



Simi Valley Council On Aging (COA) Meeting

Agenda

Monday, November 18, 2024

SPECIAL MEETING DATE

1:00 p.m.

Simi Valley Senior Center

3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley, CA 93063

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approval of Minutes
5. COA Chair Report (Pete Stong)
6. City Representative Reports
 - a. City Council (Mike Judge and/or Elaine Litster)
 - b. City Manager's Office (Anna M. Medina)
 - c. Senior Center (Kimberly Post)
7. Presentations - None
8. Public Statements
9. Informational Presentations – None
10. Appointments
 - a. Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) Liaison
11. Officer, Liaison, Representative and Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - a. Officer Reports
 1. Recording Secretary (Marie Hale)
 2. Corresponding Secretary (Janet Plant)
 3. Treasurer (Jeanie Mortensen, see attached)
 - b. Liaison Reports
 1. Housing Liaison (Bob Cottle)

Council On Aging Mission Statement

The mission of the Simi Valley Council On Aging is to identify and serve the needs of Simi Valley seniors through the advocacy, development, support, funding and implementation of programs, events and services that provide seniors with maximum independence, safety, security, health and quality of life.

This is the time reserved for individuals who wish to make public statements or comments on items within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the COA.

2. Financial Abuse Specialist Team Liaison (Carol Martin)
 3. Senior Nutrition Program Liaison (Ed Mazeika, see attached)
- c. Representative Reports
 1. Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Representative (Al Brown and Susan Zirnite)
 2. COA Representative to City Council (Jeanie Mortensen and Janet Plant)
- d. Ad Hoc Committees
 1. COA Dance Committee (Richard Harper)
 2. COA Furniture Replacement Committee (Pete Stong)
 3. 50th Anniversary Co-chairs (Pete Stong and Janet Plant)
 4. Strategic Planning Committee (Jeanie Mortensen and Janet Plant, see attached)
 5. Arts and Crafts Fair/Pancake Breakfast/50th (Bill Oliver)
 6. Street Fair (Carol Martin and Jeanie Mortensen)
 7. COA Executive Board Recruitment (Bill Oliver)
 8. COA Wayne Templeton Volunteer of the Year (Bill Oliver)
12. Continued Business – None
13. New Business
 - a. Discussion/Action on a Budget Amendment to Allocate \$75,000 in Fiscal Year 2024-25 to Supplement the Meals On Wheels Program to Restore Service Levels to Capacity (see attached)
 - b. Receive and File the 2025 Calendar of Important COA Events (see attached)
14. Announcements of Upcoming COA/Senior Center Events/Programs
 - a. Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise Thanksgiving Eve Dinner, Wednesday, November 27, 2024
 - b. COA New Year's Celebration Dance Monday, December 30, 2024
15. Suggested agenda items for the Monday, December 9, 2024, COA meeting.
16. Adjournment

/s/

Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Pete Stong called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call - Marie Hale called Roll Call. Members present were Al Brown, Marie Hale, Jeanie Mortensen, Bill Oliver, Janet Plant, and Pete Stong. Ted Andrews and Jean Cecil were absent. Carol Martin was excused. Marie Hale verified there was a quorum present.
3. Agenda Review - By consensus of the Executive Board, the agenda was approved as presented.
4. Approval of Minutes - Janet Plant moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on September 9, 2024, and Marie Hale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. COA Chair Report

Chair Pete Stong reminded everyone of the Arts and Crafts Fair and the November 15, 2024, deadline for the Wayne Templeton Volunteer of the Year nominations and COA Executive Board applications. He also mentioned that the Senior Center offers Medicare Open Enrollment assistance and to call (805) 477-7310 to schedule an appointment.

6. City Representative Reports

- a. City Council

Council Member Mike Judge encouraged members to be on the Neighborhood Council as that is one of the best ways to stay updated on what is happening in the City. He announced that the Simi Valley Town Center has a new owner, but its plans are unknown. He encouraged people to vote and use the ballot drop boxes such as the one at the library. He stated that a traffic collision destroyed a traffic light control box, and the repair took a long time because the parts had to be ordered. The City purchased extra repair parts to have on hand for any future repairs due to the City's aging streetlights. A member reported an increase in unhoused persons near the Arroyo. Council Member Judge told him to report any problems to the police, who are responsive and have social workers available to provide resources. He noted, however, that some people will not accept assistance.

