



Agenda for Action 2010-2011

ALOFT is a mutually supportive nonprofit organization that develops intergenerational strategies to enable older residents to remain in their homes & communities in Bedford, Lewisboro, Mount Kisco, North Castle, North Salem, Pound Ridge and Somers.

See also: www.goALOFT.org

Major Accomplishments Since ALOFT Began in 2007:

In **2007** ALOFT's early planners identified 15 challenges facing older residents who wish to remain in their homes in northeast Westchester. Addressing the following challenges continues to guide ALOFT's work:

- Raising awareness about the issues.
- Developing transportation and mobility management services.
- Improving access to personal homecare workers by improving transportation access.
- Increasing housing options.
- Encouraging inter-municipal shared services that lower costs.
- Ensuring access to reliable home safety and repair services.
- Encouraging more intergenerational social and cultural connections.
- Expanding technology skills among older adults.

2007-2008: For entire community: Raised awareness about issues and opportunities through education and discussion as a Livable Communities connection, provided information & referral, organized community development task forces, mobilized home safety & repair resources, and provided intergenerational technology training.

2008-2009: Same as above, plus:

- Launched mutually supportive membership and volunteer opportunities, while expanding member-only benefits with merchants, trips, concerts, lectures, tours both regionally and within each town.
- Obtained grants and other support to develop one call, arm-through-arm regional transportation and mobility management system through collaboration and coordination with existing services. Worked to increase availability of direct personal healthcare workers, expand home repair staffing and supervision, and raise funds to provide membership subsidies.

2009-2010:

- Completed a \$261,000 Mobility Management organizational grant and won a \$990,000 3-year Mobility Management implementation grant to build a call center, a voucher program and coordinated access to volunteer ride programs. ALOFT's board of directors transferred the 3-year grant to Family Services of Westchester to begin 10/1/10.
- Livable Community Council identified housing diversity as major focus for its future.

Thank you ALOFT volunteers and contributors!

We wish to thank the following volunteers and organizations whose selfless contributions of time, talent, and consideration have helped to further ALOFT's good works during our fiscal year ending 6/30/10. Without you, there would be no ALOFT. Thank you!

Board of Directors (Term Expiration)

Liz Bailey (2012)	The Hon. Lee Roberts, Secretary (2012)*
Jean F. Coppola, PhD (2010)	Vicki Schott (2011), Vice Chair*
Paula Desperito (2012)	Barry Singer, Treasurer (2011)*
Ralph Gregory, ex officio as LCC Chair	Sal Vaccaro (2012)
James Luciano, MD (2011)	Jo Voege, Chair (2010)*
Heather Petre (2010)	Catherine Wynkoop, President (2010)*
	* <i>Executive Committee Member</i>

Livable Community Advisory Council at ALOFT

Albert Annunziata (Builder's Realty Institute)	Virginia Johnson (WC DOT)
Joan Arnold (A-Home Housing)	Thomas McGrath (Blue Mountain)
Rina Bellamy (My Second Home)	The Hon. Mary Beth Murphy (Somers Town Supervisor)
Cynthia Curtis (No. Salem Planning Board)	Ernest Osborne (At Home in Somers)
The Hon. Charles Duffy (Lewisboro Town Sup.)	Catherine Wynkoop, Coordinator
Ralph Gregory (Somers resident), Chairman	Linda Yurus (Lewisboro Senior Outreach)
The Hon. Peter J. Harckham (WC Board of Legislators)	

Most Active Livable Community at ALOFT Task Forces in 2010

Smart Growth, Land Use, Housing Task Force: Neil Alexander (Cuddy Fedder, land use attorney), Joan Arnold (A-Home Housing), Donna Camadeco (Bedford realtor), Cynthia Curtis (North Salem Planning), Ralph Gregory (Somers), Tony Hoeltzel (Community Housing Resource Center), Tom McGrath (Blue Mountain), Rose Noonan, (Housing Action Council), Barry Singer (At Home in Somers & ALOFT Boards), Josina van der Maas (Pound Ridge Housing Board), Laura Tivoli (Katonah), Diane Tully (Pound Ridge).

Transportation: Sadie Candela (Mt Kisco), Diane Fulves (Pound Ridge), Virginia Johnson (Westchester Co. Dept of Transportation), Irene Sandford (At Home in Somers), Bea Rieser (FISH scheduling volunteer), John Schurdak (St Patrick's Senior Neighbors), Barry Singer (At Home in Somers), Deb Tarlow (North Castle), Laura Tivoli (Loaves & Fishes, St Mary's Parish), Caryl Weinstein (Westchester Dept Senior Programs & Services).

