

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

Would you like to participate in the discussion?
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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.
Westwood will also see an increase in the 65+ population.
Westwood Population Estimate by Age - 2010 vs. 2026



What is Westwood 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 Westwood 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:


## Westwood already has many attributes of a Community for All Ages:

- Spaces for residents of all ages to gather and connect with one another.
- Schools.
- Community events, social clubs, and active residential blocks and block party program.
- Allowing for a greater diversity of housing and options for property
owners to maintain housing for all ages and abilities.
- Residential curbside leaf pickup.
- Walkability to groceries, retail pharmacy, recreation and public transit.


