



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@aarp.org.
- If you need additional space for answering the questions you may add an additional sheet of paper.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: *Click here to enter a date.*

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: *Village of Greendale.*

STATE: *Wisconsin.*

POPULATION SIZE: *14,046.*

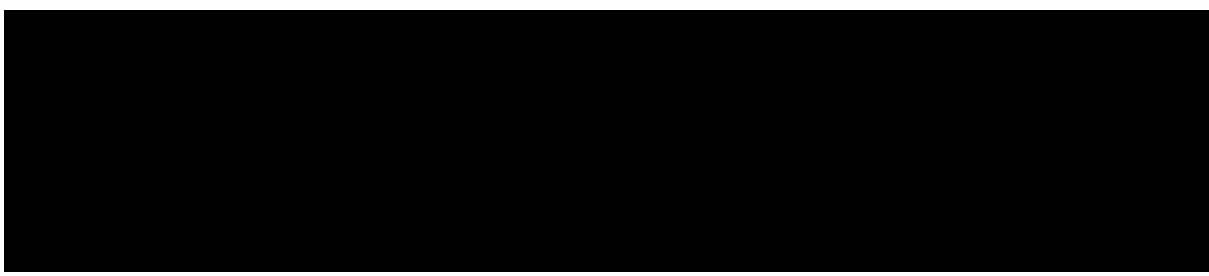
PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: *29.2%.*

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: *Jim Birmingham, Village President*

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: *6500 Northway, Greendale, WI 53129*

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.



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

Theresa Bellone is the volunteer facilitator for the Successful Aging in Greendale for Everyone (SAGE) workgroup. Theresa previously worked as a senior center director and has many years of experience working to promote healthy aging. Theresa lives in the Greendale community and is a volunteer Senior Ambassador for Interfaith Older Adult Programs Milwaukee.

This Successful Aging in Greendale for Everyone (SAGE) workgroup mission is to facilitate all aspects of healthy aging in the community. The workgroup vision is to help Greendale become a livable community where everyone can age successfully.

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.

Greendale has a Greendale Senior Social Club which is coordinated through the Greendale Park and Recreation Department and is open to seniors, ages 55 and older, from Greendale and surrounding areas. It is a tax supported entity of the Village of Greendale and Greendale Schools. The Greendale Senior Social Club strives to provide social and recreational activities to seniors. Activities include guest speakers, cards, movies, holiday celebrations, exercise, games, and blood pressure screenings.

The Greendale Health Department provides several services geared toward older adults, including four monthly blood pressure screening sites, fall prevention programs, and a home visitation program to link up older adults and their families to community resources. Health Department staff are members of the Successful Aging in Greendale for Everyone (SAGE) workgroup. The health department is also part of Greendale's Community Learning Center, which houses the health department, Park and Recreation Department the Public Library. The three departments regularly collaborate on programs for all ages and supports the concepts of health and wellness for all, lifelong learning and intergenerational programming and support.

Greendale was the first dementia-friendly community in southeast Wisconsin and has since provided support to other communities moving toward this goal. The community has a monthly memory café and a monthly support group for family members caring for older adults with dementia.

The Love Thy Neighbor Foundation of Greendale was formed in 2016. The foundation's goal is to empower seniors by forging community partnerships and relationships with both profit and not for profit organizations, to connect older adults with resources. The Greendale Health Department and the SAGE workgroup are actively working with the Foundation.

The SAGE workgroup is working under the auspices of the Greendale Health Department. SAGE is one of the health department's community health improvement workgroups created in 2015. SAGE has developed its own strategic plan. Objectives include the following:

- Improve communication and outreach efforts to Greendale residents about relevant topics related to successful aging*
- Increase community dialogue on successful aging*
- Pursue joining AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Communities*
- Assess the community's strengths and weaknesses using the World Health Organization's 8 Domains of Livability*

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

The Successful Aging in Greendale for Everyone (SAGE) workgroup is facilitated and staffed by older adults living in Greendale. This workgroup recently partnered with the United Way of Greater Milwaukee to hold two community conversations for older adults living in Greendale. The goal of these sessions was to better understand the concerns from the perspective of older adults living in the community.

