

DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025

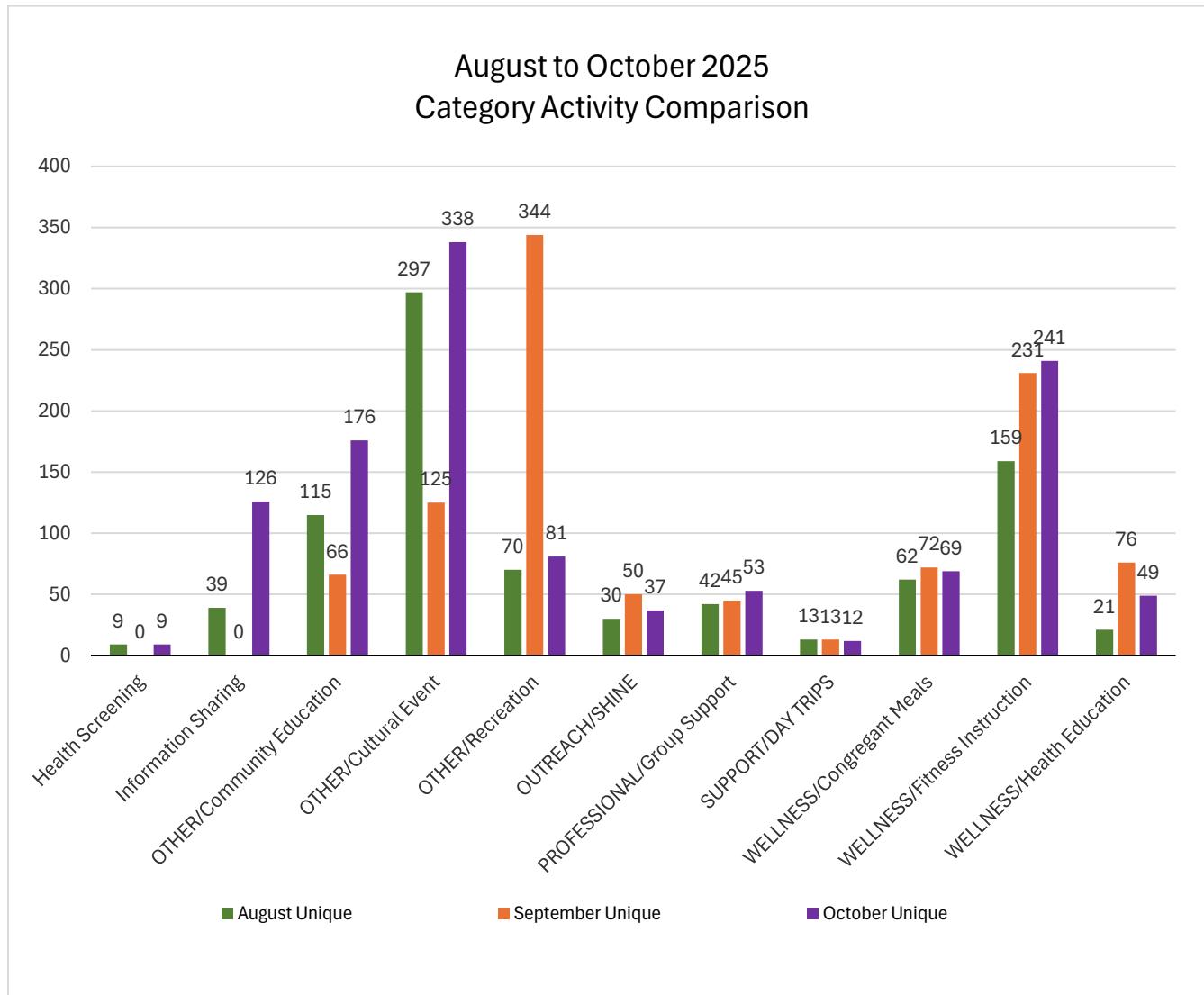
Kathy Savage, Acting Director, submitted for November 20, 2025

