

Ashland's Senior Program has been dismantled

What do you believe ... Words or Actions?

Words Ashland Parks and Recreation (APRC) states that integrated senior social services will stay the same and the senior program has not been "dismantled."

Actions The first actions APRC made was to *destroy* the senior program's integrated approach and effective social services. APRC *laid off highly qualified Senior Center staff* who have extensive knowledge and experience of its integrated social service senior program and *replaced with inexperienced* Parks and Recreation staff / individuals, *and volunteers*. APRC also planned to move the senior center program management and physical oversight away from the Senior Center to the Grove; however, they withdrew that recommendation due to public outcry.

Impact *Dismantles* the social services integrated program ... the hub of the holistic wheel ... and reduces the social services to handing out information booklets ... and removes the personnel who know the difference. Essentially shreds the seniors' safety net built up and maintained over 43 years.

What we want Rehire Senior Program staff and return the once robust program to what it was - a DHS acknowledged model program. Then perform extensive community needs assessments and promote public participation to determine the need for further program expansion.

Recall Ashland Support Our Seniors (SOS) endorses the effort to recall APRC Commissioners Gardiner, Lewis and Landt

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