GROWING OLDER IN CLARK COUNTY

Envisioning a livable community for all ages and abilities.

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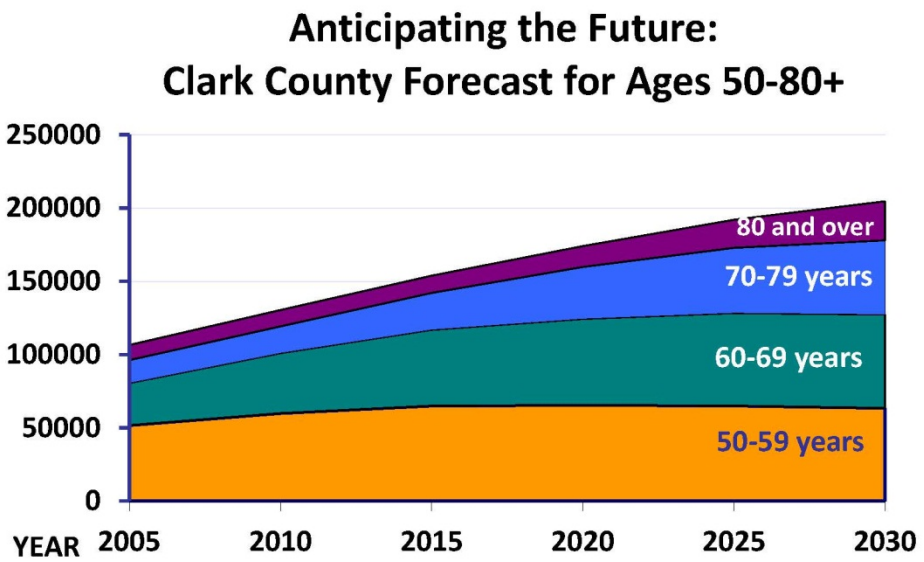
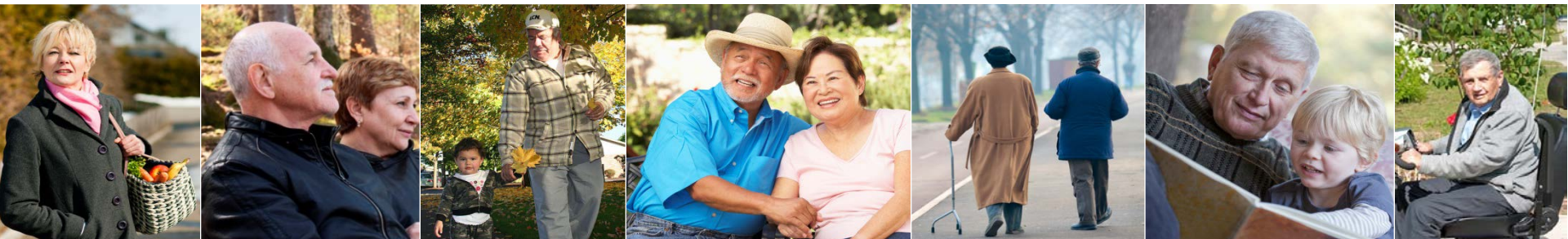
The facts

- Baby boomers (1946-1964) are turning 60
- By 2030, approximately one in four will be 60 or better
- Are we ready?



Aging Readiness Task Force

- Identify what we are doing well
- Identify what's needed
- Involve the community
- Develop recommendations



Aging Readiness Plan - 5 Key Elements

- Healthy Communities
- Housing
- Transportation and Mobility
- Supportive Services
- Community Engagement

Healthy Communities

- Lack of basic services near neighborhoods
- Limited access to parks, recreation and open space
- Lack of access to healthy food

Housing

- Affordability
  - Earnings fall as adults leave workplace
  - Older homes have higher maintenance costs
- Home design may not accommodate changing needs
- Lack of choices to age-in-community

Transportation & Mobility

- Uncoordinated land use/zoning
- Lack of signs, crosswalks, sidewalks and trails
- C-TRAN and C-VAN transit services need improvement
- Inadequate transportation alternatives

Supportive Services

- Providing a mix of support services to remain independent as long as possible
- Physical and mental health support
- Caregiver support and respite

Community Engagement

- Need meaningful opportunities to stay engaged
- Better engage older adults in the workforce and remove potential barriers to employment
- Poor information availability

Appointed by the Board of County Commissioners

9 residents representing diversity of county

3-year terms

First meeting July 2012

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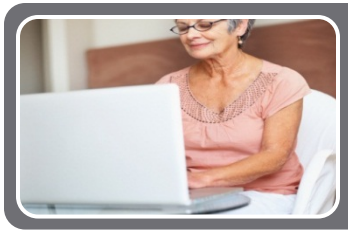
Commission on Aging - Mission and Vision

- Leadership, advocacy, and advisor
- Inform the Board of Commissioners
- Foster key community partnerships
- Implement the strategies
- Provide information

Where are we today?

- 7 work committees
  1. Communication
  2. Community engagement
  3. Healthy communities
  4. Performance measurements
  5. Housing
  6. Supportive services
  7. Transportation & mobility

Committees and projects



Communication

- Speaker's Bureau
- Community Events/Outreach

Healthy Communities

- Healthy/Age-friendly Neighborhood Pilot

Community Engagement

- Time banking program

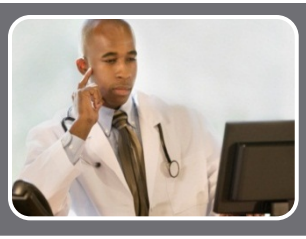
Performance Measurement

- Assess and measure the Aging Readiness Plans' strategies and goals
- Develop Annual Report

Committees and projects

Housing

- Shared housing program
- 60 plus weatherization program
- Universal/Green Design



Supportive Services

- Tele-health

Transportation/Mobility

- Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEVs)
- Volunteer Sidewalk Program
- Larger font for street signs

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