Enrollment

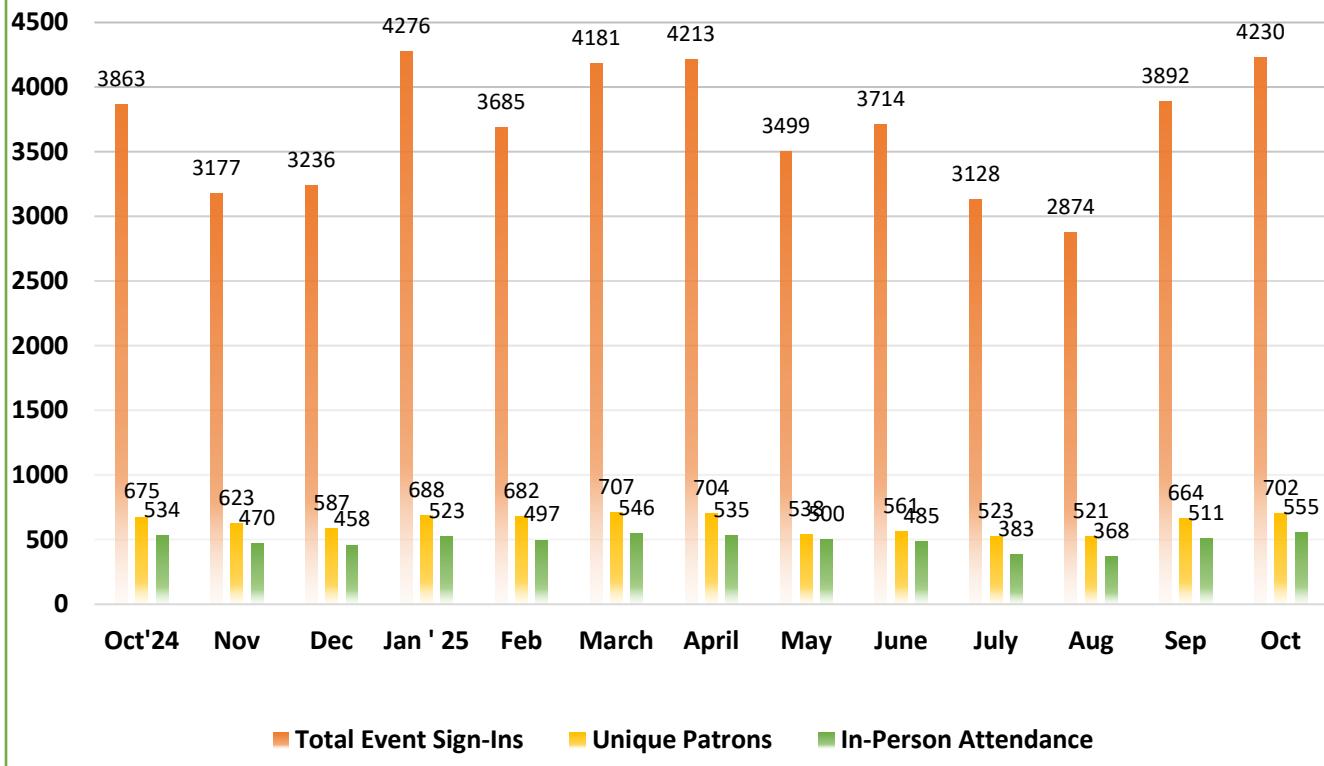
During October the COA acquired 22 new patrons – 8 of whom are Wellesley residents and 9 are nonresidents. Of these, 9 are in the 60-69 age group, 12 are in the 70-79 age group, and 1 is in the 80+ age group. Additionally, 19 patrons are female, and 3 are male. Of the 745 patrons who participated in programming, 568 are Wellesley residents, and 177 are nonresidents.

