

DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

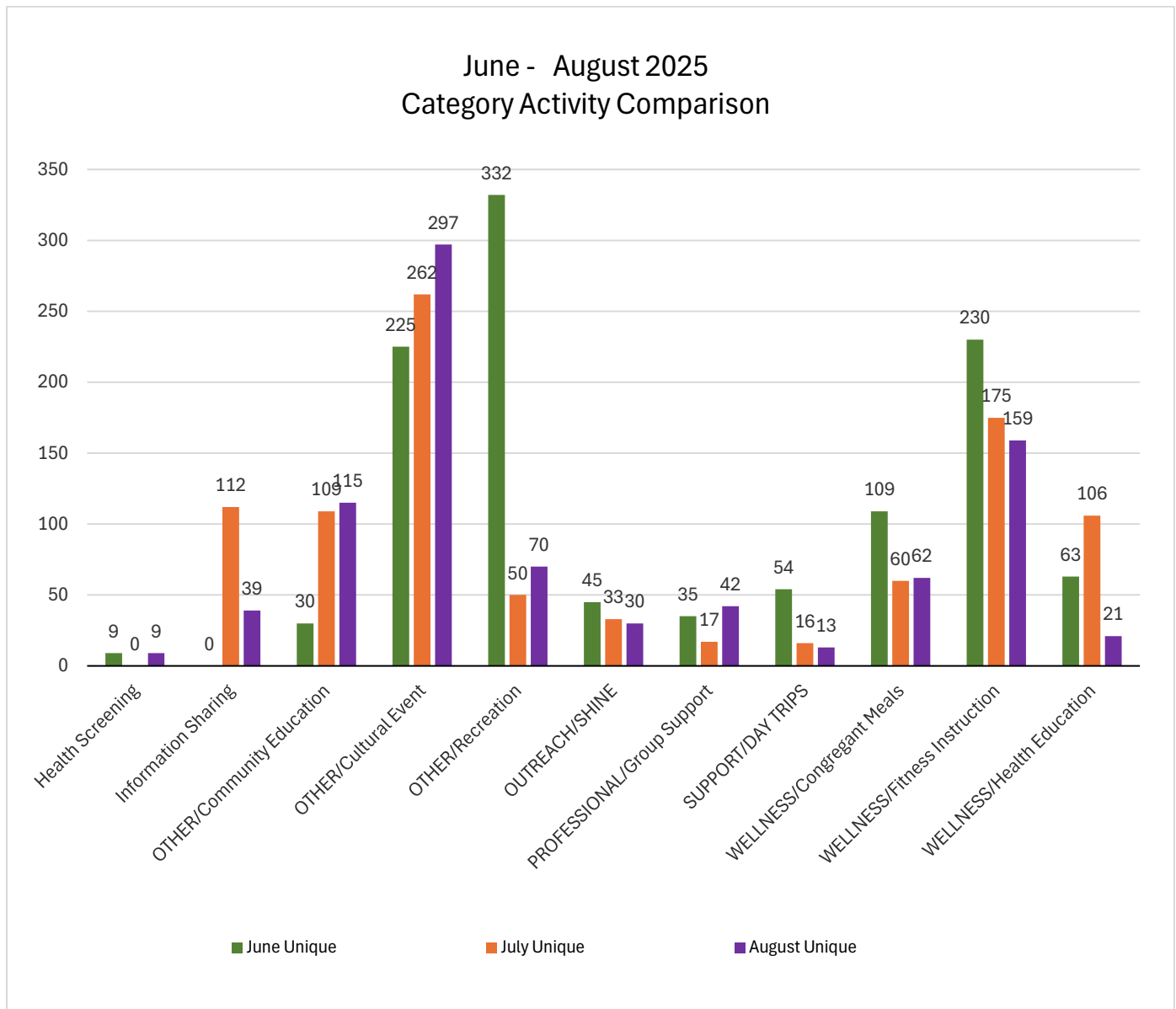
Kathy Savage, Acting Director, submitted for September 18, 2025

