

Safe at Home Committee Meeting
May 22, 2026 3:00 pm
Meeting Place, Cook and Larder

Attendance: Joyce Ferrentino, Joyce Lapenn, Lynda Brenner, Rene Gibson, Dee Crawford, Natalie Kahan, Patti Rohrlich, Shirley Bresler, Timi Bates, Mary Lou Kersten

Coffee Hour

May - Older Americans Month. Harvey Granat will perform and address the theme of older American's month. Patti lead person. Expect a good attendance. May need two registration areas. Lynda will talk up the Wednesday Walks. Please take photos of the event for possible use in publications later.

June – Picnic in the park. Will take place June 30th, rain or shine. Application is in the works for use of the upper barn in the RoeJan Park. Haldane has agreed to provide music.

Rene will ask about getting tables set up in advance. Lynne is following up with Stewarts about an ice cream donation. If we don't get ice cream will opt for pre cut watermelon.

Rene is following up with Freshtown regarding coleslaw and sandwiches, thinking about basic turkey, cheese, ham options. Rene is purchasing individual bags of chips. She will also make homemade lemonade. Beverages will be water (canned) and lemonade.

Joyce F has cups. Please contact her regarding water containers and lemonade dispensers.

Joyce L has plates, plastic forks and napkins.

Shirley and Lynda to bring coolers. Natalie and Dee will bring ice.

Tablecloths are needed. Rene has some for possible use.

Joyce F will set up a date for us to check out the location and finalize details.

If anyone has an outdoor game, perhaps bring it.

July – Baseball, the Great American Pastime. Joyce F responsible person.

August – Dr. Green on Aging Wisely, Rene responsible person.

September – Brenda Shufelt, Hudson and Whaling. Point person, Mary Lou. This might be switched with October speaker.

October – A talk on different Medicare and Supplement options. October is open enrollment month.

Possibly Rachel Cole as a speaker. Joyce F point person.

November – Will try to get a speaker on cooking and a demonstration. Joyce L to check out a possibility.

December – Holiday party.

Town newsletter submissions for coffee hours need to be in by the 20th of the month.

Background information on the speakers is needed before then to meet this deadline.

Joyce F is not responsible for gathering information on the various speakers that have been recruited by those speakers where she was not the responsible. Please email this information to her in advance to meet the deadline.

Wednesday – Walking Schedule

Committee members handle their assigned days. If they can't be there they should arrange a back up. Laura Griffin created a great poster that we can use to promote the walks at coffee hours and farm market.

Farm Market Table

July 25 - Joyce L and Patti, August 15 - Mary Lou and Lynne. Back ups Joyce F, Rene and Timi.

Book Dreams

Stories Across Generations, thank you celebration luncheon and for volunteers and children was May 18. Photos of volunteers will go into the newsletter.

We need more volunteers for the next season. It starts in November and goes through May, meets once a week, 30-35 minutes. This will be discussed at the May coffee hour.

Quarterly Newsletter

We need better software for newsletter delivery. Will ask Laura Griffin to come and explain which software would work best.

Next issue of Seniors Connect is July. Please send Joyce F ideas for inclusion.

Help stock the blessing box Please support this activity.

Of NOTE

The idea of day trips was explored. The cost of a bus rental well exceeds our budget.

Joyce F will no longer be the chair of the committee, her request to take a break from this role. She will continue being a member of the committee. We were asked to talk to people to see if they would like to join the committee, Lynda will ask Jane. Mary Lou will ask too.

Next Meeting, June 26 , 2026 3:00 pm, Friday at Cook and Larder