

# LOCATING OLD AGE

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SANDE IS Home  
RECOVERING FROM  
A SURGURY FOR A  
BROKEN NECK. PLEASE  
Keep her IN your  
PRAYERS!

“...the old pump’s rusty but it works fine..



primed with water from another time.”

John McCutcheon





## **Medical Model of Aging**

**Reimbursement for Acute Care**

**Disease model of old age**

**Longevity and Anti-Aging  
Medicine**

**Disease research**

**Cure**

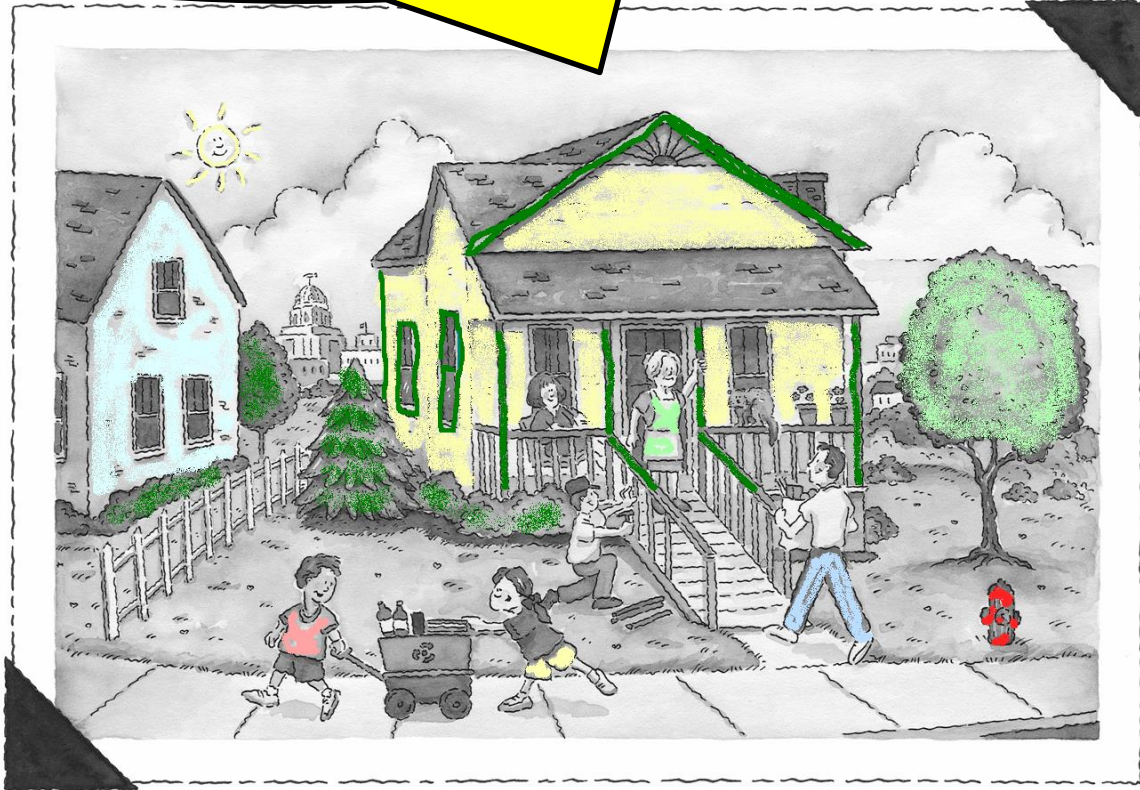
**Reactive and corrective**

**Diagnosis**

**Patient**

**Services**

“I’d like to manage at home as long as I can.”



