

# Roeland Park recognized as a Community for All Ages

The city of Roeland Park was recently named a “Community for All Ages,” which recognizes its work to become more age friendly. The recognition program encourages communities to respond positively to the rapid increase in the older adult population and to adopt policies and programs that make the region a great place for residents of all ages to live and age well.



**Gold Level Recipient**

Roeland Park received a Gold level recognition, which includes the completion of an assessment process and requires the community to appoint a citizen-based committee to assess city activities and investments, as well as incorporate age-friendly policies in city plans. Roeland Park received Gold level recognition for incorporating elements of universal design into the R Park Master and Phased Development Plans, both plans were adopted by the Governing Body. Roeland Park representatives worked with program managers from the Mid-America Regional Council's KC Communities for All Ages to learn about the issues, using materials developed by the program and attending workshops to assess Roeland Park's age-friendliness and make their community more welcoming for all age groups.

The Communities for All Ages recognition program was developed by the First Suburbs Coalition and KC Communities for All Ages, and the first awards were presented in May 2015. The city of Olathe, Kansas, was also honored with a Bronze level designation. The cities were recognized at the First Suburbs Coalition meeting on Friday, April 19, 2019.

The recognition program recognizes three levels of achievement that reflect increasing degrees of commitment to becoming a Community for All Ages. The other levels are Bronze, which recognizes awareness of the issues and requires a resolution or commitment by the city's elected body, as well as community presentations and engagement; and Silver, which includes the completion of an assessment process and requires the community to appoint a citizen-based committee to assess city activities and investments. Both levels were previously attained by Roeland Park.

More information about the recognition program is available online at [www.kccfaa.org](http://www.kccfaa.org) and at our website at [www.roelandpark.org/248/Communities-for-All-Ages](http://www.roelandpark.org/248/Communities-for-All-Ages).