

Welcome to our Senior Friendly Initiative

1:00 pm

Culler Center of Excellence

1. A brief review of the initiative Calvin Vaughn
2. A few words from the NC Division of Aging & Adult Services Judy Smith
3. A Win-Win for us and our partners Nancy Bowman
4. Key things to include in your self-assessment:
 - ◆ Special programs/times for seniors.
 - ◆ Special accommodations and marketing.
 - ◆ Involvement of seniors in staff, planning, volunteering, committees and gifting, etc.
 - ◆ Accessibility
 - ◆ Diversity (including ethnicity, varying functional levels and costs)
 - ◆ Inclusion in strategic plan, goals, or specific meetings to plan for the present number of seniors and future (baby boomers).
 - ◆ Partnerships
 - ◆ Special efforts.

Time Line of Progress

Mission: High Point will be recognized as the first social, cultural, and arts senior-friendly community in North Carolina.

October 2004	Senior Friendly Communities discussions began. (Social/Cultural Involvement became our focus)
December 2004	Venues were visited by Senior Center Directors and (An assessment was conducted)
January 2005	A Senior Friendly working team was appointed. The team represents the venues, seniors and diversity. (Regular meetings continued.) Identified by the State as a Pilot Project.
February 2005	Training conducted in Raleigh
March – May 2005	Drafts of an assessment tool and logo designed.
May 23. 2005	All community partners were officially invited to participate. (Identified by the HP Visitors and Convention Bureau.)
June 8, 2005	Begin to take official requests for self-assessment to be a Senior Friendly venue. A letter of intent addressed to the Senior Center initiates the <i>user friendly</i> process.
The Future	
July 2005	Requests for Self-assessment tool to be mailed/ e-mailed.
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