

Office for the Aging Advisory Council Report to Taghkanic Town Board
On the 20 November 2015 Meeting

The Advisory Council of the Office for the Aging met on Friday, 20 November 2015. It was the third of three scheduled fall meetings.

Town News:

- ◆ Several towns have holiday programs scheduled for senior groups.
- ◆ Newly elected Supervisors are expected to make some changes such as bringing back a town newsletter.
- ◆ Catholic Charities has opened a pilot program in New Lebanon to assist people with service-related paperwork every third Wednesday from 10AM to 2PM.
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity has scheduled two pilot projects in Canaan that will address home maintenance issues in two senior households.

Agency News:

OFA:

- ◆ There is a general call for Meals on Wheels drivers.
- ◆ HEAP program is open and two (2) OFA staff members are dedicated to taking applications. No appointment is necessary.

DSS:

- ◆ SNAP and HEAP programs are busy. Renovations are complete on the second floor and will soon be ready on the first floor of the offices. New vehicles have extended service reach.
- ◆ There is a Mobile Crisis Assessment Team that operates from Noon t 8PM seven days a week. It serves Columbia and Greene counties and can be reached at (518) 943-5555.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be 15 April 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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