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Kent County Senior Millage

Millage Minder

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS OF THE KENT COUNTY SENIOR MILLAGE

Home Modification Assessment

A Home Modification Assessment helps to identify barriers to accessibility, safety and independent living. Based on the assessment, modifications like handrails and grab bars or environmental changes like the reduction of loose rugs or changing the height of a



shelf can improve the safety an older adult's home to help them continue to age in place.

Judy Morris, OTR/L CAPS with Disability Advocates of Kent County (DAKC) describes, "We provide

a comprehensive, in home, Occupational Therapy evaluation for older adults and persons living with a disability to determine what an individual requires to remain safe in their home." It may be as simple as a bath seat for safe bathing, or a complete bathroom modification.

The Kent County Senior Millage has made it possible for DAKC to provide in home assessments to over 100 seniors so far this year, as well as adaptive equipment to help seniors remain safe in their homes. Morris

sums up, "Our goal is for seniors to continue to live in their homes safely with needed supports."



If you're interested in receiving a Home Modification Assessment, call Disability Advocates of Kent County.



(616) 949-1100 | www.dakc.us

Home Repair Services

Home Repair Services focuses on home repairs that insure vulnerable older adult homeowners do not have to live in dangerous and unsafe conditions. Joel Ruitter, Executive Director of Home Repair Services describes, "Through both our repair team and the



programs we offer that educate and equip senior homeowners for success, HRS helps to make existing homes healthier environments for older adults to safely

Funding through the KCSM has helped Home Repair Services provide these services to Kent County seniors for 19 years. We are humbled and profoundly grateful for our years of collaboration with the Kent County Senior Millage and the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan," Ruitter concludes.

To receive home repair services or to learn about their other programs contact Home Repair Services directly.

and gracefully age in place." Major repairs like roofs, the construction of wheel chair ramps, furnace replacement, plumbing repairs and accessible doorways are some of the repairs that Home Repair Services performs.



(616) 241-2601 | www.homerepairservices.org

Home Chore Services

Do you have a leaky faucet or trouble with a door that won't close properly? Have the leaves piled up in your yard to the consternation of your neighbors? Help is available through the Kent County Senior Millage through Home Chore



services. Home Chore assists seniors who are unable or lack the necessary resources to complete minor home repairs. Seasonal work like mowing, fall clean-up and snow removal are

to keep it safe, secure and livable is absolutely necessary for them to keep living in their own home.” To get connected to Home Chore services, one only needs to make a call. Bulkowski says, “An application packet will be sent and we always do our best to fulfill requests.”

With fall quickly transitioning to winter, now might be the time to call about Home Chore services. The Kent County Senior Millage funds three agencies to for these services: Steepletown, Building Bridges Professional Services and Senior Neighbors. If you're interested in fall clean up, snow removal for winter, or some light home repairs to make sure your home is safe and secure, contact one of the agencies below.



available for Kent County residents, age 60+.

One of these providers is Steepletown. Executive Director, Dick Bulkowski states, “For many of our seniors, having reliable help around the house



Steepletown

(616) 451-4215
www.steepletown.org



(616) 224-7409
www.buildingbridgesgr.com



(616) 459-6019
www.seniorneighbors.org

Millage Service Eligibility for 2018

Senior Millage services are available to Kent County residents, age 60+.

Cost share/co-payment may be required for individuals whose incomes are above \$24,280 and couples with incomes above \$32,920 for 2018. Cost share fees are based on income and assets. Fees may vary depending on the service type. For more information, contact the organization providing services.

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