

Director's Report – August 2023

Ayer Senior Center / Council on Aging

Staffing: The new Town Social Worker, Brittany Beaudry, is settling in nicely and we are thrilled to have her onboard. She's already assisted several seniors during her short time here, and we look forward to more to come.

Budget:

Spending is on track for the year.

Programs:

My Senior Center reporting statistics for July 2023:

- Seniors In Attendance (unduplicated): 195
- Total Event Sign-Ins (duplicated): 580
- Total Person-Programming Hours: 708

*These statistics do not count the approx. 25 Meals on Wheels clients & the 70 van riders in July.

In July, special programs included: trips to the farmers market and Hampton Beach; onsite programs such as the Kimballs ice cream social, balance basics, energy 101, and the Me Decade of the 1970s. Our outing to the Elton John Tribute concert was rained out.

Outreach

Now that Mary Ellen has been here a few months, she's adding some of the public outreach tasks to her schedule. She continues building relationships with seniors and assisting them with program applications, transportation concerns, adjusting to life's changes, and much more. Staff provided outreach services to 18 seniors a total of 31 times in July. Scores of additional referrals are made each month without official documentation as well.

Meals

In July 237 meals were served to 52 people, across 16 meals (4 MOC, 11 catered and 1 supper club). Monday and Friday MOC meals are not well attended, so we are offering 1-2 Friday catered meals per month. Attendance is approaching capacity at Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday catered meals – four meals were full and last minute RSVPs were turned away.

Volunteers & Donations

In July, 9 volunteers worked a total of 129 hours, valued at \$1,835. The Senior Center could not run efficiently without their assistance, and we are very appreciative of their time. Many thanks to Shop & Save for their Monday baked goods donations.

Site Selection / Building Committee Update:

The Building Committee continues to meet, organizing the due diligence needed to determine whether Pirone Park is a viable site for a combined senior and community center. Initial public outreach documents (FAQ & Survey) are ready, and architects letter proposals have been requested. This is the first step of many which will include soil testing and preliminary schematic design to determine the viability of the site.

Transportation: Statistics not yet available for July.