social media outlets. The board expressed concerns about difficulty finding Older Adult Services on the City of Novi's Website. The board was very complimentary about the increase and diversity in programs being offered.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**2022 Meeting Dates:**

June 21

August 16

October 18

December 20