

Commission on Aging
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, July 15, 2013 @ 5:00 pm

MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION ON AGING

The Commission on Aging held a regular meeting on Monday, July 15, 2013 at the Senior Center, 14 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, Connecticut.

Chairman Curt Symes called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Members Present: JoAnne Albanesi, Karin Aurelia, Joanne Davis, LeReine Frampton, Margaret Imbro, Mary Ellen Lydem, Anne Rothstein, Larry Schneider, Curt Symes (Chair), Sheila Torres (Vice-Chair);
Member Excused: Joan Plouffe; **Support & Advisory Present:** Ann Piccini, Municipal Agent for the Elderly; **Support & Advisory Not Present:** Marilyn Place, Director of Senior Services

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mr. Symes acknowledged the Newtown Lions Club for their generous donation of \$1,000.00 and discussed some items on his report (noted below).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Albanesi motioned to accept the minutes of the June 17, 2013 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Imbro . The minutes were approved as written.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Mr. Symes discussed his Chairman’s report (Attachment A) dated 7/15/13 and acknowledged the Community Relations and Outreach Team work on preparing for the Book Fair. He feels the Cultural Arts Festival will be a great venue as well. He discussed his meeting with the First Selectman and Anne Alzapiedi (GE Lead Executive to Newtown) and their discussions on meeting the immediate and long term needs of the CoA and seniors in Newtown.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CoA Support of Library Book Fair & Arts Festival – Ms. Torres discussed her report for the Community Relations and Outreach Team (Attachment B) and thanked the commissioners for their support during the book fair. It was a successful event with valuable feedback received from residents. She then asked everyone to think of ways the commission can place an artistic twist on the CoA’s presentation at the Cultural Arts Festival.

Funding of CoA Documents & Senior Resources Guide – Ms. Torres explained the expenses for preparing for the Book Fair. The commissioners discussed how funds are disbursed and how to provide more detailed information in the spreadsheet provided by Finance to explain more funds received. After a discussion on funding the printing, etc., of items, Mr. Symes motioned to fund the Senior Resources Guide and other documents required up to \$1,000.00. Ms. Torres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Ms. Frampton felt that all expenditures out of the CoA Gift Fund should be approved by the commission.

CoA Support of Newtown Active Adults – Boomers – Seniors Forum – Mr. Symes discussed having a forum and asked the commission to come up with ideas, topics and speakers.

Senior Center Facilities & Maintenance – Mr. Symes noted that there have been some repairs. Ms. Place will update the commission in more detail at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on First Selectman Requests – The commission discussed past considerations for a new Senior Center.

Planning for 2013 Charter Revision Activities – Mr. Symes said there were discussions to revise the Town Charter which was held off because of 12/14. The commissioners feel that the CoA should be represented in the Charter.

TREASURER’S REPORT (Attachment C) – Ms. Aurelia distributed and reviewed the Finance Department’s statement showing the balance in the Commission on Aging Gift Fund as \$37,392.28.

DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES REPORT (Attachment D) – Ms. Place was not present to review her report. Please see attached.

MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERY REPORT (Attachment E) – Ms. Piccini reviewed her report providing details on each item. She noted they are out of the Salvation Army money and that these funds are provided by bell ringing in Newtown. December’s bell ringing was discontinued after 12/14. She relies totally on this money to help the residents in need, noting that the Town does not provide funding for these needs. The commissioners discussed seniors becoming victim of fraud as well as people who dishonestly and fraudulently receive help.

ADJOURNMENT – Ms. Albanesi motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Frampton. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Tammy Hazen, Clerk

Newtown Commission on Aging (CoA) - Chair's Report - 7/15/13 Meeting:

As I mentioned earlier in my Correspondence & Announcements comments, this has been a busy month for the CoA. Along with the town I feel that we have turned the corner on the trauma of 12/14 and are again moving forward on many of our planned initiatives.

The Community Relations & Outreach Team updated our CoA documents from the 2012 Senior Center Open House and represented us very well at the weekend Library Book Fair. A great deal of insight regarding the interest of the Seniors of Newtown has been gathered.

The Newtown Lion's Club donation will help to cover some of the costs of the Senior Resources Guide, now close to completion, and may be a partial source of funding for the My Senior Center Wish list item.

The SPT did not meet this month due to timing mismatches, however, I did manage to get us together via telephone conference call to discuss reinvigorating the work on the Strategic Plan as input to the planned Grants work. We also now have a much better handle on the composition of the Newtown Senior Population. Our next step will be to better understand the opportunity for sourcing donations from across Newtown, similar to the Lion's Club and Taunton Press.

In support of our efforts to raise awareness and visibility of the CoA and Senior interests across Newtown, I am in continuing communications with the Newtown Bee, Voices News and Patch.com regarding a series of articles highlighting the CoA, Senior Center and Municipal Agent activities in Newtown. This will significantly raise visibility, both of and to seniors, and we are looking toward a Senior-of-the-Month Recognition Program, as well as, initiating an Active Adults-Boomers-Seniors Forum hosted by the Library.

The work on the Senior Resources Guide is close to completion and it has been suggested that a local vendor might volunteer to produce the initial guide. This is under investigation.

