As you think about AGE FRIENDLY and LIVABLE COMMUNITIES today, keep these ideas in mind:

In Washoe County, those aged 65+ will grow at a rate of 60% over the next 15 years! Nevada is one of the fastest growing states for elders and Washoe County is one of the fastest growing counties for elders in Nevada!

People are going to live longer, healthier lives than they ever have before, so we need to prepare.

A livable community is safe and secure, has affordable and appropriate housing and transportation options, and has supportive community features and services.

Once in place, those resources enhance personal independence, allow residents to age in place; and they foster residents’ engagement in the communities civic, economic, and social life.

An age-friendly community is free from physical and social barriers, supported by policies, systems, services, products and technologies that promote health and build and maintain physical and mental capacity across the life course and enable people to do the things they value, even when experiencing capacity loss.

Boomers and Millennials want the same Livable Community features – Age Friendly isn’t about “older people” it’s about everyone - IT’S ABOUT US.

What makes a community great? WHAT DO WE ALL NEED TO THRIVE?