Actual Sign-Ups

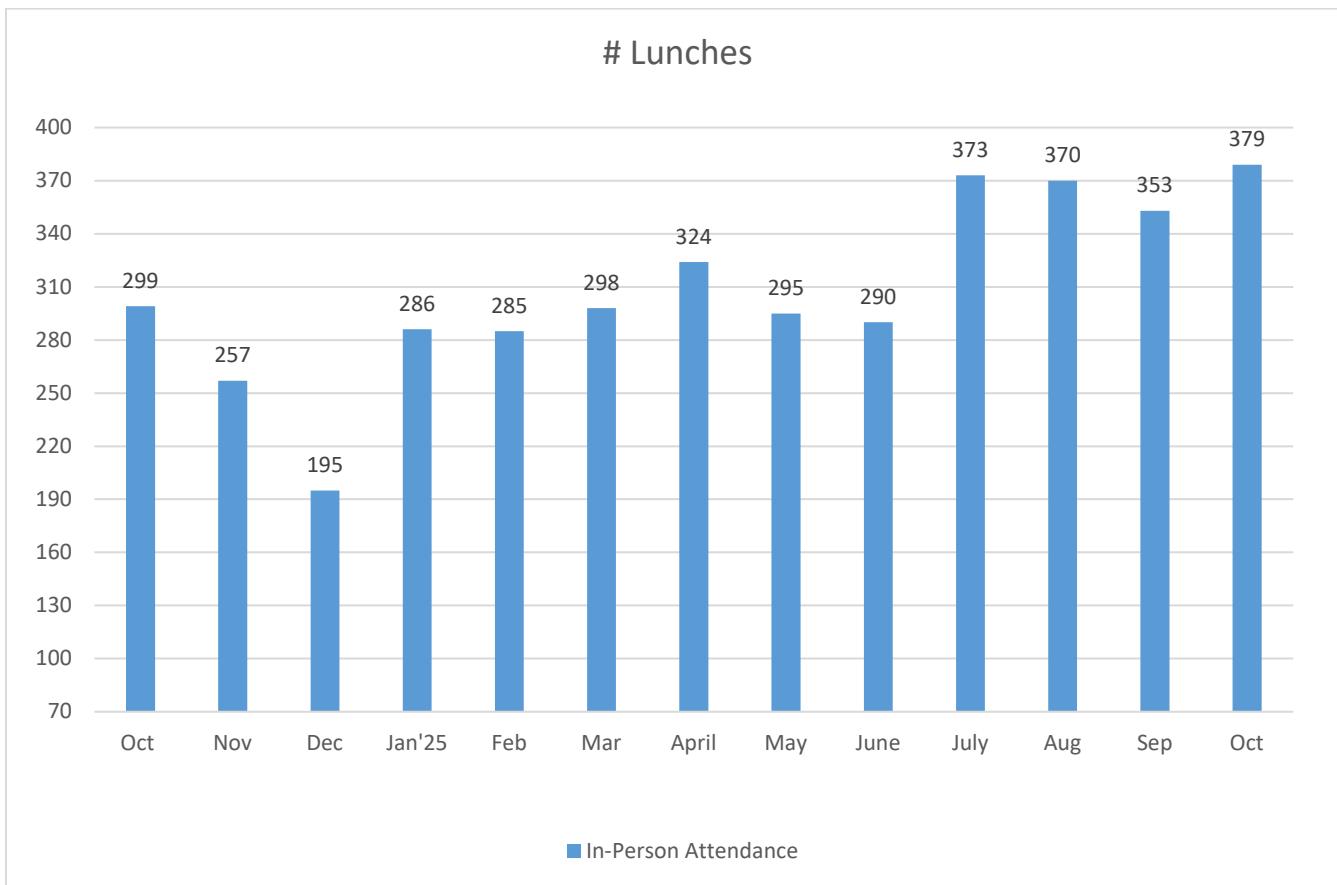
We had 4230 Total Event Sign-Ups with 702 total unique patrons for the month.



