

DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025

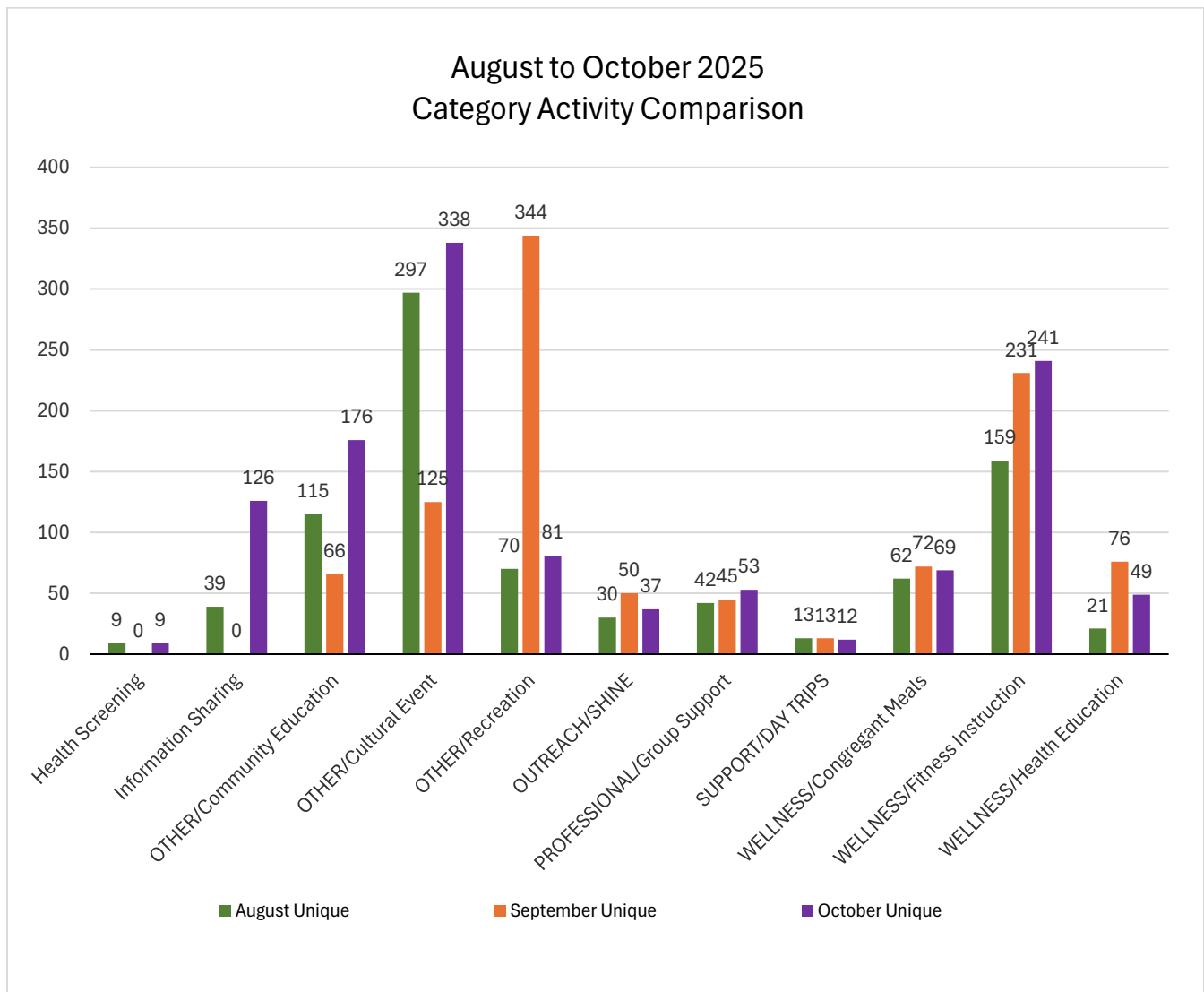
Kathy Savage, Acting Director, submitted for November 20, 2025

