

Clark County

# Commission on Aging

2017  
Annual  
Report



CLARK COUNTY  
COMMISSION  
on  
AGING

# Commission on Aging

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- Created in 2012 to manage and carry out Aging Readiness Plan
- Major focus areas
- Focused on housing in 2016
- Focused on supportive services in 2017



# Focus areas

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**Housing 2016**



**Supportive Services 2017**



**Transportation 2018**



**Healthy Communities**



# Transportation focus in 2018

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- Framing the transportation issues for aging in place
- Alternatives to driving
- Senior drivers and safety
- Planning for our transportation and mobility needs
- Community design: Retrofitting suburbia
- Transportation of the future



# Update on housing progress

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House on Remodeled Homes Tour

- Future of Housing Summit
- 2017 NW Natural Parade of Homes
- Remodeled Homes Tour
- Habitat for Humanity
- Policy and code changes



# Update on housing progress

- **Clark County Development Code**

- Changes to cottage housing
- Changes to urban and rural accessory dwelling units

- **Ridgefield**

- Incentives to encourage development of “visitable” housing

- **Camas**

- New comprehensive plan policy to increase the number of single-story, barrier free housing and number of ADUs



# Education, awareness and advocacy

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- City councils
- Clark County Association of Realtors
- Evergreen Habitat for Humanity
- Fort Vancouver Library District
- Proclamations



# Why supportive services?

- Caregiver resources
- Normal aging
- Home innovation and safety
- Medicine and pain management
- Elder abuse
- Mental health concerns for older adults
- Socialization as a human need
- Complementary alternative medicine





# Major findings

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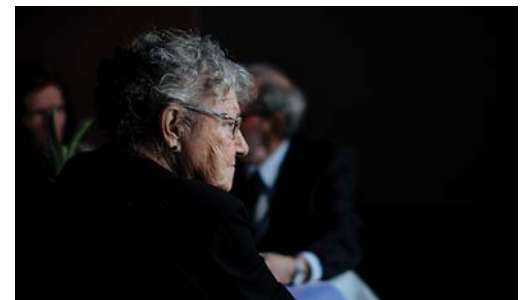


- Support for family caregivers
- Mental health and aging
- Social engagement
- Aging and suicide
- Connecting services to seniors



# Recommendations

1. Increase efforts to raise awareness about the range of services available for people 60 and older
2. Advocate for development of additional memory care and other facilities
3. Advocate for development of smaller assisted living communities
4. Encourage development of programs that support elderly people.



# Recommendations, continued

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5. Clark County Sheriff's Office assign a deputy to the Elder Justice Center team.
6. Next year as the Commission on Aging delves into transportation, we will be mindful of roadblocks to socialization because of mobility constraints.



# Aging in Place Summit: Supportive Services

## Realities and Possibilities

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March 29, 2018, Clark College at Columbia Tech Center



# Thank you!

## Comments and questions

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