Council Member Elaine Litster said that the City's Transit Division is planning to offer Microtransit service, which would add an on-demand transportation option to residents. It will provide door-to-door service similar

to ride-sharing companies but much more affordable. Additional topics mentioned: Fiber City, Zone Change (Phoenix Ranch, corner of Yosemite Avenue and Stearns Street, and Extreme Makeover filming in town.

- b. City Manager's Office - No report.
- c. Senior Center

Assistant Community Services Manager Raquel Wirth introduced and welcomed Kimberly Post, the new Community Services Manager for the Senior Center. She mentioned that Kimberly managed the Calabasas Senior Center for eight years and stated she was looking forward to meeting everyone. It was also announced that free tickets for the annual Thanksgiving Eve Dinner will be available on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. Seating times are 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 6:45 p.m., and tickets are limited to two per person.

- 7. Presentations – None.
- 8. Public Statements

Assistant Library Director Stephanie Erbe announced upcoming events for October and brought flyers and calendars for distribution. Neighborhood Council Coordinator Kelly Duffy encouraged members to apply to serve on their area's Neighborhood Council Executive Board. She said that applications are available on the City's website.

- 9. Informational Presentations – None.
- 10. Appointments

- a. Special Event Support Review Committee Representative - November through December 2024 (two-month term).

Chair Pete Stong proposed the appointment of Janet Plant to this position.

Executive Board vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions

Appointment approved by consensus of the Executive Board.

- b. Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee Representative - January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027 (three-year term).

Chair Pete Stong proposed the appointment of Al Brown to this position.

Executive Board vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions

Appointment approved by consensus of the Executive Board.

11. Officer, Liaison, Representative and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

a. Officer Reports

1. Recording Secretary - No report.

2. Corresponding Secretary

Janet Plant reported that the COA received donations for Bingo Bonanza and Meals On Wheels, and she sent thank-you correspondence for both donations.

3. Treasurer

Jeanie Mortensen referred to the financial reports. She said the Miscellaneous Revenue was from a refund due to an incorrect QuickBooks subscription charge last fiscal year during the conversion from the desktop to the online version of the program.

b. Liaison Reports

1. Housing Liaison

Bob Cottle stated that the North Canyon Ranch housing development will include 50 multi-family units, but it is not known at this time how many might be designated for seniors or as affordable units. He said the City has hired a new Home Rehabilitation Program Coordinator, who will provide loans for house repairs for income-eligible applicants.

2. Financial Abuse Specialist Team Liaison - No report.

c. Representative Reports

1. Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Representative

Al Brown reported that the County will be downsizing. Ventura County staff explained that Area Agency on Aging funding is very complex and will be changing. He said the County is looking into a guaranteed income program for older adults.

2. COA Representative to City Council

Jeanie Mortensen reported that at the September 23, 2024, City Council meeting, she read the Statement of Concern that was approved at the September 9, 2024, COA meeting. The statement

indicates that the COA is willing to donate money to restore the Meals On Wheels program to its service levels prior to the grant funding reduction. She said that several seniors spoke during Public Statements about the importance of the program. The City Council indicated that it would continue investigating the situation to find possible solutions. At that meeting, Pete Stong commented that the City Council also approved \$267,000 in funding for the nutrition program. Council Member Judge mentioned that this is a Ventura County issue and suggested that the concerns be presented to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

d. Ad Hoc Committees

1. COA Dance Committee

Richard Harper reported that attendance at recent dances was affected by outside events. He said other dances in the area are held on different dates, allowing seniors to attend more than one dance. He said he is looking forward to the annual New Year's Celebration dance in December, which is always very popular.

2. COA Furniture Replacement Committee

Pete Stong indicated that he would like to use furniture budget funds to purchase chairs for Classroom 107, replacing the old purple chairs and complementing the new chairs purchased last year for Classroom 106.

3. 50th Anniversary Co-chairs

Co-chair Janet Plant reported that funds from this budget are being used to support supplies and advertising for other COA events.

4. Strategic Planning Committee

Janet Plant reported that the committee's priority is to restore the Meals On Program to its service levels before the nutrition grant reduction.

5. Bingo Bonanza/50th

Pete Stong reported that 152 people attended Bingo Bonanza and that the digital Bingo Board was used. He also stated that twenty-two door prizes were donated to give away to attendees.

