

Waukesha County Neighborhood Initiative  
Date: June 14, 2018 8:00-10:45 (7:30am Registration)  
Location: Quad Graphics Auditorium, Sussex, WI

**Mr. Dave Belman: Housing Life Cycle**

Households needs progress through several stages along with the life cycle of the family.

Single Person

Life Cycle Stage: A person who has left home but not married (under 35)

Type of Housing: Apartment living is common, home ownership may not be important

Space Needs: One room or a one bedroom unit where few furnishings have been acquired

Location: Close to work and recreation, may prefer to live in a more urban environment

Young Couple

Life Cycle Stage: No children. Preference given to neighborhoods with restaurants, entertainment, and other amenities

Type of Housing: Affordable, smaller single family home/traditional starter home

Space Needs: 1200-1800 square feet. Space for entertaining, hobbies, etc.

Location: Access to work, restaurants and entertainment

Young Family

Life Cycle Stage: Time period from the first child's arrival until the child reaches school age

Type of Housing: Owning a single family home is usually first choice.

Space Needs: 1800+ square feet. Expanding space needs for child

Location: Access to shopping, parks, recreation, day care centers.

### Mature Family

Life Cycle Stage: Time period from the second child's arrival until the last child reaches adolescence.

Type of Housing: Owning a single family home. Allows for adapting, adding, and altering space.

Space Needs: Approaching the maximum. Need: Higher number of bedrooms, baths, storage, indoor and outdoor play space.

Location: Access to shopping, parks, recreation, day care centers and schools.

### Single-parent Families

Life Cycle Stage: A single person with child/children to care for

Type of Housing: Owning a single family home is usually preferred

Space Needs: Similar to those of the two-parent family.

Location: Access to work, shopping, parks, recreation, day care centers, and schools.

### Empty Nest

Life Cycle Stage: Children have left home, but parents have not retired.

Type of Housing: Downsize to smaller home, or condominium

Space Needs: Needs diminish, extended visits from children and grandchildren, children may return home, storage needs remain

Location: May want to maintain ties with neighbors and the community