## **Aging in Place Model**

**Reimbursement for Chronic Care**

**Aging as a natural, entropic process**

**Quality of remaining years**

**Basic biology of aging**

**Care**

**Preventive**

**Function**

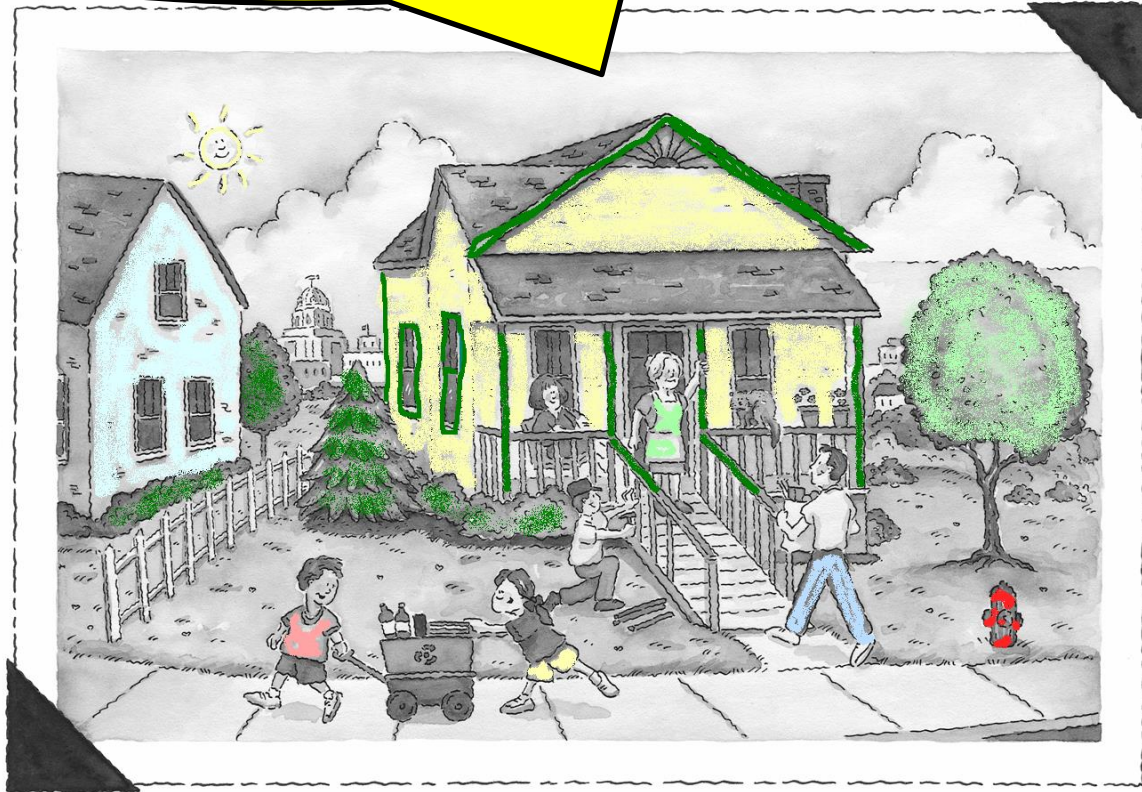
**Community Member**

**Community Building**



**Not “when is old age”  
but  
“where is old age?”**

Stories provide a deep  
map of home...



*“Home is where,  
when you get  
there they’ve got  
to take you in...”*

Robert Frost



- Home as a repository of meaning
- Home as a financial cushion
- Home as a power base
- Home as an aesthetic, reflection of self
- Home as a practical support
- Home as a node in a social network
- Home as a verb, not a noun

Aging is not about time  
and the body, but about  
relationships... and the  
meaning of place.

"Health and disability refer to the balance between personal capability and environmental demand."

Verbrugge & Jette, 1993

"Community is the smallest  
unit of health."

