

**Town of East Greenwich  
Ad Hoc Community and Senior Center Advisory Committee  
Swift Community Center, 121 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818  
Tuesday, March 31, 2015**

**Members present:** George Coleman, Joyce Coleman, Elizabeth Holmander, Maureen Tortolanni

**Members absent:** Helen Friend, Grazina Kulawas

**Staff:** Erin McAndrew, Carol Tudino

The meeting began at 1:00 p.m.

George Coleman made a motion to approve the February 24, 2015 minutes. Maureen Tortolanni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was held about charging independent contractors \$2 per client when they offer services at Swift (i.e. reflexology, manicures, etc.). George Coleman made a motion to deny charging the \$2 fee per person. Elizabeth Holmander seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The group discussed upcoming programs. A new program in April will be a Cooking Class sponsored by Atria Harborhill on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Joe Furtado, the head chef at Atria will be showing participants how to create a simple pasta dish with spinach, tomato and a pesto cream sauce. A drop-in Pickleball program (also sponsored by Atria) will be offered on the basketball courts behind Swift on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The program is weather dependent and will be offered every Friday from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. The fee is \$2 per person. Equipment will be supplied. All participants must sign a release of liability and assumption of risk agreement prior to playing.

The Anniversary Luncheon tickets are on sale at Swift. Phone reservations will not be accepted. The luncheon will celebrate 11 years for the Senior Services Department and 5 years since renovations were completed on Swift. The meal is a garden salad, stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, green bean almondine and dessert. Dessert will be provided by the Saint Elizabeth Home. Entertainment will be provided by Mike Dee. The suggested donation is \$3 per ticket.

Tickets for My Fair Lady at Theatre By The Sea will go on sale on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The fee is \$55 per person and includes the show, lunch at Bistro By The Sea and transportation.

The Department is in need of a volunteer to operate the commercial dishwasher on Wednesdays between 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The volunteer opportunity was advertised in the March newsletter and will be advertised in the April newsletter.

Adolph Johnson was a Bingo caller every other Monday for about 10 years. He told Erin in January that he will no longer be able to call Bingo. Shirley Morales and Richard Kelly both volunteered to call Bingo. Shirley called Bingo on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and did a great job! Richard will call on April 6<sup>th</sup>. If both of them like calling, Erin will develop a schedule for the remainder of 2015 that rotates volunteer callers; Aurelia DiCeccio, Shirley and Richard.

A comment was made that the caterer's sheet-cakes are dry and crumbly. Someone said the cakes might be missing an extra ingredient such as an egg or oil. Erin will email Encore Catering to tell them about the cakes. Otherwise the food is excellent!

Performance Physical Therapy has been offering Posture and Balance classes at Swift on Thursdays from 1:15 – 2:00 p.m. The classes are free. All of the participants seem to be enjoying the program. The classes will end on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Lepre Physical Therapy will offer similar classes from June – August. Performance Physical Therapy said they would like to offer classes again in the fall.

Erin will advertise the need for more Senior Advisory Committee members in the monthly newsletters.

The Summer Picnic will be held at the East Greenwich Veteran Fireman's Association on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon. Entertainment will be provided by Mike Dee. Tickets will go on sale on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Phone reservations will not be accepted. The suggested donation is \$3 per ticket. Encore Catering will provide the food. Volunteers are needed to help cook and serve.

The next meeting will be held at Swift on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 2:10 p.m.