



# 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](mailto: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:** Tucker, GA

**STATE:** Georgia

**POPULATION SIZE:** 35,000

**PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60:** 14%

**NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT:** Frank Auman, Mayor

**OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER:** 4119 Adrian Street Tucker, GA 30084

## 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:**

As President of the Tucker Civic Association (TCA), Mr. Espy has connections all throughout the volunteer network within the City of Tucker. He is also a member of the Tucker Lifelong Community (TLC) Committee under the TCA umbrella and has helped initiate this application process as well as aided in several other community minded projects spearheaded by both TCA and the TLC.

### **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.**

Through volunteer efforts the Tucker Community has come together to form various community minded groups in order to create and promote an age-friendly community. This includes working with the Atlanta Regional Center (ARC) to secure funding for sidewalks and public transportation stop upgrades. The City boasts a robust Friends of Parks groups that represent each of the 10 parks within the City Boundaries and works closely with Park Pride in their efforts. Area Churches support the entire community as well. The City Government adopted a Aging-Friendly Resolution in May of 2018 pledging to promote a Lifelong Community by Promoting Housing and Transportation Options, Encouraging Healthy Lifestyles, and Expanding Information and Access to Services.

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

The Tucker Community has a higher than average population size of the 65+ group. Many are involved in the various community organizations and churches. These include: The Tucker Arts Guild, The Tucker Business Association, The Tucker Civic Association, MainStreet Tucker Alliance, Main Street Theatre Tucker, Tucker Historical Society, Tucker Optimist Club, Tucker Orchard Guild, Tucker Rotary, Smoke Rise Community Association, Tucker-Lavista Lions Club, Friends of Tucker Parks and their sub groups for each park withing the City Boundaries. The Tucker Civic Association will also be in close working contact with the City of Tucker to bring together and unit all of the community groups in support of working towards an age-friendly community.

**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 Tucker Lifelong Community (TLC) Committee developed a strategic plan in 2016 that included the goal to improve transportation options for citizens of Tucker. Public transportation is only on the main streets of Tucker. There is no service to any of the residential areas and access is unavailable to people without their own transportation. We explored services from neighboring cities in addition to the transportation and mobility services by the public transport. There is a long wait-list. So, the TLC Comminttee began discussions with Lifespan Resources. Lifespan is a nonprofit organization that serves the older adilts with its Medical Escort Transportation Program (MET) and the Lifespan Academy of Education. Dr. Palmiter, the Execultive Director, met with the Committee and described the MET Program. Lifespan is working to expand their program in the greater Atlanta area. There is a need for this service in Tucker and the service would be well received and utilized. The TLC Committee afreed to work with Lifespan and Bring MET to Tucker. We are working together to create an intense recruitment effort for volunteers.

**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?**

Through the City’s extensive studies like the Downtown Master Plan, the Parks Master Plan, the Transportation Master Plan and Trails Master Plan the City and its community is well versed on how to create and promote an age-friendly community.

**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?**

The City of Tucker is a young City that incorporated in July of 2016 so it is a fairly young government but one that is truly community driven and led. Our City is one of great diversity spanning race, income, religions and most importantly age. The City is determined to grow in ways that are not only fiscally smart but inclusive and this means spanning from birth to retirement. We are conveniently located just outside of the City of Atlanta and are very accessible via major highways and roads. By collaborating with our volunteer groups the City is looking forward to becoming an Age-Friendly Community.

**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 >



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STATE OF GEORGIA  
CITY OF TUCKER

RESOLUTION R2018-05-48

## A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE LIFELONG COMMUNITY PRINCIPLES

WHEREAS, the City of Tucker recognizes the importance of aging in place; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tucker also recognizes that over 16% of the population of Tucker is over 65 years of age, which is higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tucker's infrastructure (sidewalks, roads, etc.), programs, organizations and access to goods and services has a definitive impact on an individual's quality of life throughout their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, the percentage of older adults in the community offers the City of Tucker the opportunity to address long standing challenges and to reimagine the way we live together; and

WHEREAS, residents of all ages require a wide range of housing options that are accessible, affordable, and close to services; and

WHEREAS, older adults may require mobility options to ensure that they can access basic service and remain independent; and

WHEREAS, access to basic and preventative healthcare and opportunities to engage in regular physical activity are essential to healthy living for residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, residents must be educated and empowered to make the best choices and have access to resources that they and their families need; and

WHEREAS, Lifelong Communities are communities that provide a full range of options to residents, ensure a high quality of life for all, and are places where individuals can live throughout their lifetimes; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Tucker hereby adopts as City policy its goal to transform the City of Tucker into a Lifelong Community by:

- Promoting Housing and Transportation Options; and
- Encouraging Healthy Lifestyles; and
- Expanding Information and Access to Services.

SO ORDAINED AND EFFECTIVE, this 14th day of May, 2018.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Frank Auman, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Bonnie Warne, City Clerk

