Minutes of the Commission on Aging Monthly Meeting
April 9, 2026

Attendees: Marie MacDonald, Chair Patricia Miller, E. Leon Rivers, Jeanette Rivers Kay Sherman, Shirley Thompson, Peter Wilcox

Guests: Yvette Huyghue-Pannell (Senior Services Liaison), Lori Myers (Senior Services), 19 residents and Yvette Moore from Coventry Place

Absent: Vice Chair Robert Berman, Halesteen Graham Days

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 pm.

Old Business

Monthly visits to local senior housing developments have been established. Visits were made to Interfaith Homes in March, with upcoming visits planned for Federation Homes and Woodside Village in the Fall.

On March 2, a Pre-St. Patrick's Day Celebration Breakfast was held in partnership with Touchpoints at Bloomfield. Approximately 45 participants attended.

New Business

A Pre-Mother's Day Luncheon will be held on Monday, May 4 at The Simsbury Inn.

UR Community Cares will host "Techie Time" on May 13, offering technical assistance to participants. The Senior Services Department is also working to schedule an additional session in June.

The 11th Annual Casual Prom will take place on May 14 at the Senior Center in partnership with University High School of Science and Engineering. Approximately 30 residents aged 55+ are expected to attend to enjoy lunch, dancing, and games.

Public Comments

Residents inquired about assistance with starting a garden. It was suggested they begin with raised garden beds.

Yvette invited residents to share the types of activities they are interested in and reviewed current offers available through the Senior Services Department. She noted that two weekend trips are offered each month-one on Saturday and one on Sunday- at no cost.

Additional programs include:

- Weekly Bingo on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. ($1.00 per card)
- Instructional exercise classes
- Health programs offered by the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District.
- An upcoming trip to see the Michael Jackson movie at Parkade Movie Theater in Manchester is scheduled for May.
- The Pre-Juneteenth Celebration will take place on June18 at a cost of $15.00 per attendee.

Coventry Place residents were encouraged to share ideas for future trips by calling or stopping by the Senior Services office.

One resident mentioned previously participating Wii Bowling. It was noted that this activity is still held on Tuesday and Thursday for those interested.

Residents of Coventry Place expressed concerns about speeding traffic in front of their building, stating that it is difficult to cross the street safety due to vehicles not adhering to traffic signals. They were advised to contact the town to explore possible solutions and assistance.

The minutes for the February 2026 and March 2026 meetings were approved, with a motion by Shirley Thompson and a second by E. Leon Rivers.

Peter Wilcox made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Shirley Thompson. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on May 6, 2026, at 330 Park Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Sherman and Lori Myers