6. Arts and Crafts Fair/Pancake Breakfast/50th

Bill Oliver reminded everyone of the dates and times of the event and said they still needed a few more volunteers. He also announced that he would be a guest on 99.1 The Ranch radio to promote the event to the community.

7. Street Fair

Jeanie Mortensen said they have been planning a new look for the COA booth at the Street Fair this year and that a volunteer meeting will be held on October 16, 2024.

8. COA Executive Board Recruitment

Bill Oliver reminded members that the deadline for applications is November 15, 2024.

9. COA Wayne Templeton Volunteer of the Year

Bill Oliver reminded members that the deadline for this award's nominations is also November 15, 2024.

12. Continued Business – None.

13. New Business – None.

14. Announcements of Upcoming COA/Senior Center Events/Programs

a. Arts and Crafts Fair, Friday and Saturday, October 18 and 19, 2024

b. Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, October 19, 2024

c. Street Fair, Saturday, October 26, 2024

15. Suggested agenda items for the Monday, November 18, 2024, COA meeting

Meals On Wheels budget amendment.

16. Adjournment at 2:20 p.m.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 18, 2024
TO: Simi Valley Council On Aging
FROM: Jeanie Mortensen, Council On Aging Treasurer
SUBJECT: PROFIT AND LOSS AND BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

The Profit and Loss (P&L) reports (attached) summarize the Council On Aging's (COA) total income and expenses from September 20, 2024, to October 31, 2024, and Year-to-date (YTD).

During the current period, the COA received \$4,881 in income from various sources, including \$405 in Designated Contributions for Meals On Wheels, \$1,287 in Investment Gains (\$1,279 interest from the matured 9-month Certificate of Deposit and \$8 interest from the savings account), \$1,229 in Miscellaneous Revenue (\$420 in donations from Friday Bingo, \$153 from the Coffee Concession, and \$656 from Bingo Bonanza), \$1,660 in Ticket Sales (\$520 from the October dance and \$1,140 in same-day ticket sales for Bingo Bonanza), and \$300 in Table Reservations (\$150 for Arts and Crafts Fair and \$150 from a late payment for the Wellness Expo).

Also, during this period, the COA incurred expenses in the amount of \$8,598, which included bookkeeping expenses, video and photography services for the Street Fair, plaques for the Recognition Wall, supplies, food, band, and dance instruction for the dance, supplies for the marketing outreach at the October Street fair, supplies and food for Senior Share, coffee and supplies for the coffee concession, food for Bingo Bonanza, food for the Arts and Crafts Fair, and Meal Site supplies and entertainment.

September 20 to October 31, 2024 – Profit & Loss:

REVENUES:	\$ 4,881
EXPENSES:	\$ <u>8,598</u>
NET INCOME:	\$ (3,717)

July 1 to October 31, 2024 – YTD Profit & Loss:

REVENUES:	\$ 19,326
EXPENSES:	\$ <u>27,482</u>
NET INCOME:	\$ (8,156)

October 31, 2024 – Balance Sheet:

The October 31, 2024, Balance Sheet (attached) shows the COA's financial solvency with \$446,630 in assets and \$1,506 in liabilities (unpaid credit card purchases).

Staff will be available to answer any questions at the November 18, 2024, meeting.

Simi Valley Council On Aging
Profit and Loss
September 20 - October 31, 2024

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	Total
Income	
4020 Designated Contribution	405
 5 Earned Revenues	
5310 Investment - Gains/Losses	1,287
5490 Miscellaneous Revenue	1,229
5560 Ticket Sales	1,660
5580 Table Reservations	300
Total 5 Earned Revenues	4,476
 Total Income	\$4,881
 Expenses	
7540 Professional Services	1,819
 8100 Operating Expenses	
8110 Op Exp-Supplies	2,085
8125 Video Rentals	41
8138 Banking Fees	3
Total 8100 Operating Expenses	2,129
 8500 Program Expenses	
8510 Supplies	452
8512 Food	2,661
8560 Prizes	-17
8580 Musicians & Bands	1,485
8590 Special Expenses	70
Total 8500 Program Expenses	4,650
 Total Expenses	\$8,598
 Net Income	-\$3,717

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Simi Valley Council On Aging
Profit and Loss
 July 1 - October 31, 2024

Agenda Item
No 11.a.3.