Regarding the state of Senior Center Facilities, progress is being made in addressing a number of the outstanding issues and maintenance workers are in pursuit.

As reported before, the CoA is in contact with surrounding town CoA's exploring their interest in and the opportunity to host a CoA Summit Meeting later this year. This meeting would focus on sharing information and best practices ideas about meeting Senior needs.

Finally, in a recent meeting with 1st Selectman, Pat Llodra, and GE Lead Exec to Newtown, Anne Alzapiedi, we discussed both the immediate and longer term needs of the CoA and the Seniors of Newtown. I will discuss further under New Business.

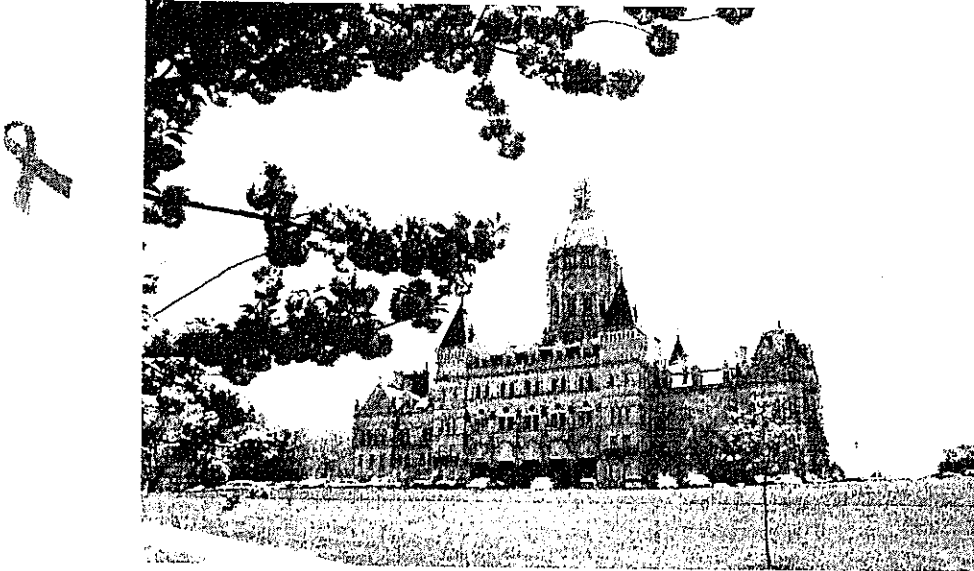
Legislative Commission on Aging



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July 2013


Aging and Long-Term Services & Supports Legislation & Budget Matters
Passed in the 2013 Regular of the CT General Assembly



Legislative Commission on Aging ~ “Turning the Curve” ~ Informing & Shaping Sound Public Policy through a variety of strategies, including but not limited to: **LEADERSHIP * RESEARCH * EDUCATION * OVERSIGHT * PARTNERSHIPS**: Chairing the Money Follows the Person Steering Committee, chairing its Direct Care Workforce subcommittee and writing the workforce development report and action plan; Chairing the LTC Advisory Council, Chairing the CT Elder Action Network; member of the Medical Assistance Program Oversight Council, member of the Complex Care Subcommittee; Results-Based Accountability Report; testifying before legislative committees, crafting issue-based fact sheets, informing the media; making critical connections; working to streamline and modernize state government and programmatic structures and systems ...

☆ The Commission on Aging and the 5 other Legislative Commissions received adequate funding in this biennial budget.

Key:

 PA 13-239, An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation, Elimination of the Accumulated GAAP Deficit, Restructuring of Economic Recovery Notes and Other Purposes (Passed June 5, 2013)

Implementer: PA 13-234, An Act Implementing the Governor’s Budget Recommendations for Housing, Human Services and Public Health (Passed on June 5, 2013 and signed by the Governor)

References: CoA Tracking Tool, Long-Term Care Planning Committee’s Legislative Summary, OFA, OLR

July 2015 Report - Community Relations and Outreach Team

Team members revised materials for display at Library Book Sale to include Senior Population statistics 2000 and 2010 census. We also distributed Senior Center brochures and had a table top display. We offered a free drawing in exchange for names and emails. 1 People signed up for the free email Senior Center Newsletter. We will award 3 free memberships, a t-shirt and a bag from the Senior Center.

The CRO will send thank you letter to Denise for allowing us to have the info stand at the sale.

Sheila Torres, Margaret Imbro, Curt Symes, Larry Schneider, Joanne Albanesi, Joanne Davis, and LeReine Frampton were able to help with staffing the booth. We heard back from all members, including those who were unable to come. Thank you to everyone for their support.

Saturday (1st day) was busiest day. We had good interaction with people from Nunnawauk Meadows. Also met some newcomers who were interested in joining the Senior Center and were glad to get the information.

This was a good warm up for the Arts Festival September 21 and 22. We learned some good lessons, including:

- Have the shifts intersect so that previous shift can report to next shift.
- Two people or maybe 3 is best because one person can work the crowd.
- Check list of names as they're being written to be sure you can decipher them later
- Make bio information less dense
- Make handouts into a colorful brochure
- Have something to draw people in.