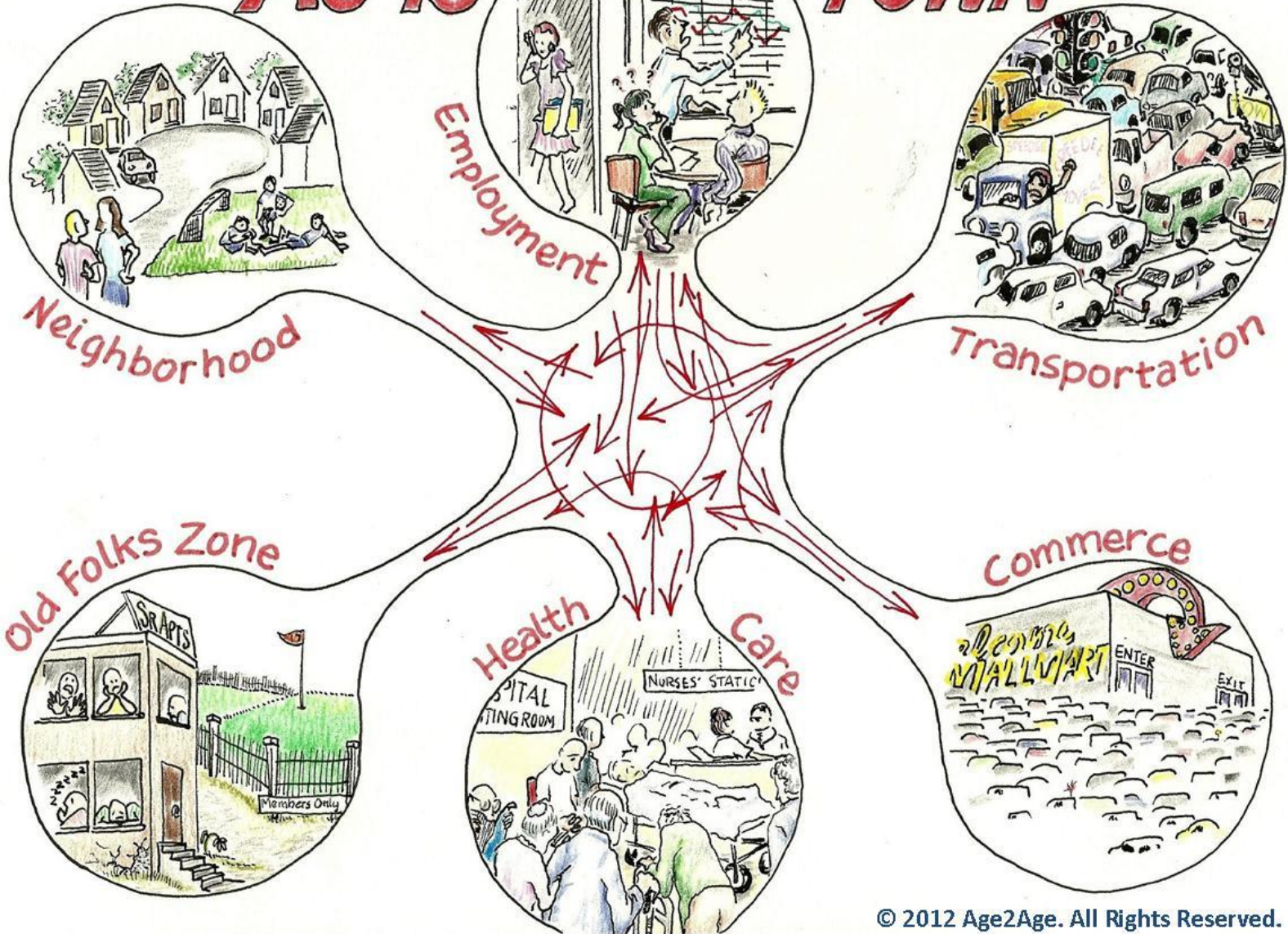
Wendell Berry, *Health is Membership*  
*In Another Turn of the Crank*

Not a personal problem,  
but a community  
challenge!



