# LOA News and Notes

# July 2025

## Thank You for Supporting Let's Give Lunch 2025!

LOA's 34th annual fundraiser for Meals on Wheels and nutrition programs, **Let's Give Lunch**, was held on Friday, June 6 at North Roanoke Baptist Church. Your support was evident as 1,135 boxed lunches were picked-up or delivered, and 11,756 raffle tickets were sold!

LOA President & CEO Ron Boyd joined WDBJ7's Here at Home to share a recap of this year's event, and share other ways to help support seniors in our area. Click on the button below to see the broadcast.

**LOA Joins WDBJ7 Here at Home**

Let's Give Lunch is LOA's largest annual fundraiser for Meals on Wheels and Nutrition Programs. Every year we assist thousands of seniors with their nutritional needs, and our waiting list continues to grow. If you missed Let's Give Lunch, please consider donating now to help us care for local seniors through these and other vital programs!

**\*\*Raffle prizes were drawn on June 25, and the recipients have been notified! Click HERE to see the complete list of winners!\*\***



Let's Give Lunch 2025

# Thanks to our Let's Give Lunch Sponsors!

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**LOA Vital Transportation Expands to North Botetourt County**

LOA's Vital Transportation services has recently expanded its reach to help even more seniors with transportation needs!

Now, eligible seniors in Blue Ridge, Buchanan, Cloverdale, Daleville, Eagle Rock, Fincastle, Glen Wilson, Iron Gate, Laymantown, and Troutville can get assistance going to their doctor, pharmacy, grocery store, or any other vital services.

Vital Transportation is available to individuals 60 or older with lower income, who need a ride to their critical appointments. We help those who have no other source for transportation or means to pay for transportation. (Riders must be able to get in and out of the vehicle on their own.)

If you or someone you know needs transportation assistance, call LOA at (540) 345-0451.

Summer heat can quickly become a safety issue for at-risk seniors. LOA offers small window unit air conditioners to homeowners with no working air conditioner in the home. Box fans are also available for those who do not own their home. There are some additional eligibility requirements for this program.

**If you or someone you know needs cooling assistance this summer, call Angela Hale at 540-345-0451, Ext. 3046, for more information.**

This program is possible because of private grants, monetary gifts, and donations of new air conditioning units and box fans. Contact us at the number above if you would like to make a donation!

WFXR's talked with LOA President & CEO Ron Boyd about what we're doing helping seniors stay safe in the summer heat. See the report here:

**LOA Cooling Assistance WFXR**

**Low- to moderate-income older adults may be eligible for fresh and nutritious locally grown fruit, vegetables, and cut herbs through the 2025 Farm Market Fresh Program!**

Seniors aged 60 and older with income of less than $2413/month are eligible to apply. Qualified seniors will receive $50 worth of benefits (on a digital app or physical card) to buy fresh produce from participating farmers through November. Click below for more information and to access the online application.

**Learn More & Apply**

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**Virtual Public Hearing Held June 25**

The Local Office on Aging held its **Virtual Public Hearing** on the Fiscal Year 2026 Area Plan for Aging Services for the 5th Planning District of Virginia (counties of Roanoke, Botetourt, Craig, and Alleghany, and the cities of Roanoke, Salem, and Covington) on June 25.

Open to the public, the hearing outlined the Area Plan for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, covering the programs and services provided to older adults who reside in the 5th Planning District. The LOA Advisory Council will use the information gained to finalize the plan for LOA Board approval in July.

**To access the proposed FY 2026 Area Plan including budget, waivers, and services, click the button below.**

**District 5 Area Plan FY2026**

The date has been set for the 2025 Senior Legal Safety Conference! Mark your calendars for September 19, 2025, and watch for more details, including registration information, coming soon!

Topics to include Crime & Fraud Prevention, Protecting Your Finances, Senior Legal Issues, and more!



## AARP holds Social Security 90th Anniversary Event at LOA

On August 14, 2025, LOA will host an AARP Virginia sponsored celebration of Social Security's 90th anniversary, Get the Scoop About Social Security.

Over its 90 year history, Social Security has helped generations of older Americans live with dignity. Enjoy free ice cream and learn how AARP is working to protect and strengthen Social Security to ensure it's there for generations to come.

The drop-in event is open to all ages, and you do not have to be an AARP member to attend. It will be held August 14, 2025, from 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM at the LOA Health & Wellness Center, 4902 Frontage Road N.W., Roanoke, VA 24019.

**Register for AARP Social Security Event**

## Gifts and Grants Update

**LOA is deeply grateful to the following individuals and organizations for their recent generous gifts and grants:**

Kevin and Debbie Hayes

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**OFFICE CLOSURE**

**LOA's offices will be closed on Friday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.**