

Age Friendly Northfield  
2022 Mid Year Progress Report

**Community Information** The resource Guide for Older Adults continues to be a highly requested booklet. Available in English and Spanish, we print them in small batches as needed, as information is routinely updated. We also offer online versions.

We made a presentation at the area Intergovernmental meeting. Representatives from Greenvale, Waterford, Bridgewater and Northfield Townships along with City of Northfield and Dundas officials, two Rice County Commissioners and members of the public. Two Townships requested extra copies so they might be available at the Township Office. We continue to have a presence at local events such as Hispanic Heritage Day, Pride in the Park and The Chamber of Commerce Home and Garden Show. In cooperation with KYMN radio, there is now a monthly interview with Age Friendly members. You may have also received an email blast about our continuing efforts.

**Health and Wellness** This continues to be a priority Domain. We completed the In-Home Services and Supports Survey. We expect the final report will be available by August 15 and posted to our Age Friendly website [www.agefriendlynorthfield.com](http://www.agefriendlynorthfield.com) Future steps include focusing on the expansion and/or development of the priority services identified. We facilitated the restart of the Northfield ElderCare Committee, which had suspended meetings in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic. We are working with the High School/Community Ed and Rec on a year round indoor walking Route at the High School.

**Housing** We continue our work of education and advocacy bringing an older adult lens to the built environment. We have been partnering with Rice County Habitat for Humanity getting the word out about the Aging in Place Grants Program which is designed to assist older homeowners with making home modifications and adaptations that enable them to live in their homes longer. We have also been attending the Affordable Housing Task Force Meetings.

**Outdoor Spaces and Buildings** In a cooperative agreement with the City, the Red Chairs will now be coordinated with the Park and Rec Department during the summer months to provide a single contact point for Showmobile, Pavilion and Red Chair Reservations. This was facilitated by Director of Public Works, Dave Bennett and Streets and Parks Manager Tim Behrendt. Because of space constraints the chairs and trailer will be stored by AFN/FiftyNorth during the winter. The Park Audit Inventories have been completed and are now being collated and a draft report is nearing completion.

**Social Participation, Inclusion, and Educational Opportunities.** We maintain a regular presence with AARP Rural Livability Workshops. They explore how and why small towns and remote communities are working to become more livable for older adults and people of all ages. We will also be attending the City's - Customer Service Training with a diversity, equity and inclusion lens

Respectfully submitted

David DeLong - Chair Age Friendly Northfield

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