

A Special Roundtable Discussion

The Affordable Housing Crisis: What Will It Take to Move the Needle?

Thursday, October 14, 9 to 11 AM

Register here for this free Zoom event.

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Asheville has become North Carolina's most expensive city to live in, and the lack of affordable housing is a leading reason why. Expanding access to housing isn't just an issue of affordability, it is an issue of equity. As part of Leadership Asheville Seniors' "Social Justice Day," a special roundtable discussion will be held featuring knowledgeable Asheville/Buncombe County community leaders who will talk about barriers and innovative solutions to the local affordable housing crisis. They'll address key questions such as:

- Why are we losing ground in the housing crisis?
- Where does a first-time buyer begin in this market?
- What is the "Missing Middle" crisis in housing?
- Do we actually have the will to solve this problem?

Roundtable Participants

Scott Dedman, President & Executive Director, Mountain Housing Opportunities, Inc.

Kimberly Hunter, CEO, Wishbone Tiny Homes

Chris Joyell, Director, Asheville Design Center/MountainTrue (moderator)

Dewana Little, Executive Director, YMI Cultural Center and Community Relations Officer WNC, Self-Help Credit Union

Kate Pett, Executive Director, ThriveAsheville

Anna Zuevskaya, Executive Director, Asheville-Buncombe Community Land Trust

To understand how the housing crisis affects people in our community, watch this brief video in which three individuals/families talk about their experiences seeking affordable housing:

<https://youtu.be/oTh1BUFDMpk>

Co-sponsored by the OLLI Inclusion Committee and OLLI Leadership Asheville Seniors, this event will be held entirely online. Because affordable housing is such a vital topic, LAS participants in addition to all other OLLI members and the general community are welcome to attend via Zoom. Don't miss this special roundtable discussion!

Once you register, you will receive a Zoom link to join the program.

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