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## **Delaware County Officials Deliver for Local Seniors**

On Wednesday, March 18, public officials from Powell, Sunbury, and Shawnee Hills joined forces with the Council for Older Adults to provide meals to homebound seniors during the annual Mayors for Meals event. Mayor Tom Counts of Powell, President Pro Tempore Yvonne Clippinger of the Shawnee Hills Village Council, and Dan Shaw of the Sunbury Village Council were paired with Meals on Wheels delivery drivers to learn about the meal delivery system. Each of them rode along on one of the Council for Older Adults' 39 delivery routes that traverses Delaware County each day.

Mayors for Meals is a nationwide event organized by the Meals on Wheels Association of America. The 2009 event involved over 1,000 public officials across the country including not only mayors but senators, state representatives, judges, commissioners, and selectmen, all committed to drawing public attention to the critical issue of senior hunger in their communities.

Bob Horrocks, Executive Director of the Council for Older Adults expressed his appreciation for the local officials' participation. "Our organization is fortunate to enjoy the support of the community, and we so appreciate these local leaders volunteering their time to help raise public awareness about the needs of

homebound older people right here in Delaware County,” he said. “We hope others will follow their lead by volunteering some time in our kitchen or as meal delivery drivers.”

The Council is seeking additional volunteers to accommodate the increasing number of meal clients. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about this opportunity, please call (740) 363-6677 or visit our website at [www.growingolder.org](http://www.growingolder.org). The local Meals On Wheels program is funded, in part, by the local senior services levy.