Enrollment

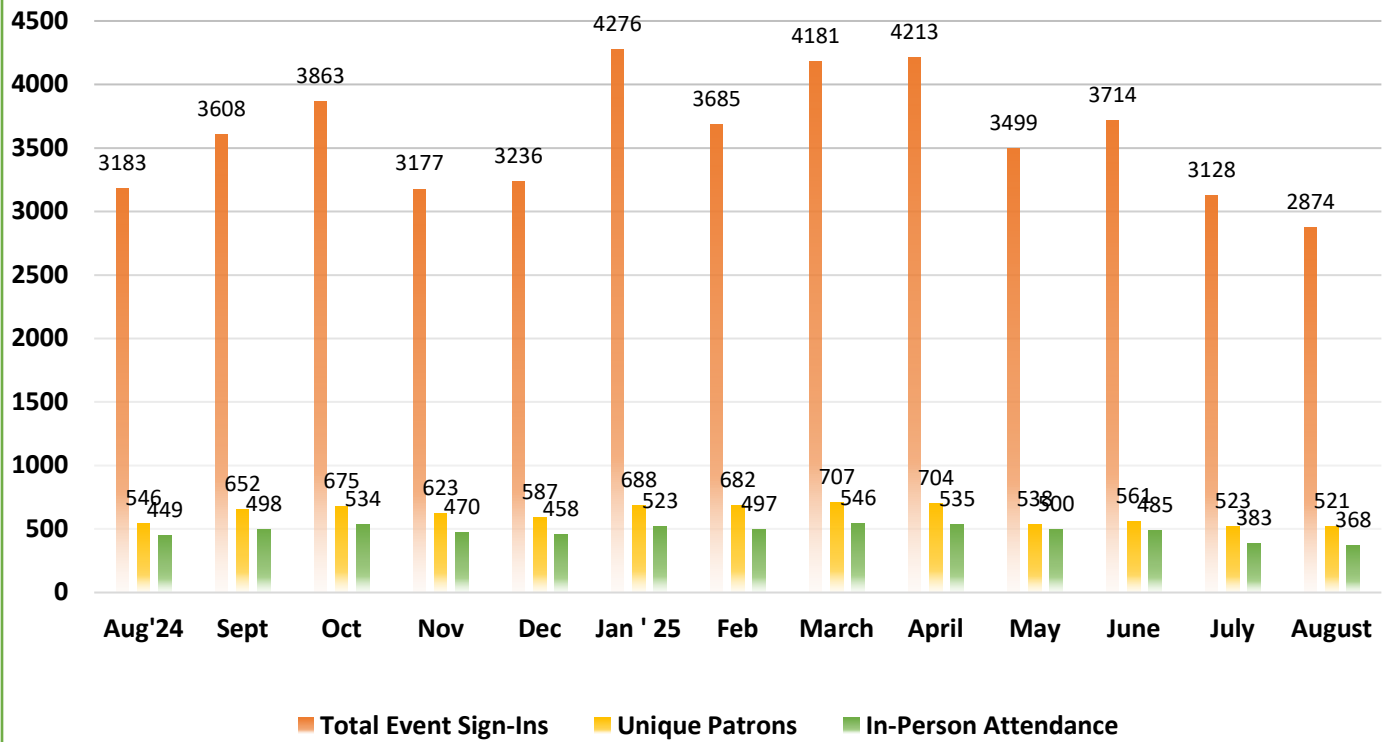
During August, the COA acquired 13 new patrons – 8 of whom are Wellesley residents and 5 are nonresidents. Of these, 6 are in the 60-69 age group, 6 are in the 70-79 age group, and 1 are in the 80+ age group. Additionally, 9 patrons are female, and 4 are male. Of the 552 patrons who participated in programming, 429 are Wellesley residents, and 123 are non-residents.

