

Meeting Notice
Danbury Commission on Aging

The Danbury Commission on Aging will hold its January meeting at Elmwood Hall Danbury Senior Center on Tuesday, January 13, 2008 at 2:15pm. This meeting is open to the public.

Agenda

Attendance and Call to Order

Introduction of Guests

Minutes of COA December Meeting

Financial Report

Departmental Reports:

Director of Elderly Services – Susan M. Tomanio, LCSW

Municipal Agent for the Elderly – Margaret Emerito

Coordinator, Elmwood Hall - Fran Hendrickson

Old Business:

Senior Discount Program

Comments for the good and welfare

Adjournment

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DANBURY COMMISSION ON AGING
Minutes of December 9, 2008
Elmwood Hall, Danbury Senior Center

Present: James Derwin, Charlotte Barrows, Arlene Strucky, Jay Geib, Ronald Haberman, and Sharon Kelly
Absent: Helen Miller, Mary Mazzucco
Staff: Susan Tomanio, Margaret Emerito, Fran Hendrickson

J. Derwin called the meeting to order at 2:25pm.

The minutes of the November 4, 2008 meeting were reviewed; Sharon approved and Ron seconded.

Municipal Agent report: (Copy attached.): Energy assistance program: Governor Rell's program began December 1, and has legislative approval. This could provide \$500 per qualified household to assist with winter heating expenses. This program appears broad, but is limited by the asset limit. The state Office of policy & Management (OPM) has a program for rewarding people who install a new furnace, at least 84% efficient, with a rebate of \$50-\$500 depending on income. The mayor has announced that the city will match the rebate with a property tax credit.

Financial Report and Director of Elderly Services Report: (Copies attached.) The Director of Elderly Services presented the financial report and her report. Susan reported that a spending and hiring freeze now exist; however, hiring a new person to replace Richard Servello will probably still take place. 71 applications have been received and are being processed. This position will probably not be filled before January. Zero based budgeting will be used for next year. Five people in the City tax rebate program are working at the Senior Center as "greeters". This program will end in July.

Senior Center Coordinator report: (Copy attached.) The last trip of the year was scheduled for Friday, December 5, to the Spinning Wheel Inn in Redding for the annual Christmas Show and luncheon, but was cancelled because no one signed up. A Holiday Party is scheduled for December 11 from 12 noon to 4 pm; a total of 114 baskets have been prepared to be raffled at the party. Five Quilts of Valor have been mailed and another 2 are ready to mail. Five quilts have also been sent to the Women's Center.

The **nomination committee** for COA officers for next year, Sharon and Jim, recommended that the same officers be nominated for next year. No one was nominated from the floor. A motion to accept the committee recommendation of slate for nomination was made by Ron and seconded by Charlotte. The Acting Chairman, Jim, instructed the secretary to cast one vote for the existing slate; Helen Miller, Chairperson; James Derwin, Vice Chairperson; and Jay Geib, Secretary/Treasurer.

Senior Discount Program: Discussion on this program was tabled. A separate session ~~will be held~~ to discuss the details of this program will be held by the committee members after the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 3:50 pm by Charlotte.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay R. Geib

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Senior Center

CITY OF DANBURY

Statement of Condition

Expenditures - General Fund

As of 12/31/08

Description	Budget As Adopted	Budget As Amended	Current Month	YTD Actuals	Encumbrances Outstanding	Balance	% Balance
5002 Commission On Aging							
5020 Salaries Regular	198,807.00	198,807.00	13,398.80	91,091.30		107,715.70	54.18
5030 Overtime Salaries		53.00		52.50		.50	.94
5040 Part-Time Salaries	72,625.00	72,572.00	4,755.70	28,866.48		43,705.52	60.22
5243 Worker's Comp Insurance	2,055.00	2,055.00		2,055.00			
5311 Professional Services	11,280.00	11,280.00	815.00	4,105.00	2,460.00	4,715.00	41.80
5315 Communication Services	660.00	660.00	32.98	295.05		364.95	55.30
5318 Postage	8,645.00	8,645.00		5,695.00		2,950.00	34.12
5319 Travel/Mileage	1,515.00	1,515.00		169.95		1,345.05	88.78
5323 Subscriptions-Memberships	520.00	520.00		260.00	50.00	210.00	40.38
5324 Printing & Binding	8,700.00	8,700.00		820.00	5,000.00	2,880.00	33.10
5325 Legal & Public Notices	200.00	200.00				200.00	100.00
5334 Outside Services	500.00	500.00				500.00	100.00
5507 Maintain Office Eq-Frntur	1,520.00	1,520.00	39.39	182.69	467.31	870.00	57.24
5601 Office Supplies	5,000.00	5,000.00	152.09	1,115.28	371.97	3,512.75	70.26
5002 Commission On Aging	312,027.00	312,027.00	19,193.96	134,708.25	8,349.28	168,969.47	54.15



CITY OF DANBURY

**DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810
DEPARTMENT OF ELDERLY SERVICES
COMMISSION ON AGING**

Danbury Senior Center
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Municipal Agent
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Susan M. Tomanio, LCSW
Report for Common Council/Commission on Aging
December 2008