Thank you to Founding ALOFT Community Affiliates -- local merchants that offer discounts and special benefits to ALOFT members.

Antiques & Tools of Business & Kitchen	Greener Cleaner & Tailor
Awakenings	Hair Wharf
Bedford Village Florist Ltd.	Katonah Art & Frame
Bedford Wine Merchants	Katonah Pharmacy
Blue Dolphin Restaurant	Katonah Restaurant
Cappy's Travel Center	Katonah Wine and Liquor
Caramoor	Kelloggs & Lawrence Hardware Store
Chair Yoga by Marlene Gallagher	Le Fontane Restaurant
Consider the Cook	Margaret Wilson & Company, Inc.
CPR: Computer Problem Rescue	M. Furman Printing
Design Lighting by Marks	Mount Kisco Athletic Club
Eclectic Collector	Mrs. Monogram
Fine Lines of Katonah	Noka and Noka Joe's Sweet Shop

Offerings
Peppino's Ristorante
Poor Richard's Tiffany
Right Click Solutions, LLC
Robin McCormick Jewelry & Design
Russell B. Bleakley Plumbing & Heating

Sassi Salon
Scoops Ice Cream Parlor
Sort & Settle, LLC Senior Move Managers
Spring Hill Kennels
Yorkie's Taxi

We also wish to thank the following organizations for providing complimentary meeting spaces:

A-Home Housing
My Second Home/Family Services of
Westchester
First Presbyterian Church of Katonah (Parlor
and Fellowship Hall)
Katonah Village Library
Pound Ridge Library

Town of Bedford (Supervisor's office, Court
Bedford Hills Community House)
Town of Lewisboro (South Salem Fire House)
Town of Mount Kisco (Fox Center)
Town of Pound Ridge (Conant Hall)

And we wish to acknowledge our financial contributors and thank them for their generosity.

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Anne-Marie Sirois
J. Sullivan
Deborah Tarlow

Jo Voege
Catherine Wynkoop
The Desperito Foundation
The Center for Aging in Place Support
The Federal Transportation Administration
Westchester County Department of Senior
Programs and Services

Educational Programs FYE 6/30/10

7/15/09 at South Salem Fire House, Lewisboro
Seniors: *What are Livable Communities and
Elder-Friendly Communities?*
8/10/09 at Westchester Community College:
The Gatekeeper Program.
9/19/09 at South Salem Fire House, Lewisboro
Seniors: *Senior Law Day.*
10/7/09 at South Salem Fire House, Lewisboro
Seniors: *Senior Crimebusters.*
11/4/09 at the Pound Ridge Library with PR
Recreation Dept: *Benefits Checkup.*
11/8/09 at Katonah Village Library, ALOFT
Annual Meeting: *Flexible Thinking and Wisdom:
Ensuring Both at All Ages.*
1/12/10 at Bedford Town Court: *Kickoff
Demand Responsive Transportation (Mobility
Management) Initiative for Northeast
Westchester.*
3/3/10 at Pace University, NYS
Intergenerational Network (NYSIgN)--

Westchester Chapter: *Planning & visioning for
intergenerational programs in Westchester.*
3/4/10 at Westchester Community College:
*AARP Statewide video conference on
transportation, housing and other issues.*
Recreation Dept: *Elder Law 101 with Linda
Burpee*
3/15, 22, 29 and 4/15, 12, 19 at Pace
University: *One on one computer lessons.*
4/15/10 at Pound Ridge Library – *Elder Law
101.*
5/6/10 at South Salem Fire House: *Mobility
Management Stakeholder Visioning Session.*
5/18/10 at Conant Hall with Pound Ridge
Recreation: *Senior Law Day.*
6/2/10 at Pace University: *NYSIgN Mission-
Building, Part II.*

Events Scheduled for ALOFT Members & Guests 2009-2010

July, 2009 – Bronx Botanical Gardens & Farmers'
Market plus tour of Arthur Avenue, Bronx;
Smith's Tavern tour, Armonk.

August, 2009 -- Caramoor Jazz Festival pre
concert supper; Kykuit, Tarrytown.