Actual Sign-Ups

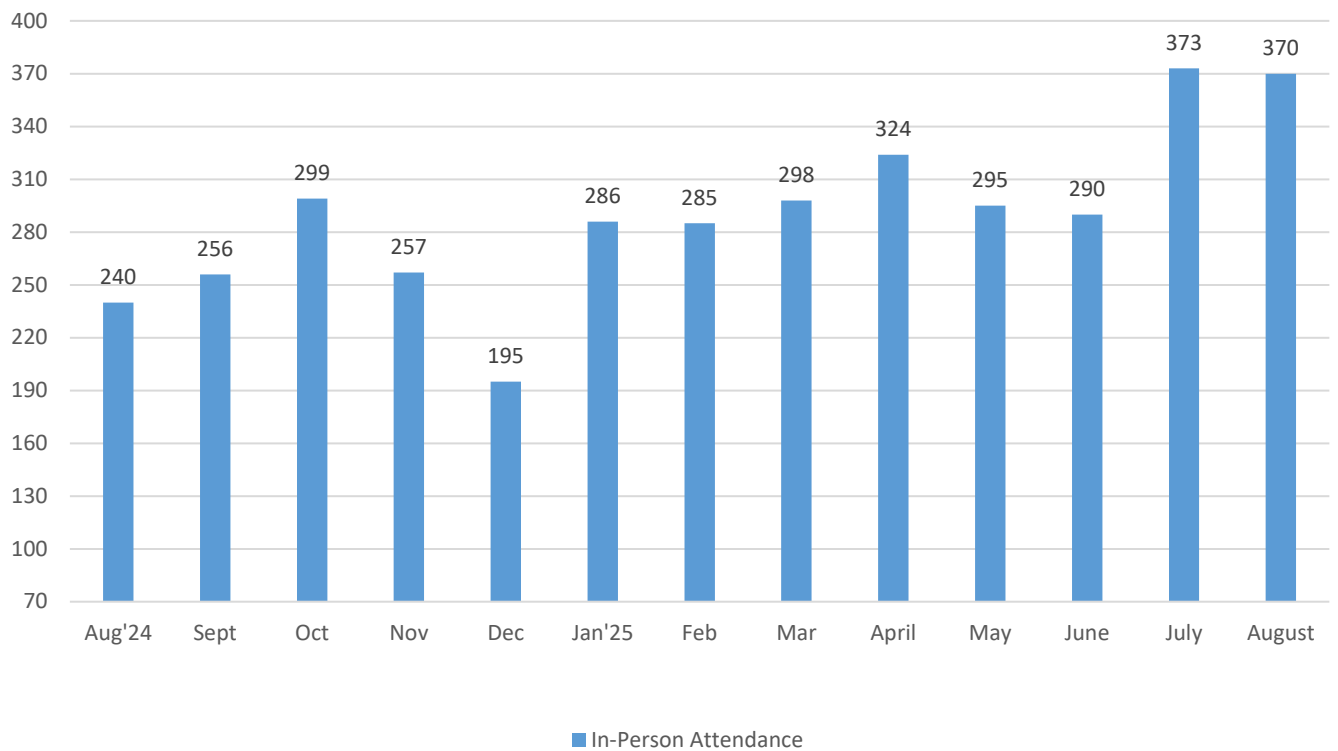
We had 2874 Total Event Sign-Ups with 521 total unique patrons for the month.



EVENT PARTICIPATION



Lunches



Event Capacity -- 08/01/2025 to 08/31/2025

Event Name	Resident	NonResident	Waitlist	Max Capacity	% Attended of Max Capacity
American Palaces: The Grandeur of Biltmore (VIR)	44	12	0	75	75%
APT - SHINE - George	3	1	0	6	67%
APT - SHINE - Rochelle	1	2	0	3	100%
APT - Tuesday Tech Help Lois	3	0	0	12	25%
ART - Dried Flower Wreaths	11	1	4	15	80%
BINGO	12	1	0	20	65%
Bridge	19	10	0	48	60%
BUS - Market Basket	7	0	0	10	70%
BUS - Trader Joes	5	0	0	10	50%
BUS - Walmart/Target	7	0	0	10	70%
Cards and Games	5	22	0	210	13%
Cornhole Tournaments	12	3	0	16	94%
Cribbage	28	1	0	60	48%
Donuts and Coffee with Wellesley Police	13	1	0	20	70%
DRP - Drop In Knitting	14	23	0	90	41%
DRP - Drop In Painting	10	0	0	100	10%
Farmers Market Coupons	20	0	0	20	100%
FIT - All Levels Yoga - ZOOM	65	0	0	350	19%
FIT - Cardio Dance and Strength - ZOOM	8	0	0	100	8%
FIT - Chair Yoga - ZOOM	27	43	0	150	47%
FIT - Core and More - ZOOM	14	0	0	150	9%
FIT - Fit For Life - ZOOM	21	0	0	150	14%
FIT - Pilates - ZOOM	10	0	0	100	10%
FIT - Seated Strength and Balance - ZOOM	102	20	0	400	31%
FIT - Tai Chi - Zoom	8	0	0	150	5%
FIT - Yoga for Better Balance - ZOOM	42	0	0	400	11%
Fitness Center	369	0	0	630	59%
FOD - Lunch	328	15	2	408	84%
General Visit/Coffee/Library	389	52	0	1,050	42%
GRP - Economy Watch: A Financial Discussion	14	1	3	20	75%
GRP - Men in Retirement	29	12	0	48	85%
GRP - Social Connections	41	9	0	120	42%
GRP - The Afternoon Discussion Group	5	6	0	20	55%
GRP - Women in Retirement	8	2	0	24	42%
Is that a CoyWolf In My Back Yard?	22	3	1	35	71%
Keep Well Clinic	4	0	0	24	17%
KevTech	28	7	15	40	88%

