

**Community Input: If you could change one thing to make our
community age-friendly, what would it be?**
Duluth Age-Friendly Summer Picnic, July 29, 2025

Category	Key Points
Public Spaces & Community Gathering	• Create aesthetic, welcoming public areas (parks, benches, art, libraries, centers) • Increase non-commercial destinations • Host regular community events with transport options • Safe spaces for those experiencing loneliness - Foster intergenerational connections and mentoring • Share activities/events via public TV & radio • Value input from all ages • Trees and Blvd - 1 • Social Gathering - 1
Transportation & Accessibility	• Free/affordable transportation for seniors (free passes, low-cost options, beyond downtown) • Improve sidewalk safety in winter and on hills • Ensure year-round accessible sidewalks • Provide transport for non-drivers • Design mobility infrastructure for all • Add RRFB safety features
Housing & Living Support	• Increase affordable and “missing middle” housing for seniors • Support independent-to-assisted living in every neighborhood - Include supportive services in housing projects • Redevelop blighted properties for housing • Affordable Rentals - 1 • Affordable Houses - 1
Age-Friendly Services	• Free yard and snow removal services • Trusted technology assistance • Provide short-term aid, reduce panhandling through services • Promote intergenerational neighborhoods • Maintain functional elevators in high-rises

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Cost of Living & Education	• Lower grocery costs, consider wholesale options (Costco) • Offer pay assistance for senior university classes at UMD (and other higher education institutions)
Safety & City Services	• Maintain police presence downtown • Ensure safe sidewalks and crossings • Encourage cross-sector partnerships for community innovation
Volunteerism & Civic Engagement	• Create opportunities for volunteering and nonprofit support • Provide places for community connection and service
Information & Awareness	• Better communicate available resources, activities, and events • Ensure aging residents know what's available locally