September, 2009 -- Walking Tour of Katonah with historian Don Coe; Tour of Brant Collection of Modern Art and lunch with At Home in Greenwich members.

October, 2009 – Pepsico Sculpture Gardens, Purchase; Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem to Celebrate Wolf Awareness Week & The Animal Embassy.

November, 2009 – Culinary Institute lunch & tour.

December, 2009 – Holiday luncheon at French American Bistro, Mt Kisco.

January, 2010 – Katonah Museum of Art Exhibition & Tour, “Bold, Cautious, True: Walt Whitman & American Art of the Civil War.

February, 2010 – Prospero Winery, Pleasantville; Captain Lawrence Brewery, Pleasantville.

March, 2010 – John Jay Homestead Tour

June, 2010 – Barbeque, Pound Ridge.

Mobility Management Workgroups & Stakeholders Advisory Council

Employers: Suzanne Moses (Visiting Nurses in Westchester), Steve Riordan (Family Services of Westchester), Carol Ryan (MetroPool), Mary Ann O’Grady (Ridgefield VNA), Susan Norwell (Dominican Sisters Family Health Services), Cornelia Schimmert (Visiting Nurse Association of Hudson Valley), Grace Cognetta & Karen Marousek (Elder Care Connections), Joni Ehrlich (My Second Home), Virginia Johnson (WCDOT), Audrey Perlman (Crickett Care), Charlotte Smith (VNA of Hudson Valley), Tuesday McDonald (The Preservation Company).

Town Ride Programs: Liz Dieter (The Fox Center, Mt Kisco), Jean Arra (Mt Kisco Nutrition), Louise Paolicelli (Pound Ridge), Linda Yurus (Lewisboro), Bruce Barnard (North Castle), Patti Tompkins (North Salem), Jim Whiting (Bedford), Irene Sandford (At Home in Somers).

Volunteer Ride Programs: Kathleen Sullivan (FISH North Salem), Jim Wood (FISH Mt Kisco & Bedford), Bea Rieser (FISH Mt Kisco & Bedford), Laura Tivoli (Loaves & Fishes, St Mary’s Parish), John Schurdak (St. Patrick’s Parish Senior Neighbors Program), Irene W. Sandford (AHIS, CAPS), Louise Paolicelli (Town of Pound Ridge & Neighbor to Neighbor), Sadie Candela (Mt Kisco), Diane Fulves (Pound Ridge), Diane Tully (Pound Ridge), Paula Desperito (ALOFT Board), Tuesday McDonald (The Preservation Company).

Private Taxi, Bus & Livery: Jeff Biever (CLC Transportation), Miguel Duarte (KES Taxi), Roberto Alarcon (Yorkie’s Taxi), Marco (Fabian) Idrovo (Ernie’s Taxi), Jose Hidalgo (Katonah Taxi), Maria Martinez (Katonah Taxi), Joan Corwin (Mother Hen/Chappaqua Transportation).

Voucher Planning Group: Jose Hidalgo (Katonah Taxi), Maria Martinez (Katonah Taxi), Charlotte Smith (VNAHV HHS), Chris D. Andritsopoulos (WCOFD/Para Transit), Pamela Veith (Bedford Program Coordinator for Seniors), Louise Paolicelli (Town of Pound Ridge), Miguel Duarte (KES Taxi), Jeanne Pici (WCDSPPS), Virginia Johnson (WCDOT).

Stakeholders Advisory Group: All the above, plus: Laura Rossi-Ortiz (Westchester Community Foundation), Hon. Lee Roberts (Bedford Supervisor), Anne-Marie Sirois (Pound Ridge), Liz Bailey (ALOFT Board), Robin Osborne (Westchester Library System), Charles Pieragostini (Mt Kisco Recreation), Brian Connolly (WC Planning Dept), Karen Gordon (The Preservation Company), Evan Latainer (WC Dept Disabled), Hon. Mike Kaplowitz (WC Board of Legislators), Andrew Collins (The Preservation Company), Rae Szymanski (Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Hudson Valley), Richard Streicher (Westchester County Transportation Board), Wendy Wild representing Hon. Peter Harckham (WC Board of Legislators), Hon. Gary Warshauer (Pound Ridge Supervisor), Barbara Taberer (Somers Nutrition), Mae Carpenter (WCDSPPS Commissioner), Dozene Guishard (WCDSPPS Livable Communities), Alisa Keston (The Volunteer Center).