

MINUTES
Commission on Aging Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 3, 2026
Community Center Room 107

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DATE: 9/29/26
TIME: 4:30 PM
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Members Present: Chairman Evelyn Molner, Robert Newton, Kathryn Rich and Suzanne Reilly

Others Present: Mary McNelis and Morgyn Khoury

Absent: Phyllis Jachimowski

1. **Call meeting to order:** Molner called the meeting to order @ 10:06 am
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** All present, stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Approval of the June 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes.** A motion was made by Newton/Rich to accept the June 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes. Motion passed. 4-0.
5. **New Business: Grants Update:** Mary announced the Katharine Matthies Foundation grants received in their last funding cycle: Table, chairs and tent replacement expansion - \$12,500; Health and Wellness, (Lunch and Learns) - \$3,500; Luncheons and Entertainment - \$9,000; Senior Fit and Strong and Personal Training - \$11,800; and Ukulele Lessons and Club - \$1,600. The Valley Community Foundation awarded \$25,900 for the After 50 Programs and increase of \$12,500 over last year.
6. **Senior Services Coordinator:** Morgyn reported a new Dance Fusion class is planned. The Portugal trip presentation is next week. Shady Knoll Arts & Crafts sponsorship continues monthly. Another AARP Safe Driving Course is scheduled for November. Information was shared regarding upcoming information sessions – a DMV outreach, Medicare enrollment, Flu and Covid Clinic and the upcoming Senior Vendor Fair. Personal Training Sessions are continuing. Two lunches are offered monthly, but it was noted that attendance has declined due in part to affordability as a result of the present economy and food costs. There are two trips scheduled to the Big E. Day trips to shopping and the theatre are also scheduled.
7. **Director of Community Services Report:** Mary reported as of June 30, 2026 we had 1,103 members! Since July 1st we have 676 members +2 over last year at the same time, we gained 6 residents, 4 nonresidents, the majority were not affected by the increase in membership fees and fitness

classes fees for nonresidents. The gym floor has been refurbished and is still drying.

8. **Municipal Agent:** Mary informed us that Kristina Walton has stepped down from her position. They have found someone to administer the Renter's Rebate applications who used to work in the Assessor's office, Tara Keller and Tara Miller will help with other requests as needed for Farmer's Market Cards, etc. in the interim. The vacancy will likely be posted.
9. **Old Business: Parking** is talks are ongoing to address the parking issues. Mary noted we have limited space to continue to grow.
Transportation Mary mentioned the town has purchased used vehicles (16 passenger buses) through Valley Transit District, not requiring CDL license, and will be available for the Community Center to assist with medical appointments or rides for smaller group of people once they are registered and prepared for use. Bob asked if there was and news about the renovations upstairs. Nothing new to report at this time.
10. **Public Comment:** None
11. **Next Agenda Preparation:** The agenda for the October 1, 2026 meeting will follow the same format as the September meeting.
12. **Adjournment:** Motion made by Reilly/Newton to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectively submitted by:

Suzanne Reilly, Secretary