

X. LINX Transit and Senior Services – Kindra Oliver, Director

- To date, LINX has provided 52,863 rides and will end the year between 63,000-64,000 rides. Only a few years ago, our average ridership for ten years running was just over 20,000. Our team continues to help meet the growing transportation needs in our community.
- LINX is excited to welcome a new part-time dispatcher to the team! We are eager to have a full team to assist providing reliable, safe and efficient service to the community.
- In April, the Senior Center had some assistance from a local Boy Scout Troop to add some much-needed new topsoil to our raised bed gardens here at the Senior Center. It had been several years since the beds had any new topsoil. Thank you to our Maintenance Department for the topsoil! Gardeners are excitedly starting to plan and plant their spaces. All of our plots have been adopted for the year.
- All of the gardening classes and clubs have been well-attended. Our partnership with the Lebanon Garden Club to offer classes like flower arranging is bringing new interest to the Strawberry Festival Flower Show, with over 30 participants at their classes held at the Center. Local small farm and gardening winder, Sheryl Casteen, has also been seeing large crowds at her weekly Saturday food gardening classes. She has had an average of 45 students turn out for her to help expand their green thumb potential. Our Therapeutic Gardening class held one Saturday each month has a smaller following, but committed group.
- Volunteer Appreciation Week is an annual celebration at the Senior Center. We are so grateful for all the additional skills and interests that community members offer. Their commitment to seniors in the community help us provide warm and welcoming hosts to various game and hobby groups. Volunteers range in age from their 20's to 90's. To show our appreciation, we hosted a luncheon and awarded two volunteers with Volunteer of the Year awards. One of the volunteers awarded has been volunteering for decades and one is new this past year, both helping out with numerous groups and projects.
- We held a Spring Tea for 42 seniors, in April. They had a lovely afternoon of tea, refreshments, and beautiful readings from some Friends of the Library volunteers. Seniors were transported to earlier times when the sharing of oral stories connected people, sharing history, culture and community.
- Our sticker contest inspired several seniors to learn how to use an iPad and the Procreate application throughout the month of April. We had lots of submissions for our sticker contest. Our winning sticker is currently being printed and will arrive at the Center at the beginning of May. We can't wait to share them.
- Staff are gearing up to celebrate Older Americans Month in May. The theme is "Powered by Connection." We have live music and a dessert social happening on May 14<sup>th</sup>. We also have activities on tap to celebrate Senior Health & Fitness Day on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Of course, we celebrate our older community members every day at the Senior Center!
- We have lots of programming planned for May. More details can be found in our monthly newsletter, which is posted on the City website and on the Lebanon Senior Center Facebook page.