

TOP THREE

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Area Agency on Aging District 7



Welcome to our January 2024 news e-blast - sharing our "Top Three" focus items for this month. As always, reach out to us with any questions and follow us on our social media platforms!

1

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Recap

The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), through the AAA7, had an outstanding year in 2023, serving a record-number of individuals through the ten counties served in the AAA7's district, including Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton. The SFMNP is a federally-funded program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Services Agency and in Ohio, by the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA).



ODA provides additional state funds to support SFMNP operation within Ohio.

Through the program, eligible older adults can receive \$50 in coupons each growing season to use at participating farmers' markets and roadside stands to purchase produce. We are excited to report that due to additional funding that was distributed in 2023, more seniors than ever in the AAA7's district were able to benefit from the program last year, including 3,593 participants who were able to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables and other designated items from 35 local, authorized farmers. The SFMNP runs each year from May through October. Applications for 2024 for both participants and farmers will be available sometime in the Spring. Stay tuned for more information!

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2024 Board of Trustees and Advisory Council Meetings

The AAA7 announces Regular Board of Trustees meeting dates in 2024: February 22, April 25, June 27, August 22, October 31 and December 12. Board Meetings are held at the AAA7's Administrative Office, located at 1 Acy Avenue in Jackson, Ohio. If changes occur in regard to the meeting details or meeting location, an announcement will be made on the Agency's Facebook social media page. As the Board Meeting is open to anyone in the public who is interested, please call the Area Agency on Aging District 7 at [1-800-582-7277](tel:1-800-582-7277) to receive further instructions on how to participate or e-mail info@aaa7.org. AAA7 Advisory Council meetings are held at the AAA7 Training Center, also located at 1 Acy Avenue in Jackson. Dates in 2024 are: May 23 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm; August 22 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm; and October 31 (time to be determined). All are welcome.

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Online Referral Form

Know someone needing long-term care services at home? A friendly reminder of how easy it is to help them learn more about their options by using the AAA7's online referral tool. Simply scan the QR code to access our online referral form or call us at 1-800-582-7277.