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Kona Truck	30	6	0	50	72%
Late Summer Wildflowers and Insects	26	7	0	35	94%
Les Paul & Mary Ford - Frank King	30	5	8	35	100%
Mah Jongg	32	12	0	60	73%
Mexican Train Dominoes	14	2	0	40	40%
Movie - A Complete Unknown (2024)	28	6	2	35	97%
Movie - Ballad of Wallis Island (2025)	21	4	0	35	71%
Movie - Perfect Days (2023)	22	3	0	34	74%
Movie - The Friend (2025)	26	4	0	35	86%
Ping Pong	84	4	0	216	41%
Podiatry Clinic	5	2	0	9	78%
Pool	88	24	0	315	36%
Protections and Abominations: Tariffs in US His.	27	7	15	35	97%
Scrabble	13	3	0	32	50%
SUP - Non-resident newsletter fee	0	0	0	20	0%
The Golden Age of Musical Theatre	25	11	8	35	103%
Tiny Gardens Workshop	7	3	0	18	56%
Violins and Vocals	15	7	0	35	63%
Walking Group	83	25	0	260	42%
Total Duplicated	2,324	382	58		
Total Unduplicated	384	118	45		

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GIFTS FOR AUGUST 2025

\$213.91	Friends of the Wellesley COA	Coffee Subsidy August 2025
\$1,194.00	Friends of the Wellesley COA	Lunch Subsidy August 2025
\$1,965.00	Almira Simons Fund	Simons Lunch August 2025
\$5.00	Almira Simons Fund	Programming/Scholarship August 2025
\$20.00	Giancarlo Solari	General Donation to our lunch program

Director's Report - Program Highlights August 2025

August offered a strong mix of educational, cultural, and wellness programming:

- **Nature & Science** – Audubon's *Late Summer Wildflowers and Insects* talk, and Robert Michelson's engaging session on coyotes and hybrid "coywolves."
- **Music & Culture** – American Palaces: The Grandeur of Biltmore and Vizcaya, Michael Goodwin's kickoff to *The Golden Age of Musical Theater* series, Skye Darling's violin and vocals performance, Frank King, Les Paul, and Mary Ford salute.
- **Workshops & Creative Activities** – Dried Flower Wreaths at Land's Sake Farm and Tiny Coastal Gardens design workshops gave members hands-on creative outlets.
- **Educational Forums** – Topics included U.S. tariff history with Paolo DiGregorio, plus a financial discussion series (*Economy Watch*).
- **Wellness Services** – Dr. Kuizinas hosted a podiatry clinic; Health Department continues to run a Blood Pressure Clinic every other week, and the COA also continued weekly fitness programs via Zoom during the kitchen remodel.

