

**Director's Report submitted by
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- The month of July was one of the busiest July's we have ever had. Our summers are usually quiet but not this year and **that's great**.
- July 2nd marked my 19th year here as the Executive Director for the Ayer COA. It is amazing to see how far we have come over the years. Also to see so many folks have left us and then new faces appear. I have been so blessed to be in the seat for so long. I have an OUTSTANDING STAFF and I am grateful for every day!! I am beginning the process to create our new Center. It is my goal to complete this journey before thinking about retirement. This has been my number one goal since the day I was hired!!!
- We began July by joining in the community fun for the 4th of July. I had a van full of folks who were all dressed up and our van was decorated. It was a BLAST!!!!!! The town celebration is always a welcome event for my gang and the fire works rocked!!
- We held our Annual Summer Brunch with Tiny's Restaurant and it was OUTSTANDING!!! We had a full house and also a waiting list. We have certainly out grown this home of ours!!
- Our dining out evenings have become very popular.....we drive folks with our van and many meet us there with their own cars. It is fun to watch new friendships forming, laughter and smiles!!
- All monthly bills paid on time.
- All monthly reports written and submitted on time.
- All monthly meetings attended.
- For the summer Loaves and Fishes has moved to Shirley Middle School so they can remodel the Deven's site. We began our new schedule for Loaves and Fishes this month. The day we take our gang is Friday and pick up begins at 9AM. This seems to be a **much better** day for our folks.
- All staff vacations have been scheduled. We all help each other when someone is out to keep this department running smoothly and always open!!
- We have so much planned for the coming months. We will be hosting our Annual Trip to Wright's Chicken Farm in RI. This will take place in September. This is always a super fun trip!!
- We have a trip planned to Foxwoods for the month of October!! This trip is almost full at this point too which is GREAT!!
- A Halloween Luncheon is being planned with our Police Department. This is always so much fun!!

- We will be hosting another Veteran's Breakfast in November. Once again we have been given donations from ClearPath of Deven's of winter coats, gloves etc. I am so excited to be joining forces with this agency to help our senior vets and their families!!
- Our Senior/Dollar Store is always a huge hit for everyone. It is most helpful for those that cannot afford to shop in a regular store. This store does not MAKE money it is self sufficient and we use the money to keep it stocked!!
- We will be doing "Thanksgiving ALONE" once again here at The Center. We cook on Thanksgiving so NO ONE is ALONE. It is such a wonderful time for everyone and MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY!!
- It always seems like time just flies by us here, seeing we are always planning months ahead for our events and activities. We just planned our Christmas Luncheon, yuppers!! We are always so far ahead with our planning and this is why we wonder why the months are going so quickly!!
- We have a trip planned to Mystic CT for a Christmas Light Tour and Shopping. This is something new and I am sure it will be wonderful!!
- We have begun once again celebrating Birthdays here at The Center. The last Friday of every month we have a special surprise for everyone and celebrate that month's birthday babies.
- So keep your eye on our month Newsletter, Action Unlimited and Cable TV as well as our Town Website for all of our coming events and activities.