EVENT PARTICIPATION



Lunches



Event Capacity -- 10/01/2025 to 10/31/2025

| Event Name | Resident | NonResident | Waitlist | Max Capacity | % Attended of Max Capacity |
|--|----------|-------------|----------|--------------|----------------------------|
| APT - SHINE - George | 14 | 5 | 0 | 21 | 90% |
| APT - SHINE - Rochelle | 15 | 6 | 0 | 22 | 95% |
| APT - Tuesday Tech Help Lois | 4 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 42% |
| ART - Still Life Sketching | 8 | 0 | 9 | 12 | 67% |
| ART - Watercolor for All | 20 | 0 | 30 | 24 | 83% |
| Artificial Intelligence for Seniors | 38 | 2 | 46 | 50 | 80% |
| Bears Community Service | 21 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 21% |
| BINGO | 17 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 85% |
| Bridge | 33 | 12 | 0 | 60 | 75% |
| BUS - Market Basket | 6 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 67% |
| BUS - Trader Joes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 13% |
| BUS - Walmart/Target | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0% |
| Cards and Games | 19 | 39 | 0 | 210 | 28% |
| Cribbage | 31 | 2 | 0 | 60 | 55% |
| Donuts and Coffee with Wellesley Police | 12 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 65% |
| DRP - Drop In Knitting | 8 | 25 | 0 | 60 | 55% |
| DRP - Drop In Painting | 17 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 17% |
| FIT - All Levels Yoga | 69 | 3 | 31 | 90 | 80% |
| FIT - Cardio Dance and Strength | 54 | 1 | 3 | 76 | 72% |
| FIT - Chair Yoga - ZOOM | 17 | 23 | 0 | 150 | 27% |
| FIT - Core and More | 24 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 57% |
| FIT - Fit For Life | 36 | 1 | 17 | 48 | 77% |
| FIT - Hi Low Fitness | 48 | 0 | 4 | 64 | 75% |
| FIT - Pilates - ZOOM | 45 | 2 | 0 | 250 | 19% |
| FIT - Seated Strength and Balance - ZOOM | 128 | 7 | 0 | 450 | 30% |
| FIT - Tai Chi | 71 | 15 | 7 | 144 | 60% |
| FIT - Yoga for Better Balance | 86 | 2 | 4 | 162 | 54% |
| Fitness Center | 338 | 18 | 0 | 630 | 57% |
| FOD - Lunch | 359 | 17 | 3 | 410 | 92% |
| General Visit/Coffee/Library | 460 | 59 | 0 | 1,050 | 49% |
| Genetics: 23 and You | 51 | 7 | 11 | 70 | 83% |
| Greenland: A Journey Into the Land of Ice | 44 | 2 | 41 | 50 | 92% |
| GRP - All Abilities Knitting | 34 | 6 | 0 | 56 | 71% |
| GRP - American Literary Classics Book Discussion | 5 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 47% |
| GRP - Economy Watch: A Financial Discussion | 12 | 2 | 15 | 30 | 47% |
| GRP - Experienced Knitting | 31 | 3 | 2 | 56 | 61% |
| GRP - Great Poems Discussion | 5 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 40% |
| GRP - Men in Retirement | 26 | 9 | 0 | 48 | 73% |
| GRP - Shakespeare Discussion Group | 8 | 4 | 0 | 15 | 80% |
| GRP - Social Connections | 39 | 7 | 0 | 120 | 38% |
| GRP - Tell Us What You Are Reading Discussion | 4 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 31% |
| GRP - The Afternoon Discussion Group | 10 | 4 | 0 | 20 | 70% |
| GRP - Women in Retirement | 3 | 2 | 0 | 24 | 21% |
| GRP - World History Book Discussion | 3 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 20% |
| Health Fair | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Italians in Boston's North End | 30 | 6 | 36 | 35 | 103% |
| Keep Well Clinic | 2 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 8% |
| KevTech | 29 | 4 | 28 | 40 | 83% |
| Living with Wildlife in MA | 27 | 0 | 11 | 35 | 77% |
| Mah Jongg | 26 | 9 | 0 | 60 | 58% |
| Mexican Train Dominoes | 10 | 1 | 0 | 40 | 28% |
| Movie - Fly Me to the Moon (2024) | 18 | 2 | 0 | 35 | 57% |
| Movie - Hocus Pocus (1993) | 13 | 1 | 0 | 35 | 40% |
| Movie - The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2014) | 26 | 5 | 1 | 35 | 89% |

