

**Office for the Aging Advisory Council Report**  
**On the 20 April 2018 Meeting**  
**To the May 2018 Taghkanic Town Board Meeting**

First, it is a pleasure to announce that Jean Stuppelbeen has accepted the Town Board appointment to Taghkanic Representative to the Columbia County OFA Advisory Board.

The Advisory Council of the Office for the Aging met on Friday, 20 April 2018. It was the first of three scheduled Spring meetings.

For the first time in my experience with the Advisory Council to the Columbia County Office for Aging, all but one town was represented at this meeting. It was necessary for the late-comers to sit in a second row around the edges of the table in a large conference room. There are many new members of this Council!

As a way of introduction and focus on Aging Safely and Successfully at Home, each member was asked to cite one important service needed to maintain independence in one's own home as aging brings on limitations such as mobility. It became a fruitful discussion. The top three topics appear to be in-home services, how and where to get information about services, and transportation.

**Agency News:**

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A second van will be added to the transportation service available through the OFA. The current van is an on-demand service (just call and request). The second one to be delivered soon may become a scheduled service.

Would a shopping service be welcomed? Such a service does exist at the CC OFA now. It is available to people on a once every two-week basis and can be transportation to and from the store OR the driver will take the list and do the shop for the individual. Payment is by check.

Senior Citizen Day will be a fall picnic this year. The place is yet to be determined but all Columbia County seniors will be invited and the two Seniors of the Year and all volunteer will be honored.

Frozen meals will become much better soon. After several years of work the grant application to fund flash freeze equipment was awarded and the Nutrition Kitchen will install it this summer. The frozen meals will be made and frozen locally and are sure to be less costly and better quality than what is available now.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be 11 May 2018. It is a week early this month because a Grand Jury is meeting in the room used by the Council.

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