

Office for the Aging Advisory Council Report
On the 20 October 2017 Meeting
To the November 2017 Taghkanic Town Board

The Advisory Council of the Office for the Aging met on Friday, 20 October 2017. It was the second of three scheduled fall meetings.

Agency News:

◆ **OFA:**

A successful Golden Gathering was held on 14 October at Columbia Greene Community College. Safe At Home surveys were distributed and collected there and results will be added to the presentation to the Board of Supervisors' Breakfast to be held on 17 November. The responses are expected to be further support for the Safe At Home concept.

Ken Shoemaker, OFA Financial Operations Officer, reviewed the OFA Annual Implementation Plan of 2018-19 and announced the Public Hearing schedule.

Shopping Trips: Bus trips to Colonie Center are scheduled for November 16, 17 and 30 for various towns. Call Susan Alexander at 518567-3677 to make a reservation.

◆ **NY Connects**

Lynda Scheer reported the new schedule for NY Connects on-site work at DSS, Canaan Town Hall and Copake Town Hall to help people navigate through Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP and other applications. If this program is successful it will be implemented at other sites.

Council Reports:

Carol Hegeman of Chatham stated that there is a broader audience of people who should be aware of OFA and other agency services. As one possibility to spread the word, Carol proposed information be sent to churches for their bulletins.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be 17 November 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Thompson
Town Representative to the Office for the Aging Advisory Council