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## The Impact of Aging on the Eye

### As we age we experience:

- Yellowing and browning of the eyes due to UV exposure and debris
- Pigment splotches and floaters
- Conjunctiva thinning
- Blue hue can be caused by transparency of the sclera

### **Design Goals:**

• Making a functional living area for those who are experiencing vision loss due to aging through adequate furniture, wayfinding, clutter-frees spaces and level surfaces.

### **Common Diseases and Conditions:**

### **Age-related macular degeneration (AMD)**

Central vision is slowly destroyed. AMD affects the ability to complete everyday tasks.



#### **Cataract**

Lens become cloudy and blurry and colors become faded.



## **Diabetic Eye Disease**

Often times leads to blindness. Diabetes damages tiny blood vessels inside retina, causing splotchy vision loss.



#### Glaucoma

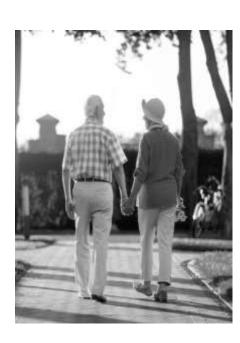
Damage to the optic nerve and leads to vision loss and blindness. Peripheral vision is affected.



## Stakeholder Profile

### **Client:**

Developer



### **Special Features**

- 1,200 SF
- 1 Master, I Guest, 2 bath (Master attached, guest separate)
- Step-In Showers/tubs
- Balcony or Patio Options
- Full size kitchen
- Living room
- Laundry room/pantry
- Traditional and Minimalist Décor

### Owner:

Developer until senior citizens buy each unit



#### **Amenities**

- Pool/Grill
- Fitness center
- Salon
- Game room/arts & crafts center
- Maintenance
- Library/computer room
- House-keeping
- Assigned parking

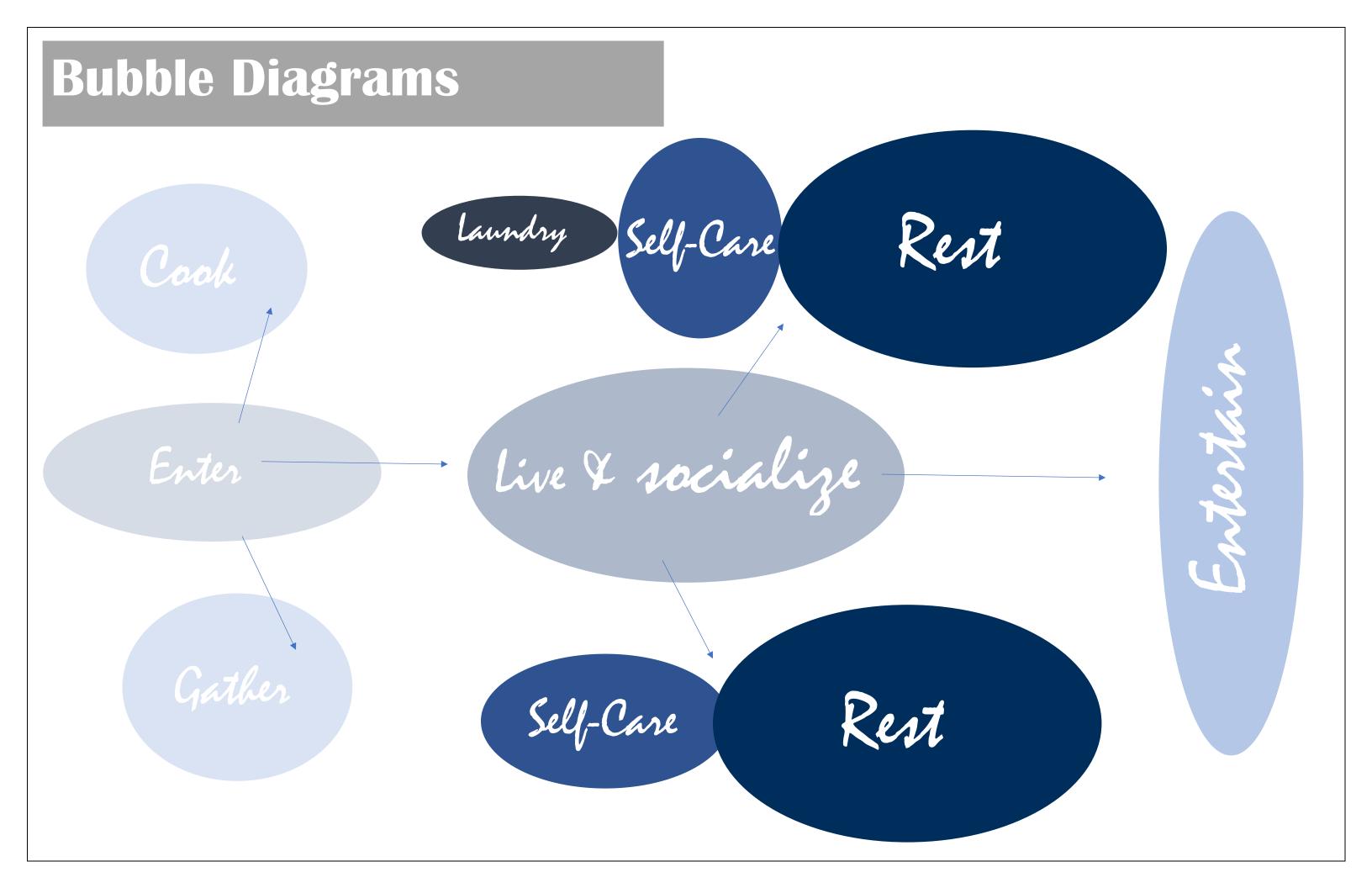
### User:

