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Bridgewater Elder Affairs Commission Meeting

Monday April 12, 2021 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 _____

Karen Aicher _____

Regina Cohen _____ Joan Colombo _____

Rich Gopen _____ Debbie Heckbert _____

Gloria Lemieux _____ Marylou Harding _____

Diane Roza _____ Robin Sherrick _____

Call to order at: _____

1. Approval of March Meeting Minutes
2. Announcements and Holiday Closings: May 31 Memorial Day
3. Subcommittee Reports
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Director's Report
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Next meeting: May 10, 2021 3:00pm (Zoom Link above)
9. Public Comment
10. Adjournment

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CHAIRMAN, DAVID FRIM, CALLED THE MARCH 8, 2021 MEETING OF THE EAC TO ORDER AT 3:14 PM.

EAC FEBRUARY MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: PARTIAL OPENING OF THE SENIOR CENTER ON 3/15!

MONDAY AND TUESDAY AM PROGRAM AND MONDAY AND TUESDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAM BEGINNING AT 2:00 PM

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY THERE WILL BE AM AND PM SESSIONS.

THE CENTER WILL BE CLOSED IN BETWEEN SESSIONS FOR CLEANING. NO FOOD OR DRINK WILL BE ALLOWED BUT THE BATHROOM CAN BE USED!

PRE-REGISTRATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR PROGRAMS. UPON ARRIVAL YOUR TEMPERATURE WILL BE TAKEN AND YOU WILL SIGN A WAIVER AND A MASK MUST BE WORN. 25 PEOPLE TO A GROUP OUTSIDE.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT: THERE ARE 86 SIGNED UP FOR ST PATRICKS DAY.

TREASURER'S REPORT: NONE

DIRECTORS REPORT:

PROGRAMMING: THURSDAY (ONCE A MONTH) MEMORY CAFE. THIS PROGRAM IS VIRTUAL.

EMILY INTRODUCED RICH GOPEN AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER.

BSU WILL BE DOING A PROGRAM ON SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES. IT IS A THREE-PART SERIES (VIRTUAL) ON AGING OF COLOR. THEY WILL BE SHOWING ARTIFACTS FROM BRIDGEWATER. GLORIA STANTON WILL BE INVOLVED. DAVID SUGGESTED GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE ASIAN GROUP IN BRIDGEWATER.

THERE WILL BE INTER-GENERATIONAL PROGRAMS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN.

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THE PEN PAL PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE WITH CHILDREN AND BSU STUDENTS.

THERE WILL BE SEVERAL YOGA PROGRAMS. SOME WILL BE GRANT FUNDED BY THE HOWARD FOUNDATION, 14K PER YEAR.

OTHER PROGRAMS WILL COST \$5.00 PER SESSION TO PARTICIPATE.

NUTRITION: MEALS ON WHEELS NOW HAS 53 CLIENTS WHO ARE SERVICED TWICE A WEEK.

BOX LUNCHES ARE PROVIDED BY OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES ON TUESDAY. CLIENTS HAVE TO COME PICK UP THE BOX LUNCHES AND COST 2.50 EACH.

THE BISTRO IS GOING VERY WELL. REGINA AND ROBIN HAVE 57 PARTICIPANTS. THE BISTRO MEALS ARE \$5.00 FOR EACH MEAL DELIVERY.

40 PEOPLE WILL BE PICKING UP THEIR ST PATRICKS MEAL ON THE 16TH.

SHAMROCK COOKIES WILL ALSO BE GIVEN.

EMILY SHARED A VERY NICE ARTICLE WRITTEN BY GLORIA LEMIEUX.

SCOTT IS DRIVING PEOPLE TO GET THEIR VACCINE. THIS SERVICE IS FUNDED BY THE CARES ACT.

FIREFIGHTERS GAVE 1ST SHOTS TO SOME SENIORS AND THOSE SENIORS ARE WONDERING WHEN THEY WILL GET THEIR SECOND SHOT. NOTHING IS SCHEDULED FOR THE SENIOR CENTER IN THAT REGARD.

EMILY HAS RECEIVED TWO GRANTS: ONE FOR TRANSPORTATION - 40K - FOR SENIORS WITH DISABILITIES OR THOSE THAT DO NOT DRIVE.

THE OTHER IS A STATE GRANT FOR 4K AND IS TARGETED TO A) 45 TO 60 YEAR OLDS TO ENCOURAGE SOCIALIZATION AND B) 6 ALEXA DEVICES WITH 6 BSU STUDENTS TO DO A PROGRAM WITH SENIORS IN ORDER FOR YOUNG AND OLD TO CONNECT.



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ON MARCH 23 SHERYL FAY WILL BE DOING A PRESENTATION ON CLARA BARTON WHICH WILL COORDINATE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION OF NURSES.

PAT BOYLE'S SERVICE AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED TO HER AT HER HOUSE AT 10 AM ON FRIDAY THE 19TH OF MARCH.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ELDER AFFAIRS COMMISSION WILL BE ON APRIL 12 AT 3:00 PM

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:57 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

SANDRA ALLEY, SECRETARY, EAC