What Does Newtown Offer Seniors?

Services

- Independent Living Communities
- Rental Senior Housing, subsidized
- Assisted Living and Alzheimer Care Facilities
- SweetHART Door-to Door Bus Transportation
- FISH Volunteer Drivers for Medical Appointments
- Senior Center
- Two Senior Meal Sites for Congregate Dining
- Meals on Wheels
- VNA Services: health screenings, nursing and nurse's aide services
- Assistance with Senior Benefits Applications
- Income Tax Assistance
- VNA Medical Equipment Loans
- Renters Rebate/ Property Tax Relief (for eligible seniors)
- Park and Recreation/Transfer Station Discounts

Events/Activities

- Social Opportunities through Senior Center
- Intergenerational Programs
- Exercise Programs
- Educational Lectures and Programs
- Language Classes
- Holiday Bazaar
- Annual Senior Picnic
- Musical Events, Sing-Alongs
- TRIAD Involvement Opportunities
- Trips to Destinations Near and Far
- Billiards/Ping Pong/ Cards
- AARP Defensive Driving Courses
- Monthly Senior Center Newsletter

For More Information:

Newtown Senior Center (203) 270-4310

http://www.newtown-ct.gov/public_documents/NewtownCT_Senior/index?textPage=1

Municipal Agent for the Elderly (203) 270-4330

http://www.newtown-ct.gov/Public_Documents/NewtownCT_SocialSer/index

HARTransit/SweetHART Bus Service (203) 744-4070 or See Senior Center Display

<http://www.hartransit.com/>

FISH Medical Appointment Drivers (203) 426-0714 or (203) 426-2336

Newtown VNA (203) 426-1035

http://www.newtown-ct.gov/public_documents/newtownct_webdocs/VNA.pdf

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http://www.newtown-ct.gov/Public_Documents/NewtownCT_BComm/coa

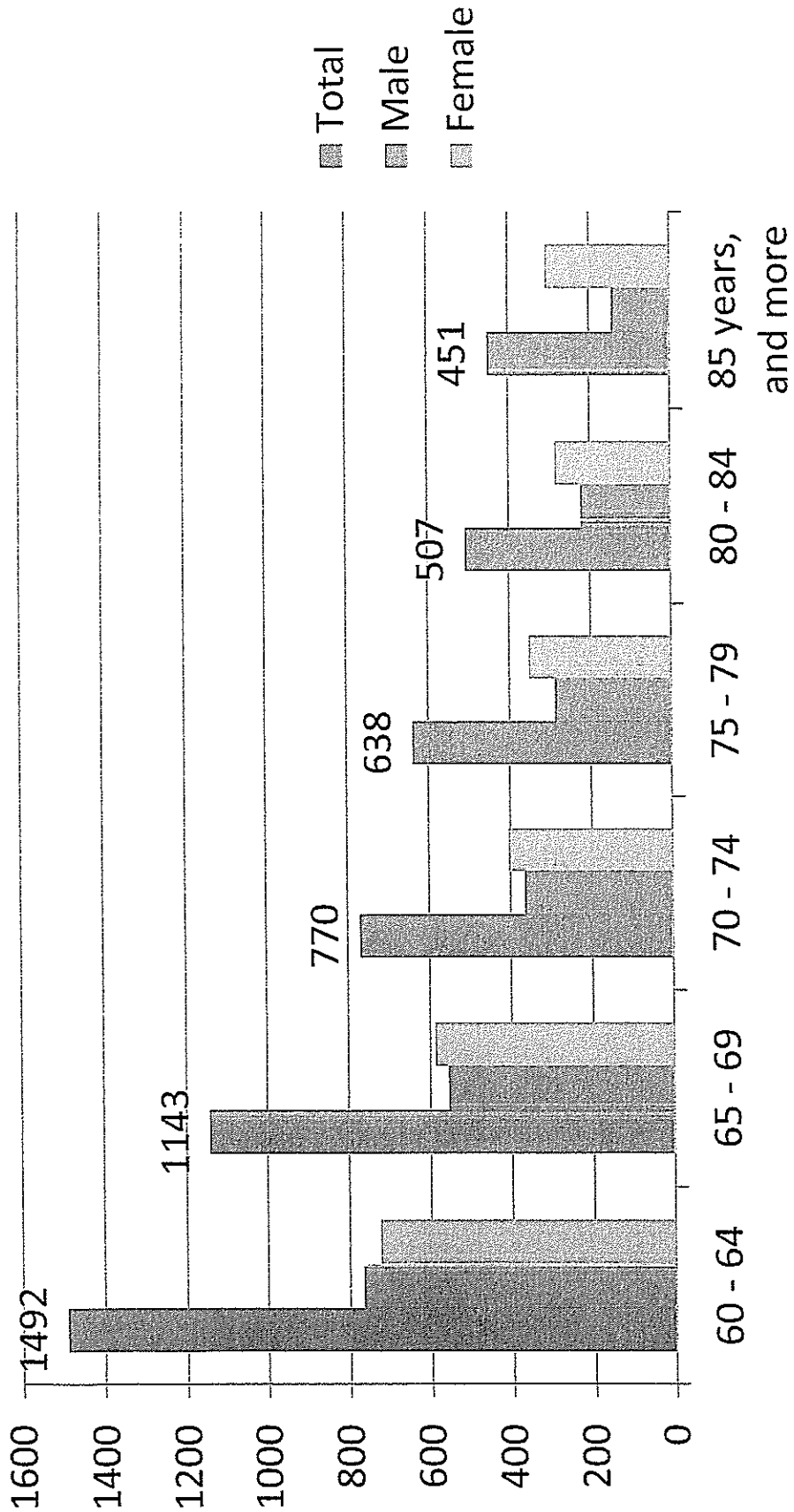
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Newtown Commission on Aging: Quick Facts

