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City of Missoula and Missoula Aging Services Seek Older Adults' Views on Growth

The City of Missoula Growth Policy Project (*Our Missoula* Community Planning) and Missoula Aging Services invite older adults to participate in a community planning discussion on Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the MCT Performing Arts Center, 200 N. Adams St. The session is specifically planned to focus on the perspectives of older adults regarding the benefits and challenges of growing older in Missoula. It is one of nearly 30 topic-based listening sessions that are part of the *Our Missoula* planning process.

This session will give residents an opportunity to have a say in how our community grows and changes during the next 20 years while retaining the values and character of what makes Missoula special. Missoula is predicted to see the percentage of the older adult population double in size by 2035, which is why comment from this segment of the population is so important. This is an opportunity for older adults to share ideas about the types of challenges that the community faces and possible solutions from their perspective.

Since the successful launch of the *Our Missoula* Project in June, Growth Policy Project staff members have heard from numerous community members. Data gathered at the session on Sept. 24 will also help inform Aging Service's strategic plan for the future.

Participants may park in the MCT parking lot off of Main Street, and refreshments will be available. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Missoula Aging Services at 728-7682 by 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19. You may also call that number for more information, or learn more about the *Our Missoula* project and ways to get involved at www.ourmissoula.org.

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