



AF MG's Quarterly Updates summarize highlights and accomplishments from the past quarter's work.

## CITY COLLABORATION:

- **Councilmember Kristy Janigo** attended our November Leadership Team meeting to connect and share updates about relevant work inside the city.
- **Community Development Director Joe Hogeboom** and AF MG Steering Committee member Bill Tiedemann, Trellis (formerly the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging), co-presented at [Housing for All's Virtual Bus Tour for Affordable Housing](#), sharing information about age-friendly housing and highlighting affordable housing developments for older Maple Grove residents. ([View their presentation here.](#)) Councilmember Janigo also attended the Bus Tour.

## DOMAIN TEAMS

**Four Domain Teams continue their work to implement the [AF MG Action Plan 2024-2026](#).** Work also will happen under additional domains (such as Outdoor Spaces and Buildings; and Transportation), despite not having active Domain Teams in those areas at this point.

### HOUSING:

- Primary focus remains affordable housing—providing community education about how to understand affordable housing, and the landscape of local options.
- Team is updating housing information on the AF MG website as well as in a printed brochure.
- May plan a tour of local affordable housing buildings in the first half of 2025, to potentially include Council members and others.

### COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION:

- First major project is a redesign of [www.agefriendlymaplegrove.org](http://www.agefriendlymaplegrove.org), to refresh and strengthen this valuable community resource.
- Team is scoping out desired changes and will work with local firm Avallo for implementation of the redesign.

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT & HEALTH SERVICES: Initial efforts will focus on:

- Exploring expansion of [File of Life](#), a national program currently used by Fire Department that helps ensure critical information about residents is available to emergency responders
- Learning more about [CARE Resource Connections'](#) model of connecting residents with the resources they need in coordination with emergency response teams; meeting with Fire/Police to explore possibilities.

## **SOCIAL PARTICIPATION, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT**

- 55 Forward is partnering with CROSS Services to offer a tour of CROSS' facilities in late January.
- Reviewing related content on the AF MG website for updates/edits as part of the website redesign
- Ongoing focus on opportunities for intergenerational opportunities.

## **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

- **New name!** Age-Friendly Maple Grove's Leadership Team has officially become the *Community Connectors*, which better reflects this group's role as a forum for networking, learning, and facilitating connections related to aging in and around Maple Grove, where anyone is welcome to attend at any time, regardless of background or experience. The Community Connectors meet quarterly.

This group also complements the Steering Committee, a five-member group formed in 2023 to provide strategic guidance through consistent, in-depth engagement in the initiative.

- [Maple Grove Magazine](#) will feature Age-Friendly Maple Grove in its March 2025 issue.
- In broader age-friendly news, Age-Friendly Minnesota released the first iteration of its [Multisector Blueprint for Aging](#). AFMN is now preparing to launch Action Teams to implement the Blueprint, the state's first multisector plan on aging. Cities, among many other entities and subject matter experts, are invited to participate on [Action Teams](#).

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[Age-Friendly Maple Grove](#) is a community-driven, city-sponsored initiative to make Maple Grove a better place to grow older. AF MG launched its second [three-year action plan](#) in January 2024. The plan covers numerous domains of community life - including housing, transportation, communication and information, social connection, and more. AF MG's Steering Committee and Leadership Team include city staff, community volunteers, and representatives from senior housing, the library, nonprofit community organizations, and others.

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