



MEMORANDUM

Date: June 11, 2013

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Cathy VonWald, Parks & Community Services
Gwen Rousseau, Planning & Community Development

Subject: Bellevue's Aging Population
(No Board action requested)

At your meeting on June 11, 2013, we will provide information on Bellevue's older adults. Included will be demographic/census for older adults, City of Bellevue and Parks & Community Services role in serving older adults and an update on the Network on Aging. This presentation is informational, and we welcome your questions and feedback.

Demographic Information

Over the past two decades, the average age of Bellevue's population has increased as the number and proportion of people over the age of 65 have grown. In 1990, just over 9,000 older adults lived in Bellevue comprising just over 10 percent of the population. By 2010, that figure had climbed to over 17,000, and older adults comprised nearly 14 percent of the population. Certain areas of the City witnessed faster rates of growth in the older adult population than others. While Sammamish / East Lake Hills and Crossroads continue to have the largest number of older adults, Cougar Mountain and Somerset witnessed the fastest rates of growth over the past decade. In addition to looking at patterns of growth in the older adult population, this presentation will also look at some of the demographic characteristics of Bellevue's older adult population and how they differ from other age segments of the population.

North Bellevue Community Center and Aging Services

North Bellevue Community Center (NBCC) and its Aging Services is a leader in the region in the delivery of services and resources to older adults using best practices. Many cities have looked to Bellevue as a successful example of a more inclusive/citywide approach to serving the aging population. In 2004, NBCC staff completed the Senior Service Review Project. The purpose of this project was to assess the social, recreation, education, and human service programs provided to older adults in Bellevue by all providers, identify gaps in service, retool the services provided by Bellevue, and better meet the needs of current and future older adults. An update of this planning process is underway now. One result of this planning effort was the formation of the Bellevue Network on Aging which advises the City on all things related to older adults and reaches out to assess the needs of older adults. In addition, NBCC staff currently serves on the Eastside Human Services Forum Older Adult work group, Aging and Disability Services Advisory Council and has been appointed by the Governor to serve on the State Council on Aging.

Bellevue Network on Aging

The Network on Aging was established by the City of Bellevue in 2006 and is an advisory group consisting of volunteers who either work or live in Bellevue. The Network acts in an advisory capacity to the City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services Department. This group's role is to study, review, evaluate and make recommendations to the City on all matters affecting Bellevue's older adults. The mission of the Network on Aging is: *The Bellevue Network on Aging is dedicated to healthy aging in our community by promoting awareness of needs and resources that support older adults through life's transitions.*

Attachments

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Formation & Purpose

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Mission

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Composition

There are between 9 and 15 members at any one time on the BNOA. 51% of the Network members are over the age of 50 years and must live or work in Bellevue.

Committees & Projects

Transportation/Housing: Senior Housing Guide (ARCH), Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative, Universal Design, City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan update recommendations

Outreach: Community Fairs & Farmers Markets, VIAL of Life, Community outreach, Human Services Needs Update Community Conversations, Older American's Month & World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamations

Advocacy: Legislative Priorities, Senior Lobby Conference & Lobby Day attendance, regular advocacy and contact with Legislators, Legislative Forum in conjunction with Kirkland Senior Council.

Ad Hoc Committees: Hospital Observation Status, Membership, By-Laws

Regional Collaborations: Work closely with Kirkland Senior Council, Aging & Disability Services Advisory Council, Washington State Senior Lobby, AARP, State Council on Aging, Eastside Time Bank, King County Ombudsman

