

# CITY OF WEST HAVEN SENIORS COMMISSION

355 MAIN STREET  
WEST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06516

8 APRIL 2025

TIME - 6:00 PM

Debra Johnson, *Chairman*  
Leonora Rodriguez, *Vice-Chairman*  
Dominic Broccoli, *Secretary*  
Teddi McKenna, *Commissioner*

## AGENDA

1. Minutes of March 11, 2025
2. Public Input
3. Communications
  - a. Newsletter (See attached)
  - b. April's Happenings Happening:
    - 04/10: Oak Street Health sponsored BINGO
    - 04/15: West Haven Health Department's Blood Pressure Screening
    - 04/16: The Joy of Drumming with Ruby
    - 04/21-25: WHSC Spring Cleaning- 04/23-25: closed to Members
    - 04/21: West Haven Public Library's Bookmobile
    - 04/22: Coffee & Chit Chat with Attorney Mark Healey
    - 04/28: Meeting with the Members
    - 04/29: Milford Health & Rehabilitation facilitates Brain Games
    - 04/29: UCONN's Listening Session of Natural Disaster
  - c. May's Happenings Happening:
    - 05/06: LifeBridge Nutrition Education presents Bone Health
    - 05/13: AARP CT presents Disrupt Aging in Your Community
    - 05/14: The Joy of Drumming with Ruby
    - 05/15: WHSC's Mother's Day Grab & Go Brunch
    - 05/19: West Haven Public Library's Bookmobile
    - 05/20: West Haven Health Department's Blood Pressure Screening
4. Report of the Director
  - a. Outreach & Activity Coordinator
    - i. LaToya Myers started on 03/31/2025 and looking forward to having her assist with activities as well as social services
  - b. Veterinary Care Everywhere Health & Wellness Clinic 03/28/2025

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- i. 13 pets were able to get seen by VCE
  - ii. 10/03/2025 is the date for next scheduled VCE Clinic
- c. DOT Section 5310 Grant Program
  - i. Alyssa worked with Grants Department and John to complete the grant application and Grants was completing grant application
- d. AARP Tax-Aide appointments are fully booked and will conclude on 04/10/2025
- e. MySeniorCenter Status
  - i. Alyssa worked with IT to order a Dell All-in-One computer on 04/03/2025, using the Budget line of 53490-Other Supplies and Materials
  - ii. Once received, Department will have refresher training on how to use MySeniorCenter and Department will assign MySeniorCenter scan tags for current WHSC Members.
    - 1. Once ready, the MySeniorCenter computer will be docked by the sign in/out and WHSC will schedule how to workshops for Members
      - a. Aiming to have MySeniorCenter software fully operable for July 1, 2025, for Annual Membership Fee renewal
- f. Reviewing and updating West Haven Senior Center Membership Application as well as drafting West Haven Senior Center Membership Policy, Code of Conduct, and Liability Waiver
  - i. Aiming to have all completed, reviewed by City, and allowed to be given alongside Membership Application, starting 07/01/2025.
- g. Departmental Budget
  - i. Alyssa will be presenting the Budget to the City Council Finance Committee/Council-As-A-Whole on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:15 PM

## 5. Report of the Commissioner

- a. Transportation

## 6. Old Business

- a. Donna's Destinations
  - i. Alyssa spoke to Donna and the cost associated with each Donna's Destination is calculated through cost of admission/ticket, coach transportation cost with gratuity added, specific trip happenings i.e. lunch, tour, etc.
    - 1. Dependent on which trip, there has been a profit from Donna's Destinations which the profit covers the costs for:
      - a. Trip giveaway items
        - i. i.e. each traveler to Foxwoods was given a small, casino themed tote filled with casino themed butter mints and \$5 coupon to Johnny Rockets
      - b. Trip raffles that include themed items

- i. i.e. La Gondola in 2024 had a raffle for the travelers to win a Yankee Candle that smelled like an Italian cannoli and wine
    - c. Donna's Destinations promotional items that are either raffled off or bought from travelers to better promote
      - i. i.e. water bottle cozies, shirts, and canvas totes
    - d. Compensated lunch for travelers for the smaller, short trips
      - i. Ex. Lost in New Haven travelers had a free pizza lunch at Brazi's, covered by the Donna's Destinations account.
    - ii. At this time, there is not a statistic of the percentage of WHSC Members versus Non-WHSC Members and WH Residents versus Non-WH Residents that are utilizing the Donna's Destinations
      - 1. Will look to see if that would be possible to collect this type of statistical data once operating with MySeniorCenter
  - b. Pricing for WHSC and Non-WHSC Members
    - i. The costs associated with Happenings Happening i.e. Veterinary Care Everywhere, are specific and controlled by whoever is hosting the event.
      - 1. Once closer to the move to Molloy school, may look to increase WHSC Membership Annual Fee.
  - c. Adult Day Care Center's gift shop
    - i. Once closer to the move to Molly School, may look to create a gift shop or thrift shop as other Senior Centers have and operate successfully.
    - ii. The Adult Day Care Center's gift shop along with other rooms and WHSC are being sorted and cleaned out; spring cleaning set for April 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> with a dumpster and shredding bins
  - d. AED and Narcan training for residents
    - i. A Narcan training for residents has been scheduled by the West Haven Health Department on Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-7 PM at the West Haven Library
    - ii. An AED training for residents has not been scheduled at this time.
7. New Business
8. Commissioner Reports
9. Adjourn