

CITY OF WEST HAVEN SENIORS COMMISSION

355 MAIN STREET

WEST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06516

MAY 13, 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 and April 2025
2. Public Input
3. Communications
 - a. Newsletter (See attached)
 - b. May's Happenings Happening:
 - i. 05/06: LifeBridge Nutrition Education presents Bone Health: *Rescheduled for June*
 - ii. 05/12: Learn with LaToya: Older Americans Month
 - iii. 05/13: AARP CT presents Disrupt Aging in Your Community
 - iv. 05/14: The Joy of Drumming with Ruby: *Cancelled*
 - v. 05/15: WHSC's Mother's Day Grab & Go Brunch
 - vi. 05/19: West Haven Public Library's Bookmobile
 - vii. 05/20: West Haven Health Department's Blood Pressure Screening
 - viii. 05/22: State of Connecticut's State Comptroller Presents ArrayRx
 - c. June's Happenings Happening:
 - i. 06/05: Ur Vision Resources Presentation with UrCommunityCares
 - ii. 06/09: Learn with LaToya: Brain Health
 - iii. 06/12: WHSC's Father's Day Grab & Go Brunch
 - iv. 06/16: West Haven Public Library's Bookmobile
 - v. 06/16: LifeBridge Nutrition Education presents Bone Health
 - vi. 06/17: West Haven Health Department's Blood Pressure Screening
 - vii. 06/18: The Joy of Drumming with Ruby
 - viii. 06/26: Start of Summer Party
4. Report of the Director
 - a. Outreach & Activity Coordinator
 - i. LM started on 03/31/2025 and looking forward to having her assist with activities as well as social services
 - b. DOT Section 5310 Grant Program

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- i. No update to report
- c. MySeniorCenter (MSC) Status
 - i. Dell All-In-One Computer has been delivered and IT now working to get software on to the computer
 - ii. Dept. will be attending a MSC Quick Start Training course on Zoom on 05/14/2025
 - 1. Aiming to have MSC software fully operable for July 1, 2025, for Annual Membership Fee renewal
 - iii. 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
 - 1. Aiming to have all completed, reviewed by City, and allowed to be given alongside Membership Application, starting 07/01/2025.
- 5. Report of the Commissioner
- 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.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.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.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 be reaching out to MSC to see if that would be possible to collect this type of statistical data
 - b. Successful Spring Cleaning
 - i. WHSC closed on 04/23/2025-04/25/2025 for cleaning both WHSC and Adult Day Care Center, that was closed in 2018
 - c. AED and Narcan Training for residents

- i. On Wednesday, April 9th at 6:30-7 PM at the West Haven Public Library, Main Branch, there was a Narcan training for residents
- ii. On Wednesday, May 21st at 10:00-11:30 AM at the City Hall's Harriet North Room, there will be a CPR, AED and Narcan Training for residents

- 7. New Business
- 8. Commissioner Reports
- 9. Adjourn