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Libby Schwartz, Neighbor

The Loss of the Free B Bus and Senior Citizen Mental Health Inbox

Libby Zinman Schwartz

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to Andrea, me

Hello,

I am writing on behalf of hundreds of Senior Citizens in Princeton, including those in Princeton Affordable Housing units throughout the town in locations which have no transportation other than one or two trucks which must be reserved in advance and paid for, from four to six dollars round trip, to take them to events in town.

These events offer opportunities for seniors to enjoy socializing with others while being entertained by many excellent programs in the arts, now being preesented in person (before Memorial Day, May 31 weekend).

The Town Topic has listed exhibits like "Art Speaks" at Small World in town; "Favorite Bloomsday" passages from "Ulysses" read by famous writers such as Jumpha Lahiri, Joyce Carol Oates and Sean wilentz (June 16); "Spirit of Princeton Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony at Monument Hall; free vegetarian lunches, distributed by the YMCA, May 30; a free Beatles tribute on Palmer Square, on June 3; a Pop-up Kids book sale at the Princeton Shopping Center, June 6 and so many more events, markets and opportunity to socialize for seniors who have been increasingly exhibiting signs of psychological disorders owing to their prolonged isolation and loneliness.

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above, even if they are lucky to reserve a seat.

If you can understand the impact on seniors, especially those living alone, who are without transportation throughout Princeton and have struggled during Covid 19 for a very long time trying to adjust to the isolation imposed on them, please reply to my email at libbyzin@gmail.com in support of bringing back the Free B Bus whose regular schedule formerly brought seniors wherever they needed to go in Princeton. I will then place your responses on facebook an instagram and they can be anonymous, if you wish.

I have inquired and been told that the Free B Buses are all here but the members of Princeton Council are waiting to see if electric buses are available for purchase. That is a wonderful idea but it may be two or more years for such buses to be available. In the meantime, seniors struggle as they never should have to do, and particularly now when restrictions are being lifted by the governor in just a few day.

I look forward with hope that you will support this letter and the effort to restore the Princeton Free B Buses to their regular schedule.

Thank you very much.

Libby Zinman Schwartz

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Ludwig Wittgenstein, Neighbor

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