# AS-IS

# TOWN



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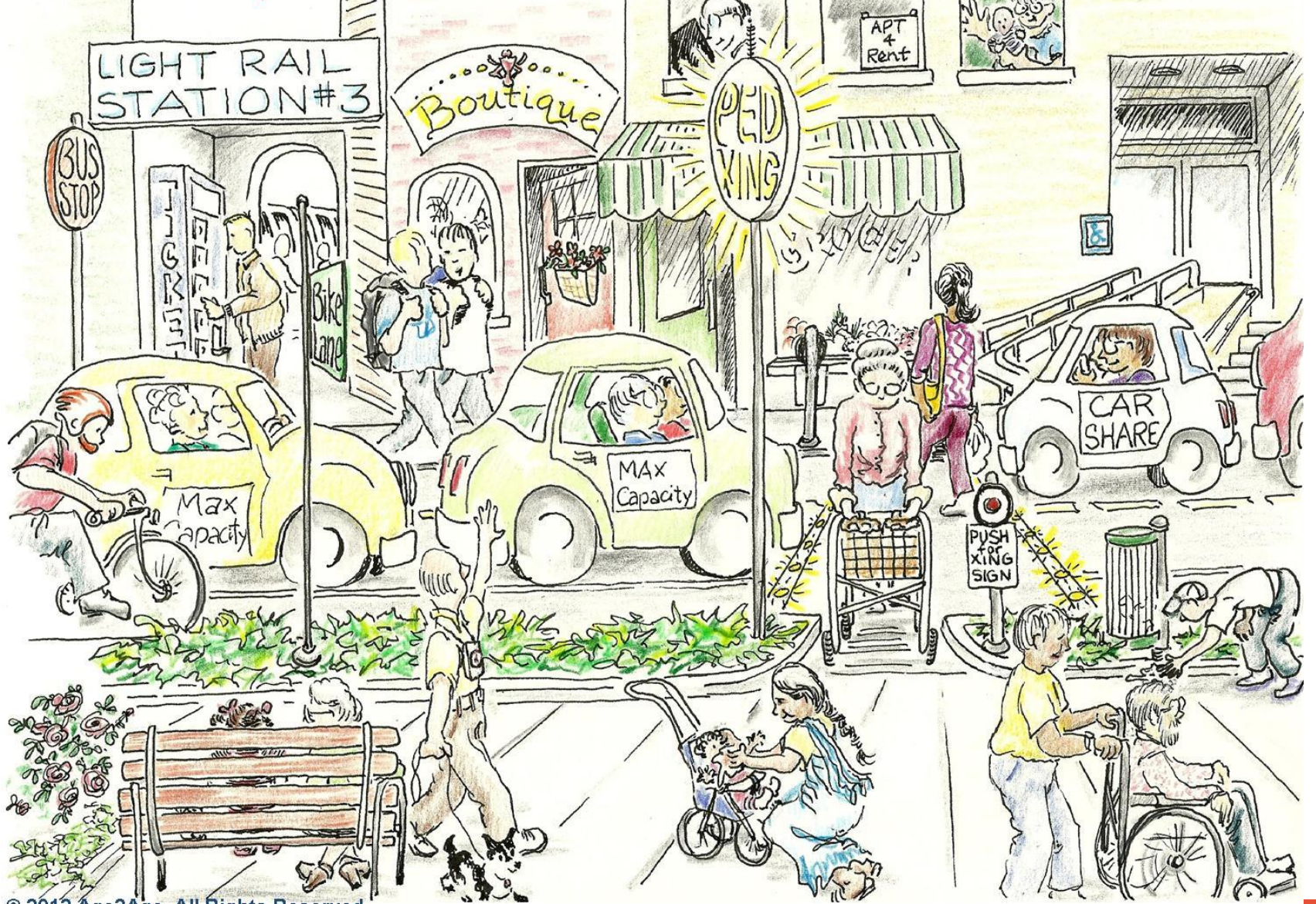