- The Commission on Aging (COA) was created on July 18, 1979, through an ordinance adopted by Newtown's Legislative Council. Its purpose is to:
 - a) Study the needs of elderly and aging persons in Newtown and coordinate programs for them.
 - b) Make applications for grants to State and Federal governmental agencies and prepare written opinions on the merits of programs for which grants are proposed.
 - c) Act as agent for other Federal, State or town boards, commissions, agencies or local private groups to carry out programs for the elderly and aging of Newtown as authorized by entities.
- In exercising its powers, the COA places primary, but not exclusive, emphasis on the needs of persons 60 years of age or older.
- The COA is made up of 12 volunteers - 9 members and 3 alternate members – who are appointed to serve in two-year terms.
- Newtown's COA meets on the third Monday of each month at the Senior Center. The public is invited to attend all meetings and public comment is heard at the end of each meeting.
- For additional information, including COA meeting minutes and meeting dates, visit the Town of Newtown web site at http://www.newtown-ct.gov/Public_Documents/index , click on "Boards & Commissions", click on "Aging, Commission on"

Newtown Seniors by the Numbers - 2010



Total Town Population: 27,586 Total #Seniors : 5,001 % Seniors: 18.1 % Source: 2010 Census

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What Does the Newtown Senior Center Need?

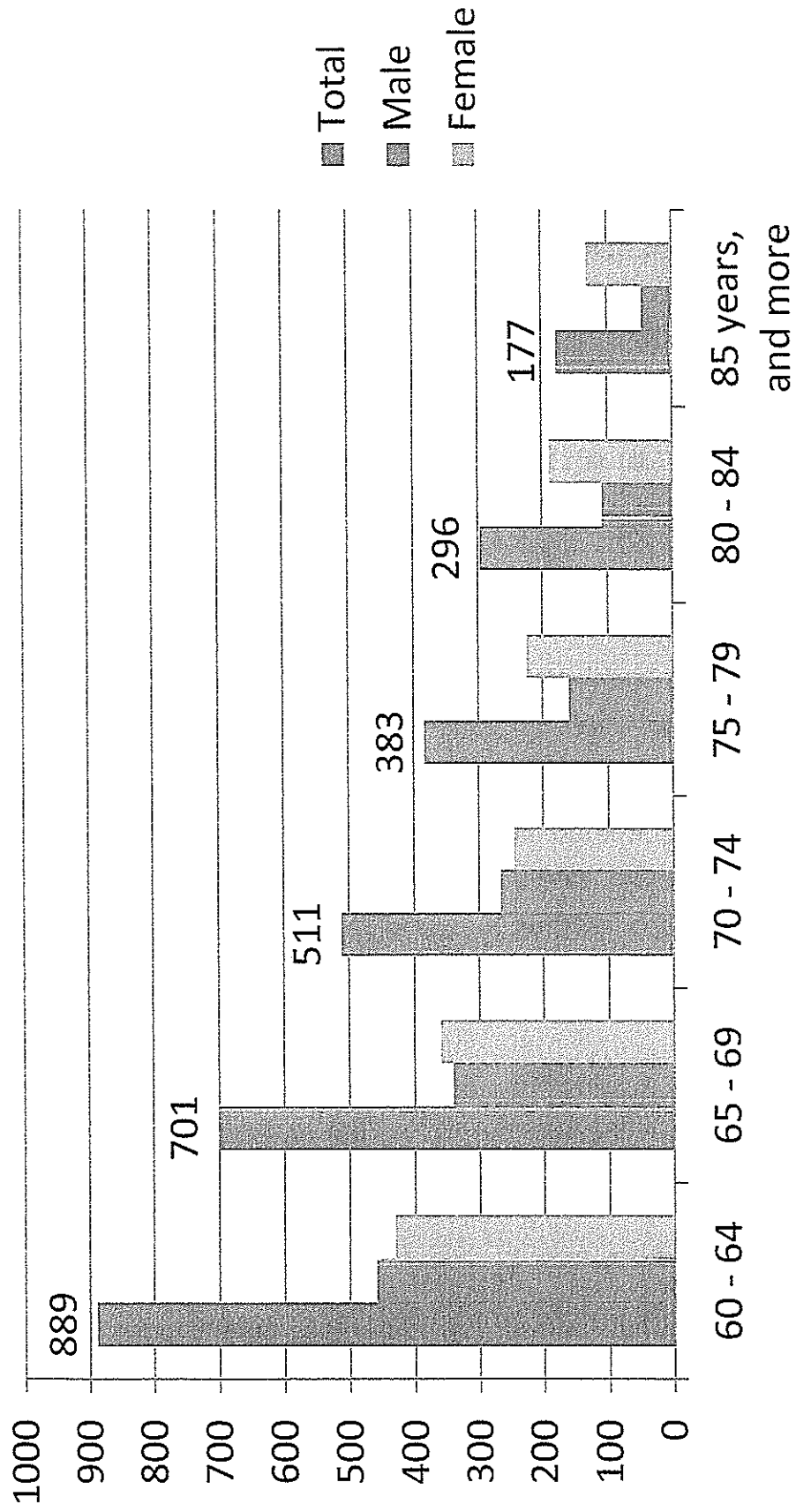
- The Senior Center serves as the focal point for senior services and information. From here, Senior Center staff guides seniors and their families to resources available based on their needs.
- The Senior Center also serves as the town's mandated senior meal site. As such, the Center is constantly reshuffling space to accommodate meal site, programming and service administration requirements. A larger space or better layout of current space would alleviate this issue.
- Based on U.S. Census 2010 figures, Newtown's senior population (residents age 60 plus) has grown by more than 60 percent since the year 2000. Demographers agree that growth in this segment of the population will continue, as the baby boomer generation ages. This puts pressure on the Senior Center to provide expanded programming to help meet recreational, social and educational needs of this expanding population and to develop programs that fit the whole spectrum of younger seniors to more frail elderly.
- The current Senior Center is almost 40 years old. It has served the town well and has undergone several additions, but space layout and parking present programming limits and safety concerns. A more user-friendly space would be beneficial for seniors and their families and would better reflect our town's changing demographics. Whether a better layout of current space, updated décor and functionality, or both, the Senior Center must expand to better serve the growing senior population.
- Demographic trends as well as discussions and visits with senior center directors in surrounding towns, confirm Newtown's need to expand its Senior Center to better serve its growing senior population.

