



AGENDA
Special Senior Citizens Commission
Arlington Heights Village Hall - Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
April 13, 2026
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. The Pledge of Allegiance
- II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. March 16, 2026, Meeting Minutes
- IV. REPORTS
 - A. Chairperson Report
 - B. Liaison Report
 - C. Non-for-Profit Corporation
 - D. Senior Center Advisory Council
 - E. Legislation
 - F. Age-Friendly Community Certification
 - 1. Transportation/Housing Report
 - 2. Communication Report
 - G. Kenneth Hood Award
 - H. Intergenerational Outreach
- 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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**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens Commission
Commissions Room-33 S Arlington Heights Road, A.H. 60005
March 17, 2026
7 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Vogt called the meeting to order at 7 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Sharon Adams

Tim Carter

Gary Wood

Ellyn Zimmerman

Fred Feldman

Fred Vogt, Chair

Also Present: ☐

Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

Not Present:

George Motto

Corinne Drew

Steve Raminiak

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III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 23, 2026, Minutes

CHAIRPERSON VOGT REQUESTED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2026 BE ACCEPTED. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2026, WERE ACCEPTED.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairpersons Report

The Chair reported no formal update but raised concern regarding recent public discussion at the state level about affordable housing and the possibility of state involvement in local zoning matters.

Discussion included:

- comments made by Governor Pritzker regarding affordable housing in his State of the State address
- concern that state control over local zoning would generate significant opposition from municipalities
- interest in continuing to monitor any legislative proposals related to affordable housing, accessory dwelling units, and zoning incentives
- Commissioner Feldman reported that he had not yet identified any active legislation specifically addressing the issue but would continue monitoring developments.

B. Liaison Report

Liaison Colagrossi provided the following updates:

Senior Center Remodeling Project

- No new movement at this time
- The project remains under consideration, but no further steps have been finalized

- A memo to the Village Board may be developed in the future once recommendations are clarified

Liquor License Pilot Program

- Progress is being made toward securing a liquor license for the Vinyl and Vino event on April 29
- Village approval has been obtained; state approval is still pending
- This is planned as a pilot, with another event anticipated in August
- The long-term goal is to pursue an annual license beginning in 2027 for multiple evening events
- Staff involved are BASSET certified

Upcoming Events

- National Senior Health and Fitness Day – May 29, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Senior Expo – June 18, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Billiards Tournament – March 28, 2026; additional players are being sought

Dementia Risk Reduction Program

- Program begins April 3, 2026
- Focus areas include healthy eating, exercise, sleep, and early detection
- The program will be offered by phone
- A Daily Herald article may help increase participation

C. Non-for-Profit Corporation

The Inc. Foundation did not meet this month.

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

The Advisory Council are planning upcoming events:

- A cultural celebration event is planned for April 14 featuring France and India
- Program elements will include dance, cultural activities, and food from both cultures
- The event is filling quickly

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman provided the legislative update:

- Proposed legislation to lower the legal blood alcohol concentration limit for driving under the influence from 0.08 to 0.05 has been assigned to a judiciary committee and is in process
- Of the previously discussed autonomous vehicle bills:
- House bills remain in the Rules Committee
- Senate bills have been assigned to the Executive Committee and may move forward
- No additional legislative action was reported.

F. Age-Friendly Community Certification

In George Motto's absence, Tracey read a message from him expressing appreciation to the Commission for its support of the Arlington Heights Age-Friendly Designation and Award, including participation in the presentation ceremony to the Village Board on March 2, 2026.

The Commission discussed:

- creating a Commissioner's Corner feature highlighting the recognition
- including photos related to the award presentation
- continuing to share the Age-Friendly designation with the community

1. Transportation/Affordable Housing Report

Commissioner Feldman reported the following:

Northwest Cook County On-Demand Service Expansion

- He attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony on March 5, 2026
- The expansion was supported by \$180,000 in county funding to Pace
- The event was well attended by elected officials and representatives from Cook County and Pace
- Expanded service now offers rides within the service area and to select outside destinations, including Harper College and Randhurst
- Service hours now extend until 8:00 PM
- The fare remains \$2 per ride

Autonomous Vehicles

No new legislative developments were reported

- Waymo currently has vehicles mapping the Chicago area between the South Loop and Wrigleyville in preparation for possible future autonomous vehicle service

Additional discussion included:

- the possibility of autonomous vehicle expansion to suburban areas such as Arlington Heights
- the importance of continuing to monitor transportation coverage gaps, especially north of Euclid and east of Arlington Heights Road
- interest in confirming with Pace whether service maps and metrics are being periodically reevaluated

2. Communications

A report was given on the 6:00 PM Communication Subcommittee meeting.

Key discussion points included:

- use of the Age-Friendly presentation PowerPoint at future programs and public events
- improving communication with older adults, especially around transportation and available services
- the need to better explain overlapping transportation service boundaries among villages, townships, and agencies
- possible future discussion of whether Arlington Heights could or should explore its own transportation options

- Commission members were encouraged to review the PowerPoint and provide feedback before the next meeting. No formal action was taken.

G. Kenneth Hood Award

The Commission discussed rescheduling the Kenneth Hood Award meeting.

- After discussion, the meeting was rescheduled to:
Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 3:30 PM
- Staff will send a calendar invitation.

H. Intergenerational Outreach

Commissioner Zimmerman reported:

The Girl Scouts brought a mobile planetarium, which was well received

The Puzzle Palooza event, featuring teams of Hersey High School students and older adults, was a success. The winning team completed a 500-piece puzzle in 40 minutes

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Sharon Adams shared remarks about receiving the Young at Heart Award on February 22, 2026. She described being surprised by visiting family members and expressed appreciation for the recognition and the nomination.

Commission members congratulated Sharon and noted that the event was well attended and meaningful. Frontier Days was also acknowledged as a deserving honoree.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON VOGT REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJORN. COMMISSIONER CARTER MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:43 PM.

