



AGENDA
Senior Citizens Commission
Buechner Room
Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
September 22, 2026
6:15 PM

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

Gary Wood

Tim Carter

Fred Vogt, Chair

Steve Raminiak

Sue Viecegli

Ellyn Zimmerman

Fred Feldman

Also Present:

Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

Not Present:

Corinne Drew

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 22, 2026, Minutes

CHAIRPERSON VOGT REQUESTED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2026, BE ACCEPTED. COMMISSIONER ZIMMERM MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RAMINIAK. COMMISSIONERS WOOD, CARTER, AND FELDMAN ABSTAINED. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2026, WERE ACCEPTED.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairpersons Report

The Chairperson reported:

· Chairperson Vogt reported that there were no significant updates. Attendance at an upcoming Housing Commission meeting will be considered if a meeting is scheduled.

B. Liaison Report

Liaison Colagrossi reported:

- Happy Hour Bingo, in collaboration with the Arlington Heights Park District, featuring guest bingo callers from the Village and Park District.
- Volunteer and staff training on Narcan administration and Stop the Bleed, with Narcan to be available at the Senior Center following staff training.
- September/October program registration, with approximately 450 newsletter subscribers receiving early registration access.

C. Non-for-Profit Corporation

Liaison Colagrossi reported upcoming Foundation fundraising events:

- Vintage Car Show – August 22
- Pickleball Tournament – September 19

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

Recent and upcoming Advisory Council events include:

- Ice Cream Social – August 20
- Oktoberfest – September 17
- Halloween Party – October 30
- New Year's Eve Celebration – December 30

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported that the Illinois General Assembly is currently in recess and is expected to reconvene for the veto session in November and December.

The Commission continues to monitor legislation concerning the regulation and operation of electric vehicles, scooters, and motorbikes. The legislation passed both chambers and was sent to the Governor for consideration.

F. Age-Friendly Community Certification

Age-Friendly Chair Motto provided an update on senior affordable housing.

The previously proposed senior housing component of the International Plaza redevelopment will not proceed because the developer has withdrawn from the project.

A new proposal has been introduced involving the Church of the Incarnation United Methodist Church at 330 W. Golf Road. The church is working with development partners on a concept for approximately 60 affordable senior apartments on underutilized church property.

The proposal is preliminary and is expected to proceed through additional Village review.

Issues identified for further consideration include:

- Building height, particularly the proposed four-story component.
- Parking and site access.
- Setbacks and impact on surrounding residential properties.
- Community/neighborhood engagement.
- Potential use of approximately \$750,000 from the Village's Housing Trust Fund.
- Terms associated with any Housing Trust Fund loan.
- Eligibility requirements associated with state or federal affordable housing funding.

Commission members discussed the importance of affordable senior housing as an established Age-Friendly priority while recognizing that individual commissioners should distinguish between stating adopted Commission priorities and formally representing the Commission on a specific development proposal.

The Commission agreed to continue monitoring the project as it proceeds through the Village review process.

1. Transportation/Affordable Housing Report

The Housing & Transportation Subcommittee did not meet due to lack of a quorum.

No additional transportation updates were reported.

2. Communications

Commissioner Viecegli reported on the Communications Subcommittee meeting held earlier in the evening.

August communications are focused on:

- Transportation resources available to residents.
- Balance and fall prevention.
- Arlington Heights Memorial Library's 100th anniversary.
- Vision and eye health.

- National Senior Citizens Day on August 21.

September communications will highlight:

- National Senior Center Month.
- Falls Prevention Week.
- Oktoberfest.
- Meals on Wheels programming.
- Videos and social media content highlighting senior centers.

Staff will explore purchasing a reusable National Senior Center Month banner for the Senior Center.

Facebook engagement continues to increase, with the Senior Center reaching approximately 840 followers. Email communications through Constant Contact continue to reach more than 10,000 addresses.

The Commission agreed to take a group photograph following the meeting for a National Senior Citizens Day social media post.

G. Kenneth Hood Award

The Commission confirmed that Mark Gunther will receive the 2026 Kenneth Hood Award at the Village Board meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

Because the Commission cannot hold its regularly scheduled September 21 meeting, the Commission discussed moving the meeting to September 22.

CHAIRPERSON VOGT REQUESTED A MOTION TO RESCHEDULE THE SEPTEMBER SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION MEETING TO TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 AT 6:15 PM. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESCHEDULE OF THE MEETING AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

The Commission will meet prior to attending the Village Board meeting for the Kenneth Hood Award presentation.

A reception honoring Mark Gunther is anticipated following the award presentation. Staff will coordinate reception arrangements.

H. Intergenerational Outreach

Commissioner Zimmerman reported that Hersey High School's Service Over Self program has begun its new school year activities.

Plans are underway for another intergenerational back-to-school activity involving students and older adults. Additional planning with District 214 high schools and other educational partners is anticipated.

Staff also recently met with Service Over Self students to provide background on the Senior Center and discuss potential activities for the coming school year.

The Commission also discussed the successful Teen Table summer volunteer program. Students from various schools volunteered at the Senior Center and used conversation prompts and activities to engage older adults. Due to the program's success, staff anticipates offering Teen Table again next summer.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The Liaison distributed updates from the Village Strategic Plan relating to housing initiatives, pedestrian and bicycle improvements, and the Senior Center renovation and rebranding timeline.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON VOGT REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COMMISSIONER VIECELLI MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 PM.