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- Co-Chairs: Beth Abbott and Sheila Brogan
- Funded by the Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation

Mission

To promote awareness of the needs of adults 55 and over while designing projects that will ultimately improve the Ridgewood community



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- Community Center Advisory Board. Not pictured: Bill Carbone and Michael Sedon
- Community Center of Ridgewood Foundation



Since Fall 2015

- Survey
- Stakeholders
- Community Forums
- Analysis by Montclair State Research Team



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Project Areas

- Homebound and Household task Assistance
- Pedestrian Safety and Transportation
- Leveraging the Expertise of Older Adults
- Housing
- Communication



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Homebound and Household Tasks

- Consistent data shows there is a need to assist older adults who are homebound or have trouble with household tasks such as leaf and snow removal and recycling.
- Task Force Members Cara Murray and Carol Lograsso



Neighborhood Networks Pilot at Willard

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMAyyxL2m_Y



Welcome to Age Friendly Willard a program developed by the Willard Elementary School HSA in partnership with Age Friendly Ridgewood

Below is the contact information for your assigned 65+ Neighbor and Age Friendly Willard Volunteer.
Please refer to this card as needed for contact information.

65+ Neighbor Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Willard Family Volunteer Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____



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If you are interested in making a donation to our Willard Student Enrichment Fund please mail a check payable to:
Willard HSA-Student Enrichment Fund to Willard Elementary School HSA, 601 Morningside Road, Ridgewood, NJ 07450

<http://willardhsa.wixsite.com/willardhsa/agefriendlywillard>

Check out the Age Friendly Ridgewood website to learn more about Age Friendly Ridgewood and the resources available for older adults.
www.agefriendlyridgewood.com

Pedestrian Safety and Transportation

- There is a need for improvements to specific roads and walkways, especially near the Central Business District, to increase walkability and safety.
- There is a need for more flexible transportation options for those wishing to drive less.
- Task Force Member Sue Ullrich



--Joint Task Force and Community Meeting

--Transportation Trust Fund Safe Streets to Transit Grant Application



Walking Between Train Station and Ridgecrest



In Progress

- NJTIP at Rutgers Public Transportation Training
- Researching Transportation Expansion Options
- Walkability Study by NJDOT/WSP
Parsons Brinckerhoff



Leveraging the Expertise of Older Adults

- Older adults are looking for meaningful ways to share their skills in the community.
- Task Force Members
Roberta Panjwani and
Robin Ritter



Leveraging the Expertise of Older Adults

- Volunteer Fair on Sunday
March 5, 2017 2:00-4:00 pm
at Ridgewood Library
- Co-Sponsored by Ridgewood
Public Library and Age
Friendly Ridgewood



Volunteer Fair

- 38+ Organizations
- 250+ Potential Volunteers
- Connections between Organizations



Makerspace at Ridgewood High School

- Intergenerational Goal
- RHS developing MakerSpace
- Ridgewood Community School
- Hire Coordinator
- Events over Summer, live October 2017



Housing

- People identified need for:
 - More diverse retiree-friendly housing options
 - Property Tax Relief
- Tax Force Member Janice Willett



Housing Task Force--Meetings

- Former Village Planner
Blaise Blancheau
- Village Attorney Matt Rogers
- Developer John Saraceno
- Assemblyman Russo
- Rep. Gottheimer (arranging)



COMMUNITY-SHAPING TOOLS



In Progress: New Jersey Future Land Use Analysis

NJF'S LAND-USE ANALYSIS

- Mixed-Use Centers
- Housing
- Transportation
- Public Spaces and Amenities

- *Existing conditions*
- *Policies, programs and plans*
- *Land development standards*

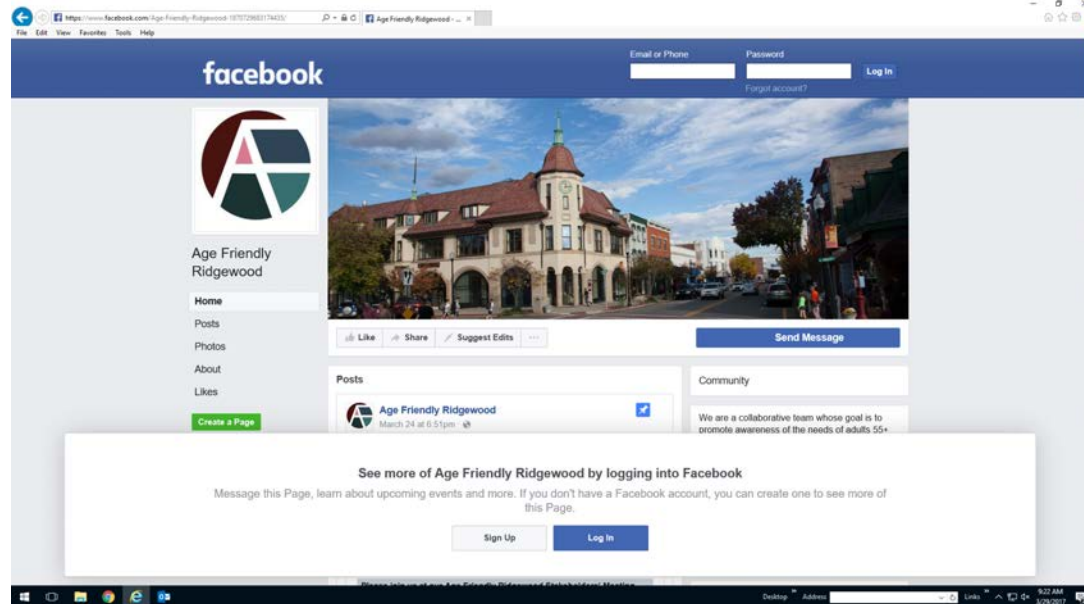
Communication

- Collaborating across entities in Ridgewood—Bringing older adults into the conversation.
- Resource listings
- <https://www.agefriendlyridgewood.org>



OUR MISSION

Communication



- Facebook ~Age Friendly Ridgewood~
- AgefriendlyRidgewood@gmail.com
- Phone 201-632-1554

Going Forward

- Expand Neighborhood Networks
- Collection of cleaning products, paper goods, and items for personal grooming
- Work with Chamber of Commerce on outreach to businesses
- Develop housing advocacy strategy
- Act on feedback from walkability and land use analyses
- Speaker events collaborating with Ridgewood Library
- Develop transportation options
- Continue expanding Resource listings on web site



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Questions?

Ideas?



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