

Salem Activities: Child-Friendly, Age-Friendly Cities

This list of activities provides a general summary of activities undertaken by the City that support age- friendly cities, and may not be complete. The City of Salem complies with all state and federal laws and regulations providing accessibility to all City buildings and meetings. Some areas addressed in this topic, such as public transportation and affordable housing, are the focus of other goal areas.

Infrastructure

- Capital Improvement Plan for new infrastructure investments
- Annual budget for roadway, sidewalk maintenance
- ADA accessibility improvements (public building access, pavement and sidewalks)
- Pedestrian crossings improvements and enforcement
- Bicycle infrastructure Plan: Central Salem Area Mobility Study; Bike/Walk Salem; focused area studies such as Commercial Vista TGM
- Investments through CIP, URA

Programs, Activities and Services

- Center 50+ events, programs and services (such as lapidary, wood shop, Alzheimer's respite care)
- Library events, programs (such as Summer Reading Program, Teen Scene, Spanish Story Time, etc.)
- Youth development program
- Volunteer opportunities such as gardening activities
- Social Service funding (General Fund, CDBG and HOME allocations)
- Outreach to those at risk of social isolation: Police officers will make welfare checks, Center 50+ has volunteers in action and houses Meals On Wheels, serves as congregate meal site)
- Cooling centers, warming centers
- Youth advisory to Human Rights Commission, Teen Advisory Board (Library)

Land Use

- Require play areas in large multi-family developments
- Require pedestrian connection from public sidewalk to door for commercial/retail uses
- Require well-connected street and sidewalk layout in all new subdivisions for convenient walking distances for all ages
- Require bicycle parking for all development, except single family
- Require/promote pedestrian oriented development in certain areas of town (more inviting for all ages to walk)
- Require construction of connections (sidewalks, paths, etc.) to nearby schools