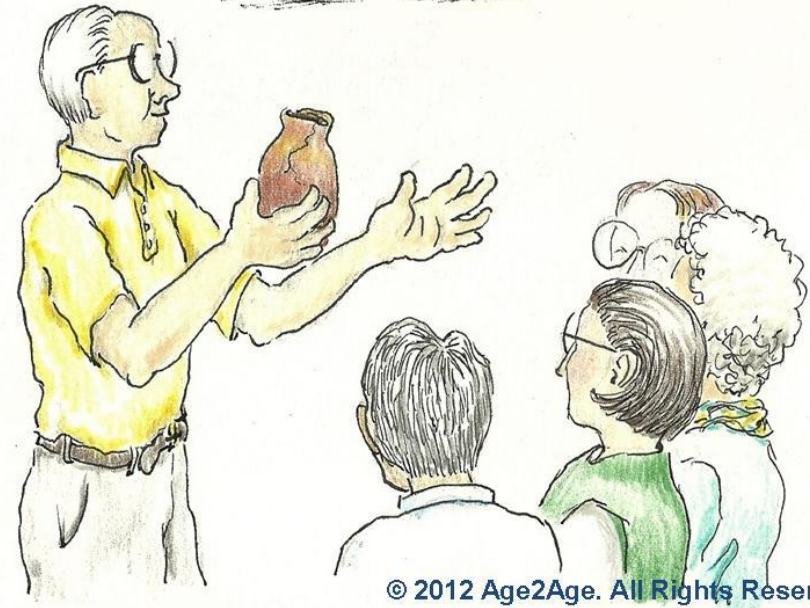
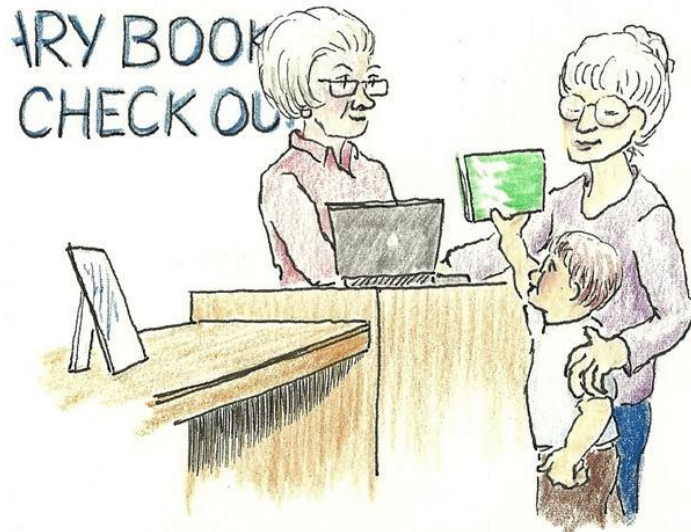
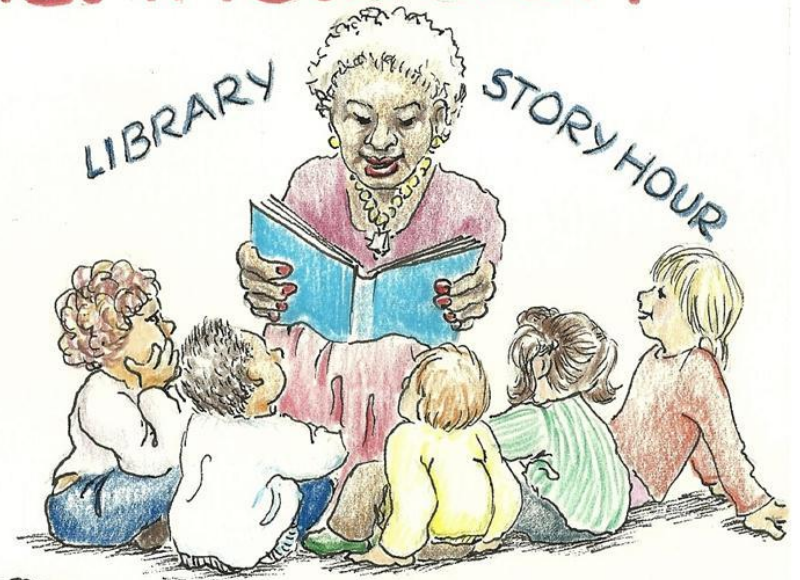
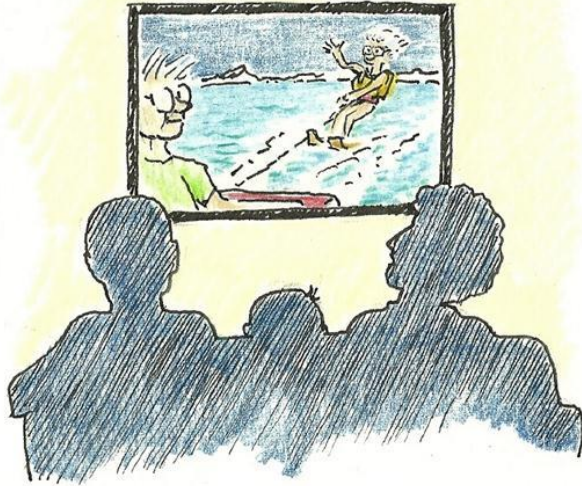
# Housing



