Are you interested in learning more about how Roeland Park is creating a Community for All Ages?

Would you like to participate in the discussion?

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Together we can make Roeland Park a Community for All Ages

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Day by day, America is getting older. Ten thousand baby boomers turn 65 every 24 hours. According to census projections, by 2050, the number of older adults in America will double to more than 89 million, and more than one out of five Americans will be 65 or older.

The nine-county Kansas City region anticipates the population of those 65 and over will increase by 90 percent during the same timeframe.

Roeland Park will also see an increase in the 65+ population.

What is Roeland Park doing to prepare for this “age-wave?”

What can a city do to support older adult residents in their desire to age in place — in their homes or another Roeland Park neighborhood — as long as possible? Is there a way to put all the pieces together?

As policies, programs and services are developed for older residents, residents of all ages benefit.

What makes a vibrant Community for All Ages?

It’s a place that meets the needs of its citizens in all stages of their lives — a great place to live and age well. Here are some ideas:

- Safe, walkable neighborhoods
- Affordable housing
- Transportation options
- Age-friendly outdoor spaces
- Healthy living
- Employment opportunities
- Civic engagement opportunities
- Strong social services network

Roeland Park already has many attributes of a Community for All Ages, including:

- Spaces for residents of all ages to gather and connect with one another.
- Schools.
- Community gardens.
- Public Library.
- Parks.
- Community center.
- Community events.
- Neighborhood watch.
- Elder ID program.