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To: Public Infrastructure Committee

From: Michelle Michels, Recreation Team Leader

Re: Request to escort a 1-day Senior Center trip to Lake County, IL

The Senior Center has been offering more day trips due to increased interest. We have been offering one day trip per month (usually avoiding January and February due to weather concerns). All of the trips have had enough participation so that we haven't had to cancel, many have been full with a wait list.

The Senior Center has had requests to do a one day or overnight trip to a variety of places in IL. To keep the price in a range to hopefully entice and allow more people to sign-up, we thought it would be best to offer this as a one-day trip in May this year. We would go to the Fischer Nut Store and Sanfilipo Estate (owned by the Fischer's). The estate is a 3 hour tour. We would also stop for lunch and supper with a "surprise stop for a famous Cannoli at Tony Cannoli. Since there are multiple stops and a timeline we have to adhere to, as well as the need to pay for most of these stops when we are there, I'm requesting to go as a staff escort rather than sending a volunteer.

Trips have not only been creating revenue for special events, but also for Senior Center memberships as there is a discounted rate for Senior Center members.

Trips are an integral part of senior centers and recreation programs and activities. We have learned that sending a staff escort ensures the highest quality experience for the travelers. For these reasons, I would escort this trip and do my best to flex hours accordingly. Any other staffing expenses would be offset by the trip revenue.

Respectfully,

Michelle Michels

Recreation Team Leader