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| Movie - The Penguin Lessons (2024) | 33 | 3 | 7 | 35 | 103% |
| Movie - The Piano Lesson (2024) | 22 | 2 | 0 | 35 | 69% |
| Photography Club | 16 | 6 | 0 | 40 | 55% |
| Ping Pong | 59 | 1 | 0 | 192 | 31% |
| Podiatry Clinic | 6 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 89% |
| Pool | 76 | 63 | 0 | 315 | 44% |
| Quack to The Future: Bostons Iconic Amphibians | 25 | 6 | 7 | 35 | 89% |
| Scrabble | 14 | 2 | 0 | 40 | 40% |
| SHINE Medicare Open Enrollment | 22 | 3 | 3 | 35 | 71% |
| Shredding Event | 13 | 4 | 0 | 100 | 17% |
| SUP - Non-resident newsletter fee | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0% |
| The Salem Witchcraft Trials | 31 | 4 | 22 | 35 | 100% |
| The Strange Case of Laconia: A WWII Story (VIR) | 44 | 14 | 0 | 75 | 77% |
| The Swirling World of Art Nouveau (VIR) | 36 | 7 | 0 | 55 | 78% |
| Walking Group | 125 | 24 | 0 | 260 | 57% |
| WRK - Faux Wood Burning Coasters | 4 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 83% |
| WRK - Paper Sunflower Making | 5 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 75% |
| WRK: Candles and Waxed Leaves | 4 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 43% |
| Total Duplicated | 2,990 | 464 | 339 | | |
| Total Unduplicated | 499 | 164 | 172 | | |

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Director's Report – October 2025 Highlights

Signature Event

Health & Wellness Fair – Thursday, Oct 16 (10:30 AM–1:30 PM)

Sponsored by the Friends of the COA, the Fair featured free screenings, resources, and demonstrations in vascular care, vision, massage, nutrition, legal, and financial planning. Attendance and engagement were strong throughout the event.

Educational & Speaker Programs

Shine: 2026 Medicare Open Enrollment Session – Oct 6 Provided timely updates on coverage changes and plan review strategies.

Living with Wildlife in Massachusetts – Oct 7, Tia Pinney from Mass Audubon discussed how residents can safely coexist with local animals.

Artificial Intelligence for Seniors – Oct 8 Henry Quinlan demystified AI tools designed to support older adults.

Italians in Boston's North End – Oct 9 Historian Anthony Sammarco explored the cultural and culinary evolution of "Little Italy."

The Swirling World of Art Nouveau – Oct 15 Jane Oneail examined the artistic revolution led by Alphonse Mucha.- *Zoom*

The Strange Case of the Laconia – Oct 16 Author Michael Tougias recounted the WWII maritime disaster and its long-hidden cover-up.

Genetics: 23 and You (Parts I & II) – Oct 23 & 30 Jim McLaren led a two-part exploration of DNA, heredity, and genetic applications.

Greenland – A Journey into the Land of Ice – Oct 28 Barry Pell shared a photographic and cultural journey through Greenland's people and climate.

The Salem Witchcraft Trials – Oct 29 Judge Dennis Curran (Ret.) offered historical insight into the hysteria, myth, and morality of colonial New England.

Community & Discussion Groups

Economy Watch – Oct 3, 17 & 31 Participants discussed national and local financial trends in an informal setting.

Men in Retirement / Women in Retirement Ongoing peer groups continued to meet and share strategies for purposeful living post-career.

