



Seniors Community Conversation Notes: May 3rd, 2023

TRENDS:

- Glenda subsidizes meals on wheels. The need for this program is great but the funding is not there.
- Glenda needs volunteers to help with meal deliveries and to help spread the word about Meals on Wheels.
- Respite for caregivers continues to be a need. Janeen and Jo-Ann are working on a plan to co-facilitate the COMPASS for caregivers' program.
- JEEC is hosting workshops that will help seniors identify skills they don't know they have. They will then match that skillset up with employers who are looking to fill positions. JEEC has also set up a simple resume bank that caters to seniors. More to come on this front.
- Senior workers from Ukraine are in the community and looking for work.
- There are concerns from seniors in regards to emergency planning.
- Employers are filling positions with older workers.
- Healthy Aging CORE Alberta email is <healthyaging@calgaryunitedway.org>
- There is an increased interest in pickleball on the tennis courts. There is no pickleball inside because space is an issue.
- Seniors who are being offered a refund on their fitness and aquatic centre passes are donating that savings to the Jasper Community Team Society's Child and Youth Participation Fund.
- Councillor Waxer reported that municipal Council approved the formalization of Communities in Bloom, a committee aimed at increasing the beautification and livability of communities.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

- Seniors' Society spring dinner went well, they have 20 new members and a lot of interest in the society.
- Jasper Employment and Education Centre has a "mini job bank" employers can refer to, to get seniors working.
- Evergreens has given bus passes to Community Outreach Services to give out to anyone who needs them.
- Janeen has taken COMPASS for the Caregiver and is now taking their facilitator training.
- Verhey Friendly Visiting will be running an adult day program for seniors soon.
- Library staff are doing really creative work on emergency prep with the Firesmart Grant this year. They are organizing a neighbourhood 'walk' with information around their neighbourhood about Firesmart and emergency preparedness.
- Free Seniors passes to recreation facilities launch on June 1. Seniors Society expressed thanks to the Municipality for the free passes. Fitness and Aquatic Centre pro-rated/refunded any differences to seniors who already purchased a pass.
- The free seniors passes to rec facilities do not cover programming. That still needs to be paid if seniors intend to attend. Aquafit is less than \$3 per session.



- Bivalent booster vaccine for 65+ or folks in extended living facilities.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS OR EVENTS:

- Seniors' Society meeting on Monday at 3:30PM in the Senior's Lounge.
- May 29th Elections Canada (May 23-27) is looking for volunteers.
- Rick from TGP is leaving town and folks wants to throw an event to celebrate his contributions. If interested in collaborating, contact Janis at the Jasper Seniors' Society.
- United Church plant sale is coming up, May 25-27 at McCready Centre.
- May 15th and 18th at 10AM there will be workshops at JEEC for seniors with an employment coach. One session will be for identifying skill sets and the other about availability. These workshops were promoted through the Jasper Chamber and Employer Network.
- The Library has a seniors *From the Stacks* program.
- The Secret Garden Tour is coming up.
- Library book sale on June 17th.
- June 8th the Municipality will be taking part in the highway cleanup.
- Seniors Week is June 4-10
 - Monday the 5th there will be a band at Alpine for all seniors.
 - There will be an open house at the senior's facility.
 - There will be a display at the library
 - The municipality will let partners know what the plans are once they are solidified

ACTION:

- **Seniors' Society** mapping family tree as a programming idea?
- **Lisa** to invite Glenda the Great to Food Security Conversations.
- **Janeen and Ginette** to discuss how income affects pension and other benefits.
- Ukrainian Emergency prep guide onto the website.
- **Ginette** to send the Emergency Plan Guide to employers.



What do you think?

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Promote your program or event:

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- ✓ [Community Conversations schedule and information](#)
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- ✓ Application to join Community Conversations
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Do you have neighbours or colleagues who are new to Jasper?

- ✓ The [New to Jasper page of the website](#) has helpful information for them.

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