



OLDER MICHIGANIANS DAY

2018 Older Michiganians Day Steering Committee

Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan

AARP Michigan

Alzheimer's Association

Senior Volunteer Programs of Michigan

Michigan Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs

Michigan Directors of Services to the Aging

Michigan Senior Advocates Council

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

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www.oldermichiganiansday.com



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THEME: *Engage at Every Age*

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What is Older Michiganians Day (OMD) and who started it?

OMD was created by the Area Agencies on Aging Association with its Aging Network Partners serving on the Steering Committee. It is an annual event drawing 1,000 advocates from across the state, united in their passion for aging issues. It provides an opportunity to discuss platform issues with Legislators, and a time to celebrate older adults and their achievements. The 2018 theme is “Engage at Every Age.” The OMD platform and other information about the event can be found at www.OlderMichiganiansDay.com.

When and where is OMD?

Wednesday, May 16, 2018– 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
East Lawn, State Capitol, 100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48933

What activities are planned?

- Most of the time is devoted to face-to-face contact with Legislators and their aides to discuss OMD Platform issues.
- Lt. Governor Brian Calley and Legislative Leaders from both parties are invited to respond in-person to the OMD Platform.
- The prestigious Senior Citizen of the Year Award will be given to a senior volunteer who has helped others and made a difference in his/her community.

What are some of this year’s hot-button Platform issues?

- Preserve and Protect MI Choice
- Support the Direct Care Workforce
- Support AASA In-Home Services
- Prevent Elder Abuse

Copies of the 2018 Platform are available from Area Agencies on Aging and other members of the Steering Committee. It is also posted on www.oldermichiganiansday.com.

Are event tickets required? How do I get one?

A ticket is not required to attend the event, but is necessary to receive a box lunch. Vegetarian and gluten-free lunches are available. Contact your Area Agency on Aging or Steering Committee member for tickets. To find the Area Agency serving your area, visit www.mi-seniors.net. You may also bring your lunch, or go to a nearby restaurant, many within a two to three block walk.

What if I can't attend but would like to advocate for the Platform?

Advocates who cannot attend on May 16th are encouraged to call the offices of their State Representative and State Senator to voice support for the Platform.

Where do I park my car or bus?

Cars: The closest parking is the Townsend Parking Structure located at 221 Townsend Avenue. The South Capitol Parking Ramp is located two blocks away from the Capitol at 300 S. Capitol Avenue, and the North Capitol Parking Ramp (floors 2-5) at 316 N. Capitol Ave. Metered parking may be available around the Capitol as well.

Buses and vans: Buses should drop off at the front of the building on Capitol Avenue and then park at the State Historical Museum on the corner of Kalamazoo and Butler. **DO NOT PARK on Capitol Avenue in front of the capitol.**

How should I dress for the day?

Dress comfortably and warmly in accordance with predicted temperatures. Wear flat shoes, as some walking will be necessary on both cement and grass.

What if it is cold or it rains?

The good news!

If temperatures are warm and only a slight chance of rain with no wind or lightning, the event will go on! If rain is predicted, bring an umbrella and raincoat.

The bad news!

The event will be cancelled if there are cold temperatures, wind, or storms. Call the Area Agency on Aging IB Weather Closure Line at (248) 262-1288 or visit www.OlderMichiganiansDay.com for information about a weather cancellation.

Should I bring a chair?

No, there will be lots of chairs available.

Are restrooms available?

Yes. There are accessible restrooms in the State Capitol building, ground floor – a short distance from the east lawn where the event takes place. Porta potties will also be onsite.

Where can I get more information on this event?

You are encouraged to visit the OMD website at www.OlderMichiganiansDay.com for an even greater sense of what to expect from this experience. There you will find information on the 2018 event, along with picture and video galleries of past years' events.