Membership Application

Join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities

AARP Livable Communities

When a town, city, county or state joins the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities, it is joining a global effort to be a more livable and age-friendly community.

The AARP network is an organizational affiliate of the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. (Communities wishing to join the global network instead of or in addition to the AARP program can find application information on the WHO website.)

To enroll your community in the AARP network, please complete and submit the application below.

Note: Since content added to this form cannot be saved, we advise that you review the questions in advance, gather the materials and information you'll need, and draft the narrative responses offline for later pasting into the applicable fields.

Section 1: Community Details

Application Submission Date
06/23/2021

State
Georgia

Community Name
City of Union City

Total Population
21,396

Percentage of Residents Age 60 or Older
14%
Community Governance Structure (choose one)

- Borough
- City [X]
- County
- Town
- Township
- Village
- Other (explain below)

Explain here if you selected "Other"

Community Type (Check all that apply)

- Urban
- Mixed [X]
- Suburban (offices, apartments and shops) [X]
- Suburban (mostly residential)
- Small Town
- Rural
- Remote/Frontier
- Other (explain below)
- Not sure

Explain here if you selected "Other"

Elected Official Signing the Community's Letter of Commitment

Name (elected official)

Vince Williams

Title

Mayor

Office Mailing Address

5047 Union Street, Union City, GA 30291
Community Contact

The community contact is the community staff member or volunteer who is primarily responsible for carrying out the community-level work. (It is not the AARP staff member the community might be working with.)

Name (community contact)

Christian Amica

Email (valid email address required to submit this form)

[censored]

Position

Operations Admin

Telephone Number

[censored]

Please describe the named person's role in the community's age-friendly initiative (100 words minimum)

Christian Amica is the Administrative Assistant for the Operations Dept. and also serves as the Administrative Assistant for Mayor Vince Williams. In addition, he will also assist in other areas including project management, promoting special events and community outreach etc. Christian will serve as the Age-Friendly Liaison for Union City.

The person named above agrees to be subscribed to the AARP Livable Communities Weekly e-Newsletter, which is one of the primary ways we share useful news and resources. To subscribe now, visit AARP.org/LivableSubscribe. You will not be disconnected from this page. After completing the newsletter form, AARP will send an email — with the subject line "Action Required" — containing a link for you to confirm the subscription.
Section 2: Community Activities, Engagements and Collaborations

Currently, Union City has a good amount of programs available for our senior residents. Due to our location, our residents also have the ability to utilize the programs that are available for all of South Fulton. The Etris-Darnell Community Center hosts a majority of our programs targeted towards our senior residents. One of our most popular programs is the Food Boxes Program which provide older adults meals who are home bound. Other programming include zumba, line dancing and arts classes.

Union City plans on speaking directly with our senior residents about the programs that we will implement in the community. This allows for transparency between the city and residents so we can ensure our goals are met. City has plans to expand more housing for senior residents so they can call Union City home.

City departments will begin to create community outreach programs that focus on bridging the gap between our senior residents and city officials. By having these outreach programs, we will be able to reach out to more residents and they in return will be more involved in the creation of more age-friendly programs.

Section 3: Network Membership

Your answers to the following questions will help us complete your community's membership in the age-friendly network and enable AARP to better understand how to support the network.

1-a. What motivated your community to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities (100 words minimum)

One of Union City's top priorities is to make sure that all of our residents see Union City as a place to live, work and play. This is especially true for our senior residents as we want them to feel seen within our community. With Union City constantly growing and expanding, its important that we do all we can to become an age-friendly city. With this opportunity to AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Livable Communities in partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO). We can ensure we reach our goals.
Our community centers would be a valuable asset for the communities in the network. Our centers will allow others to host events and connect with other residents in nearby communities. Union City has intentions to establish sustainable programming; keep the community engaged; provide affordable senior housing; walking trails and ADA sidewalks; pursue outreach through faith-based organizations, Christian City and host events designed for seniors. Union City wants to work with AARP to make our city a place where you can live, work, play and stay where we can all age with pride, dignity and grace.
Section 6: Agreement

I have read and understand the requirements for my community to become a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities, including the need to conduct a community assessment, develop and acquire approval of an action plan, implement the plan, submit an annual best practice and provide periodic updates, including a five-year progress report.

X Yes, I understand the requirements.

SUBMIT YOUR COMMUNITY’S APPLICATION TO THE AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY STATES AND COMMUNITIES

Receipt of the application will be acknowledged by AARP within 24 hours of submission or during the next business day.