

YOU'RE INVITED

AFSI MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 17, 2025 10am – 12pm

AFSI monthly meeting presentation and program beginning at 10am

WHO: The Advocates for Senior Issues Members, Guests, and Sponsors

WHAT: An opportunity to advocate, learn, and grow together. There will be a continental breakfast so **be sure to arrive early and bring a guest!**

WHEN: January 17, 2025 10am-12pm

WHERE: Salvation Army Kroc Center
2500 Division Ave S.
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Questions?

Please contact
AAAWM Advocacy & Planning Director
Sheri Harris
SheriH@aaawm.org | 616-222-7015

Legislative Speaker

Representative Gina Johnsen

Rep. Gina Johnsen was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in November 2022.

She represents the 78th District

Program Presentation

Increase Recycling Rate in Grand Rapids through Recycling Education

Come learn what the City of Grand Rapids does with recycling, why it is important to recycle and the future of waste diversion in the city.

Please note: The AFSI Housing Committee will be meeting prior to the regular membership meeting starting at 9am if you wish to participate.

Contact Anne Domanski with any questions: annedomanski@gmail.com

ADVOCATES for Senior Issues

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WHERE

Salvation Army Kroc Center
2500 Division Ave South Grand Rapids, MI 49507

AGENDA

Call to Order and Announcements:

Lody Zwarenstejn, President

Legislative Presentation

Representative Gina Johnsen

Rep. Gina Johnsen was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in November 2022. She represents the 78th District, which covers the townships of Lowell and Bowne, and the cities of Lowell and Alto in Kent County; Johnsen holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Wellesley College in Wellesley, MA. Gina was the director of the Michigan House of Prayer for 12 years. She owns a small insurance business and spent 17 years of her career with Otsuka Pharmaceuticals as a program manager. She is active in grassroots politics and in her community.

Program Presentation

Nicole Rapacki

Grand Rapids Public Works Department Recycling Coordinator

“Increase Recycling Rate in Grand Rapids
through Recycling Education”

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Advocates for Senior Issues is a non-partisan organization, affiliated with the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan www.aaawm.org/afsi

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RECYCLING GUIDE

Kent County Recycling & Education Center | reimagnetrash.org



KENT COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS

RECYCLE THESE ITEMS

CLEAN, EMPTY & LOOSE (NOT BAGGED OR BUNDLED)

CARDBOARD & PAPER



PLASTIC BOTTLES, CUPS & CONTAINERS

Rigid plastics #1-7; no foam or flexible plastics



GLASS BOTTLES & JARS



METAL CANS, BOTTLES & FOIL



MILK, JUICE & SOUP CARTONS



If the cap/lid and container are the same material, keep them attached. If they're different materials, detach and recycle separately.

KEEP OUT OF RECYCLING CONTAINERS!



**SEPARATE
OUT
RECYCLING
TRASH**



No hazardous waste or chemicals:
Batteries, electronics, propane tanks, fuel, chemicals, ammunition or other hazardous waste.



Nothing that would tangle:
Plastic bags, flexible plastics, string lights, extension cords, clothing, hoses, tarps, hangers, etc.



No bundled or bagged recycling:
Recyclables need to be loose in order to be sorted properly.



No foam plastics:
Foam take-out containers or cups, blocks of styro-foam, packing peanuts, foam coolers, etc.

Have an item you'd like to recycle that's not on this guide? We can help!
www.reimagnetrash.org | recycle@kentcountymi.gov | 616-632-7920

DO YOU RECYCLE?

Economic Benefits

- Recycling creates American jobs in the recycling industry
- Recycling supplies American manufacturers with raw materials
- Recycling keeps valuable materials out of landfills

Environmental Benefits

- Recycling conserves natural resources and energy
- Recycling is an investment in our community's environmental health
- Recycling prevents pollution and other environmental impacts from raw materials extraction

**BUT
WHERE
DOES IT
ALL GO?**



TO START RECYCLING

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