

# Age-Friendly Maple Grove Leadership Team Meeting

Friday, November 8, 2024 | 9:00am-10:30am

Via Zoom

## MINUTES

*Attendees: Sharon Noble, Lydia Morken, Liz Faust, Councilmember Kristy Janigo, Cheryl Nelson Theuninck, Bill Tiedemann, Sybil Lang, Jen Olson*

### Welcome, Introductions, Overview

- November is National Family Caregivers Month

### Team Business

- **2025 Quarterly Meeting dates:**
  - Scheduled for second Fridays of the second month of each quarter: *February 14, May 9, August 8, November 14*; all will be held from 9:00-10:30am via Zoom
  - A new calendar invite will be sent out before the end of the year
- **Team voted on a new name for the Leadership Team** to reflect its role in the initiative.
  - Provided options were:
    - *Community Collaborators,*
    - *Community Team,*
    - *Community Connectors.*
  - Additional votes (of those missing at the meeting) will be gathered, and the new name will be announced before the end of the year
- **Quarterly Update:** The Steering Committee has started produced written Quarterly Updates on highlights of AF MG's work each quarter. The first one, covering Q3 (July-Sept.) 2024, was distributed in October 2024. These will be emailed and can be found on [our website](#). [View the Q3 update here](#).

### Domain Team Updates

- **Housing** – Bill Tiedemann
  - This team meets virtually the first Monday of the month at 10:00am.
  - Currently reviewing housing content on the AF MG website and will be recommending updates in December
  - Bill T. and Joe Hogeboom presented at Housing for All Virtual Bus Tour in late October and shared information about AF MG and the city's latest work related to affordable housing for older residents. The tour is hosted annually by [MICAHA \(Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing\)](#). Councilmember Kristy Janigo also attended.
- **Communications** – Lydia Morken

- This team meets second Tuesdays at 9:30am.
- Current project is planning a redesign of the AF MG website ([www.agefriendlymaplegrove.org](http://www.agefriendlymaplegrove.org)). Team is considering an improved layout, updated categories for community resources, and reviewing the resources themselves to ensure the information on the website is
- Pictures need to be more representative of community – including diversity in race, ethnicity, and ability.
- **Social & Civic Engagement**
  - Meeting once/month or so; Pat Schwalbe at CROSS Services is the other member
  - Main focus right now is volunteering – a CROSS tour is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 27 – for older adults.
  - Volunteer info on AF MG website is being reviewed as part of website redesign.
- **Community Support and Health Services; Emergency Preparedness**
  - **Short-term effort:** Working to create a presentation for emergency preparedness that will include the [File of Life](#). Considering launch event in conjunction with the library as well as incorporation into existing Safety Series events held through 55 Forward, in conjunction with Police/Fire.
  - **Longer term:** Working to establish some preliminary contacts with the police and fire departments about a discussion to adopt the [Community Health Alliance](#) model (part of [CARE Resource Connection](#)) that’s successfully reduced calls for lift assists (help up after falling) and connecting residents to appropriate services in numerous communities in Minnesota.

### City Update – Councilmember Kristy Janigo

- **CDBG funds:** City leaders are considering how to approach Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. There are a couple of different options for how the city would receive these funds – either passed through Hennepin County in a consolidated pool, or receiving it directly to spend as the city chooses. This could impact funds given to Senior Community Services to support the services it provides Maple Grove residents – want to ensure SCS receives support for the many important services they provide.
- **Pending legislation related to housing for low-income people:** Maple Grove residents with housing vouchers from HUD sometimes have trouble finding housing; landlords do not have to accept those vouchers. Legislation (HF 3640 / SF 3780) is being considered that would prevent landlords from discriminating against individuals receiving public assistance for their housing.
- **Garland Commons**, a new subsidized senior apartment building, is open and filling up quickly. New residents include some formerly homeless veterans who were able to get placed there.
- **Plans continue for new affordable senior housing development at Cty Rd 30/Fernbrook.**

- Ebenezer has been selected as the developer; they have a strong reputation in this area. The development will be similar to Garland Commons and include some affordable and some deeply affordable units. Great location near the MG Arboretum and Lakeview Knolls.
- **Church of the Open Door continues work on tiny homes community on their property.** Such developments are now legally protected in MN as of 2023; faith communities can have communities on their properties.
  - The number of older adults experiencing homelessness is on the rise; very hard to see. This development may help bring a solution for local residents experiencing homelessness.
- **Life Time Fitness:** After years in discussions, Life Time Fitness will be building a new facility near the Minnesota Health Village. The city purchased that new parcel as the intended site for Life Time's new location in exchange for Life Time's current building and the land underneath it, which is adjacent to the Maple Grove Community Center. As soon as Life Time is settled in their new facility, the city will take control over what happens in their current space.
- Discussion:
  - Question about a new business coming up in Corcoran but adjacent to Maple Grove. There will be more traffic, population, and air quality issues. Already hearing more police and ambulance because of it down County Road 30. Are there conversations between Corcoran and Maple Grove staff about impacts on MG residents?
  - Hennepin County's Streets to Housing program has been meeting in the MG library on Thursday afternoons. On Wed. afternoons, HC staff reach out to people who might be experiencing homelessness and encourage them to attend the Thursday events where they can get support and connections to services.

## **Team Updates:**

### **Bill – Trellis (Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging)**

- Finishing up technical assistance to a set of Age-Friendly MN Community Grant applicants; that deadline is Friday, November 8.
- AFMN is seeking grant reviewers to review and score those applications. Interesting opportunity to learn about age-friendly work happening across the state. [More information.](#)

### **Liz – 55 Forward, Parks and Rec**

- Brenda Krapfl, Liz's colleague in the Senior Center, just retired after 27 years working for the city – more than 20 of those with seniors. She will be missed!
- Senior guide will be out right before Thanksgiving – really big push to get that out right now; registration starts in Dec.

### **Cheryl Theuninck**

- Cheryl moderated a panel at the recent American Public Health Association Conference, which was held in Minneapolis this year, titled “Creating a Harmonious Age-Friendly Ecosystem That Delivers.”
- AARP will host a webinar on a similar topic on November 12: “Partnering Across the Age-Friendly Ecosystem” – related to bringing the age-friendly framework across a bunch of different disciplines. Details below:  
November 12, 2024 from 03:00:00 PM to 04:00:00 PM (ET)  
**Partnering Across the Age-Friendly Ecosystem**  
Register Here: <https://events.aarp.org/XZ4w59?locale=en>

### **Jen Olson, SilverCreek on Main**

- Townhomes have opened – people starting to move in.
- Starting to gear up for next year – 10-year anniversary of SilverCreek on Main’s opening in Maple Grove
- SilverCreek on Main is holding a Veteran’s Day event at 11:00am on Monday, Nov. 11, 2024. Councilmember Kristy Janigo will be speaking.

**Sybil Lang** shared information about [3,000 Acts of Kindness](#), hosted by Plymouth nonprofit Coats of Love.

- This event is “A day of hope and dignity for 3,000 homeless individuals in the Twin Cities.”
- Homeless individuals will be provided with a meal, haircut, access to agencies, necessities (i.e. hygiene kit, winter jacket/gloves/hat), etc.
- **When:** December 9, 2024, 9am-3pm
- **Where:** Minneapolis Convention Center.
- [More information here](#), including information about how to **volunteer**.

**NEXT MEETING:  
Friday, February 14, 2025, 9:00-10:30am**