



Membership Application

To join the **AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities** and the

Real Possibilities **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: 3/1/2018

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: City of Holly Springs, Mississippi

STATE: Mississippi

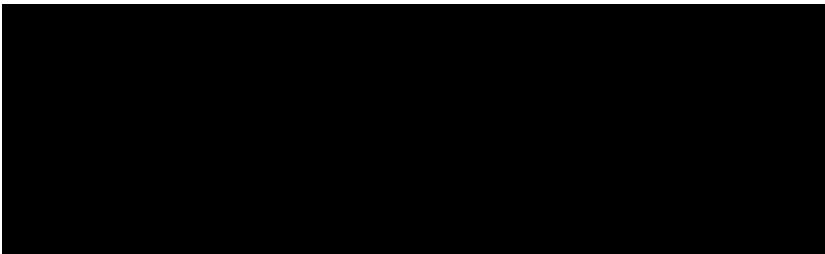
POPULATION SIZE: 8000

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 30+ %

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Mayor Kelvin Buck

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 160 South Memphis St., Holly Springs, MS 38635

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:

Sandy Buford is the Administrative Assistant to Mayor Buck. She is responsible for managing the day to day operations of the Mayor's office. She also handles much of the planning and scheduling for Mayor Buck. She is the person primarily responsible for coordinating City employee functions involving the Mayor's office. She will serve as primary contact for the City of Holly Springs Age Friendly Cities and Communities Program

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.

Currently the City of Holly Springs provides funding to the local library which provides an excellent venue for older people to enjoy reading and access to computers. We also provide space in our Multipurpose building for older citizen's recreational activities. Each morning groups of elderly residents meet with exercise and other activity leaders who lead activities such as simple indoor walking. We also co-sponsor health fairs that educate residents on proper diets and exercise, free flu shots and also health screenings at no charge. We are currently planning on building a new aquatic center that will offer recreational and cultural activities for seniors. The Mississippi State Extension Service hosts quilting, knitting, gardening and cooking camps for older residents. We have an annual Senior Citizen Day designed to recognize seniors for the value they bring to families, churches and the community as a whole. During the event we provide lunch, entertainment, informative and inspirational speakers and give-a-ways.

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

Our goal is to continue building on what we currently offer and add other age friendly cultural and recreational activities for our senior citizens. We would like to consider improving transportation options for seniors. We would also like to encourage more participation and opportunities for older residents to enjoy our museums and art galleries.

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 City of Holly Springs already has ongoing collaborative partnerships with many of the agencies already providing important services to older residents. We currently partner with agencies like the Marshall County Library, Mississippi State Extension Services, Rust College and several other state and local agencies to provide a more age friendly community. We have ample space for meetings and would welcome ideas from AARP as to how we could improve those services.

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 would first like to contribute by joining the growing list of Age Friendly Communities. We would also like to involve the AARP organization in recommending ways we can contribute.

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 were motivated after learning all the community type events that AARP is involved in. One particular service provided by the local AARP volunteers, involved document shredding for senior citizens here in Holly Springs. I also spoke with AARP state level officials about all the efforts of AARP. Simply put, I learned that AARP is much more than an insurance agency.

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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