

**Action Conference “Aging in a Senior-Friendly Community”**  
**Thursday, October 16, 2008 At the Hyatt Regency Hotel & Spa, Newport**

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE & REGISTRATION**

**SCHEDULE**

- 8:00-9:00:     **Registration & View Exhibits**-Continental Breakfast in Exhibit area
- 9:00-10:15    **Opening Session**  
                  --Opening Remarks: Bill Flynn, Executive Director, Senior Agenda Coalition  
                  --Welcome:  
                  • Senator M. Teresa Paiva-Weed, R.I. Senate Majority Leader  
                  • Jack Indeck, Senior Agenda Coalition Chair  
                  --Keynote: Janice Blanchard: “Aging in Community Takes a Village”  
                  --Response:Lt. Gov. Elizabeth Roberts: “Why Aging in Community is Important”
- 10:15-10:30    Break (move to workshops)
- 10:30-11:45    **Workshops Session**  
                  1-A - Housing Alternatives  
                  1-B -Livable Communities and Transportation  
                  1-C –Support Services: Basic Building Blocks
- 11:45-12:15    Break (visit exhibits)
- 12:15-1:15     **Luncheon Session** Speaker: Corinne Russo, Director, RI Dept of Elderly Affairs
- 1:15– 2:45:    **Take Action Plenary Session:** Moderator Janice Blanchard  
                  - Beacon Hill Village presentation  
                  - SRI at Home  
                  - “At Your Service” (Warwick)
- 2:45 – 2:55    **Closing Wrap-up**

**Registering for the Conference**

**Registration Fees: \$25 – Seniors (Age 60 and over); \$60.00 for all others. Make checks payable to “Senior Agenda Coalition of RI”. Mail to Senior Agenda, 133 Mathewson St., Providence RI 02903**

**① Your Information:**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

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**② Choose Your Workshop** (Please check box next to workshop. *Choose only one.*)

**#1--Housing Alternatives:** This workshop will highlight the important relationship between a person's access to a home that is both affordable and meets their needs and their success in maintaining their ability to age in their own homes and community. Moderator Jessica Buhler from Rhode Island Housing and a workshop panel will provide examples of innovative housing developments for seniors, how "Grow Smart" principles for planning communities help address the housing needs of people of all ages, and also information on programs that older Rhode Islanders can access that will help them stay in their own home.

**# 2--Livable Communities and Transportation:** This workshop will introduce elements that make communities 'livable' for seniors and then focus on one issue that almost all aging seniors and family caregivers face: transportation. Kathy Wilson will present what AARP, The AdvantAge Initiative, and Communities for All Ages have discovered about making communities livable. She will introduce resources available for use in assessing community livability and developing plans to address specific community needs. Katherine Freund, President and Founder of Independent Transportation Network (ITN) will present an innovative program being adopted nationwide to address growing transportation with 'door-to-door, arm-through-arm service to thousands of seniors.'

**# 3 –Support Services: Basic Building Blocks for Aging Friendly Communities:** Access to community support services is vital to the creation of successful aging friendly communities. Workshop presenters Maureen Maigret and Paula Parker will discuss: 1) the role that Rhode Island's public and private sectors play in the delivery of community services and 2) the current opportunities and challenges facing advocates for livable, aging friendly communities

**# 4 –Home Modifications 101:** Elaina Goldstein, Executive Director of Rhodes to Independence, will present her agency's new consumer's guide to home modifications. This publication was developed to assist consumers who have been considering ways in which they will be able to remain in their own homes and live independently throughout their lifetime. Topics covered will include: a) Identifying areas in need of home modification; b) possible home modifications to address these needs; c) explanation of existing home modification programs in RI; d) develop a "game plan" to achieve a home modification.

**③ Select Your Luncheon Meal**

**Chicken Option:** Basil-Rubbed Chicken served on a Bed of Saffron-Herb Orzo with Broccolini and Thyme Bordelaise Sauce.

**Vegetarian Option:** Butternut squash ravioli with mushrooms, pine nuts and sage.

(Both options served with a Caesar Salad and an Apple Cranberry Tart for Dessert.)