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## Bellaire Recognized as a “Community for a Lifetime”

**LANSING, Mich.** – The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) and the Commission on Services to the Aging designated the Village of Bellaire as a “Community for a Lifetime” (CFL), in recognition of their efforts to become a more aging-friendly community.

“I want to thank Bellaire for its commitment to improving the lives of older adults and participating in this important national movement to make communities more aging-friendly,” said OSA Director Kari Sederburg.

Established in 2007, the CFL is part of a nationwide effort to respond to the needs of a rapidly aging population. To qualify for CFL recognition, a community must conduct a self-assessment or initiate an improvement that meets the program’s aging-friendly goals.

Bellaire assessed itself on many issues, including walkability, access to health care, transportation, safety and security, housing, supportive community systems, commerce, enrichment, and inclusion. Strengths include:

- Business community involvement through the local Chamber of Commerce
- Track record of community assessment, fundraising and improvements made
- World-class resorts
- Senior-friendly walking trails that run through the village
- Worked with municipal planners to include a section on age-friendly components in its next master plan

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