Enrollment

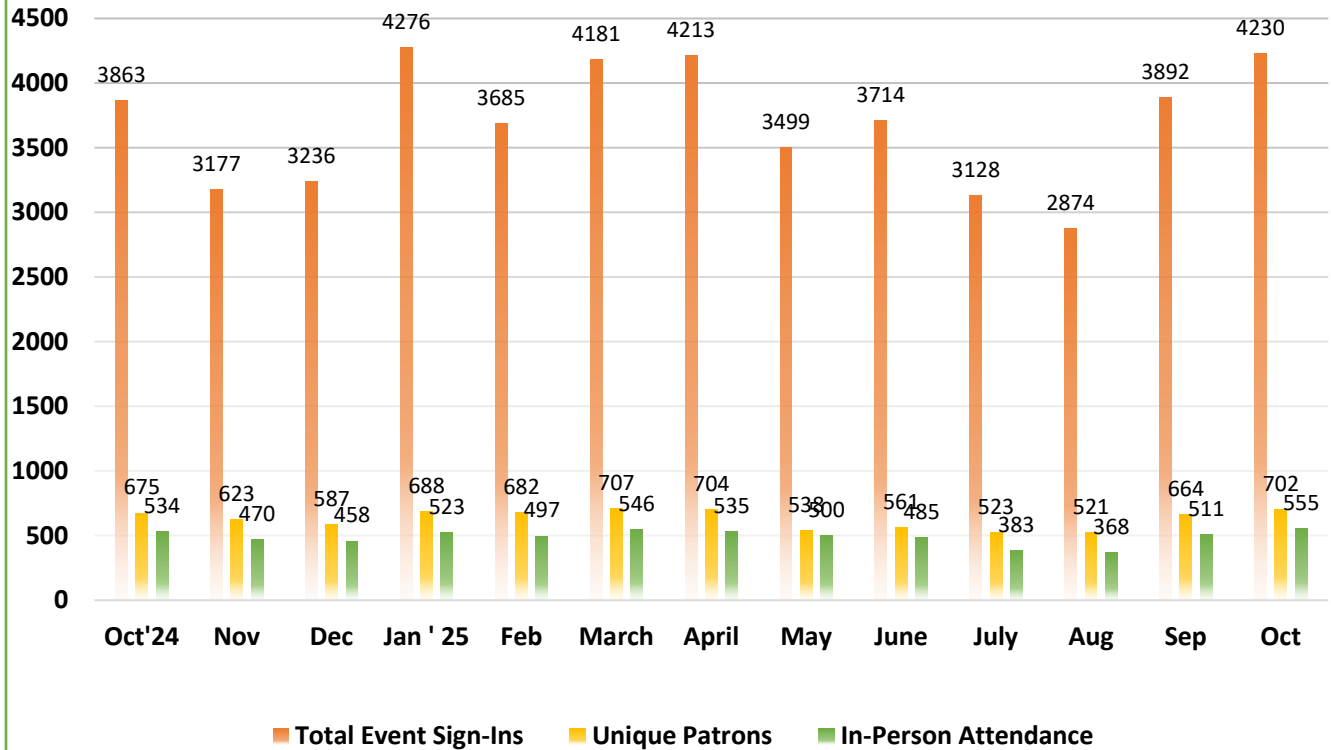
During October the COA acquired 22 new patrons – 8 of whom are Wellesley residents and 9 are nonresidents. Of these, 9 are in the 60-69 age group, 12 are in the 70-79 age group, and 1 is in the 80+ age group. Additionally, 19 patrons are female, and 3 are male. Of the 745 patrons who participated in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

