



Membership Application

To join the **AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities** and the **World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities**

- If you have questions while completing this form, please email livable@aarpp.org or call 202-434-2430
- If you need additional space for answering the questions you may add an additional sheet of paper.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 3/24/2016

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: Puyallup

STATE: Washington

POPULATION SIZE: 38,950

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 17% of population is estimated to be over 60 years of age. (www.suburbanstate.org provided by US Census Bureau from 2010-2016).

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Mayor John Hopkins

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: Puyallup City Hall, 333 S Meridian, Puyallup WA 98371

Section 2: COMMUNITY CONTACT FOR THE AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The community contact is the local staff member or volunteer who is primarily responsible for carrying out the community-level work — it is not the responsible AARP staff member.

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Please describe the named person's role in the city or community's age-friendly initiative:

Linda Henry is the immediate past president of the Puyallup Area Aging in Community Committee (AICC). This group was originally formed as part of the Robert Wood Johnson funded AdvantAge Initiative in the early 2000's. She is currently chair of the Puyallup Area AICC Age-Friendly Subcommittee.

Section 3: COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, ENGAGEMENTS and COLLABORATIONS

1) Please provide a brief summary of the community policies, programs and services that are targeted toward older people and how the community plans to become more age-friendly.

Although the initial AdvantAge initiative ended, the city has continued in its support of the Puyallup Area Aging in Community Committee, the remaining stakeholder group. As a result of a recommendation from the City of Puyallup's Senior Advisory Board, a pedestrian crossing flag program was initiated, which led to the installation of Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFB) at certain marked crosswalks in the City. Currently a non-motorized transportation and an ADA transition plan is being updated in the City's Comprehensive Plan, which will benefit individuals of all ages.

2) How will the community engage and involve older people in the process of becoming a more age-friendly?

AICC sponsored community events include an annual Volunteer Fair to help those wanting to volunteer to find organizations looking for volunteers and special activities celebrating May as Older Americans Month.

3) Briefly describe the mechanisms the community has or is planning to put in place to facilitate collaborative planning and implementation between different agencies and departments.

A community-wide stakeholder's group will be created to advance the process and provide accountability. From there, the group will develop an action plan to make Puyallup more supportive for residents of all ages.

Section 4: NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

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

4) How do you hope to contribute to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

The City of Puyallup and the Puyallup Area AICC supports the mission of AARP by committing to the promotion of active aging in our community. We will strive to make our City a great place for people of all ages. We believe that communities should provide safe, walkable streets; age-friendly housing and transportation options; access to needed services; and opportunities for residents of all ages to participate in community life.

5) What motivated your community to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

Puyallup is committed to becoming more age-friendly and we look to become a model for surrounding communities. Becoming age-friendly helps stimulate a more robust business community that is sensitive to the needs of the entire population through enhanced customer service, access and environment. This will also allow Puyallup to follow through on the original age-friendly community's framework of the Robert Wood Johnson funded AdvantAge initiative in the early 2000's.

6) Please provide a digital file or link of a logo or other image that represents your community.

The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here's ours >



[Click here to paste the JPEG image or the link to one.](#)