Newtown Commission on Aging: How You Can Help

Newtown's budget allotment for Senior Services covers the cost of transportation (via the HART bus), Senior Center programming and supplies. The current budget does not include any funds to upgrade our current Senior Center or provide further programming. To supplement the town budget allotment, there are other ways to support Senior Services and the Senior Center and many ways that you can help. For example:

- The Commission on Aging (COA) has a gift fund for use by the Senior Center. All donations to this fund are tax deductible and have resulted in wonderful purchases such as the pool table and the current senior center transportation van.
- Grants are another funding option which has been utilized for the two additions to the current Senior Center. Future grants will continue to be pursued by the COA Grants Team in collaboration with Senior Services Director Marilyn Place and other appropriate town personnel.
- The COA, under the leadership of Chair Curt Symes, is developing a Planned Giving Program that will allow the bequeathing of funds to the COA Gift Fund. This Program will also become the standard for other town departments that wish to accept such gifts. Additional information about this topic will be communicated after the details are finalized.
- Non monetary donations to the Senior Center are also welcome, whether in the form of games, furniture or décor for the Senior Center, or perhaps new or gently used goods that can be utilized for fundraising tag sales or silent auctions at future Senior Center events. Contact the Senior Center or the Municipal Agent for the Elderly for gift ideas from their wish list.
- Donate your time! Lend your expertise! Get involved with your Senior Center! Volunteers are always welcome to teach classes, give lectures, play games or share a passion.

Newtown Seniors by the Numbers - 2000



Total Town Population: 25,031 Total #Seniors : 3,078 % Seniors: 12.3 % Source: 2000 Census

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Programs/Activities

Fitness Nutrition Health

- Low Impact Exercise
- Zumba Gold
- Yoga & chair yoga
- Chair Pilates
- Strength Training
- Tai Chi
- Ballroom Line dancing
- Reiki
- Diet & nutrition information
- Monthly blood pressure check
- File of Life
- Walking Groups

Educational Programs and/or Informational Programs include:

- Art instruction
- Language
- Reading groups
- Current events
- AARP 55 Alive driving classes
- Seminars by Doctors, Lawyers Financial Counselors, and Bankers
- RSVP & CACD station
- Computer classes
- Triad Police Crime Prevention

Monthly/yearly events include:

- Income tax assistance
- Monthly theme events
- Flu Shot Clinics
- Blood Pressure
- Annual picnic
- Annual Christmas party
- Annual Mother's Day Tea and fashion show
- Annual Hoe Down
- \$12.00 a year membership fee

The Newtown Senior Center was started in 1974 when a group of senior citizens desired a place for older adults of the community to join together for companionship and socialization. From its humble beginnings the Senior Center has grown to be an active and integral part of the community. The center is presently housed in the Multi-Purpose building on 14 Riverside Road in Sandy Hook, where a friendly staff has created a warm and congenial atmosphere. The center caters to the diverse needs of the older population...from the newly retired to the frail elderly and the housebound.

The Newtown Commission on Aging meets at the Center the 3rd Monday of every month at 5:00pm. Their mission is to continually study the conditions and needs of the elderly residents of Newtown.

The purpose of the center is to enhance the independence of the older citizen by supporting their mental, physical and social well being and encouraging their many endeavors.