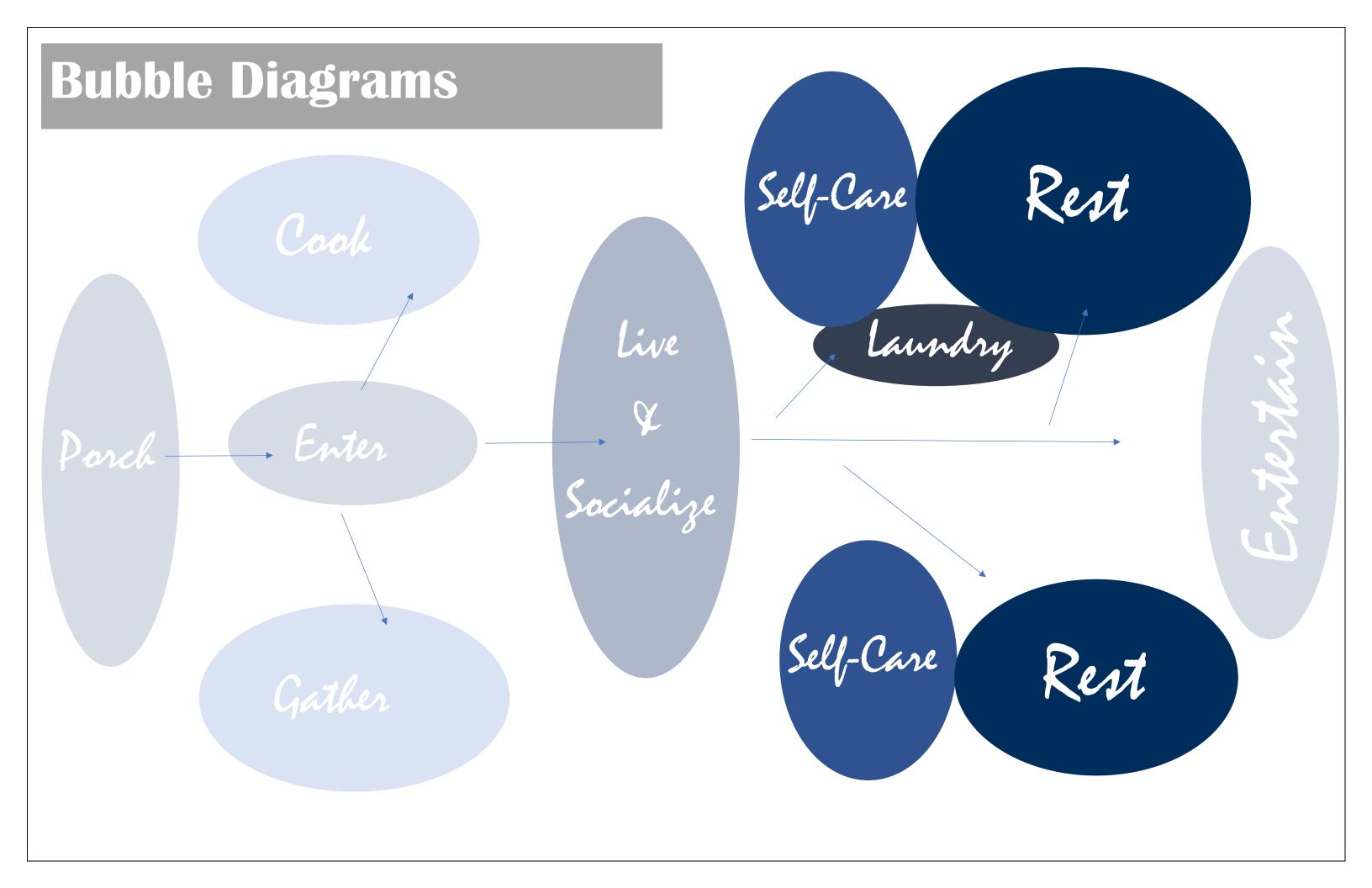
Senior Citizens



## **Space Standards**

- 2 Bedroom layout
  - o 1 Master Bedroom 200 square foot
  - Secondary Bedroom allowing space for 2 beds- 150 square foot
- 2 Bathrooms
  - o 1 Master Bathroom with walk in shower and movability 150 square foot
  - Secondary Bathroom with bath shower 130 square foot
  - Access to both bathrooms from the outside and inside the bedrooms
- Open Kitchen, dining, living
  - Kitchen with wheelchair and walker accessibility, lower countertops and lower upper cabinets 200 square foot
  - Dining with wheelchair accessibility and room to move easily 150 square foot
  - Living with comfortable furniture and chairs that can be lowered or lifted to help with sitting and standing - 200 square foot
- Back porch area to entertain and enjoy the outdoors with access from the bedrooms and living area 300 square foot
- The average square footage of the entire space would be 1,500 square foot





# Block Diagrams

