

Chesterfield Summit on Aging

“Creating Engaged and Livable Communities”

Sponsored by Chesterfield County Human Services Division, the Chesterfield County Senior Advocate, Springdale at Lucy Corr Village and Senior Connections, The Capital Area Agency on Aging

Summit Highlights and Schedule

Please join us for the first Chesterfield County Summit on Aging being held at Bon Air Baptist Church, 2531 Buford Road, Richmond, VA, on Thursday, September 30, 2010. As a part of the national movement to promote “Aging in Place”, this dynamic event is designed to engage persons of all ages in Chesterfield to develop specific strategies for improving livability for older adults and younger citizens of our community. The Summit follows the lead of the Richmond Metro Region Forum on Livable Communities in June 2009 and the Richmond City Summit on Aging in May 2010.

We are sure you will find this session a good investment of your time as Housing, Transportation and Supports for Aging in Place will be discussed. You will also learn about the resources that Chesterfield has already established to prepare our community for growing older. Summit participants will come away with a better understanding of current and new opportunities an aging population offers businesses and individuals. At the end of the Summit, participants will also be able to sign-up for various committees to begin developing action strategies that address Summit issues identified as needing attention.

Who Should Attend?

Interested Older Adults
Local & State Government Officials
Senior Care Providers
State and Local Departments of Social Services
Caregivers
Healthcare Providers
Transportation Providers
Individuals Working With Older Adults
Gerontology and Social Work Students & Faculty
Builders & Developers
Realtors
Anyone That Has an Interest in Our Community

Breakout Sessions:

Session 1: Neighborhood Revitalization and Housing Rehab

Many older adults prefer to remain at home. Their reasons include familiarity with the home and neighborhood, social relationships with nearby friends and neighbors, and the accumulated memories and life experiences they identify with their home. For many people, home and neighborhood modifications can make it easier to live in and enjoy the use of their home. Learn about Neighborhood Revitalization and Housing Modification projects and options.

Facilitator: Tom Jacobson, Director of Revitalization, Chesterfield County

Session 2: Obstacles to Affordable Housing

Communities should encourage stability by ensuring an adequate supply of diverse and affordable housing environments. Design and modification of homes to meet the physical needs of individuals as they age and features intended to enhance safety and inclusiveness for persons of all ages and abilities are needed. A livable community is one that has affordable and appropriate housing.

Facilitator: Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia (HOME)

Session 3: Transportation

Transportation to available clinics, doctors, pharmacies, grocery shopping and other services offers a real challenge to some people in our community. They can't drive themselves and the limited transportation available is cost prohibitive. Available transportation can contribute to personal independence and quality of life. What are some options to enhance transportation?

Facilitator: Jim Congable, Transportation Coordinator, Senior Connections

Session 4: Housing Design and Accessibility

Good home design, founded on ease of use and accessibility, enhances quality of life by enabling individuals to enjoy the full use of their residence as they age. For many people, their home either will not or will only "somewhat" meet their physical needs well as they grow older.

Facilitators: Steve Settlage, Tascon/Eagle and Michael Foltz, McAllister & Foltz, PC

Session 5: Engagement Opportunities – Improving What We Have

The community has formal and informal opportunities to support residents and demonstrate the qualities of a caring community. The physical and social environments can promote independence among individuals and strengthen the civic and social ties among them. How can we improve what we have and identify what is missing?

Facilitator: Suzanne Fountain, Assistant Director for Social Work, Chesterfield – Colonial Heights Department of Social Services

Registration Form

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Date: Thursday, September 30, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Registration 8:15 – 9:00 a.m.)
Location: Bon Air Baptist Church, 2531 Buford Road, Richmond, VA

Please complete a registration form for each participant. There is no cost for the event, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

Name _____

Agency/Company _____

Title _____

Address _____

Phone: Office _____ Fax _____

Phone: Mobile _____ Home _____

Email _____

Listed below are the breakout sessions for the Summit. In order to accommodate the interest of Summit attendees, please rank your responses 1 – 3. Thank you.

- _____ Neighborhood Revitalization & Housing Rehab
- _____ Obstacles to Affordable Housing
- _____ Transportation
- _____ Housing Design and Accessibility
- _____ Engagement Opportunities – Improving What We Have

_____ (Yes/No) I will be staying for Lunch – Count Me In!

Please mail registration form to:
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 20, 2010