## **TOP THREE**

**APRIL 2025** 



Area Agency on Aging District 7 (AAA7)

Welcome to our April 2025 news e-blast - sharing our "Top Three" focus items for this month. As always, reach out to us with any questions and follow us on our social media platforms!



## **National Volunteer Week**

National Volunteer Week is observed April 20th through April 26th, offering a time to recognize and celebrate the contributions of volunteers and encourage more people to get involved in their communities. We'd like to take this time to focus on volunteers in our Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program who support nursing home residents by helping them resolve problems and advocating for their rights, with the overall goal of enhancing the quality of life and care for all long-term care consumers in pure



enhancing the quality of life and care for all long-term care consumers in nursing homes or other home and community-based settings. Volunteer Ombudsman receive special training and on-going professional support from the AAA7. In addition, they can plan their own schedules and are permitted to visit any day of the week in order to best work around their schedule. If you are a retired professional, or other capable and well-motivated individual, and are interested in the well-being and protection of residents receiving long-term care services, we welcome your interest in learning more. Contact us at 1-800-582-7277, Option #4, or email us at info@aaa7.org.



## Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Update

We have received several calls about the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP). Please note that we have not received notice that the applications are ready. As soon as they are available, we will make an announcement on our Facebook page and share information to the media. As a reminder, the SFMNP is available to eligible older adults in Ohio. Those who are eligible receive \$50 of benefits to use with participating farmers across the state. If you requested a physical benefit card last year, please keep it for this year and future use. There is also a mobile benefit



option. Very Important: everyone must re-apply each program year – this year, you must use the 2025 application. Applications will be available online. If you are approved, your benefit well be loaded directly on your current card. For updates or questions, please call our SFMNP Hotline at the AAA7 at 1-800-343-8112 or email <a href="mailto:FarmersMarket@aaa7.org">FarmersMarket@aaa7.org</a>.



## Art Show 2025

Dates have been set for this year's Older Adult Art Show! We'll be back at Bristol Village in Waverly with a special kick-off event taking place on September 22nd. Art will remain up until our Art Show Tea to close the event on October 17th. Stay tuned for more information and an application to participate that will be shared soon. To have your name added to our mailing list, call 1-800-582-7277 or email info@aaa7.org.