

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026****8:30 AM****McFarland Municipal Center**  
5915 Milwaukee St, McFarland  
*Community Room*

## AGENDA

The public may attend in-person or remotely through the Zoom webinar or telephone options listed below. *Please Note: Virtual attendance is offered as a convenience, but technical difficulties beyond the Village's control may prevent or limit its availability at any meeting. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting in person to assure full access to the proceedings.*

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1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.
2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.
  - a. This is an opportunity for attendees to provide public comment on matters that are not on the agenda. Attendees desiring to provide public comment on specific items on the agenda may do so at the time that agenda item is brought up. Zoom attendees wishing to speak should type their name, address, and the relevant agenda item in the Q&A feature within the online meeting platform. Zoom attendees may also register in support or opposition of an item through the Q&A feature. In person attendees should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. When you are called upon to speak, state your name, address, and provide your public comment. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Written comments will not be read into the record during the meeting but may be sent to [senior.outreach@mcfarland.wi.us](mailto:senior.outreach@mcfarland.wi.us) to be included with the agenda materials.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026 meeting.
4. BUSINESS.
  - a. Proclamation for Social Work Month in March.
  - b. Presentation on the development of Tri-shaw bike program, Cycling without Age.
  - c. Presentation of Dane County Senior Center models, including Waunakee Senior Center and Middleton Senior Center.
5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.
  - a. Schedule next meeting date for Wednesday, March 18, 2026.
6. ADJOURNMENT.

by 2:00 p.m. at least 5 business days prior to the meeting so that any necessary arrangements can be made to accommodate each request. If the meeting or request is less than 5 business days from the meeting, requests for accommodations may still be made and reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate each request.

# Senior Outreach Services Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

8:30 AM

McFarland Municipal Center

### 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Members Present: Lowell Prill, Jerry Adrian, Colleen McCormick, Barb Vanderwerff, Diane Mikelbank, Kathy Lyons, Ken Boyd

Staff Present: Katie Gletty-Syoen, Matt Schuencke (via zoom)

### 2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- a. There is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Senior Outreach Services Committee. Members of the public who wish to address the Committee should fill out a public comment form and turn in into the meeting chairperson. Members of the public may speak during public appearances or during their selected agenda items as they designate on the public comment form. Please adhere to the 3 minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to [senior.outreach@mcfarland.wi.us](mailto:senior.outreach@mcfarland.wi.us) to be included as part of the meeting. There were no public appearances

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2025 Meeting. Motion approved.

### 4. BUSINESS

- a. Presentation of SOS Quarterly Report (October, November, December 2025). Senior Outreach programs from October–December were reviewed, including attendance for regular and special events. Highlights included Meals with Melody (41 attendees each in October and November), Honoring Veterans Stories (77 registered plus walk-ins), and Holiday Meals with Melody (63 attendees), with increased capacity supported by the Village Communications Department. Fourth-quarter participation rose in 2025 compared to the same quarter in 2024, across all meal programs: Cambridge (25%), McFarland Home Delivered (26%), and McFarland Congregate (31%). Case management hours totaled 62.25 in October, 74 in November, and 54 in December, with client updates and current needs shared. County funding for the Cambridge meal site will be added to a future agenda, and adding volunteer-led programs to quarterly reports was discussed.

- b. Discuss 2026 Senior Outreach program offerings.  
Reviewed 2026 program updates, including adding Thursday congregate meals; expanding the senior film series and Aging with Wisdom lectures to monthly occurrences; launching Reimagining Retirement as a monthly series; offering monthly dementia caregiver and respite groups, as well as monthly grief and loss support with 1:1 consultations; introducing What Is Felt? as a quarterly program; and adding dates for health and wellness classes. Upcoming special events were highlighted. Discussion included strategies to engage more men in wellness classes and increasing use of surveys to identify needs, gather feedback, and address service gaps.
- c. Presentation and discussion of different senior center models in Dane County.  
The Stoughton Senior Center model includes a director, assistant director, five case managers, and support staff, overseen by a Commission on Aging. Facilities include a wood shop, pool room, and craft/music spaces on the ground floor; exercise and event spaces in the annex; case manager offices, conference/classrooms, and durable medical equipment storage on the second floor; and a main floor with reception, dining, and computer room. Members scan cards on entry. A visual aid to compare center components for McFarland’s future planning was discussed.
- d. Discuss premiere event for the McFarland Senior Outreach documentary screening.  
The Communications Department interviewed staff, volunteers, and participating seniors to highlight Senior Outreach services in a documentary. A red carpet–themed premiere is preliminarily planned for March at 6 p.m., with interviewees invited as VIP guests and a panel discussion to follow. A separate screening for high school students was discussed to encourage intergenerational dialogue on aging.