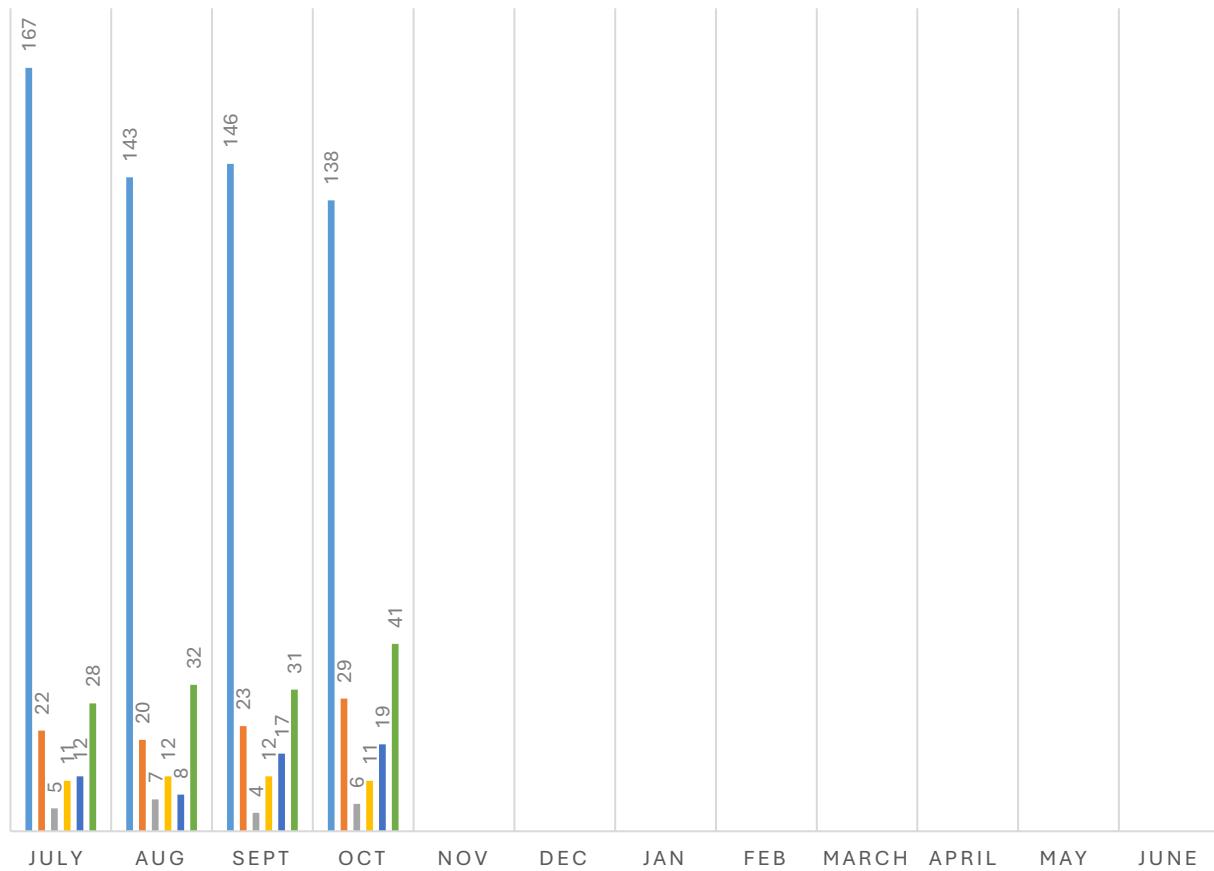
Afternoon Discussion Group – Oct 9 & 23 Members engaged in lively dialogue on current topics and shared perspectives.

Special Events & Entertainment

Popovers in the Café – Popover Week Patrons enjoyed a light morning social gathering that fostered conversation and community connection.

