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Bridgewater Elder Affairs Commission Meeting

Monday October 19, 2020 3:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96002444815>

Meeting ID: 960 0244 4815 Call in Option: 646-876-9923

Disclosure: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Bridgewater Elder Affairs Committee will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible.

There will be no in person attendance permitted.

Members:

Chair, David Frim ____
Vice Chair, Nick Bagas ____
Treasurer - vacant position
Secretary, Sandy Alley ____
Regina Cohen ____
Joan Colombo ____
Debbie Heckbert ____

Gloria Lemieux ____
Diane Roza ____

Call to order at: ____

1. Approval of August Meeting Minutes
2. Announcements and Holiday Closings: Thanksgiving Nov. 26 & 27
3. Subcommittee Reports
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Director's Report
6. Old Business
7. New Business – The Reunion Project exhibit Nov 4 12pm; winter programming discussion
8. Next meeting: November 9, 2020 3:00pm (Zoom Link above)
9. Public Comment
10. Adjournment

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THE SEPTEMBER EAC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:10 PM BY CHAIRMAN, DAVID FRIM. WE WELCOMED NEW MEMBERS, ROBIN SHERRICK AND MARYLOU HARDING. ALSO, ALLISON WHITNEY OUR NEW INTERN.

THE AUGUST MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: SENIOR CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON OCTOBER 12.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT: NO REPORT BUT THE CHICKEN BBQ WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16. THERE IS NO COST BUT PEOPLE HAD TO SIGN UP TO RECEIVE A MEAL.

NO TREASURERS REPORT. DO WE REALLY NEED A TREASURER?

DIRECTORS REPORT: EMILY FOUND A "BLESSING" WHILE CLEANING RODDY'S OFFICE FILE CABINET. COME TO FIND OUT IT WAS WRITTEN BY NICK BAGAS! SMALL GROUPS ARE ENJOYING THE SENIOR CENTER UNDER THE TENT AND GETTING TO VISIT WITH FRIENDS. THE TOWN OF REHOBOTH LOST THEIR SENIOR CENTER DUE TO A FIRE.

CARES BAGS WILL BE GOING OUT IN OCTOBER TO 200 OF THE TOWN'S MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE AND TO FORMER PARTICIPANTS OF ACTIVITIES AT THE SENIOR CENTER. FUNDING FOR THESE BAGS IS FROM THE COVID FEDERAL FUND. EMILY WAS GOING TO SPEAK TO KAREN RUDD AT HOUSING AS THERE MAY BE SOME PEOPLE THERE THAT COULD USE A CARES BAG.

PEN PAL INFO WILL BE COMING SOON.

HIGH POND RESIDENCE ASSOCIATION SENT IN A DONATION. IT WAS PUT INTO THE GENERAL FUND.

KATHY HAYES HAS BEEN WORKING VERY HARD CONNECTING A SENIOR LADY WHO HAS FALLEN ON HARD TIMES WITH SERVICES SUCH AS HOUSING, INSURANCE, DOCTOR, ETC. ALLISON, OUR INTERN FROM BSU, IS PURSUING A DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK. SHE IS WORKING ON THE INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM WITH SENIORS AND STUDENTS. WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE, WELLNESS CHECKS, SURVEYS, ETC. ALLISON WILL BE WITH THE SENIOR CENTER FOR THE FULL SCHOOL YEAR!

THE ROCKING CHAIRS ARE HERE. WHEN THEY GO OUTSIDE THEY WILL HAVE TO BE SECURED AGAINST THEFT! WIFI IS AVAILABLE AND TABLETS ARE AVAILABLE TO BE BORROWED.

THERE IS A FULL SCHEDULE OF OUTSIDE PROGRAMS GOING ON! STILL LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO JOIN THE STRETCHING PROGRAM.

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THERE ARE 55 PEOPLE SIGNED UP FOR MEALS ON WHEELS AND 75 PEOPLE RECEIVING BISTRO MEALS!

OPEN ENROLLMENT OPENS NEXT MONTH. ALLISON WILL BE AIDING KATHY WITH THIS. WELLNESS CHECK IS GOING VERY WELL AND CONTINUES TO GROW. THEY ARE ASKED IF THEY NEED ANY MASKS, GLOVES, A TABLET, ETC.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP IS GOING VERY WELL IN THE TENT EVERY WEEK.

REUNION PROJECT IS LAUNCHING IN OCTOBER. THERE ARE 30 PARTICIPANTS. THERE WILL BE A PHOTO OF EACH PERSON ALONG WITH A WRITE UP ON EACH ONE. THIS PROJECT IS ALL FUNDED.

THE BUILDING IS DOING VERY WELL -- NEW CABINETS ARE GOING IN.

FLU SHOTS ---IT WILL BE A DRIVE BY SET UP ON OCTOBER 8 FROM 10 TO 1.

TRIAD IS GEARING UP FOR PROGRAMMING. TRIAD IS A GROUP OF POLICE, FIRE AND ELDER AFFAIRS. THE OCTOBER PROGRAM WILL BE ABOUT FIRE SAFETY.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS DOING A PROGRAM ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE. EMILY IS LOOKING FOR A COUPLE OF SENIORS TO BE VIDEO TAPED REGARDING HOW THE PANDEMIC HAS AFFECTED THEM.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EAC WILL BE ON OCTOBER 19 AT 3 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
SANDRA ALLEY, SECRETARY. EAC