



September 15, 2026
1:30–4:30 pm

**Keeney Memorial
Cultural Center
Wethersfield, CT**

AgeWellFest:
Connection is an intimate knowledge-sharing opportunity for older adults and local governmental leaders who want to know more about bringing age-friendly initiatives to their communities.

Agenda

1:30 pm **Registration**

1:40 pm **Welcome**

Connecticut Community Care's Age Well Collaborative

Why should I care about aging? Ageism is a thing? Where do we start? Come learn about the "why" of our work, what we mean by "age well," and how your community can get started—or keep going!

1:55 pm **Building Meaningful Connections**

Towns of Avon and Wethersfield

This year, the Towns of Avon and Wethersfield participated in our Community Leaders Fellowship program, where town leaders and older residents co-created initiatives to promote more livable communities. Come for the big project reveal.

2:20 pm **Maintaining Momentum**

Towns of Newtown and West Hartford

In 2025, the Towns of Newtown and West Hartford created local poster campaigns to celebrate every age and every ability. After the campaign launch—what happened next? Learn more and get inspired to become a difference-maker in your own community.

2:45 pm **Quick Connections**

Everyone

Enjoy small-group "Question and Response" sessions with Avon, Newtown, West Hartford and Wethersfield. Participate in a post-it pop-up activity: what's your town working on?

3:00 pm Go Deeper

**AARP Age-Friendly Communities
& Dementia-Friendly America (DFA)**

AARP engages with elected officials, partner organizations and local leaders to guide communities through the age-friendly network's assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation processes. Learn how to get more involved.

DFA is a national network of communities, organizations and individuals seeking to ensure that communities across the U.S. are equipped to support people living with dementia and their care partners. DFA is co-led in Connecticut by the State Department of Aging and Disability Services.

3:15 pm Networking & Snack Break

3:30 pm Age Well Network

Connecticut Community Care's Age Well Collaborative

Join us for an open-space conversation on how the Collaborative can create connecting opportunities all year long. Would you like a space of accountability and support? Knowledge and resource exchange? Mutual mentoring? Let's move from ideas to action.

**3:45 pm Age Well Community Challenge
Everyone**

If your town could do just one thing this coming year to improve community livability, dismantle ageism, and improve life for older adults (and everyone!), what would it be? In this interactive planning session, prepare your community to participate in the Age Well Community Challenge, envisioning what you'll be celebrating at AgeWellFest 2027!

4:15 pm Discussion and Concluding Remarks

4:30 pm Tour & Explore

Option 1. Tour the Wethersfield Museum, right inside Keeney Memorial Cultural Center, with exhibits about the region's history.

Option 2. Take a walking tour of Downtown Wethersfield, as part of Age Well Wethersfield's series of Older Adult strolls.

Option 3. Take a break! If you're staying, we'll see you for AgeWellFest: Celebration, running 5:00–6:30 pm.

AgeWellFest:

Connection is an event of Connecticut Community Care, helping people live their best lives at home with meaningful connection to services and support, right around them.

Understanding that thriving at home requires our communities to be ready to support residents across the lifespan, Connecticut Community Care founded the Connecticut Age Well Collaborative in 2020.

AgeWellFest: Connection is sponsored by our Livable Communities Sponsor.

