

Town of Upton
Council on Aging
Upton Center, October 3, 2011

The Upton Council on Aging's regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were: Betty Consigli, Jennifer DeLuca, Jamie Gardner, Maria Griffin, Judith Katz, Katie Kelley, Peggy Libbey, Gladys McKinstry, Bev Randazzo, Grace Wadsworth.

The minutes for the September 12, 2011 were read and accepted as amended.

Halloween Party: Maria, Betty and Peggy have volunteered to help set up the party at 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served from 1:00-1:30 pm followed by a program by Jenny Lynn Metevia, a Clairvoyant Medium. All scheduled programs have been well received. The trip to Salem is full, with a waiting list.

Katie will collect tickets at the Men's Club Supper on October 28.

Inclement Weather Policy: The Center will follow the school schedule, minus the delay policy. If the schools are closed, the building will be closed with no programs. The staff will be present at the Center on snow days unless there is a State of Emergency declared. If staff are unable to make it to the Center in bad weather, they will have to take a vacation day. Regarding Delayed Openings of the Center: the center will open when the staff can safely get here.

Flu Shot Clinic: canceled because of lack of funding. If a senior cannot pay for a flu shot, the town nurse will administer a shot.

Attendance at Center. If one is ill, please do not come to the Center, especially if working with food. The use of the hand sanitation stations is encouraged.

Social Service Update: Holly reminded the Council that open enrollment runs from Oct 15 through December 7. The center is fortunate to have two trained SHINE counselors.. Holly has done outreach into the senior community, helping some plan medical appointments with use of the Center Van. She plans to continue outreach throughout the winter. In conjunction with the Bloomer Girls, the Police, the Salvation Army, screening individuals for eligibility for assistance through the holidays will happen in these next months.

Dates to remember were reviewed.

Friend's Update: Gladys reported that the Friend's Breakfast will continue for the next few months to see what happens in terms of attendance. Even though October and November dates are on holiday weekends, the Breakfast will be held.

Official Memo regarding renovations of Mill House. The renovations will begin within the next couple of weeks. Please be alert to safety when coming into the building. Under no circumstances, do not talk to the construction workers!

Sink hole issue: the Rubbish company is refusing to empty the dumpster until it is moved.
Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Kelley, Secretary