



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: 6/5/2018

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: Auburn

STATE: Maine

POPULATION SIZE: 24,000

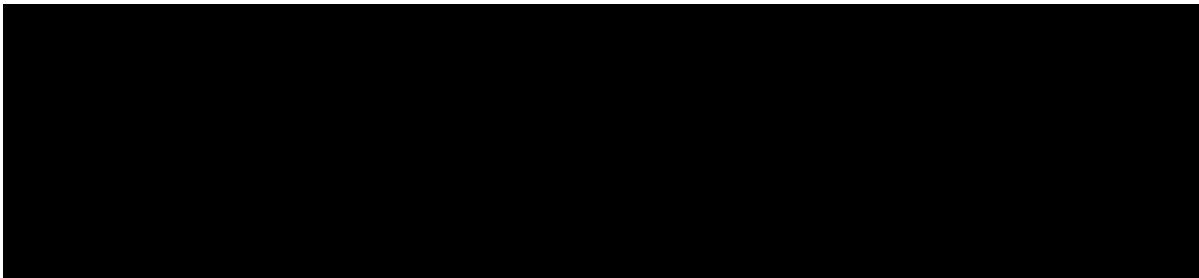
PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: Not sure

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Leroy G. Walker, Ward 5
City Councilor

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 41 Broad Street, Auburn, Maine 04210

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:

Leroy Walker, as well as Belinda Gerry, were appointed by Mayor Jason Levesque to set up an Age Friendly Community program for the City of Auburn. Mr. Walker is a city councilor, representing Ward 5, New Auburn. He is active in the community, and is on many boards and committees, as well as a member of the First Auburn Senior Citizens to make our community a more "Age Friendly" place to live.

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.

We have plans to help seniors to be able to live in their homes longer, by offering/providing volunteers to help them to maintain their homes, mow their lawns, clean their driveways, help with repairs, etc. In addition, we would like to set up a form of transportation for those who need to get to appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies, etc. when they need to. We are planning to install wheel chair charging stations in specific areas of the city so that people who rely on wheelchairs to get around will be able to charge them during their trip to town. We offer senior programming, meals, trips, day room, Bingo, game room, etc. for seniors to enjoy during open times each week so that they can socialize with friends and meet new people. We will expand on our plans as time goes on.

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

We have meetings on a bi-weekly basis and invite everyone to come and make their ideas known so that we can put as many ideas in place as possible. We also bring information to our aging community by informing our senior citizens groups about what we are doing and encouraging them to participate in any way they can.

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.

We are working with Seniors Plus and an AARP representative, the local recreation department, local senior citizens groups, the Auburn Police Department, the Auburn School Department and the Auburn Public Library, to coordinate our efforts. We have a committee that is dedicated to getting things underway. As a new organization, we hope to get things up and running soon.

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?

It is a little early for us to know what kind of impact we can have, but we hope that our Age Friendly program puts our city on the map and can become an example to other cities in our state and across the US!

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?

Our newly elected mayor, Jason Levesque, asked two city councilors to co-chair an "Age Friendly Community" group. He asked them to set up a meeting and research speakers, other Age Friendly participants, etc. to come and speak to us to give us direction and guidance. We have gotten some great information and feel that we are ready to put the pedal to the metal! We are excited to get some programs started, for instance, our "Take a Veteran to School" program that will take place at our local high school, and get students and veterans together to learn from each other. We have engaged principals from 4 local schools to get on board with the program, and hope to get our students involved by doing community service by helping seniors to do small repairs, mow, remove snow, etc. as part of the program.

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 >



We don't have a logo yet, but are planning to design one soon.