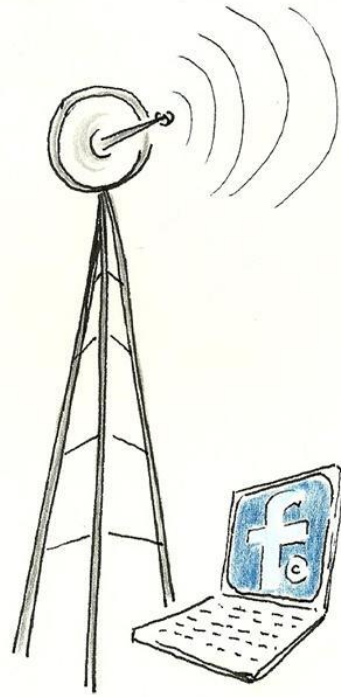
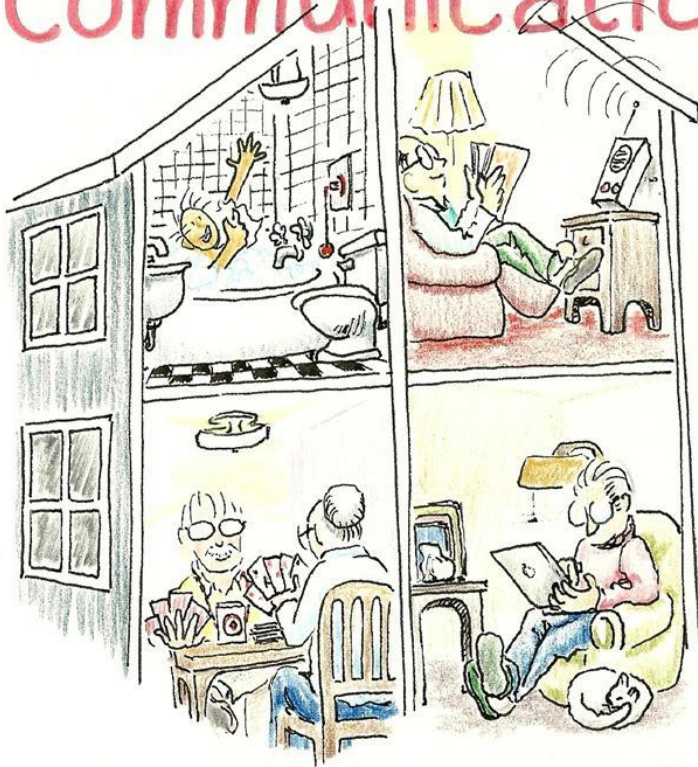
# Transportation, Social Inclusion



