



## 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](mailto: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: 10/29/2019**

**NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: Fort Wayne**

**STATE: Indiana**

**POPULATION SIZE: 254,796**

**PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 20.4%**

**NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Thomas C. Henry, Mayor**

**OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: City of Fort Wayne, 200 East Berry Street, Suite 490, Fort Wayne, IN 46802**

### 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.

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

Amy Hartzog is the City Representative for the Mayor's Age Friendly Community Council. She will work with the council members to provide a roadmap for the City of Fort Wayne to become an even friendlier age friendly community, focusing on the AARP 8 Domains of Livability. Amy is also in charge the City's Open Streets Program which aims to serve members of all ages and abilities in our community with a celebration of movement and interaction. Amy works in the Public Works Division for the City with an emphasis on trails and maintenance, working closely with many senior volunteers who patrol and clean up along the vast trail network.

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](http://AARP.org/Livable-Subscribe).

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### **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.**

Announced this fall and coming in January of 2020, 12 to 15 individuals will serve on the Mayor's Age Friendly Community Council to evaluate the current situation for older people in our community and to help create a road map to make the community even more age-friendly. The City's Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department continues to be a pillar in the aging community, providing opportunities for seniors to interact at the Community Center, hosting the Senior games and providing many types of programs focused on seniors that are not only focused on physical fitness but also retirement planning, mental health, social engagement and more. We are fortunate to have many senior focused organizations that help seniors navigate our growing and changing landscape in the community addressing issues concerning housing, healthcare, outdoors, volunteering and more.

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

In late 2018, AARP with the help of the Purdue Extension office surveyed older residents in Fort Wayne to gain a better understanding of the needs of these residents and to help guide the future council. As part of the council, we plan to have multiple sub-committees that will provide opportunities for seniors to take part in the council and weigh-in regarding issues they face in our community.

**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 Age Friendly Council will serve as an important piece of ensuring collaborative planning and implementation of age friendly policies and work taking place among different agencies and departments. As part of the Age Friendly Council, there is a desire to have multiple sub-committees that will help provide feedback to the Mayor and provide direction for our community to ensure that all ages are represented as we continue to grow.

**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?**

In Fort Wayne, we like to be a leader and hope to contribute to the AARP and WHO Age-Friendly Communities programs but our exact contribution will be determined at a future date, when we begin to meet as a council and can chart our course together to become a leader in the age friendly communities programs in the US and the world.

**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?**

Linda Dunno, an AARP Team Leader for Fort Wayne, was the impetus for motivating the City of Fort Wayne to pursue this notable and worthy designation. The work she has done and continues to do on behalf of seniors in our community is admirable. Her stewardship of wanting to see an age friendly community culminated in where we are today with the results of the Age-Friendly Survey, an Age Friendly Community Council and pursuing this application.

**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@aarp.org](mailto:livable@aarp.org).*