**5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE**

Next meeting will be scheduled Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 8:30am.

**6. Adjournment**

Lowell Prill motioned to adjourn the meeting and Colleen McCormick seconded motion.

  
VILLAGE OF  
**McFarland**  
**SUMMARY SHEET**

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, February 25, 2026

**SECTION:** Business

**DEPARTMENT:** Outreach

**CONTACT:**

**AGENDA ITEM:** Proclamation for Social Work Month in March.

**PREVIOUS ACTION:**

**ISSUE SUMMARY:**

**FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:**

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**BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. March is Social Work Month Proclamation



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PROCLAMATION  
Designating March as Social Work Month

WHEREAS, people have entered the social work profession for generations because they genuinely care about helping improve the welfare of people, families, and communities

WHEREAS, the 2026 NASW (National Association of Social Workers) Social Work Month theme, “Uplift, Defend, Transform,” shines a light on the resolute spirit of social workers who transform lives while bringing hope, healing, and justice to the communities they serve-especially in times of profound change and challenges;

WHEREAS, Social Workers have helped this nation live up to its values by successfully advocating for equal rights for all people, no matter their race, sexual identity, gender, gender expression, culture or religion;

WHEREAS, Social Workers follow a Code of Ethics, which sets as the primary mission of the Social Work profession the enhancement of human well-being and meeting the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty;

WHEREAS Social Workers work in all parts of our community – including schools, social service agencies, veteran programs, senior services, and government – helping people, family and communities secure services and policies they need to thrive;

WHEREAS, Social Workers are at the forefront of pressing issues our nation is addressing, including increased needs for mental health care; substance use disorder treatment; and increased economic and political division;

WHEREAS, Social Workers help protect vulnerable populations, including children, people with disabilities, and older adults from abuse and neglect, and provide services and support, which help strengthen family and community support networks that are under stress;

WHEREAS, research proves the presence of Social Workers in communities including schools, health care institutions, and assisted living facilities improve education and health outcomes and quality of life for students, patients and residents;

WHEREAS, Social Workers continue to stand ready to assist our community in overcoming present and future challenges;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by Social Workers who serve our community be it proclaimed by the McFarland Village Board, that March is hereby  
Social Work Month.

Proclaimed at a regular meeting of the McFarland Village Board on February 24, 2026.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Cassandra Suettinger  
Deputy Administrator/Clerk Village

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Stephanie Brassington  
Village President



  
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## About Us

As of March 2021

- Invented in 2012 in Copenhagen
- Represented in 51 countries
- 2,500 chapter locations
- 3,500 trishaws
- 35,000 trained cycle pilots
- Over 1.9 million people served
- Oldest pilot is 90 Jorgen Hass of Denmark
- Oldest passenger is Edith Green 108 of Bournemouth, England

## Program Benefits

Community engagement  
New and renewed friendships  
Connection with nature  
Increased mobility and access  
Improved mood (lots of smiles!)

The right to wind in your hair.

## Guiding Principles

**Generosity:** Cycling Without Age is based on generosity and kindness. It starts with the obvious generous act of taking one or two elderly people out on a bike ride.

**Slowness:** Slowness allows you to sense the environment, be present in the moment.

**Storytelling:** Older adults have so many stories that will be forgotten if we don't reach out and listen to them. We tell stories, and we listen to stories on the bike.

**Relationships:** Cycling Without Age is about creating a multitude of new relationships.

**Without Age:** Life unfolds at all ages, young and old, and can be thrilling, fun, sad, beautiful and meaningful. Cycling Without Age is about letting people age in a positive context.

## Volunteer!



Pilots are crucial to the success of the program!

Pilots are family members, spouses, and those +18 years of age who want to help their community members.

All individuals interested in becoming a pilot will complete an application, background check and training to ensure they are well prepared to be a pilot.

## Storytellers

Do you know the rich history of McFarland and the surrounding areas? If so, you would be a great storyteller!

A Pilot will take you and a community member around McFarland so you can share your knowledge, and make a new friend in the process!

  
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