Community Engagement

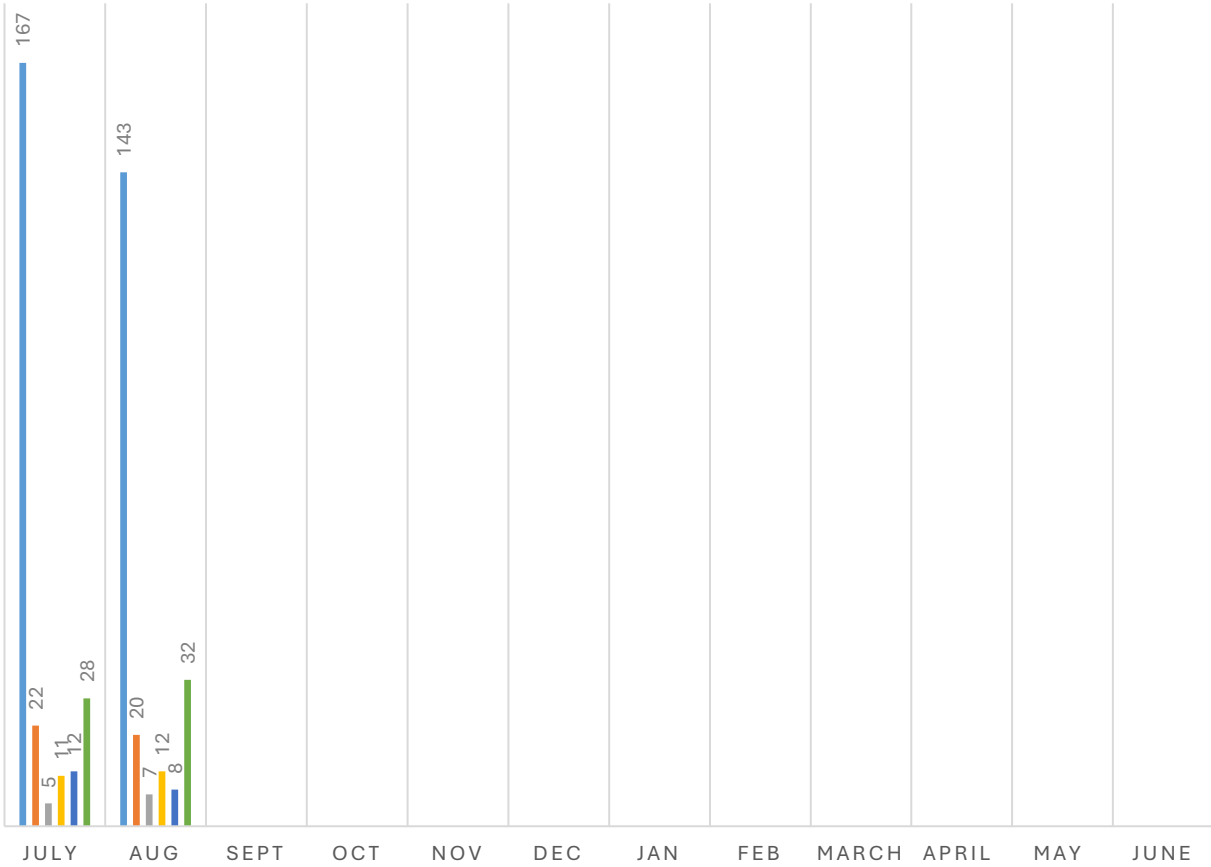
- **Social Groups**, *Social Connections*, *Men in Retirement*, *Women in Retirement*, and *Afternoon Discussion Group* fostered ongoing peer networks.
- **Police Partnership** – "Coffee and Donuts with Wellesley Police" provided direct engagement on scams and community safety.
- **Volunteer Impact** – The Teddy Bear Project continued its tradition of donating handmade stuffed animals to local nonprofits, now also partnering with Make-A-Wish.

Special Events

- **Backyard Cornhole Tournament** returned for its second summer installment, drawing enthusiastic participation and community sponsorship.
- **Kona Ice Truck Visit** capped off the month with a lighthearted, summer celebration that brought together Patrons in a casual, fun way.
- **Film & Culture** – Friday movies included *Ballad of Wallis Island*, *Perfect Days*, *The Friend*, and *A Complete Unknown*, introduced by Marie Brown, our movie volunteer.

SOCIAL SERVICES: FY 2026

■ Groups ■ Phone ■ Home ■ Office ■ Email ■ Unduplicated



Volunteer Drivers Program

August 2025

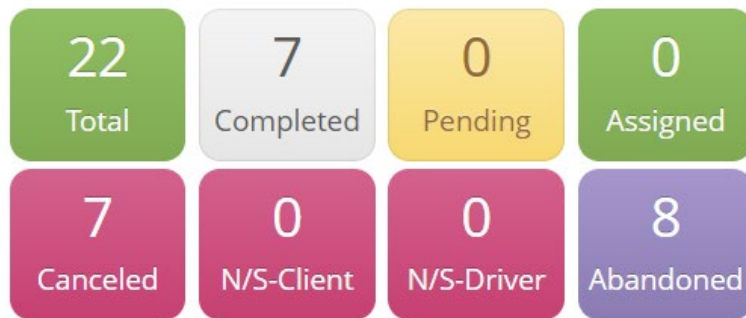
The Council on Aging had 22 total requests for volunteer rides. There were 7 cancellations from patrons, and 8 rides were abandoned. Abandoned rides is when volunteer rides have not been picked up by volunteer drivers. Abandoned rides have increased due to only having 3 active volunteer drivers during the summer months.