The senior center provides a rich diversity of programs and interesting activities for any Newtown resident.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are only \$12 pp a year checks are to be made out to the Newtown Senior Center. Paid members are mailed the Newsletter and entitled to partake in ALL classes. (specialty classes may have a small fee) They can attend the Center events/programs/ & activities.

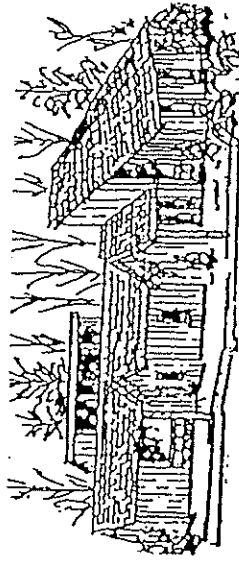
Newtown Senior Center

Information, Activities & Services

For Older Adults

Within The

Newtown Community



Newtown Senior Center
14 Riverside Road
Sandy Hook, CT 06482
(203) 270-4310

Marifyn Place
Director of Senior Services

Health Services

The second Thursday and fourth Wednesday of each month VNA holds *blood pressure* screenings and counseling. A variety of *health and wellness seminars* and/or screenings are regularly arranged for providing up-to-date information.

Nutrition

A nutritious hot meal, provided by CW Resources, is served daily at 12:00 PM Monday thru Thursday to seniors 60 or older. Every month the Danbury Hospital hosts a nutrition informational seminar.

Leisure Activities

- Bridge & Pinochle
- Mah Jongg
- Bowling
- Bingo
- Speakers
- Chorus
- Sewing/Quilting
- Knitting/Crocheiting
- Crafts
- Art
- Wii Bowling
- Swedish Monk Weaving
- Quilts of Valor
- Asst. Board games

Transportation Services

There is daily, door-to-door minibus service Monday to Friday provided by the SweetHart Transportation District for any elderly and/or disabled residents. Service is provided to the center, to doctor appointments, and to shopping. On Fridays, the bus alternates between Danbury Mall & Berkshire Center.

A small fee is charged per ride.

Reservations must be made in advance by calling 748-2511. Applications for the bus are available at the center.

Information & Referral

Concerns & questions are always answered by the staff at the center with confidentiality and privacy. Any local community resources and/or state and federal government information is used for inquiries. The center outreach services provide confidential and personal meetings to individuals homes to help with problems. If necessary referrals to other agencies will be made. This assistance may include help with: Living Wills, Medicare, C.H.O.I.C.E.S., Connmap, ConnPace, Managed Health Care Plans and more.

The Newtown Senior Center is open to all older adults Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 PM. As a designated focal point, the center provides a place for those who share a mutual and sincere desire to enjoy and live life to its fullest—who are younger *because* they are actively involved in LIFE.

By *NOT* being an adult day-care facility, the Senior Center focuses on the positive images of aging, giving the senior a feeling of achievement and purpose for the retirement years.

The Senior Center building is wheelchair accessible & open to any senior who can participate *independently* without any special assistance &/or supervision.

Any senior 60 years old or 55 & disabled is eligible to come to the center. A monthly newsletter is mailed giving information about programs at the center as well as state & local issues of concern.

The best kept secret...*Senior Centers are not just for old people...it's*

"Where Silver is Golden"

Concerned people of all ages come here for information, referral to services, volunteering, socialization & counseling in matters dealing with the aging process.

**NEWTOWN SENIOR CENTER
Director of Senior Services
June 18, 2013 – July 12, 2013**

COA 7/15/13 Attachment D

- Bingo caller for July
- Supervise High School student from Career Center work program
- Facilitate special craft classes
- Prepare for annual Nov Bazaar
- Oversee all programming
- Program Shop
- Supervise trips
- Continue to plan excursions utilizing the senior van
- Confer w/ teachers on space issues
- Confer with RSVP on ongoing volunteer hours
- Make arrangement/set-up SC flu shot clinics w/ VNA
- Continue community projects
- Facilitate quilting/sewing classes weekly
- Facilitate Current Events/Hot Topics weekly
- Meet and greet new members
- Continue to assess the needs of the clients/members
- Continue to plan new programs for 2013
- Network w/ local agencies
- Work on Newsletter
- Continue to confer w/ a variety of Tour companies for 2013/2014 trips
- Continue new reading program w/ Children's Adventure Center
- Organize/set-up speakers for August - Sept

COMPLETED TRIPS:

- Boston Pops @ Tanglewoods w/ Vince Gill July 7

UPCOMING TRIPS:

- Wine and River Rose Paddleboat/Torches on the Hudson July 30
- Bobby Vinton @ The Aqua Turf August 13
- Rhode Island Lighthouse Cruise August 21

OVERNIGHT TRIPS:

- Trans Atlantic Cruise (London/France/Ireland/Iceland/Faroe Island/Boston)
August 30-Sept 15-17 days on the Brilliance of the Seas
- American Queen Steamboat Jazz River Cruise "High Society" Oct 25-Nov 2
- Lake George & Saratoga August 21-23
- Las Vegas Sept 22 - 26

COMPLETED SPECIAL EVENTS:

