

**Breakout Summary:**

If you are getting older in a city that isn't accommodating to the unique needs of seniors, you may find it more challenging to age in place. The City of Cleveland's Department of Aging, through their Age-Friendly Cleveland Plan, is working to address the needs of older adults to successfully age in place.

The Department of Aging hosted an informative and interactive breakout highlighting the international network of communities, the Age-Friendly Cleveland Plan, and Cleveland's efforts to make our city more age-friendly. Participants also had an opportunity to provide input on strategies to include in the 2021-2023 Age-Friendly Cleveland Plan.

Presenters and Facilitators:

- Meredith Baumgartner Hand, Aging Services Administrator, Age-Friendly Cleveland
- Mary McNamara, Director of Aging, City of Cleveland
- Natoya Walker Minor, Chief of Public Affairs, City of Cleveland

Watch a recording of this session here: [Sustainability and Seniors It Never Gets Old | Sustainable Cleveland 2020 Virtual Summit](#)

Information and Resources shared during breakout:

- Angela Niemiec, Project Coordinator for Age Friendly Cleveland 216-664-3954 or [via email](#).
 - Visit online at:
<http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/Aging/AgeFriendlyCleveland>
- Smoke Detector Program/Senior Power Program and more: Call 216-361-5535 or visit https://clevelandohio.gov/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/PublicSafety/Fire/Fire_Prevention_Safety Free smoke alarms, batteries, and installation. All elderly and low income Cleveland residents of Cleveland qualify for this no-cost program.