



Annual Presentation to Clark County Council



2024 Focus on
Emergency
Preparedness

Agenda



- Commission on Aging (COA)
- Aging Readiness Plan (ARP)
- 2024 – Emergency Preparedness Focus
- Silver Citizen Awards
- Other achievements

Background and 2024 Annual Report



Commission on Aging (COA)

- Nine-member volunteer commission.
- Provide leadership in addressing the special needs of the aging population
- Manage and assist with implementation of the Aging Readiness Plan (ARP)
- Update the ARP as needs change



Aging Readiness Plan (ARP)

- ARP updated in 2023
- Significant outreach and engagement
 - What makes an age friendly place
 - What improvements can be made



Aging Readiness Plan (ARP)



- ARP updated in 2023
- Significant outreach
- Governor's Smart Communities Award

Aging Readiness Plan (ARP) Chapters

- ARP Chapters:
 - Healthy communities
 - Housing
 - Transportation and mobility,
 - Civic involvement
 - Emergency preparedness



Aging Readiness Plan (ARP) Implementation

- Emergency preparedness
 - Natural and human-caused hazards
 - Improve health and safety
- Focus for 2024
 - Develop older adult communication channels
 - Encourage neighborhood associations and homeowner's associations to work with CRESA



Aging Readiness Plan (ARP) Implementation



- Emergency preparedness
 - Increase awareness
 - Partnership with CRESA
- Monthly meetings
 - Emergency kits
 - Crating a plan
 - Supplies
 - Neighborhood
 - Community
 - Alert and Warnings

Commission on Aging (COA)

- Issues covered/Lessons learned
 - Preparation / go-bags
 - Communication networks
 - Need for self-support



Commission on Aging (COA)



- Issues covered/Lessons learned
 - Pre-planning is key
 - Individualized plans
 - Problem-solving difficult issues

Commission on Aging (COA)

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Preparedness Tips for Seniors

CRESA has been pleased to partner with the [Commission on Aging](#) this year on emergency preparedness. Here are some lessons learned from that collaboration.

Emergencies and disasters can happen quickly. Sometimes we have warning, such as with winter weather, other times, it may come from nowhere, such as with an earthquake or wildfire. Being prepared for all types of emergency situations can help reduce fear and anxiety and minimize potential loss.



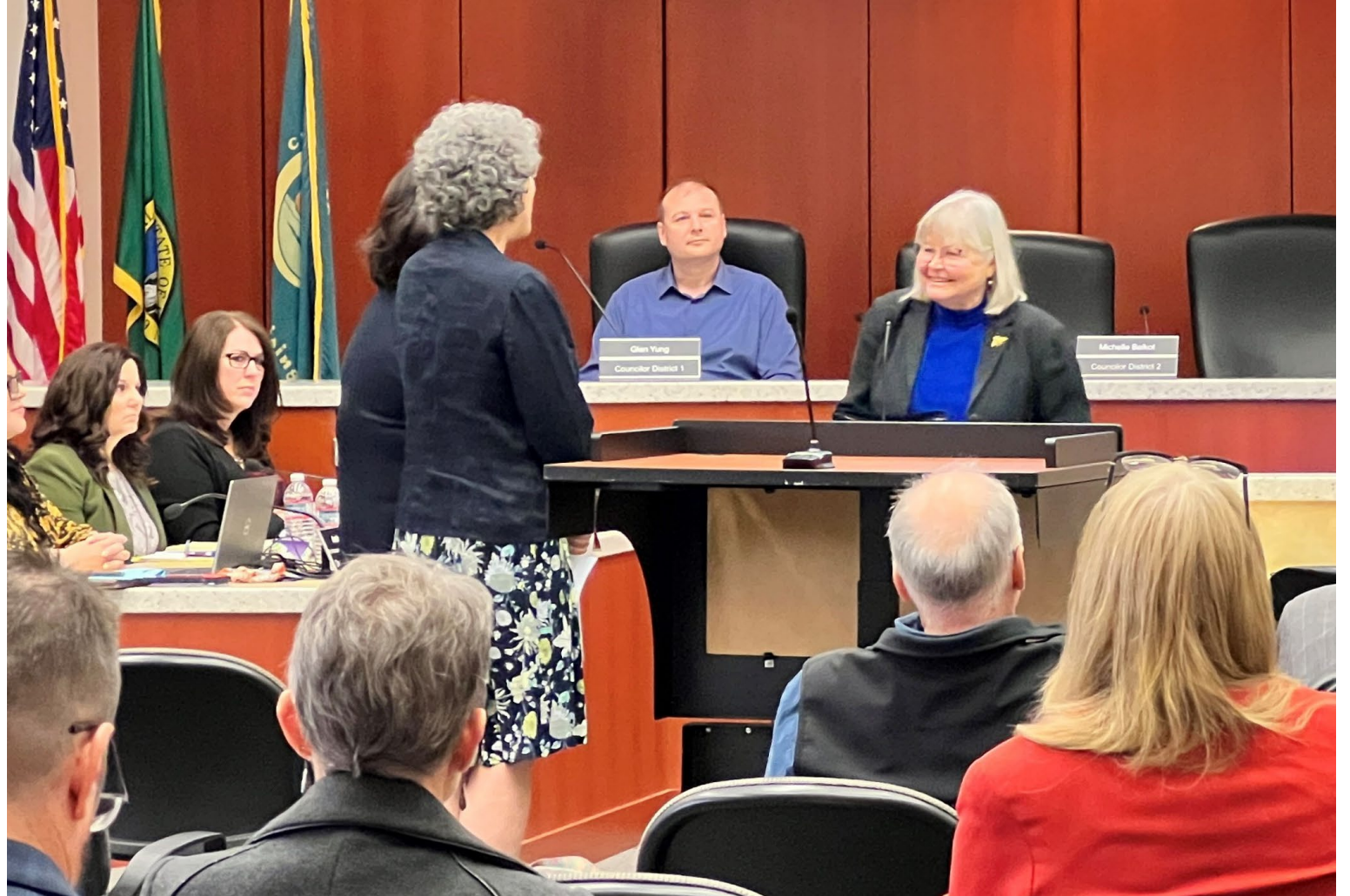
Silver Citizen Award

- 2024 Co-Winners
- Bev Jones – Battle Ground resident
- Larry Smith – Vancouver resident



Additional Commission Work

- Community presentations
- Letters of Support
- Proclamations



Thank you!

More information:

Commission on Aging

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Resources for older adults & caregivers:

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

Webpage: <https://www.helpingelders.org/>

Email: clarkadrc@dshs.wa.gov

Phone: 360-694-8144

