

Senior Services | Aging in Place Task Force Working Group Members

Transportation

Driving shouldn't be the only way to get around. People need affordable and reliable public and private transportation options in their communities. People outlive their ability to drive by 7-10 years and want to be involved during those years.

Chair: Paul Webb - paulwebbot@gmail.com

Working Group Members

- Marie Catanzaro – Resident
- Maryanne Dunmire – Resident
- Richard Pressel - Resident
- Cynthia Burt – Expert (Occupational therapist specializing in driving and community mobility)
- Steve Pernal – City Staff – Engineering

Meeting Dates: Jan. 12, Feb. 2 and 23, March 16, April 6 and 27

Outdoor Spaces and Buildings

People need public places to gather – indoors and out. Green spaces, safe streets, sidewalks, outdoor seating and accessible buildings (think elevators, stairs with railings, etc.) can be enjoyed by people of all ages.

Chair: Sue Wells - smwells616@gmail.com

Working Group Members

- Christian Stier – Resident
- John Mahoney – Resident
- Russell Wright – Resident
- Christine Feist – Resident
- Theresa Wright - Expert
- John Fedele – Expert (City Staff – Recreation)
- Adrienne Breznau – Expert (Royal Oak Public Library)
- Stephen Johnson – Expert (City Staff Engineering)

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Community Engagement and Inclusion

Everyone wants to feel valued. Intergenerational activities are a great way for young and old to learn from one another, honor what each has to offer and at the same time feel good about themselves.

Chair: Sarah Kindinger - sarahkindinger@gmail.com

Working Group Members

- Tricia Dewar – Resident
- Carolynn Moore – Resident
- Ellen Kehoe – Resident
- Deb Soverinsky – Resident
- Thomas Allen - Resident
- Patricia Slater - Resident
- Theresa Wright - Expert
- Kim Johnson – Expert (Royal Oak Interclub Council)
- Sandy Irwin – Expert (Royal Oak Public Library)
- Christina Clark – Expert

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Communication and Information

Information today is delivered in ways few could have imagined a decade ago. Age-friendly communities recognize that not everyone has a smartphone or internet access, and that information needs to be disseminated in a variety of mediums.

Chair: Shar Douglas – ccdouglas@romi.gov

Working Group Members

- Irene Orlanski – Resident
- Janice Wagman – Resident
- Royetta Ealba – Resident
- Mary Mills - Resident
- Jennifer Rossbach - Resident
- Cindy Goodaker – Expert (Retired Editor of Crain's Detroit Business)
- Michael Lawrence – Expert (web design and user experience)
- Robert Sidelinger – Expert (Faculty at Oakland University in Communications, Journalism, and Public Relations Department)

Meeting Dates: Jan. 5 and 26, Feb. 16, March 9 and 23, and April 13

Housing

AARP surveys consistently find the older adults want to stay in their homes and communities for as long as possible. Doing so is possible if a house *is designed or modified* for aging in place and if a community include housing options for varying life stages and bank accounts.

Chair: Richard Schmitt – jrschmitt49@gmail.com

Working Group Members

- Eric Brown – Resident
- Susan Clark – Resident
- Carol Windorf – Resident
- Cynthia DeMan - Resident
- Joan Koelsch - Resident
- James Downing - Expert (Senior Housing Management)
- Jim Schneider – Expert
- Jerry Amber – Expert (local landlord)
- Nancy Robinson – Expert (local relator)

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Community and Health Support Services

At some point, every person of every age gets hurt, becomes ill or simply needs some help. While it's important that care be available nearby, it's essential that residents are able to access and afford the services required.

Chair: Rebecca Cheezum - rcheezum@gmail.com

Working Group Members

- Susan Schuldies – Resident
- Leslie Rennie – Resident
- Teresa Bitti – Resident
- Suzanne Johnson - Resident
- Katie Wendel - Expert (Area Agency on Aging 1B)
- Danielle Lupcke – Expert (occupational therapist)
- Kim Moon – Expert (pharmacist)
- Dennis Hessell – Expert (licensed physical therapist)

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