

## 2026 Aging in Communities Commission Work-plan

OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES	PROJECTS	TACTICS	OUTCOMES	TIMEFRAME	COST (if any)
Advise the Village Board in its efforts to address the evolving needs and interests of our changing demographic	<b>Collaborate with Kelly Keyes</b> , Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer	Determine best methods to engage board	Meet with Board Liaison	1Q & 3Q2026	NA
			Inclusion of ageism lens in VOP Strategic Plan	4Q2026	NA
	Recommend to the Village Board <b>policies</b> to promote aging in communities.	Coordinate with <b>Disability Access Commission</b>	Provide recommendations in all areas important to community, including health, housing, transportation and neighborhood services	On-going	NA
Cooperate with and provide support to other Village commissions, committees, task forces, and departments in their efforts to facilitate and promote public awareness of aging in communities	Educate VOP staff on concerns and needs of OP seniors	lunch-and-learn	Staff more knowledgeable of concerns and issues and help to create solutions. Reduced silos.	3Q26	\$600
	Collaborate with the <b>Board of Health</b> in identifying opportunities to address ageism and its impact on the health of people in Oak Park	Support group project efforts	Commitment to add ageism as public health issue to Village iPlan with clear targets	On-going	NA
	Collaborate with <b>Communications Department</b>	Provide suggestions	Improved communication methods with regard to needs of seniors	On-going	NA
Develop a community-wide lens to identify not just a set of plans,	Document, share, and advocate for issues gathered from community statements made at commission meetings	Incorporate in VOP board and departments education and advocacy efforts	Increase issues addressed by appropriate staff	On-going	NA

programs, procedures, and services but also an inclusive awareness and approach that facilitates livability for everyone.	Complete ageism-awareness <b>intergenerational mural</b> (OPAAA/OP Township) Anti-ageism Public Art	Contact Camille Wilson White to get on summer schedule	Intergenerationally created mural	August 2026	\$5,000
	Document and share community-level learnings gathered from the ACE research study	Help promote sharing events	Work with Communications	June 2026	NA
Work with the Village Manager or the Manager's designee to establish events, seminars and workshops that promote public awareness and understanding of aging in communities.	Day in Our Village	Plan for Commission table	Table at event	June 2026	\$500
	Ageism Awareness Day	Plan for event and secure speaker	Implement event	October 2026	\$8,000
	Dementia Friendly village program (in conjunction with ableism)	Work with Kelly Keys to determine necessary staff support	Previously endorsed program implemented and supported	Fall 2026	NA
	Host workshops on issues relevant to aging in community	Work with appropriate departments and community partners to develop community knowledge sharing	Provide bi-directional communication for increased awareness of issues, resources, and plans	On-going	\$5,000
Establish, implement and support programs to recognize institutions, businesses and organizations that promote aging in communities.	Create the processes and requirements needed for a recognition program	Request nominations from the community (August 2026) of institutions, organizations, businesses or individuals that have promoted aging in communities values	Promote organizational behaviors conducive to aging in communities	October 2026	\$300