SOCIAL SERVICES: FY 2026

Groups Phone Home Office Email Unduplicated



TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

October 2025

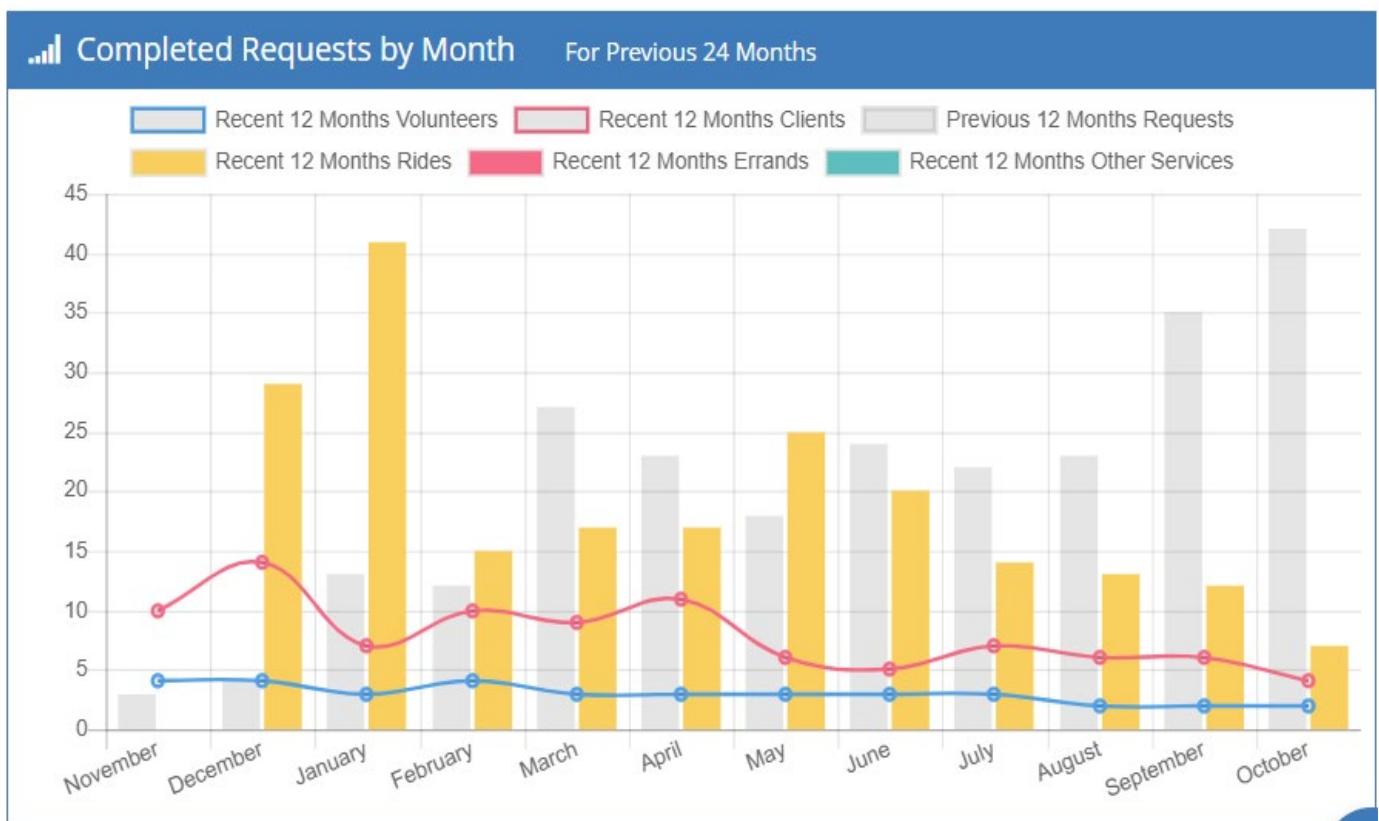
Transportation

The Wellesley COA now has 5 Part Time Bus Drivers to meet the transportation needs of Wellesley's Older Adult population.

The COA added 2 additional shopping trips to the calendar per the request of patrons. Trader Joe's(Needham) and Dollar Tree/Stop and Shop (Natick).

Wellesley COA Bus had 209 Rides with 54 Riders for October 2025

Volunteer Driver Program had 6 Requested Rides, 3 Rides Completed, and 3 Rides were Abandoned (Not picked up) for October 2025.(One new Volunteer Driver was added to the Volunteer Driver Program this month).



FY26 Goals for Assistant Director

Transportation Case Studies

As transportation is a key responsibility of the assistant director and an important COA program, prepare three written case studies of the transportation programs in communities that are comparable to Wellesley. Possibilities are three of the 15 communities that the Select Board uses for their comparisons. The case study of each should include when the service was started, the type of service provided, (e.g., fixed route, demand-responsive, volunteer driver), whether or not the service is contracted or provided by town employees and any other factors that the assistant director feels are important to a senior transportation service. The format of the report may be either a narrative or table format. This report will be presented at the May COA Board meeting.

Tolles Parsons Center Space Utilization

The purpose of this goal is to evaluate current utilization of the Center's space, its impact on programming and ultimately, make recommendations on any changes that are needed to the existing space to accommodate anticipated growth in the utilization of the Tolles Parson Center.

Areas to be evaluated include:

1. Once the kitchen construction has been completed, evaluate space utilization (% use of each individual space) for the three months after kitchen completion (possibly January, February, March 2026)
2. Identify any programs that could not be accommodated because of lack of space (post kitchen completion).
3. Make recommendations for enhancing existing space utilization.
4. Make recommendations for any changes in space that should be considered in the future that would require construction/renovation.

These findings will be shared with the Board by its July 2026 meeting.

Tolles-Parson Center (TPC) Volunteer Program

In this goal, the COA Board is requesting that there be an evaluation of the volunteer program. Such an evaluation should include, but not limited to, a review of the job description of the Volunteer Coordinator, the recruitment process of volunteers, orientation, staffing of volunteers throughout TPC. Identify areas that are working well and

areas that need to be improved. Include two or more goals for improvement, with a plan and timeline. Completion of this goal is the February 2026 COA Board meeting.