Actual Sign-Ups

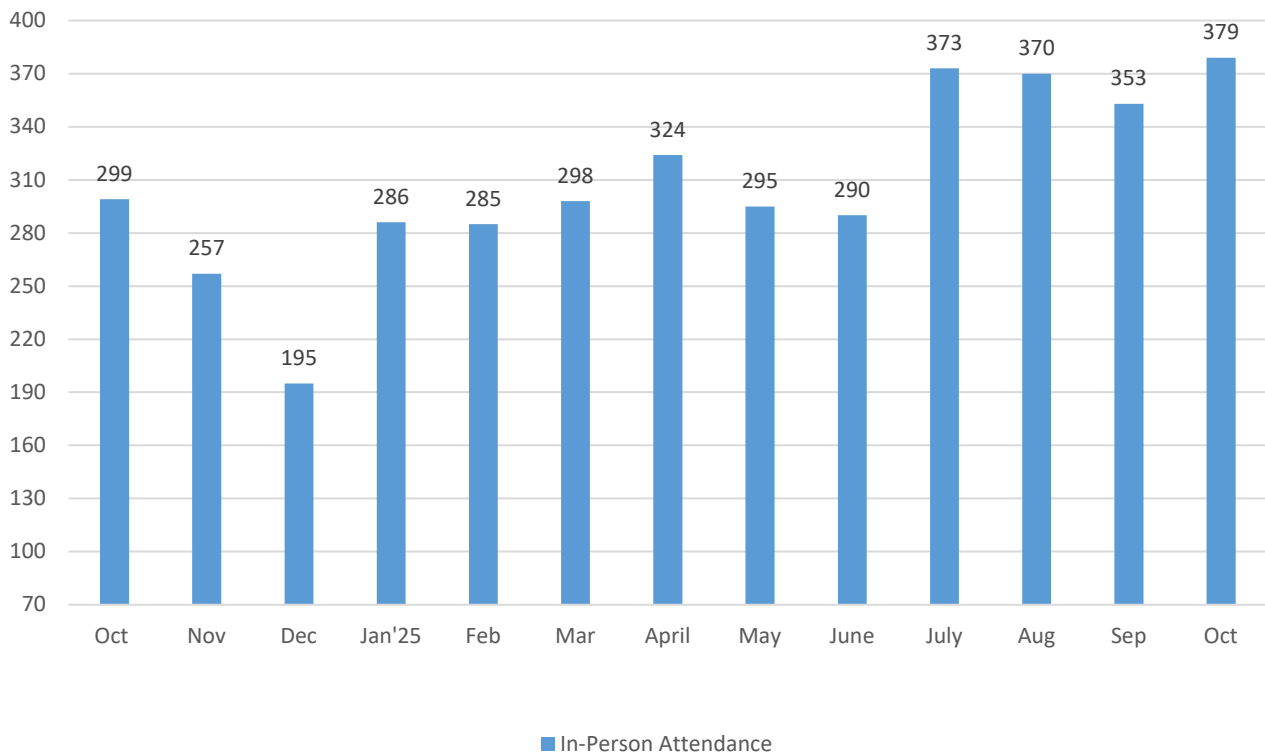
We had 4230 Total Event Sign-Ups with 702 total unique patrons for the month.



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 Bostons 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 McClaren 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.

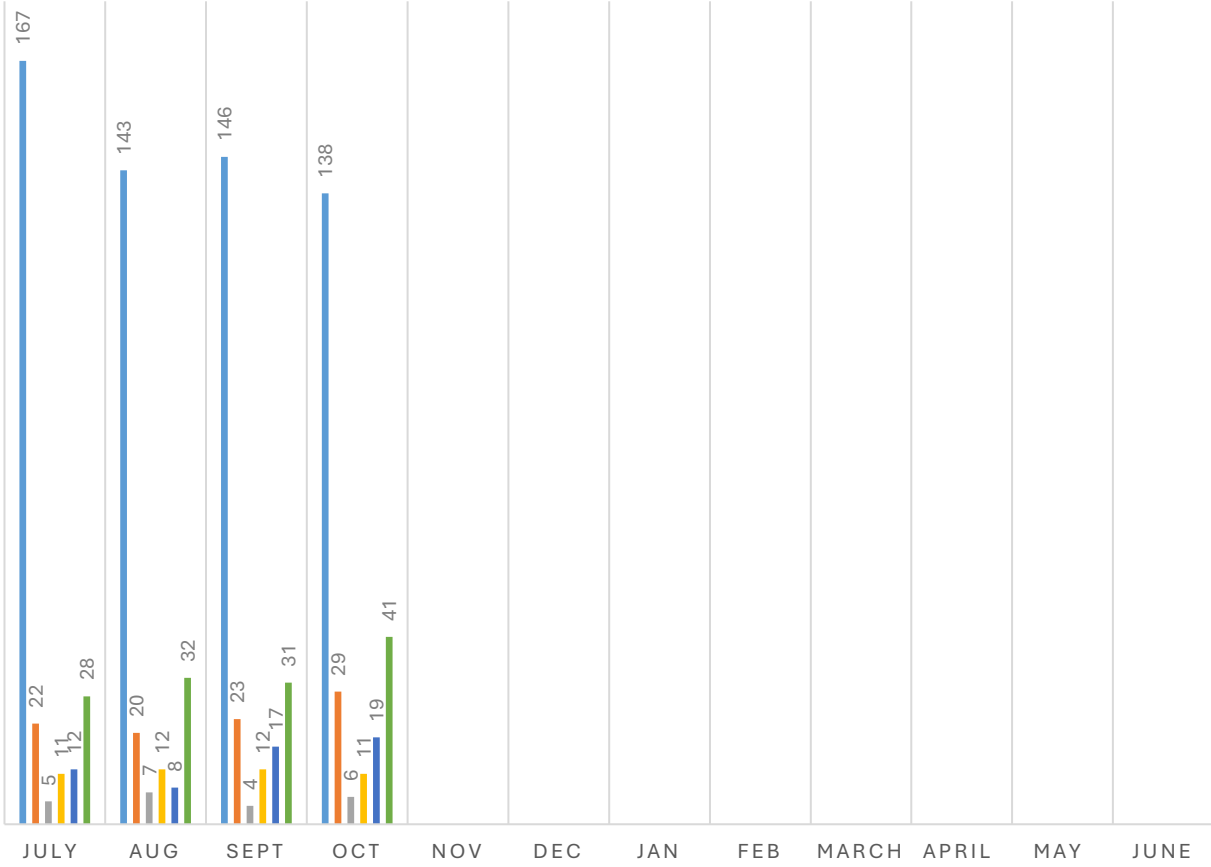
Afternoon Discussion Group – Oct 9 & 23 Members engaged in lively dialogue on current topics and shared perspectives.