	Total
Income	
4 Contributed Support	
4010 Individual Contribution	250
4020 Designated Contribution	405
Total 4 Contributed Support	655
5 Earned Revenues	
5310 Investment - Gains/Losses	1,304
5490 Miscellaneous Revenue	4,762
5560 Ticket Sales	8,400
5580 Table Reservations	4,205
Total 5 Earned Revenues	18,671
Total Income	19,326
Expenses	
7540 Professional Services	2,755
8100 Operating Expenses	
8110 Op Exp-Supplies	3,720
8125 Video Rentals	102
8135 Investment Charges/Losses	46
8138 Banking Fees	3
8165 Equipment Purchase	476
Total 8100 Operating Expenses	4,347
8500 Program Expenses	
8510 Supplies	3,279
8512 Food	6,233
8520 Advertising	460
8535 Community/Club Support	4,000
8560 Prizes	1,758
8580 Musicians & Bands	4,475
8590 Special Expenses	175
Total 8500 Program Expenses	20,380
Total Expenses	27,482
Net Income	-8,156

Simi Valley Council On Aging
Balance Sheet
As of October 31, 2024

Agenda Item
No. 11.a.3.

	Total
ASSETS	
Bank Accounts	
1105 U.S. Bank Savings (1105)	110,868
2201 US Bank 12 month CD	50,000
2202 US Bank 9 month CD	76,279
5601 U.S. Bank Checking (5601)	181,431
Total Bank Accounts	418,577
Other Assets	
9601 VCCF Endowment Fund	28,053
Total Other Assets	28,053
TOTAL ASSETS	\$446,630
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
4178 COA Corporate Account	1,506
Total Credit Cards	1,506
Total Liabilities	1,506
Equity	
30000 Opening Balance Equity	390,734
32000 Unrestricted Net Assets	62,546
Net Income	-8,156
Total Equity	445,124
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$446,630

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 18, 2024

TO: Simi Valley Council On Aging

FROM: Ed Mazeika, Senior Nutrition Program Liaison

SUBJECT: SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM FIRST QUARTER REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

The Senior Nutrition Program (SNP) at the Simi Valley Senior Center offers home-delivered meals (Meals On Wheels) and congregate meal options. Both programs offer a hot, nutritious noontime meal Monday through Friday to seniors 60 years of age and over. All SNP participants are given the opportunity to make a donation; however, donations are not required but are used to offset the cost of the program. In addition, the Senior Share Program is a supplemental food program offered weekly to eligible seniors to help augment their food needs.

Below is an overview of the number of meals and food served by these programs for the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2024-25.

For the period of July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024, a total of 7,997 home-delivered meals were provided to eligible seniors, and 6,322 congregate meals were served to eligible seniors. Additionally, a total of 1,551 bags of groceries were distributed by the Senior Share Program during this reporting period.

Staff and the Council On Aging Senior Nutrition Program Liaison will be available to answer any questions at the November 18, 2024, meeting.

Simi Valley Food Programs Fiscal Year 2024-25								
	(C2) Contracted Meals: 33,750		(C1) Contracted Meals: 25,000		Total SNP C2 & C1 Meals: 58,750			
	Home Delivered Meals		Congregate Meals		HDM / Congregate Totals		Senior Share	
	Meals Served	Unduplicated Clients New	Meals Served	Unduplicated Clients New	Meals Served Total	Unduplicated Clients New	Bags Picked Up Total	Active Participants
Jul	2841	151	2341	343	5182	494	612	145
Aug	2772	0	2146	71	4918	71	463	142
Sept	2384	1	1835	58	4219	59	476	142
Oct	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Nov	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Dec	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Jan	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Feb	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Mar	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Apr	0	0	0	0	0	0		
May	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Jun	0	0	0	0	0	0		
YTD	7,997	152	6,322	472	14,319	624	1551	



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 18, 2024

TO: Simi Valley Council On Aging

FROM: Janet Plant, Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee Co-Chair

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE ON HIATUS UNTIL JANUARY 2025

The COA Executive Board is currently working on various operational, budgetary, and procedural issues that will impact the long-term strategic plan.

Because these issues need to be resolved prior to continuing the strategic planning process, the November and December Strategic Planning Committee meetings will be postponed. The meetings will resume in January 2025.

