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# News Release

## Retired Citizens Advisory Council learns of commodities changes

*Board also discusses Christmas dinner, New Year's dance, 2017 tax season*

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (December 13, 2016) — The Arkansas City Retired Citizens Advisory Council learned more Monday about an ongoing effort to change how commodities are distributed to seniors.

The Ark City Senior Citizens Center has been doing that work, but Kristin Sparks, director of senior services, said the process is ongoing to transfer it to Angels in the Attic, located at 109 S. Summit St.

Sparks said the State of Kansas still has to certify several things before the senior center, located at 320 South A St., can begin to advertise that it is handing the distributions off to the nonprofit organization.

She said at the council's Nov. 14 meeting that the handoff probably won't be over until March 2017.

The council also discussed a pair of upcoming events at the center, including a Christmas luncheon planned for noon Thursday. Also, the Music Club Chorus will provide entertainment during lunch Friday.

Sparks reported that last month's Thanksgiving luncheon served 130 people at the senior center, about 65 through home deliveries and 45 more at Windsor Court Apartments, for a total of 240 people.

There also will be a special New Year's Eve dance on Dec. 31. Donnie Huffman will play music at the dance from 7 to 10 p.m. Doors open at 6. Admission will be \$8 per person, rather than the usual \$6.

Council members encourage Arkansas City senior citizens to continue supporting the center's regular dances, which are at 7 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month. The next one is Friday.

The center will be closed Dec. 26 in observance of Christmas and Jan. 2, 2017, for New Year's Day.

The Retired Citizens Advisory Council, which meets on the second Monday of every month, advises the operations of the Senior Citizens Center. Five of its seven members must be at least 62 years old.

The advisory council's next meeting will be at 1 p.m. Jan. 9, 2017, at the Senior Citizens Center.

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