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

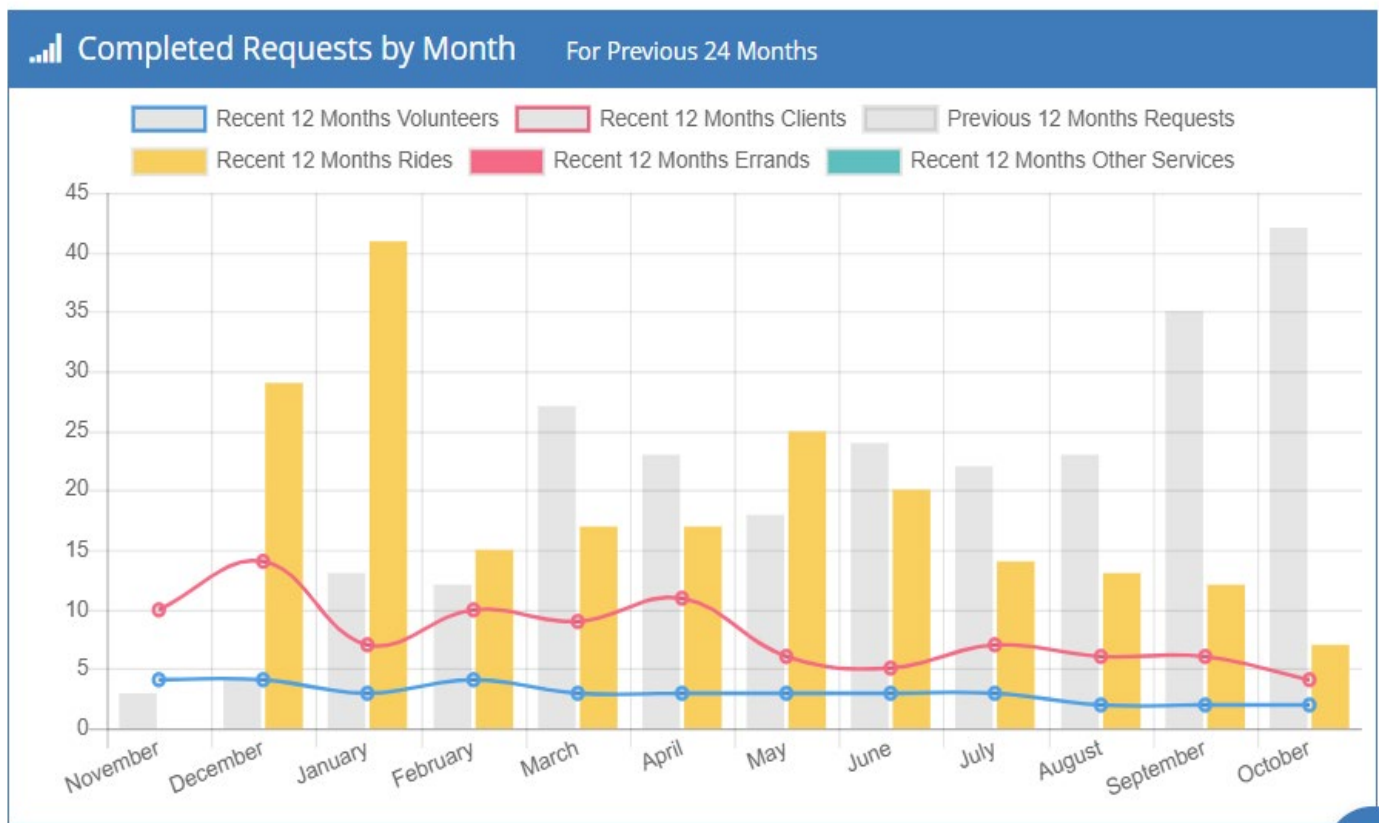
Transportation

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.