



Winthrop Board or Committee Public Body Posting

Name of Public Body: Winthrop Council on Aging

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 10:30 AM

Location of Meeting: Robert A. DeLeo – Winthrop Senior Center
35 Harvard Street, Winthrop, MA

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2025 and February 13, 2025 COA Meetings
3. Programs Report
4. Outreach Report
5. Director's Report
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

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Notice of any open meeting shall include “a listing of topics that the Chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting”.



TOWN OF WINTHROP COUNCIL ON AGING

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Council on Aging Meeting of March 13, 2025 Director's Report

Programs/Activities

Please see the attached list of special events scheduled for 2025.

We are currently working to schedule an information session for seniors with the Town Council President, Fire and School Departments on the upcoming ballot questions. The Town Clerk's office is also planning to send someone to help people fill out absentee ballot applications if they need help doing so.

Spanish with Pete Solomon will resume on April 8th. The class will meet weekly on Tuesday's from 10:30-11:30am.

The St. Patrick's Day party is now waitlisted.

I am finalizing the details of this year's Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Program and hope to have the applications out within the first or second week in March. The program allows Winthrop residents over the age to 60 to work in a Town department in exchange for a reduction in their property tax bill.

Trips

The Celtic Angels of Ireland Trip (3/10/25) is now waitlisted.

We have been informed by Best of Times that any trip cancellations have to go through the Senior Center; people cannot cancel a trip directly with BOT. They should instead notify the office, and we will contact BOT on their behalf.

As a reminder, links to sign up for Best of Times' trips, along with all other trips offered through the Senior Center, are available on our website: www.winthropma.gov/council-aging/trips.

Senior Van

January ride totals: 214 total passenger rides; 148 of the rides were within Winthrop.
February ride totals (2/1-2/21): 152 total rides; 104 have been Winthrop rides.

We have \$1,920.50 remaining from the Winthrop Foundation grant to subsidize the Winthrop van rides. We plan to apply for an additional grant to cover Winthrop rides for the upcoming fiscal year.

The van is now operating on Fridays between 8:45am and 12:30pm. Ridership has been a little slow but is picking up (it has only been three weeks). We will continue to advertise and make sure people know the van now runs on Fridays.

Personnel

Nicole Rizzotto, our new Assistant Director/Outreach Coordinator, starts on Monday 3/3. Nicole currently works in the Town's Finance Department. We are excited to welcome her to the COA.

If you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them during the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Rodes
Director