



AGENDA

Senior Citizens Commission Transportation/Housing Sub Committee
Senior Center, 1801 W. Central Road, Room 183A
Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
October 21, 2024
1:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. September 16, 2024, Minutes
- IV. REPORTS
 - A. Transportation Report
 - B. Affordable Housing Report
- V. OLD BUSINESS
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- VII. OTHER BUSINESS
 - A. Announcements / Correspondence
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to speak on a subject not on the Agenda may speak at this time. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT

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VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

INC. 1887

Date: 09/30/2024

To: Randy Recklaus, Village Manager

From: Tracey Colagrossi, Senior Center Manager

Subject: Request for Advocacy on Transportation Services for Low-Income, Disabled, and Older Adults

Attachments: 1) Map of transportation options in Arlington Heights

Background

The Senior Citizens Commission, through its participation in the Age-Friendly Arlington Heights Initiative, has identified transportation as a key concern for older adults and disabled residents. Both the Senior Citizens Commission and the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities have received consistent feedback about the lack of transportation services in Arlington Heights, particularly during evenings, weekends, and in the northern part of the village.

Last year, a joint conference held by the Village's Senior Citizens Commission and the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities invited public transportation providers to discuss the challenges faced by the community. Representatives from RTA, Metra, Pace, and Elk Grove Township highlighted their services, funding limitations, and operational challenges. The general consensus was that increased transportation services are needed, but there are barriers due to funding, driver shortages, and a projected fiscal deficit of \$725 million by 2026.

The Arlington Heights-Rolling Meadows On-Demand service currently provides weekday-only transportation in a designated area, and ADA paratransit service is available only within certain time frames and geographical limits. Additionally, nearby townships such as Wheeling and Elk Grove prioritize medical-related trips for older adults and disabled residents but are also limited in their capacity.

Level of Service Impact

Expanding transportation services to include weekends and evenings would significantly improve the mobility and quality of life for low-income, disabled, and older adults in Arlington Heights. The north side of the Village, in particular, remains underserved by existing transit options, and expanding Pace OnDemand services to this area would help bridge the gap.

Budget Impact

At this stage, the proposed advocacy efforts would have minimal direct budgetary impact, as we are advocating through letters to elected officials and working with transportation agencies to explore potential funding and service expansion opportunities.

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Recommendation / Next Steps

The Senior Citizens Commission, in collaboration with the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities, seeks approval from the board to advocate for service expansion of Pace OnDemand services. This would include requesting weekend service and coverage in the north side of Arlington Heights. We propose submitting formal letters to state and federal elected officials, urging them to support these critical service expansions.

CC:

J. McCalister, Health & Human Services Director