Department of Elderly Services

503 incoming information calls handled

Elmwood Hall Senior Center

145 program offerings

Highlights: Consumer Fraud 101, Diabetes Educational Seminar with Free Meters, Holiday Sing-a-long, Zumba Gold, Ukulele Club, Power of Attorney/Living Wills, Safety for Seniors, Lifeline Emergency Response System, Annual Holiday Party, Wii Bowling Banquet, Abacus Instruction Class, Ringing in the New Year

Municipal Agent

190 office/phone appointments

Monthly Concerns: energy assistance, area subsidized and affordable housing, CT Prescription Program (ConnPACE); new and renewed applications, low income subsidy program for Medicare Part D, elderly benefits information, SAVE Program, Medicare, Medicaid, Home Care Options, Medicare Rx Plans, Medicare Savings Programs, Governor's New Heating Assistance Plan, Furnace Replacement Plan

SeniorNet

Planning for Spring Semester

Van Transportation Program

274 one way trips

Commission on Aging Report, Jan. 13th, 2009 Municipal Agent Report by Margaret Emerito

- **Marlene and I are beginning to prepare for the Rent Rebate program. She has been updating the mailing lists and I'm reviewing all mailing materials.**
- **This past month the calls about Energy Assistance have been surprisingly minimal.**
- **A computer virus wreaked havoc with my computer. As a result, I had to re-enter my CARES (Coalition of Agencies Relating to Elderly Services) member email data base for the meeting agendas – a very time consuming task because currently there are approximately 150 members.**
- **ConnPACE income maximum for 2009 has increased to \$25,100 for a single person and \$33,800 for a married person.**

Commission on Aging Report



Danbury Senior Center Coordinators Report



January 13, 2009

**"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors,
and let each new year find you a better man.
~Benjamin Franklin."**

***** WRAP UP *****

**** December 3 ~ 10:30 a.m. ~ Consumer Fraud 101 with Connecticut Appleseed Project, presented by Assistant Attorney General Thomas Saadi. Tom was excellent and answered many questions. One woman brought in a taped recording of an abusive phone caller demanding she give him her personal information. It was very scary!! The Attorney General's Office welcomes correspondence and concerns about scams and other unsavory acts against persons.**

**** December 3 ~ 1 p.m. ~ Diabetes: Healthy Options and FREE Meter Day, Susan Chaponis, CCS, (Chronic Care Solutions), and Sylvana from the Adult Clinic across the street. This is always a well attended meeting and another is scheduled in a few months.**

**** December 4 ~ 1:30 - 3 p.m. ~ Holiday Sing-a-long with the Cellmates, the Chorus and Friends - We had a nice crowd. Everyone enjoyed viewing the big song lyrics shown on the overhead projector and of course, the peppermint hot chocolate was divine!!**

December 10 ~ 10:30 a.m. ~ " Officer Jay Motara speaks on Safety, Current Scams, Identity Theft and any other issues that have come up. This is always well attended and Jay is an excellent speaker informing us of local scams.

December 10 ~ 1 p.m. Lifeline Emergency Response System Presentation, Suzanne Kurtoglu, Bethel VNA. Important information for all of us!

**** December 11 ~ 12 noon - 4 p.m. ~ Holiday Party.** Senior Nutrition Premium Lunch, Pot Roast, etc, Clark Eno Orchestra 1:30 - 4:00. Over 105 Holiday Gift Baskets to Raffle this year. Snow date on December 18th. Eight volunteers from Boehringer Ingelheim will be joining us for the afternoon. They are bringing two theme baskets for our basket raffle, will serve the refreshments in the afternoon and help distribute the baskets to the winners. This is a nice community partnering venture. Baskets are also coming from Bethel Health Care and Danbury Health Care. **THIS WAS ANOTHER ASTOUNDING SUCCESS!!** We had 115 baskets (next year limited to 60) and made over \$700.00 for The Prime Timers, Inc!! The food was excellent - the band over the top and everyone had a great time. This event is a lot of work - several months in preparation - but it is completely worth the effort!!

**** December 12 ~ 1 p.m. ~ Wii In-House Bowling League Banquet** Pizza purchased by Sunshine Fund Monies Awards Ceremonies. Susan can give the names of the winners of the gift cards to Bethel Food Mart. We are looking forward to start the new season this afternoon.

**** December 16 ~ 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ~ Elmwood Red Hatters - "Pounding Party" Christmas luncheon and gift exchange.** Twenty of our group attended featuring a delicious Pot Luck Luncheon, accompanied by stories of our individual Christmas' of Chanukahs' of our childhood. Susan took a great group picture of the group. I mounted the great three-page article on the Red Hatters in the December Jill supplement to the News Times, including some member's activities, red boa feathers and stars. This will hang in the hallway near the offices. Again, I featured the DVD of the crackling fireplace which added ambience to the affair.

**** December 30 ~ "Ring In The New Year" - sing-a-long with the Cellmates and Friends.** This event was cancelled as only three people signed up and nearly half the band was out sick.

******* TOMORROW *******

Morning Movie: "The Inspector General" with Danny Kaye, 10 a.m.

