



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

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 10/19/2018

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: Englewood

STATE: New Jersey

POPULATION SIZE: 29,112

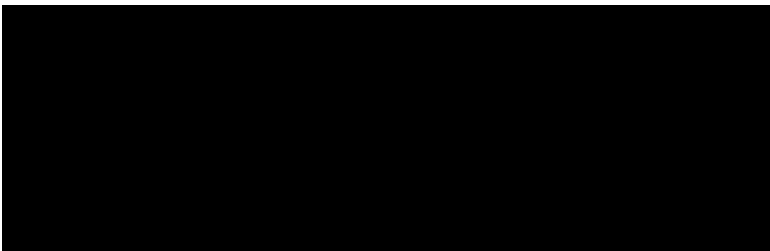
PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 15.9% over age 65

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Mayor Frank Huttie III

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: City of Englewood, City Hall, 2-10 North Van Brunt Street, Englewood, NJ 07631

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:

Janet Sharma, who is Coordinator of the Age-Friendly Englewood, stepped down in 2015 as CEO of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County, where she had served since 1993. A graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, her career is marked by 30+ years of broad-ranging experience in public relations, social media, fundraising, executive management and Board development. In addition to her 22 years at the helm of the Volunteer Center, she was Director of Public Relations at Dwight Englewood School for six years and Associate Director of Development at Holy Name Medical Center for two years. Under her leadership, the Volunteer Center was not only designated by Points of Light as a "Volunteer Center of Excellence" but also became regarded as one of the most outstanding volunteer centers in the country. Programs which flourished under her tutelage include services connecting hundreds of thousands of people with opportunities to serve, a well-regarded civic leadership program, and sponsoring two mentoring programs – one for youth and one for overwhelmed mothers -- and a volunteer handyman service. Janet also chaired the Bergen County VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), an affiliation of community and faith-based organizations that works with first responding organizations to prepare for and respond to disasters. She led a massive Hurricane Sandy Long Term Recovery Committee, raising and distributing nearly \$11 million to help rebuild homes and lives. Janet currently serves on the N.J. Governor's

Advisory Council on Volunteerism, Bergen County Human Relations Commission, and the Advisory Board of the Russ Berrie Awards for Making a Difference. She has served on the Boards of Points of Light, America's Promise, NJ 2-1-1 Partnership, Girl Scout Council and other civic organizations, including the 2014 Super Bowl Host Committee. She is currently President of the Englewood Rotary Club and resides in Cresskill. Janet Sharma Honors: Woman of Influence Award – YWCA Bergen County - 2018 Community Leadership Award – Southeast Senior Center - 2016 Ann Klein Leadership Award – Community Health Law Project – 2015 Award of Commendation, Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders – 2015 Service Leadership Award, Little Ferry Mayor and Council – 2015 Theodore Roosevelt High School (Des Moines, Iowa) Hall of Fame – 2015 Community Leader Award – South Bergen Rotary Club – 2015 Community Leader Award – Fair Share Housing – 2014 Meadowlands Regional Chamber Leadership Award – 2014 WCBS 880 Woman of Distinction Award – 2013 Children's Aid and Family Services Individual Leadership Award – 2013 Hispanic Business Council Leadership Award – 2013 Senator Robert Menendez Woman of Achievement/Trail Blazer Award – 2011 Woman of Achievement/Girl Scout Council of Bergen County – 2006 Junior League of Bergen County Community Leadership Award - 2005 George M. Romney Award for Volunteer Center Excellence – 2004 President's Award/Girl Scout Council of Bergen County – 1993 Sustainer Award/Junior League of Bergen County – 1983

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.

As clearly noted in our Plan of Work (attached), Age-Friendly Englewood has developed a broad-based plan to address identified needs and impact policy in the areas of housing, transportation, walkability, social isolation, civic participation, access to healthcare/healthy activities, and improving communications and the flow of information. Older adult residents of Englewood, NJ have been involved and informed decisions and making of plans every step of the way and are integral to the success of the initiative. The Mayor and Council, as well as agencies of City government and their leaders are fully supportive of measures to make Englewood more age-friendly.

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

Older adult residents throughout Englewood have been involved in developing the Plan of Work for Age-Friendly Englewood and are engaged in many aspects of the City of Englewood. The Housing Authority, Planning Board, City Council, Historical Society, Rotary Club, Woman's Club, League of Women Voters, Recreation Commission, and many other Advisory Boards and Commissions, as well as Houses of Worship, each include numerous older adult residents in their leadership as well as in their activities. Our broad range of communications keep residents informed and engaged through blast emails, e-newsletters, newspaper articles, and open meetings and forums for discussion.

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.

Age-Friendly Englewood has developed an actively engaged Coalition of partner organizations, leaders of which work with each other and with agencies of City Government to develop and implement policies, programs and projects that help make the City more age-friendly. Englewood boasts a wealth of outstanding nonprofit organizations as well as experienced civic leaders eager to make Englewood more accommodating to those who wish to age-in-place, realizing that an age-friendly community is better for people of all ages. We have input and influence in the Transportation Advisory Committee, Planning Board, and are active participants in numerous community forums around housing and social programs.

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?

In addition to keeping up-to-date on information and communications provided to us by the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities, Age-Friendly Englewood has participated in several forums, such as giving a presentation about our program at the International Foundation on Aging's conference in Toronto in August 2018. We provide input when solicited by AARP and are an eager participant in programs and activities hosted by AARP in NJ.

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 proud of the work accomplished so far by Age-Friendly Englewood and look forward to sharing with and learning from other organizations so designated. There is so much exciting "age-friendly" work being done around the globe, and we voraciously study as much as possible so we can glean what might work in Englewood. Also, Englewood is already rich in outstanding organizations – nonprofits, civic organizations and houses of worship – who also want to be engaged in making Englewood more age-friendly and part of the larger network.

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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