Thank you all so much for your time and efforts to create the three pillars that will continue to be the foundation of the strategic plan.

As a reminder, the following was approved by the Board in September 2024:

The Strategic Planning Committee agreed upon the following three foundational pillars to serve as the COA's guiding principles and drive the plan's goals, objectives, and strategies. The three pillars are:

- **Senior Center Outreach and Awareness**
- **Senior Center Programs and Services Support**
- **Fundraising to Support Financial Sustainability**

Efforts resume in January 2025.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 18, 2024

TO: Simi Valley Council On Aging

FROM: Janet Plant and Jeanie Mortensen, Strategic Planning Committee Co-Chairs; Pete Stong, Council On Aging Chair

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION ON A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATE \$75,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 TO SUPPLEMENT THE MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM TO RESTORE SERVICE LEVELS TO CAPACITY

Since August 16, 2024, three Council On Aging (COA) Executive Board members (Pete Stong, COA Chair, Jeanie Mortensen and Janet Plant, Strategic Planning Committee Co-Chairs) have met with various members of the City, including the City Manager, the Deputy Community Services Director, City Council members and Senior Center staff, to discuss the shortfall in funding for the Senior Nutrition Program which has resulted in a significant reduction, by attrition, to the number of seniors being served by Meals On Wheels (MOW).

At the September 9, 2024, Council On Aging Executive Board Meeting, the Council On Aging unanimously approved a Statement of Concern, which made it clear that returning Meals On Wheels to its prior service level was of critical importance and that the COA was willing to partner with the City to make this possible. The approved Statement of Concern is an attachment to this memo.

In August 2024, the amount of money needed to restore the MOW program to its previous level, and to continue to serve the Simi Valley homebound seniors who need this service, was estimated to be \$100,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Based on the time that has now elapsed since this estimate was provided by City staff, the COA is projecting that as of December 1, 2024, the amount needed to restore service is now only \$75,000.

Therefore, concerned COA Executive Board members request that the Council On Aging consider approving funds in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 this fiscal year, to supplement the Meals On Wheels program, to cover the cost to restore its service levels to what existed as of April 1, 2024. These funds are to be provided to the Meals On Wheels program if the COA and the City reach an agreement as to service levels and funding for the program. Nutrition services and support is one of the three key pillars recently established by the COA's Strategic Planning Committee and the Meals On Wheels program is an essential and integral cornerstone of nutrition services and support and key to fulfilling the COA's mission of serving the needs of Simi Valley seniors.

Currently, the COA budgeted \$14,000 in FY 2024-25 to supplement Congregate Meals and MOW if needed. The COA Treasurer has recommended that to cover the proposed \$75,000 allocation for FY 2024-25, this \$14,000 should be directed entirely to MOW, the budget for Furniture (8180) should be reduced by \$20,000 (to \$10,000), the budget for Software Licenses (8140) should be reduced by \$4,000 (to \$2,000), and the budget for Marketing Initiative Supplies (8110) be reduced by \$3,000 (to \$3,000). The remaining \$34,000 would come from COA reserves. The Treasurer has confirmed that the COA does have the reserves to fund the request.

We urge the COA to consider this very important funding request to continue to support the vital Meals On Wheels program, which, in turn, supports the COA's mission.



Simi Valley Council On Aging

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 9, 2024

TO: Simi Valley Council On Aging

FROM: Janet Plant and Jeanie Mortensen, Strategic Planning Committee Co-Chairs; Pete Stong, COA Chair

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION ON A STATEMENT OF CONCERN REGARDING CUTS IN SERVICE LEVELS TO THE MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

When the City Council established The Council On Aging in 1974 via Resolution No. 87-124, they tasked the council to 1) Identify the problems and needs of senior citizens; 2) Develop and recommend solutions to the City Council; and 3) Administer and support programs that benefit seniors.

Our by-laws state that the purpose of the Simi Valley Council On Aging shall be to advise the City on all matters dealing with senior quality of life, including areas such as nutrition. The Meals on Wheels program is an essential and integral cornerstone of nutrition services and support, serving the needs of vulnerable, homebound Simi Valley seniors.

