

Mayor Simmons Launches Senior Resident Listening Tour In Stamford

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There are several upcoming senior listening tour visits. (Richard Kaufman/Patch)

STAMFORD, CT — Mayor Caroline Simmons last Friday kicked off a listening tour of senior housing facilities in Stamford, in partnership with the Mayor's Advisory Council on Aging.

The goal of these visits is to meet with senior residents, hear their concerns, and provide information about city resources available to seniors.

Upcoming visits include:

- Wednesday, Sept. 6 – Willard Manor (36 Vine Road)
- Friday, Sept. 15 – Shippan Place (521 Shippan Ave.)
- Friday, Sept. 22 – Maplevue Towers (51 Grove St.)

"I am excited to launch these listening sessions, in partnership with the Mayor's Advisory Council on Aging, to hear directly from seniors about the issues that matter most to them," Simmons said in a news release. "My administration is committed to improving the quality of life of residents, and community engagement is critical to that, which is why we formed the Mayor's Advisory Council on Aging, so senior voices can be uplifted in our policymaking. I look forward to meeting with seniors and not only hearing what's important to them, but having the opportunity to share more about City initiatives and resources that will benefit them."

Christina Crain, executive director of the Stamford Senior Center and co-chair of the Mayor's Advisory Council on Aging said she's excited to embark on the listening tour with Simmons to better understand the needs and concerns of Stamford's senior community.

"Mayor Simmons is committed to creating an inclusive and supportive community for all, and this listening tour is a testament to that. We look forward to engaging in meaningful conversations and working together to improve the quality of life for seniors in Stamford," Crain added in a news release.

Kathleen Bordelon, CEO of SilverSource and co-chair of the Mayor's Advisory Council on Aging, echoed those sentiments.

"So many older people go unseen and unheard, and their concerns don't always reach decision-makers," Bordelon said in a news release. "It is especially gratifying that Mayor Simmons has organized a listening tour, to hear directly from seniors learning first-hand how her administration can address their concerns, and work to improve their quality of life here in Stamford."