

**TOWNSHIP OF DOWNERS GROVE COMBINED  
SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SALT COUNCIL**

Minutes --- 10-01-18

**SAC Committee:** Ralph Beardsley, Vice Chair; Kathy Abbate. Resident; Floyd Mizener, Resident; Robert Petranek, Coldwell Banker; Gaye Wagner Resident/Independence4Seniors;  
**SALT:** Alice Krampetts- Westmont Park District, George Goodwin, AARP, Troy Agema, Dupage County Sheriff's Police **Township Officials:** Mark Thoman, Supervisor, Lorraine Grimsby- Township Clerk Karen Kelly, Township Trustee/Liaison **Township Staff:** Cathy Rager- Senior Services Coordinator **Guest:** Sheri Henderson, Burr Ridge Park District/Resident

**Call to Order:** Ralph Beardsley- 1:35pm

1. **Roundtable Introductions**
2. **Public Comment:** No public comment
3. **Minutes:** September minutes approved: Kathy A. – first, Gaye – second
4. **Secretary's Report**
  - a. Dial-A-Ride discussion (Handout w/ridership & reasons for travel)
    - Cost under \$33,000; \$32600 is cost efficient for a limited shared-ride service
    - Cost well over \$100,000 for our own vehicle (liability costs etc.)
    - Added holidays @\$5 each way
    - Revenue from DAR should go up from \$4700-\$4800 this year
  - b. Vintage Times- Greg Boltz, Township Assessor, was interviewed & gave an overview of the assessment and appeal process, senior exemptions, freezes, etc. and said to always call the township offices for assistance
5. **Car Care Clinic (Initial impressions)**
  - a. 44 cars lined up, 43 attended
  - b. AARP commented that almost everyone had some sort of modification to their car: safety belts, seat position, rear and side view mirrors etc.
  - c. Charlene Slighting w/AAA teaches car safety we can call her as well.
  - d. Additional safety suggestions for seniors & others- pedal extenders (get prescription for it; also must be 10" away from your air bag
  - e. George recommended that we go over the "mechanics" sheet for next year to make the sheet and volunteer "teams" are more efficient
  - f. Checking lights & air in tires should be 2 people only- note carefully which tires NEED air on the mechanics sheet- only fill those- weren't that many
  - g. Early on, the line was a bit long & slow moving- faster way of getting cars through? Seniors leave cars earlier... but not too early?
6. **AARP Smart Driver Class-**
  - a. Next meeting- schedule the 8 hour class for March
7. **Motion to Adjourn – 2:30pm** Ralph- 1<sup>st</sup>, Kathy- 2<sup>nd</sup>
8. **Future Meeting/Event dates:**
  - a. Oktober Fest- FFDGTS Major Fundraiser- October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm Aspired Living
  - b. The Country House Clarendon Hills House Shares – November 12-18<sup>th</sup>
  - c. December Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping