

Town of Livingston



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Dear Rebecca:

On behalf of the Town of Livingston, we are excited about the opportunity to join with AARP Tennessee and the World Health Organization (WHO) to become an Age-Friendly Community. Along with the other selected communities in the nation, Livingston is committed to promoting policies to make American cities friendly to aging populations.

The demographics of our area show that our population is aging fast, and it is not only us but the nation. We need to prepare now for not only our current aging residents, but the aging population to come. We recognize the importance of creating an environment where our community is age-friendly in every sector of our town.

The Town of Livingston did an initiative called "Vision 2023" where we invited everyone to come and help us make plans for the future of Livingston. We recognized the importance of having activities that promote successful aging and improve the quality of life for all ages. After the initiative, we decided our first plan of action was to build a park in our Downtown Area, which we did. We have a splash pad, walking track, playground, picnic area, adult exercise equipment, and stage. It is a place where all ages can have fun together, and it keeps people active. We believe this initiative enhanced our natural beauty and built an environment to make Livingston one of the healthiest and most livable cities in our area.

Therefore, I see great value in the AARP Network and am excited to begin establishing Livingston as an Age-Friendly City. In preparing for the rapidly growing aging population, we are committed to advancing public and aging policy goals within the World Health Organization's eight established domains.

I look forward to working with AARP Office, its members and volunteers, and other stakeholders to establish an advisory committee and create a plan of action that responds to needs in the community. I have no doubt that Livingston can be a premier destination for our aging population.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William C. Hayes".

William C. Hayes, Mayor
Town of Livingston