

Safe at Home Committee Meeting
June 26, 2026 3:00 pm
Meeting Place, Cook and Larder

Attendance: Joyce Ferrentino, Joyce Lapenn, Lynda Brenner, Dee Crawford, Natalie Kahan, Patti Rohrllich, Shirley Bresler, Jane Mcdonough, Mary Lou Kersten
Welcome new member Jane Mcdonough to the Safe at Home Committee

Coffee Hour

June – Picnic in the Park June 30.

Joyce will post signage on Saturday morning announcing the picnic at the farmers market.

Menu: Rene will get the sandwiches from Freshtown and provide bags of chips, Joyce F will pick up the ice cream from Stewarts, Dee will bring ice, Shirley and Lynda are bringing coolers and scoops, Patti is bringing forks and plates, Lynda and Patti are assembling decorative flower arrangements for the tables which will given out as party favors, Timi - napkins. Patti will check on condiments for the sandwiches.

There will be no sign up sheets but there will be a greeting table, Timi at the table.

Sheets will be available for participants to sign up their email addresses if we don't have them.

There will be name tags.

Although there is no sign up sheet we need to do a head count of participants for our records and follow up on grants.

Bill and/or Zelda will help people get up to the barn with a golf cart if they cannot walk up the hill.

Committee meets 10:00 am on Monday, June 29 to set up tables and benches.

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

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

September – Rachel Cole from the Health Care Consortium. A talk on different Medicare and Supplement options. She will also speak on available transportation for non-emergency medical appointments. Joyce F point person.

October – Brenda Shufelt, Hudson and Whaling. Point person, Mary Lou.

November – Food and gratitude. Speaker is Julie Gale. Joyce L point person

December – Holiday party.

Jane will ask Danny Pelosi about speaking in February or March.

Will also ask the owners of Book and Cake to speak one month.

Christine Doctor will be asked to speak in the spring on gardening.

Consider asking the owner of Tivoli mushrooms if he would speak.

Yoga talk, Patti has name of contact.

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

Attendance is very low. Will use the poster at the coffee hour and continue to talk about it.

Joyce L will ask if the HVRT would be willing to mention the walks in their newsletter. Joyce F will

talk to the knitting club. Committee members handle their assigned days. If they can't be there they should arrange a back up. Will need volunteers for the additional Wednesday in July.

Farm Market Table

July 25 - Joyce L and Patti, August 15 - Mary Lou and Lynda. Back ups Joyce F, Rene and Timi. Rene has all the supporting information for the table.

Book Dreamst

Stories Across Generations. Laura and AI developed a flyer regarding the program. Needs Taconic Hills to sign off on it before it can go public. It will be used to recruit volunteers for the program. We need more volunteers for the next season. There are other ways one can volunteer their time to this project, there are also one time volunteer possibilities that don't involve a longer term time commitment.

Quarterly Newsletter

Laura Griffin does not think we need new software. She is trying various ways to make it more accessible. Next issue of Seniors Connect is July. Please send Joyce F ideas for inclusion. Some ideas are to let seniors know where they can get free food and/or meals. Also include information on how people can donate their points at Freshtown to the food pantry.

Help stock the blessing box Please support this activity.

Of NOTE

The idea of day trips was explored. Not giving up on the idea. Perhaps a trip to the Campus Art Gallery, the former Ogawamick School.

Joyce F is willing to continue as chair as long as other people take on various duties to lessen her responsibilities. Jane McDonough volunteered to do grant writing and the newsletter. Patti said she would help Jane if needed.

Next Meeting. July 24 , 2026 3:00 pm, Friday at Cook and Larder