



Membership Application

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

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: *Click here to enter a date.*

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: City of East Point

STATE: Georgia

POPULATION SIZE: 35,357

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: *Click here to enter text.*

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Deana Holiday Ingraham,
Mayor of the City of East Point, GA

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 2757 East Point Street, East Point, GA 30344

Section 2: COMMUNITY CONTACT for the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and 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.

[Redacted contact information]

Please describe the named person's role in the city or community's age-friendly initiative:

Channon Brooks is the Chief of Staff in the Mayor's Office for the City of East Point. This is an executive level role that provides daily professional and administrative level support to Mayor Ingraham. Assisting Mayor Ingraham with implementing innovative strategies, a purpose-driven mission and vision. Responsible for impactful project management and development for the Office of the Mayor. Channon Brooks will strengthen the awareness and civic engagements through sustainable planning, promoting educational programs and developing inclusive community outreach opportunities that will increase the quality of life for all East Point residents aging in place. She will serve as the city's liaison for the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Livable Communities.

The person named above agrees to be subscribed to the [AARP Livable Communities Weekly e-Newsletter](#), which is one of the primary ways we share useful news and resources. To add additional subscribers, type their names and email addresses into below. Once this application is processed, a subscription confirmation message will be sent so the individual can confirm that they want to subscribe. To subscribe today, follow the link above or visit [AARP.org/Livable-Subscribe](#).

Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham, Mayor@EastPointCity.org; Frederick D. Gardiner, ACIP (City Manager), fgardiner@eastpointcity.org; Deron King (Deputy City Manager), dking@eastpointcity.org; Councilmember Sharon Shropshire, sshropshire@eastpointcity.org; Councilmember Thomas Calloway, tcalloway@eastpointcity.org; Councilmember Joshua Butler, jbutler@eastpointcity.org; Councilmember Myron Cook, mcook@eastpointcity.org

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.

Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham's Vision & Focus – include the following strategies: 1) Providing opportunities for the economically disadvantaged. 2) Collaborating with City Council and Communities to extend learning to improve educational outcomes for children. 3) Formation of a Joint Learning Committee to bring together school leaders, city department heads, and community leaders from public, private and nonprofit organizations to extend learning in out-of-school time. 4) Increasing parent and youth engagement. 5) Enhancing workforce development. 6) Encourage civic engagement and volunteerism through the "Volunteering In the Point" (VIP) for adult citizens of all ages. 6) Promoting active and healthy living lifestyles and programming for adults 50+ through "Volunteering In the Point" (VIP) and serving on city's Boards and Commissions. <https://www.eastpointcity.org/volunteering-in-the-point/> 7) Enhance local programs and services through the city's Parks and Recreation Department for all ages including our seniors at the H.J.C. Bowden Multipurpose Facility. 8) Annual Silver Fox Ball to celebrate our seniors 9) Continue community partnerships with the Fulton County Human Services Department, AARP Georgia and numerous community organizations, businesses, government agencies and residents to allow residents to age in place. Services include transportation reimbursement, minor home repairs, walking clubs, occupational therapy, health and wellness projects. The H.J.C Bowden Multipurpose Facility offers a fully equipped fitness center; heated pool for water exercise classes; arts and crafts; adult day care program; computer classes; self-help classes; a medical clinic; cafeteria that serves healthy breakfast and lunch meals; social clubs and support groups; a game room; a garden and patio area; and many more seasonal programs, activities and events.

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

The City of East Point is committed to hosting community forums, conducting surveys, and promoting age-friendly activities for more community engagement and participation. We will also share our participation in the AARP Network and ask interested residents to become a participant or volunteer in the development of our age-friendly community. We plan to incorporate our 10 Year Master Plan (Active Citizens – Healthy Lifestyles – Livable Communities) that was created for the city's Parks & Recreation Department and focusing a 2011- 2020 timeline <https://www.eastpointcity.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/10-Year-Master-Plan.pdf> and a PATH Trails Master Plan that was created in 2016 <https://www.eastpointcity.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/PATH-Trails-Master-Plan.pdf>.

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.

This City of East Point has committed to hosting an Annual Golden Age Resource Fair and over the past 2 years we have connected our older residents with different levels of resources from collaborating with our local government, senior department, police department, fire department, community resources, educational resources, health, and non-profit agencies like AARP Georgia. We plan to enhance and strengthen these public, private and nonprofit community partnerships. We will also actively collaborative with our Office of Communications to tell the stories about our city' residents utilizing the EPTV, newsletters, press releases, public meetings, website and social media. Other community engagement opportunities include "MINGLE WITH THE MAYOR" – an opportunity for city residents to meet and mingle with Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham during a one-on-one informal meeting to discuss community issues; help build relationships; get a chance to ask questions and voice concerns with the goal of getting to know the Mayor. "MINGLE WITH THE MAYOR" will be held on Saturday, October 5th 2019 from 9:00am – 10:30am.<https://www.eastpointcity.org/mingle-with-the-mayor/>. Additionally, through "MOBILE MAYOR", the Mayor sets up pop-up office locations to meet residents where they are and provide an opportunity to for residents to share concerns and receive information. One of the pop-up office locations is the JenCare Senior Medical Center.

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 States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

The City of East Point desires to bring awareness to our aging population and further share the mission of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization. East Point is located in the Metro Atlanta Region that is growing very quickly and especially with adults 50+ that are relocating to cities like East Point for a much better quality of life. East Point is also uniquely located and has been a major camera ready and filming hub contributing to diverse types of job opportunities for all ages and a booming film and music industry in the Greater Atlanta Region. On October 5, 2019, we celebrated the opening of Station Soccer East Point – a transit related soccer field within the East Point MARTA train station. Station Soccer East Point is the 3rd soccer field on the first transit soccer league in the world. The first installation of a similar a similar field was in Atlanta (Five Points MARTA). Station Soccer East Point has been made possible by Soccer in the Streets; MARTA; TransFormation Alliance; Atlanta United Foundation and other organizations. This soccer transit league will encourage more multigenerational engagement; enhance local transportation options as well as offer free soccer programs to local youth and leadership development. Station Soccer East Point will also help to provide more physical activities for youth, families and residents of all ages. <https://www.eastpointcity.org/station-soccer/>. Additionally, the City of East Point was selected by Food Well Alliance and the Atlanta Regional Commission to create and implement the first City Urban Agriculture Plan in the region to harness our local food assets into a local food system for our residents.

5) What motivated your community to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

The city of East Point has realized the tremendous needs from our aging citizens and wants to ensure they are cared for, valued and included into the city's rapidly growing and economic and community development efforts. We understand and know what is required to becoming an age-friendly community. We also welcome this opportunity to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Livable Communities in partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO). The City of East Point is looking forward to strengthening its relationship with AARP Georgia and accommodating its 50+ adult residents with impactful resources.

6) Provide a digital file or link of a logo or other image that represents your community and for which you have reprint rights. The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here's ours:

Click here to add a link to where we can find your logo. Or, send a JPEG, PDF or PNG of your logo by email attachment to livable@aarps.org.

