



DATE: 6 April 2015

AGENDA ITEM #9

TO: Senior Commission
FROM: Candace Avina, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: Staff Report
RECOMMENDATION:

Receive information and announcements from City and Town Staff

BACKGROUND

Page 5 and 6 of the City of Los Altos Commission handbook describes the role of the Staff Liaison.

DISCUSSION

Annual Commission Training, Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Mandatory for all Commission and Committee members appointed by the Los Altos City Council. This meeting will also be held in conjunction with the joint City Council/Commissions meeting. We will start at 5:30 p.m. with sign-in and at 6:00 p.m. with the Joint Council/Commission meeting, followed by the Training at 7:00 p.m. in Garden House in Shoup Park, 400 University Avenue. There is limited parking in the Park itself so carpooling and other alternate methods of transportation are encouraged. If you need to park your car somewhere, there is additional parking at Lincoln Park.

May is Older Americans Month

When Older Americans Month was established in 1963; only 17 million living Americans had reached their 65th birthday. About a third of older Americans lived in poverty and there were few programs to meet their needs. Interest in older Americans and their concerns was growing. A meeting in April 1963 between President John F. Kennedy and members of the National Council of Senior Citizens led to designating May as “Senior Citizens Month,” the prelude to “Older Americans Month.”

Historically, Older Americans Month has been a time to acknowledge the contributions of past and current older persons to our country, in particular those who defended our country. Every President since Kennedy has issued a formal proclamation during or before the month of May asking that the entire nation pays tribute in some way to older persons in their communities. Older Americans Month is celebrated across the country through ceremonies, events, fairs, and other such activities. This year’s theme is Get into the ACT. More information may be found at the US Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living website at acl.gov.

Senior Program History Staff Report

Review Senior Program History attached.