- All American Bingo
- Summer Celebration w/ entertainer Bob Mel

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Current Events / Hot Topics Every Tuesday
- AARP Safety Driving Course July 12
- Medicare Reform Seminar July 15
- Arm Chair Travels sponsored by Visiting Angels July 25
- Statewide Senior Outing August 19

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PROGRAMS

NUMBER OF ATTENDANTS

Zumba Gold	37
Exercise	347
Floor Yoga (2 days)	59
Chair Yoga (2 day)	73
Cards	52
Mah Jongg	26
Chorus	42
Bingo	31
Lunch	136
Knitting	23
Cards for Troops	
Iris Fold	
Quilting	6
Board Games	4
Walk-Ins	81
Billiards/ping pong	34
Trips	40
Newsletter	6
Wii	36
Painting/Art	20
Crafts	
Scrabble	8
Tai Chi	29
Entertainment	34
AARP Safe Driving	20
Ballroom Line dance	29
Current Events	35
Spanish Lessons	34
Reading CAC	6
Speakers	42
Chair Pilates	49
Weight Strengthening	17

Attendance Daily:

Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thurs	Friday
347	271	313	289	287

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

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Today July 15, I had a Medicare Reform Seminar (see newsletter) 42 seniors attended. Very informative and will have another w/ WCAAA in the Fall.

As in the past years I continue to work w/ Peg Ragaini, School to Career Coordinator and Mimi Riccio from NHS Career Center to have a student here at the Center for 6 weeks. A few hours a day Monday – Thursday. This student helps w/ seniors on crafts when needed, engage in conversation/art projects as appropriate and assist staff as needed. This is providing experience w/ the elderly and working together we are making a difference in the lives of our youth.

Bethel Senior Center held a fundraiser (Tea) to honor the students of Sandy Hook. They collected \$261.25. (see attached)

They donated the monies to the NSC.

What a wonderful surprise. I spoke to Lisa the Director of Bethel Senior Center and thanked her. I will meet w/ her this week at her Center to also thank the seniors who gave the Tea.

Newtown Jr. Women's Club donated \$50

The Statewide Annual Senior Outing @ Holiday Hill will be Monday August 19 from 9-4 all inclusive for \$29.00.

Again , this year I will go over senior names w/ Ann Piccini to sponsor some seniors who can't afford it. Staff will also be sponsored.

Transportation will be the same again this year w/ round trip deluxe motor coach transportation cost is \$675 (\$15 increase from last year).

The NSC van will also be utilized for the handicapped.

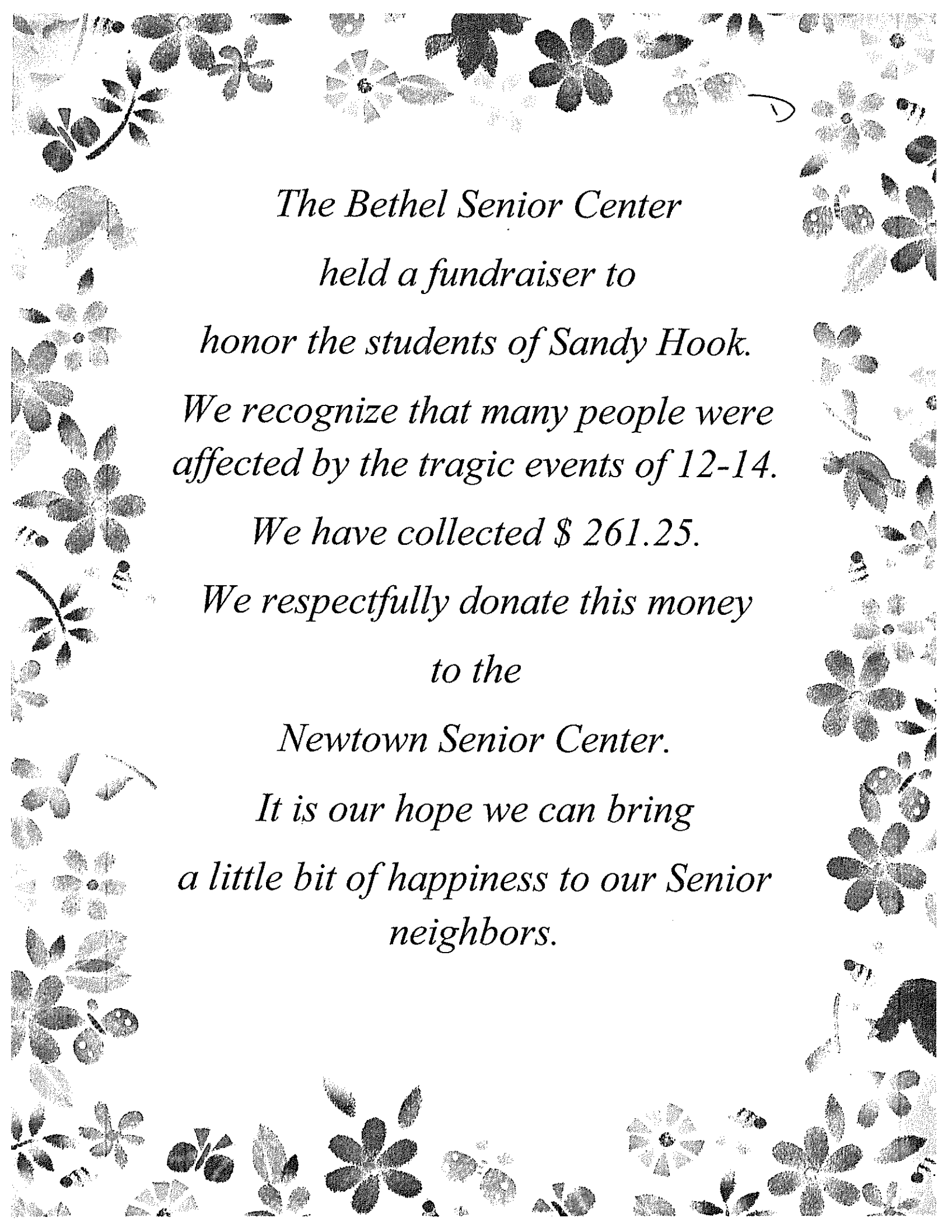
I'm now preparing for the Annual Flu shot Clinics, Annual Bazaar and Holiday Party. This is a lot of work and it has been harder these past months w/ 2 employees out on STD. I have a temp. to answer the phones, and I utilize volunteers. Some days are better than others.

