

ADVOCATES for Senior Issues



2023 Sponsorship Day

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 15, 2023 9am – 12pm

ASFI monthly meeting presentation and program beginning at 10am

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

WHAT: An opportunity to be together once again to advocate, learn, and build community together. Sponsorship day is a **special** annual membership meeting where we invite the faithful sponsors of the Advocates for Senior Issues to come and share information with us, senior fair style! We are excited for you to get to know the organizations, agencies, companies and individuals who support the advocacy work we are doing to improve the quality of life of our local seniors. **Be sure to arrive early and bring a guest!**

WHEN: September 15, 2023 9am-12pm

WHERE: Frederick Meijer Garden
Huizenga Grand Room & Atrium
1000 E Beltline Ave NE,
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

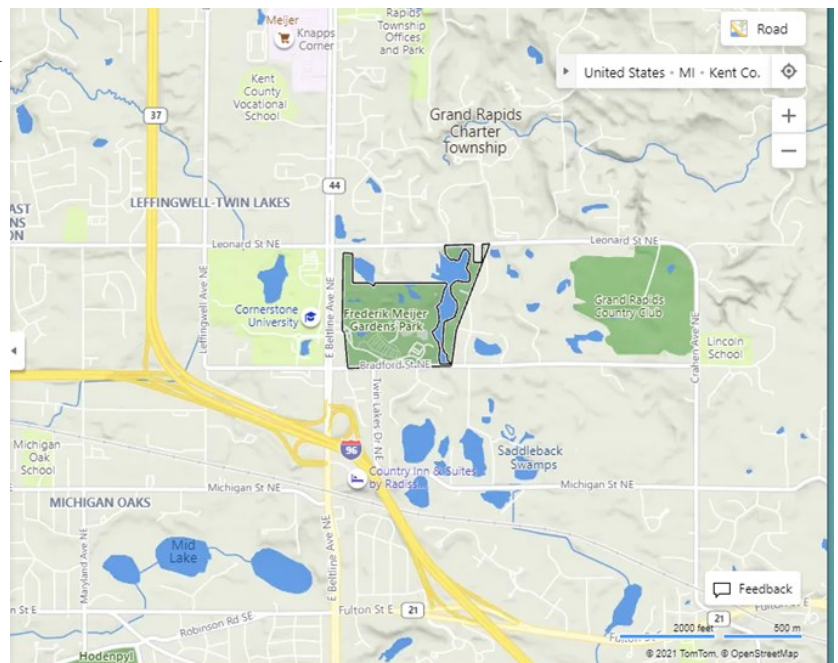
Questions?

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Back by popular demand the LUNCH VOUCHERS are available once again! Enjoy lunch after the meeting at the Café located at Frederick Meijer Garden.

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Frederick Meijer Garden & Sculpture Park
1000 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

AGENDA

Call to Order and Announcements:

Lody Zwarenstejn, President

Legislative Presentation

Representative John Fitzgerald

State Rep. John Fitzgerald is serving his first term representing the 83rd House District, including the city of Wyoming and other Kent County communities. As a legislator, he is guided by a "listen first" mentality — with this guiding principle, Rep. Fitzgerald is dedicated to learning from the experiences of his constituents, in order to build policy to solve the everyday, real issues that impact West Michigan residents. His priorities focus on supporting community services, public safety, economic growth and job development. He advocates for the health and wellbeing of Michigan communities by focusing on education, reproductive and general health care, gun reform and economic opportunity for all residents. A graduate of Michigan State University, in his free time Rep. Fitzgerald enjoys traveling around the state, taking in a round of golf, walking his dog, and holding out hope that the Tigers will make a run at the pennant.

Program Presentation

"What Did They Know? When Did They Know It? Grandrapidians and the Holocaust"

Rob Franciosi is Professor of English and Honors at Grand Valley State University. His work on the Holocaust includes *Elie Wiesel: Conversations*, the memoir *Good Morning* by Grand Rapids survivor Joseph Stevens, and articles on such writers as John Hersey, Anne Frank, and Art Spiegelman. Besides teaching courses on the Holocaust, he has conducted workshops at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills, escorted student groups to sites in Germany and Poland, and participated in study seminars in Eastern Europe, Israel, and at the Holocaust Research Institute at Royal Holloway, University of London, and most recently spent two months in Europe doing research for a project with the working title of *Stumbling Upon Strangers: A Post-Holocaust Memoir*.

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