The SAGE workgroup regularly publishes articles about the workgroup on the health department website and in the Village of Greendale quarterly newsletter sent to all residents. The articles and website inform residents about SAGE and provide details on how to get involved in this work. In 2017, the SAGE workgroup supported and provided a variety of informational sessions on topics related to successful aging in the home:

- *Home modification and related safety presentation*
- *A 7-week "Stepping On" fall prevention program*
- *Tools and devices available to support independence and enhance safety for people with memory loss*

The SAGE workgroup created a Greendale-specific resource guide for older adults. The resource guide is published and updated annually. The workgroup also plans to create and distribute a SAGE Older Adult to all Greendale households. The newsletter will include information on how to join the SAGE workgroup and information on the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization's 8 domains of livability.

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.

The Village of Greendale completed and approved a strategic plan in 2017. This new strategic plan has many components that align with the World Health Organization's eight domains of successful aging:

- *Maintain our greenspace*
- *Improve our streets, walkways, park, utility infrastructure*
- *Maintain and enhance the vibrancy of Downtown*
- *Promote the significance of our History and Greendale events*
- *Promote the existing sense of community*
- *Continue public safety and crime prevention measures*
- *Preserve, maintain, and improve the Village's natural, cultural, civic, educational, and recreational assets and opportunities*
- *Promote the health of our residents through health and wellness opportunities*
- *Develop alternative funding models for quality of life assets*
- *Increase public awareness of Village services and value*
- *Support neighborhood services*

In 2015, the Greendale Health Department completed a community health assessment. As a result, a community health improvement plan was created by a steering committee, which included Greendale residents and organizational leaders. Successful aging was one of the three priorities identified by this steering committee. Consequently, the SAGE workgroup was formed to focus on this priority and is facilitated by a community member with expertise in the aging process. Other workgroup members include Greendale residents, Health Department staff, and Board of Health members. This workgroup presented information on the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities to the Greendale Board of Health and the Village Trustees and received support to continue this work. The workgroup also met with Wisconsin AARP leadership and received support to move forward with the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities application.

In 2015, the health department staff also completed a strategic plan including mission, vision, values and department priorities for the next 5 years. The number one priority is to identify and provide resources, advocacy and services for most vulnerable seniors. Action steps are:

1. *Identify most vulnerable through ongoing community assessments, referrals, community outreach, home health care, clergy, etc.*

2. *Continue to develop partnerships with other agencies, including Dementia Capable Community, Department on Aging, other Village departments, other health departments, clergy to advocate for community wide planning and programming*
3. *Continue to develop referral resources for individual clients and their families*
4. *Continue to develop health department workforce to respond effectively to needs of this group*
5. *Partner with academic organization to develop data collection process to determine impact of interventions*
6. *Maintain primary focus to assess, refer and assure care*

Through these efforts, we will develop a comprehensive community outreach plan to support this priority. Additionally, the Greendale Health Department receives tax levy dollars to fund staff member involvement on the SAGE workgroup.

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?

We plan to share our successes and challenges with other groups involved in this important work. We believe supporting each other in this effort will improve all of our programs. We also plan to evaluate our activities and share these results with other groups in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

The Greendale Health Department is a member of the Wisconsin Public Health Association, American Public Health Association, National Association of City and County Health Organizations, and the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards. The Greendale Health Department is interested in collaborating with AARP and the SAGE workgroup to present at upcoming conferences on the benefits of joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

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?

We are committed to making Greendale a community in which older adults can thrive and age in place. Approximately one third of residents are older adults. We value their contributions and believe the community benefits by their continued involvement.

Our community's Successful Aging in Greendale for Everyone (SAGE) workgroup strategic plan and our Village of Greendale strategic plan align with the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and World Health Organization's goals and objectives. We believe being a part of this network will provide us with the tools and support to accomplish our goals.



6) Please provide a digital (JPG, PNG or PDF) 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 >