On Friday, August 16, 2024 and Wednesday, August 28, 2024, three Council On Aging (COA) Executive Board members (Pete Stong, COA Chair, Jeanie Mortensen and Janet Plant, Strategic Planning Committee Co-Chairs) met with Anna Medina, Simi Valley Community Services Manager and liaison between the SV City Council and the SV Council On Aging.

The purpose of these urgent meetings was to discuss the Meals on Wheels (MOW) program, which has experienced a significant and precipitous service level decline since April 1, 2024. In April, Ventura County informed the City and the SV Senior Center that the federal and state grant funds that Ventura County receives for the Congregate Meals and the Meals on Wheels programs would be cut by 25% at the beginning of the 2024-25 fiscal year on July 1.

To prepare for this funding cut, Senior Center staff stopped accepting additional clients to the MOW program, with the plan to reduce the number of clients served through attrition. On April 1, 2024, the number of MOW clients served was approximately 180. As of the end of August, this number has declined to only 135, with approximately 80 homebound and in-need individuals currently on the waiting list to receive meal services.

Staff has projected that to maintain the current levels of service for Congregate Meals and Meals on Wheels, the funding shortfall for the 2024-25 fiscal year will be

approximately \$237,000. It is the understanding of the COA that the City is considering to approve the funding of this shortfall. While this proposed amount of money to supplement the Congregate Meals and the Meals on Wheels programs is considerable, there is still great concern that this amount does not provide the necessary funds to restore MOW to its previous level. It is estimated that an additional \$100,000 would be needed this fiscal year to minimally restore Meals on Wheels to the service levels that existed as of April 1, 2024. Current plans are to continue to reduce the number of MOW participants, through attrition, without adding any new participants. Thus, the waiting list that currently is at 80 will likely be double that—160—by the end of the fiscal year.

Therefore, the COA expresses its grave concern regarding the proposed plans for the 2024-25 fiscal year to address the funding shortfall for the nutrition services programs. In particular, the COA disagrees with plans to continue to reduce the number of seniors served by Meals on Wheels and to not address the growing number of seniors who are on the waiting list but who are not being added to the program.

The Council On Aging is willing to partner with the City and the community to find both immediate and long-term solutions to this urgent crisis with Meals on Wheels so that the needs of the most vulnerable seniors in our midst are met. We request that the City Council take the necessary actions to restore Meals on Wheels to the service levels that existed as of April 1, 2024.



Simi Valley Council On Aging

2025 Calendar of Important COA Events

January

13 – Monday
COA Dance Dark – No Dance
COA Annual Meeting 1:00 p.m.

February

10 – Monday COA Meeting 1:00 p.m.
14 – Friday COA Dance 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

March

10 – Monday COA Meeting 1:00 p.m.
14 – Friday COA Dance 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

April

5 – Saturday Bingo Bonanza 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
11 – Friday COA Dance 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
14 – Monday COA Meeting 1:00 p.m.
20 – Sunday Easter Sunrise Breakfast 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley

May

TBD – Saturday Street Fair 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
TBA – Thursday Older Americans Month Celebration 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
9 – Friday COA Dance 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
12 – Monday COA Meeting 1:00 p.m.
21 – Wednesday Wellness Expo 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

June

9 – Monday COA Meeting 1:00 p.m.
13 – Friday COA Dance 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

July

11 – Friday COA Dance 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
12 – Saturday Stars & Stripes Ice Cream Social 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
COA Dark – No Meeting

August

8 – Friday COA Dance 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
COA Dark – No Meeting



Simi Valley Council On Aging

2025 Calendar of Important COA Events

September

8 – Monday	COA Meeting	1:00 p.m.
12 – Friday	COA Dance	6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
20 – Saturday	Bingo Bonanza	9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

October

10 – Friday	COA Dance	6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
13 – Monday	COA Meeting	1:00 p.m.
TBD – Saturday	Street Fair and City Expo	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

November

7 – Friday	Arts & Crafts Fair	9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
8 – Saturday	Arts & Crafts Fair	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
8 – Saturday	Pancake Breakfast <i>Noontime Rotary Club of Simi Valley</i>	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
10 – Monday	COA Meeting	1:00 p.m.
14 – Friday	COA Dance	6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
26 – Wednesday	Thanksgiving Eve Dinner <i>Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise</i>	4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

December

8 – Monday	COA Meeting	1:00 p.m.
30 – Tuesday	COA Dance - New Year's Celebration	6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.