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**VILLAGE OF VILLA PARK**  
**Village Hall, Committee of the Whole Room**  
**20 S. Ardmore Avenue**  
**Villa Park, IL 60181**

**Special Meeting**

**Senior Concerns Commission**

**June 11, 2026**

**7:00 PM**

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Chair: Cindy Wood

Commissioners: Susan Bachman, Beverly Johnston, June Blom and Joanne Lewis

Board Liaison: Trustee Tina Konstatos

Staff Liaison: Janet Bry

- 1. Call to Order - Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting held April 6, 2026.
- 3. Old Business**
- 4. New Business**
  - a. Approve S.A.L.T. Luncheon to be held on June 16, 2026.
- 5. Staff Input**
- 6. Commissioner Input**
- 7. Public Input**
- 8. Adjourn.**

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**SENIOR CONCERNS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
April 6, 2026**

Commissioners Present: Cindy Woods (Chair), Beverly Johnson, June Blom, and Joanne Lewis  
Board Liaison: Trustee Tina Konstatos  
Also in Attendance: Janet Bry, Staff Liaison; Fire Department Chief Steven Stapleton

**I. Call to Order; Roll Call**

Chairperson Woods called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Amendments to Agenda**

None.

**IV. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

None

**V. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

None

**VI. Presentation**

- a. Chief Stapleton from the Villa Park Fire Department gave a presentation about Villa Park's Knox-Box program, explaining the benefits of the program, who qualifies, how to opt in, and what information and materials qualifying residents have to provide. He also explained that the fire department has sourced key boxes that are much more affordable than Knox, which will allow them to obtain more boxes and expand the program's capacity.

Commissioner Blum asked how we can spread the word on this worthy program. Chief Stapleton said that there would be a video shoot at the fire department on April 7, which would be posted on social media. Attendees considered creating a flyer to support promoting the program.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of minutes of the Senior Concerns Commission Meeting held on March 2, 2026

**VIII. Old Business**

- a. York Township Senior Services Update—Chairperson Wood  
Chairperson Wood said she was floored at the services available to seniors (ages 55 and up) at York Township. Some of the benefits include a barber, beautician, \$3 lunch served daily, dances, and ride services to appointments, local malls, and grocery stores for small fees. York Township asks that ride requests be made at least a week in

advance. Call Joan at (630) 620-2413 or Heather, head of Senior Center at (630) 620-2424.

- b. Update on S.A.L.T. Luncheon from March 10, 2026  
Janet reported that 48 people attended the latest S.A.L.T. luncheon, and that it was well received by attendees. The police department and VNA Home Health Services did presentations. Lunch was provided by Hi-View. The next S.A.L.T. luncheon will be held on June 16.

Trustee Konstatos thanked Janet for the beautiful decorations at the luncheon.

- c. Senior Fair—Update, elect and vote on a date, followed by discussion on setup.  
Janet said that of the date range (September 21-25), Friday, September 25 would have the fewest conflicts at the Villa Park Recreation Center. There is no fee to use the facility, and we'll provide tables. Any giveaways at the table would incur cost. The center can allocate the full or half-gym, depending on the number of vendors. Janet said that the fair usually secures 9-12 vendors, but 25-30 would be ideal.

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Trustee Konstatos suggested that even if Commissioners will be working on this day unable to attend, they can help secure vendors. Janet advised that we secure vendors now. Commissioner Blom asked if we could reach out to the organizers of the recent Addison senior fair for vendors. Janet said she had a list of potential vendors and contact information and would distribute copies of the list following the meeting so Commissioners can divvy up the list and reach out to potential vendors. Janet added that a Lombard Village staff member would be happy to guide us.

Voice vote on fair date of September 25 passed with all ayes.

- d. Villa Fest—Discussion on ideas for Senior Concerns table and update on date (August 21-22)  
Formerly Summer Fest. Chairperson Wood said she has a cloth for the table and some items left over from the open house. Suggested offerings include flyers or pamphlets the Adopt a Senior program, Knox Box program, past newsletters, and other information that residents might not know. Trustee Konstatos recommended that two Commissioners man the table throughout the fest, in shifts. The fest runs from 5-9 pm on Friday, August 21 and from 11 am to 11 pm on Saturday, August 22.

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- e. Adopt a Senior—Update on list of residents to forward to Willowbrook High School  
Janet said that nine people (senior residents) have signed up so far. Trustee Konstatos asked for suggestions on how to get the word out about this program. Commissioner Blom suggested giving information at Villa Fest. Commissioner Johnston asked if Willowbrook also has a list of Villa Park residents who have signed up. Trustee Konstatos said that Willowbrook's list includes towns outside ours as well, but she isn't sure if there are any Villa Park residents on their list. She asked Commissioner Johnston to check at Villa Park's VFW chapter and see if they have

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members a Willowbrook list. Commissioner Johnston clarified that not many VFW actually live in Villa Park.

Commissioner Blom suggested creating a flyer to pass out at churches and other community centers. She added that she would visit local churches to give out the flyers. Janet added that Commissioner Blom could also ask if the flyer could be added to church bulletins.

Commissioner Johnston offered to talk to Father Rosenbaum and other churches. Trustee Konstatos asked who would create the flyer and said she'd get verbiage from Willowbrook about how the program will be conducted.

**IX. New Business**

- a. Golden Times Newsletter—upcoming events from Janet  
Janet informed us about the rec center's Birthday Bunch & Lunch program, held monthly. She said the next one will be held on Thursday, April 16. The turnout is usually 50-60 residents.  
Trustee Konstatos described the newsletter and thanked Janet for making the newsletters and for her efforts to support seniors. She suggested that we get on Janet's mailing list to receive the newsletter. Contact Janet at [jbry@invillapark.com](mailto:jbry@invillapark.com) or call her at (630) 749-3182.

**X. Chairperson Comments**

Chairperson Wood said the next Commissioner training will be held on Wednesday, April 29 from 6-8 pm. Refresher training sessions will be offered quarterly, on June 3, September 2, and December 2. "Seasoned" commissioners have to attend one refresher each year.

**XI. Commissioner Comments**

None

**XII. Board Liaison Comments**

Trustee Konstatos said that the Commission are doing a phenomenal job and is excited about the programs we're putting into place. She thanked Janet and the Commissioners.

**XIII. Staff Liaison Comments**

Janet gave attendees the vendor list as well as a photocopy of pictures from the S.A.L.T. luncheon as published in *The Villa Park Review*. Commissioner Blom suggested assembling a scrapbook to feature at the Villa Fest table.

**XIV. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Johnston and seconded by Commissioner Blom. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Lewis  
Commissioner