



# **OLDER ADULT SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA**

**CITY OF NOVI**

**ELECTRONIC MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 15, 2021 – 6 P.M.**

**248.347.0400**

**1. Welcome – Introductions:**

Dr. Joslen Letscher, Michael Longo, Mary Storch, Neha Kiru, Janet Censoni and Cecilia Gallagher

Sandy Fisher (OAS Social Services Coordinator,) Jessica Mistak (Recreation Supervisor), Jeff Muck (PRCS Director-Absent), Tracie Ringle (PRCS Deputy Director)

**2. Special Outreach Services (SOS) program (Fisher/Mistak)**

Recreation Supervisor Mistak reviewed the status of the Special Outreach Services (SOS) program and the work of Judy Klein, OAS Programmer as she starting to make home visits as well as visiting churches and medical facilities to distribute information on the various services available for seniors through the City to date:

Reassurance calls: 1,165

Contacts: 475

Social Service Referrals: 93

Transportation Referrals: 166

Other Info Given: 283

Friendly Conversations: 341

Social Services Coordinator Fisher shared that the requests for resource information had increased by 50% in April and May as result of the SOS program.

**3. OAS Transportation Update (Mistak)**

Recreation Supervisor Mistak reviewed Senior Transportation program's activities for April and May. OAS Transportation has seen a steady increase in trips. In May there were 900 trips, in June there were nearly 1,000 (990). 5 more vehicles were wrapped to increase awareness of the transportation program.

**4. Programs and Social Services Update (Fisher)**

Social Services Coordinator Fisher shared an update of OAS programming activities. The Tech Support – Group meeting for May was well attended with 30 participants. Mike Allie, volunteer program host has already started planning for the July and September meetings. The Bingo program is going well and evolving based on changes to Covid regulations. Volunteer Bingo Callers are still needed. Social Services Coordinator Fisher is reaching out to all volunteer program hosts to develop a re-opening plan for OAS volunteer facilitated activities like Card Programs. Social Services Coordinator Fisher reviewed meeting with Ginny Hallam, Meadowbrook Commons Community Manager regarding re-opening of the Meadowbrook Activity Center including fitness. One of the first programs to return is free Blood Pressure Screenings. The Novi Fire Department will be providing them on the second Wednesday of each month. In July, the NO.VI Book Club has it first meeting. Many of the OAS health and well-being program providers like Ascension Community Health are still focused on virtual

programming with 1-2 people from Novi participating in each program. Finally, Social Services Coordinator Fisher attended the National Council on Aging's Age + Action Virtual Conference in early July. Many of the session attended focused on the "closing the digital divide" among older adults.

**5. Park Projects (Ringle)**

PRCS Deputy Director Tracie Ringle reviewed current park projects including the new Pickleball courts in the Wildlife Woods Park, Ella Mae Power's new playscape and provided an update on Lakeshore Park.

**6. Roundtable:**

A very brief discussion on activities happening in the City of Novi.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**2021 Meeting Dates:**

August 17

October 19

December 21