# Respect & Social Inclusion

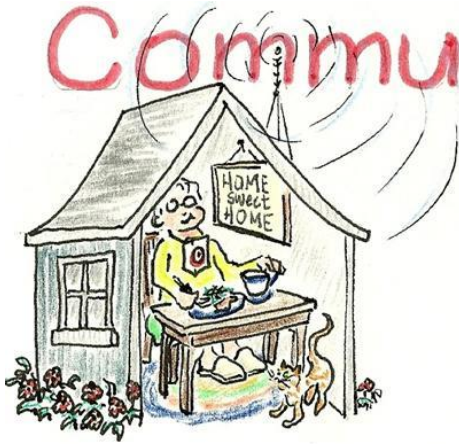


# Communication & Information





# Community & Health Services



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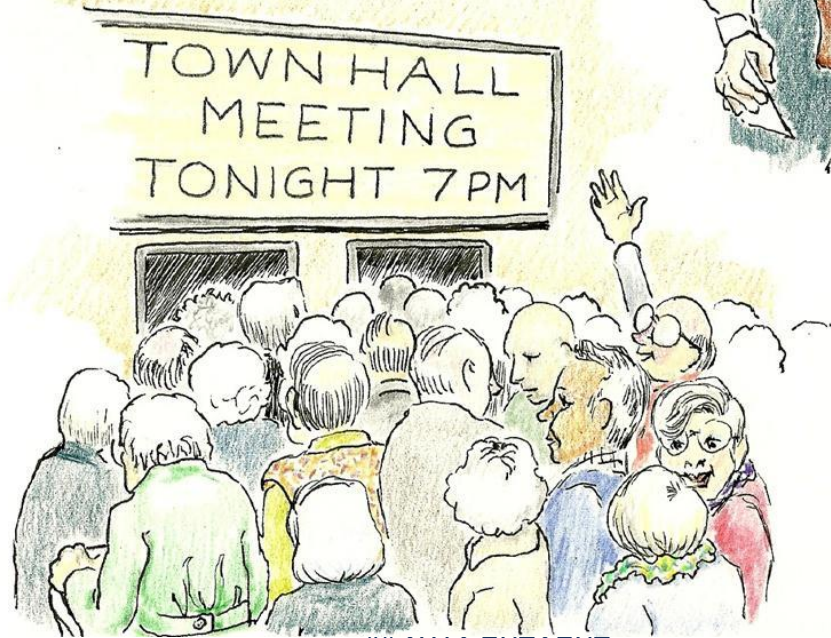
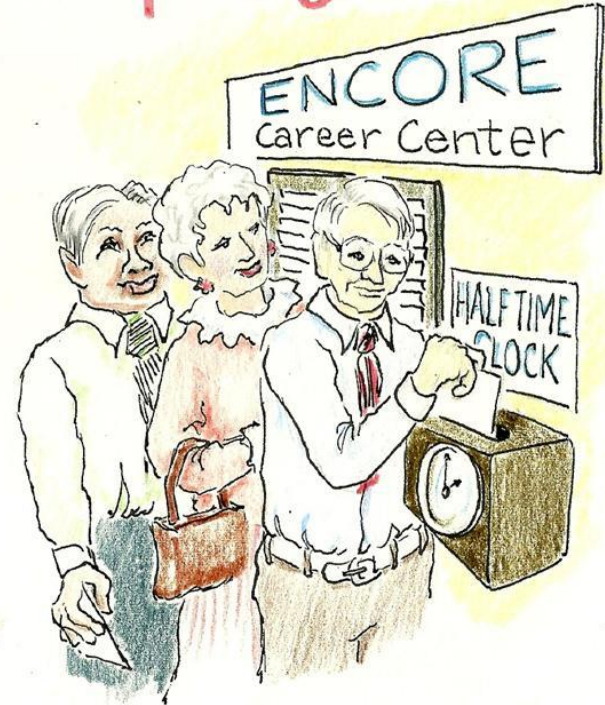
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# Social Participation



# Civic Participation & Employment



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**“Participation... provides a collaborative process by which community inhabitants reach common goals, engage in collective decisions, and create places, and these places, in turn, serve as material expressions of their collective efforts.”**

Feldman, Roberta M. & Westphal, Lynne M. 2000. *Sustaining human settlement: A challenge for the new millennium*. Great Britain: Urban International Press.

# What about the intangibles?

Laughter

Learning

Beauty

Movement

Memory

Choice

*“Improving a community, from beginning to end, involves organizing people. Money is secondary.”*



"Old people everywhere."

Christopher Alexander

A Pattern Language

"Where do the children  
play?"

Cat Stevens aka Yusuf Islam



*“Every human community, if it is to last, must exert a kind of centripetal force, holding local soil and local memory in place.”*



*Wendell Berry*





# Neighborhood

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# Old Folks Zone



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