Stress Reduction workshop cancelled due to no sign-ups. Rescheduled to April 22.

******* COMING UP *******

January 15 ~ Abacus class continues with Morty Morrison, 10 a.m.

January 21 ~ 1 -3 p.m. ~ Foot Screenings with Dr. Richard Gosnay. Sign up requested.

January 22 Foxwoods Casino Trip

January 22 ~ Ballroom Dance Party with DJ Al Song, 2 - 4:30 p.m. \$2.00 at the door - walk-in's welcome.

January 20 ~ Elmwood Red Hatters Luncheon out at Plain Jane's ~ 12 noon seating.

January 28 ~ 1 p.m. ~ "Addressing Climate Change in CT," environmental protection talk with Laura McMillan, of CT fund for the Environment CSE

February 4 ~ Mid-Winter Snowball Party Cancelled as Susan must be away. Will reschedule later in the year.

February 13 ~ "Love Songs from My Heart." 1:30 - 3 p.m. Valentine Sing-a-long with the Cellmates and Friends. Memorial stories of loves past and present. Refreshments

March 17 ~ St Patrick's Party with the Cellmates and the Iris Gray Irish Dancers. Signing up in early February.

April 2 ~ The Cellmates 25th Anniversary Party and Open House - details to be announced. Lots of pictures, memories, a commemorative DVD, booklet and visits from alumni and past friends.

The AARP Safe Drivers Class

Dates for the new year are awaiting confirmation.

** February 18 & 19 ~ Wednesday and Thursdays ~ 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

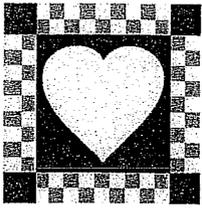
** March 18 & 19 " " "

NOTICE: In 2009, the cost is going up to \$12.00 for a two-session class for AARP members and \$14.00 for non-members. Completion may give the participant a discount on their insurance. Checks are payable to AARP Safe Drivers.

***** **TRIPS** *****

January 22 ~ The Foxwoods Casino. Cost of this trip is \$29.00 with all the usual perks.

February 20 ~ Friday ~ The CT Flower Show. Cost of this trip is \$40.00 includes bus, admission and driver's tip. Lunch is on your own at the show. This is huge and one of the best around!



QUILTING & QUILTS OF VALOR UPDATES

**** We have sent 5 more quilts to Praxair Cancer center patients. The thank you letters are so moving!! The next few months will see a concentration on making quilts for children and babies. These quilts will be distributed to WIC and other places of need. We have three more Quilts of Valor to send to a quilter with a long arm machine.**

MORE QUILTING NEWS:

I have contacted Mary Eddy, famous quilting pattern designer, who just happens to live in Newtown. After several emails she has agreed to take me on and teach me long arm quilting on one of her machines. She will do three quilts for us on her other machine, and I will shadow her on three more on the other machine in her home studio. We will do this in the spring and one of our quilters, Connie Vitetta, will come along to learn the technique, also. Connie and I traveled to Wappingers Falls, NY, in late December, to the Quilt Basket store for an introductory lesson in long arm quilting. It was a great experience and further cemented our commitment to secure a long arm machine for use here at the center.

Included with these notes is a calendar of regular and special events planned for 2009 as of this date.

Thank you all for your continuing support.
Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Hendrickson, Senior Center Coordinator, Elmwood Hall

January 13, 2009

***** LOOKING AHEAD AT ELMWOOD HALL *****

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| February 13 | Valentine Sing-a-long with the Cellmates & Friends |
| February 20 | TRIP - The CT Flower Show in Hartford |
| March 17 | St. Patrick's Day Party with the Cellmates & Irish Gray Dancers |
| April 2 | The Cellmates 25 th Anniversary Party and Open House - details TBA |
| April 21 | 4 th annual Red Hat Ramble ~ gathering of Red Hat Sisters from the area for food, fun and silliness. |
| April 28 | Hanging of the Art Show by Tuesday Students of Adele Moros. |
| April 30 | Reception for the "Re-Creating Ourselves" Art Show, 5 - 7 p.m.
Open to the public. Refreshments. |
| May 1 - 29 | "Re-Creating Ourselves" on display through the month of May which is Older American Month |
| May 5 | Volunteer Recognition Luncheon for those who Volunteer through the Department of Elderly Services in either in Elmwood Hall or The Old Jail |
| June ?? | Dates TBA - Tag Sale |
| June 30 | TRIP - Train ride to South Norwalk to visit the lovely shops and boutiques and have lunch. |
| July 2 | Patriotic Sing-a-Long and Hot Dog roast |
| July 29 | Definition Bee |
| August 18
Buffet | TRIP Hu Ke Lau ~ Hawaiian affair with All-You-Can-Eat Seafood |
| September 23 | the 3 rd Award Winning "Before The Next Step ~ A Death Care Fair" |
| October 1 - 30 | Display of Department activities at Danbury Library lower level. |
| October 30 | 6 th Annual Halloween Party |
| November 8? | Harvest Festival co-sponsored with the Danbury Jaycees |
| December ? | Holiday Party TBA |

Various other events, as they become available, will be announced at the COA meetings and through the media.