Requests Summary



August 1, 2025 - August 31, 2025

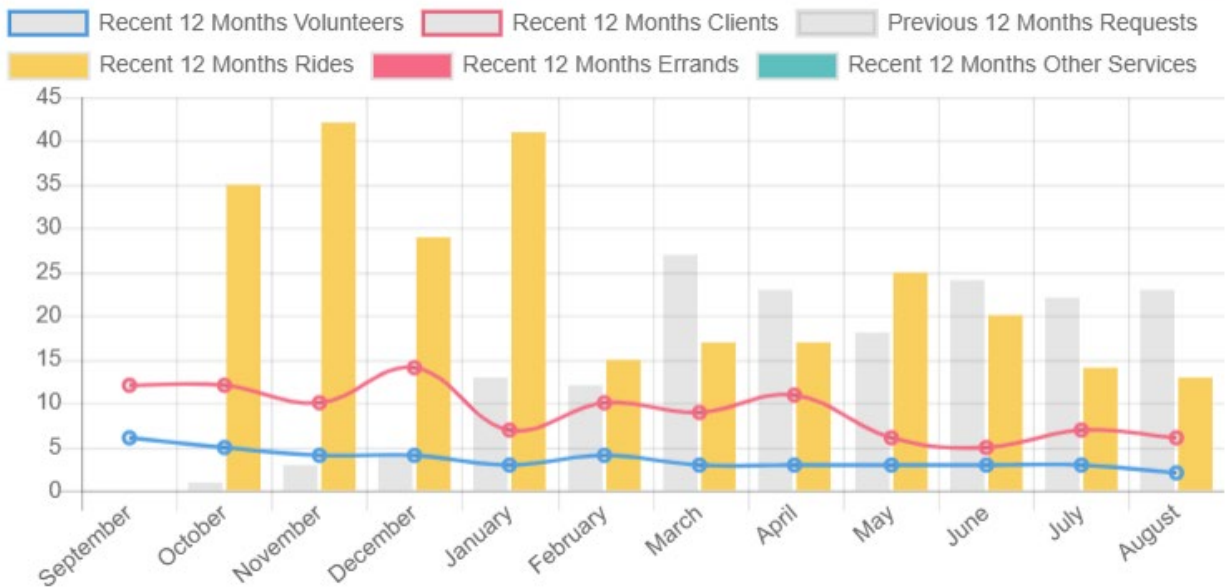
Rides





Completed Requests by Month

For Previous 24 Months



COA Task List

August 14, 2025

1. Set meeting date for new board member approval

Thursday, August 21, 2025 @ 4pm on Zoom

Meeting was held

2. Board members to send contact information for two people who don't attend the senior center to participate in a one-hour focus group meeting to Susan Rosefsky by September 5th

This was done

3. "Role of the Board" document

Document is being reviewed by Pat Deckler

4. In regard to the new Director position:

- a. Determine qualifications (board, staff and patrons)
- b. Form search committee

Search Committee has been formed

5. Review lunch policy

Lunch Policy has been reviewed, and Kathy Savage is in the process of revising

6. Review fitness class guidelines policy

Fitness Policy has been reviewed, and Kathy Savage is in the process of revising

7. FY25 Annual Town Report for board approval

DRAFT is being presented to the Board 09/18/2025

8. Set date for September finance working group meeting

Meeting is set for Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 9:00 am

9. Final report on evening program status

Report is attached

10. Final budget reconciliation

Final Budget was reconciled by Kathy Savage and Finance

11. Determine whether bus driver position is going to consulting role

The bus driver position will not be a consulting role

12. Strategic plan for CSS recommendations

***Strategic Plan will be discussed in Finance Working Group on
09/16/2025***