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TO: Town of Verona Citizens

FROM: David K Combs, Town Chair

Last spring the Town Board was faced with a decision to reconsider financial participation in the Verona Area Senior Programs as offered by the City of Verona. The City nearly doubled its fee for the provision of senior services. After several attempts to negotiate an agreement and a careful assessment of senior services used by Town of Verona residents, the board decided not to accept the City's terms and to provide services by other means. I want to emphasize that the Town is committed to providing outreach, meals on wheels and referrals for case management for town residents to the level that had been provided by the Verona Senior Center. In March, 2009, the Board conducted a survey of Town residents to determine the amount of need and participation in the senior programs as provided by the Verona site. The survey was sent to all households in the Town. The survey show that of the 408 responses that were returned (56% of the total), 11 Town residents visited the Verona Senior Center, and of the 11 who used the center, 6 used the center only for social activities. The Town Board is committed to providing services to seniors that enable them to enjoy living in their homes. Services such as 'meals on wheels', an RSVP driver to provide transportation to such things as medical appointments, and referrals for services such as in-home care, visiting nurse services or hospice care can be arranged through the Town hall. If you are aware of citizens with needs – or have needs yourself - PLEASE CONTACT the town office @ 845-7187.

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