All classes are doing good. All "exercise" classes are filled. The 2 new classes on Tuesday and Thursday have somewhat taken the burden off of the overflow on M-T-F.

Busy, busy, busy.
Happy Summer!

Marilyn





*The Bethel Senior Center
held a fundraiser to
honor the students of Sandy Hook.
We recognize that many people were
affected by the tragic events of 12-14.
We have collected \$ 261.25.
We respectfully donate this money
to the
Newtown Senior Center.
It is our hope we can bring
a little bit of happiness to our Senior
neighbors.*

Director of Social Services / Municipal Agent for the Elderly Report for July 15, 2013

The elderly and totally disabled Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications will be taken until Oct. 2013. I have completed twenty-six applications. The Ct General Assembly has passed Public Act 13-234. Section 38 of this Public Act states any individual who did not apply for a Renters Rebate grant for calendar year 2011 shall not be eligible to apply for a grant under this program for the year 2012.

The sixty-five year old man that I have been helping is settled into his new place. We have shower curtain, towels and bath mats given to him. He still needs a pillow. His wish list is a TV and VCR. Nunnawauk Meadows gave me a box of used tapes. After his rent which includes utilities he has \$185.00 left for the month.

I have two separate cases, one an elderly man and an elderly woman to help reapply for Ct Home Care. They are both being billed \$1090 a month. Both have lost their spouse this year which changes their income. The house hold bills plus the \$1090 is now more than their income. I am hoping that the State will lower the bill or pay a portion because this arrangement is far less than the \$10,000 it will be to pay for a Nursing home. Their mental state of mind will also deteriorate changing their environment.

I have two very sick women that I am helping apply for benefits to get home care. Also help with some outstanding bills. One woman passed away and I still will try to get money to help with at least one more bill.

The other woman has stage 4 cancer and right now services are coming in. Payment for the services is questionable. I will look to Newtown Fund and Salvation Army to pay something on the bills.

We are still helping Lorraine V to move out of her home. We went around the house and picked up all paper work and brought it back to the office and on down time we are sorting and discarding what she does not need like bills from 1950. We are keeping any bills regarding repairs on her home and bank statements going back only seven years. We are having Litchfield County Pickers to come and take everything out of her home and they will discard what is junk and sell what is of value. She should get approximately \$2000 back. I met with her son from Maine, last Friday and he is okay with everything that we are helping his mother with. I am looking for Lorraine to donate one TV and VCR to my 65 year old as she has several and will not need all of them in her Nunnawauk apartment.

I am helping an elderly woman Elinor B. as she has become a scam victim. She thinks that she has won one million dollars and if she follows there instructions of making payments for their secretary and taxes on the money. She told me she wants her winnings so she can feed the donkeys that are starving in this country. Peoples bank has been talking to her since she started taking large sums out of her account. One morning someone called to ask about balance of money in Elinor's account and at that time the People Bank closed her account. Peoples bank, Officer Mary Helen McCarthy and I met with her and Elinor gave me her check to hold which I still have. I have completed a Probate application and taken Elinor to the Bethel office to apply for a Conservator. I now need to find someone to be her Conservator.

We have run out of Salvation Army money. We have helped with requests totaling \$9338 and this includes only 20

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Payless gift certificates for the back to school program. The Salvation Army bell rings only two weeks before the Holidays and the money raised is our budget. Our second week was 12/14 – 12/15 which we cancelled.

I completed thirteen Medicaid applications and twenty-one redeterminations for Medicare Savings application. **MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM** is now the name for QMB which pays for the supplemental insurance with the state but the doctor has to be a state provider. QMB and SLMB and ALMB pay for the Part B \$104.90 and the Part D for Prescriptions which is deducted from Social Security checks each month. They get extra help for their medications. This means that they pay only \$2.65 to \$6.60 per medication.

Ann Paccini