

MEMORANDUM



TO: JEFF MUCK, PRCS DIRECTOR
FROM: MADISON LACHANCE, RECREATION SUPERVISOR
SUBJECT: OLDER ADULT SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE
DATE: JANUARY 12, 2023

Mayor and Council,

A quick update on the fantastic efforts from the OAS Advisory board.

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The Older Adult Services Advisory Board, established in 2013, provides the opportunity for members to share feedback from the community, share new ideas about programming, and provide insight on services and programs already in place.

The Board currently consists of six at large Novi citizen members, a Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Commission liaison, and two staff liaisons from PRCS/Older Adult Services:

- Madison Lachance – Recreation Supervisor – PRCS/OAS Staff Liaison
- Sandy Fisher – Social Services Coordinator – OAS Staff Liaison
- Salene Riggins – PRCS Commissioner
- Dr. Joslen Letscher
- Michael Longo
- Mary Storch
- Neha Kiru
- Janet Censoni
- Cecilia Gallagher

The Board meets bi-monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at 6pm.

Over this past year, the Board met six times. During these meetings, members were updated on programs, Special Outreach Services (SOS), social services, and park projects. Each meeting provides an opportunity for members to share actionable input, informed feedback, or timely observations. Members have been asked to participate in and/or volunteer at programs in the new year to provide better feedback.

Many topics were covered at the meetings this year including the following highlights:

- Discussion on the senior services offered by the City of Novi and how they align with the Oakland County Blueprint for Successful Aging.
- New ideas and input on the OAS monthly activity calendar.
- Ways to attract Older Adults at the Winter, Wine, and Whimsey event.
- Programming ideas for 2023 to continue attracting younger older adults.
- Suggesting possible new names for Older Adult Services.
- Complimented staff on the increase and diversity in programs being offered.

Older Adult Services promotes healthy, active lifestyles that support independence and vitality for adults 55+ by providing opportunities and networks within the community for socialization, health and fitness, life-long learning, support services, and transportation.