



State: Montana

Community Name: Roundup

Population Size: 1863

Percentage of Residents Above Age 60: 22

Community Structure: City

Other:

Community Type: Remote/Frontier

Elected Official Signing the Letter of Commitment

Name: Sandra Jones

Title: Mayor

Office

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Address: Roundup City Office 34 3rd Ave W Roundup, MT 59072

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Role: Theresa Doumitt is a resident of the city of Roundup, Montana and serves as the chair person for our community based organization, the Roundup Community Partners. Additionally, Ms. Doumitt serves on various other boards and committees in our community. She is the grant writer for the Roundup Memorial Hospital and is involved in countless local projects and is recognized as a local community leader. Ms. Doumitt will lead the efforts of the Community Partners by engaging with residents of Roundup as we develop a more livable community. Ms. Doumitt will also be responsible for identifying community partners and other organizations that can help Roundup realize their goals.

Older Adult Involvement : The Roundup Community Partners, led by Theresa Doumitt, are ready and dedicated in our efforts to involve older adults living within Roundup to ensure that our efforts are a direct reflection of their needs. The Roundup Community Partners plan to implement our age friendly efforts directly at

the location where our senior population tends to congregate at the Musselshell County Commons Building. The Roundup Community Partners will host community coffee sessions to support collective discussions and to provide yet another venue for involving the seniors that live within our city and the surrounding area. Several members of the Roundup Community Partners currently represent our target age group of 55 and older and we are excited to have ample representation with the decision makers right from the start. We are also hopeful that our ample representation will allow for easy recruitment of additional members of the livable community effort. It is important to our group that when the Roundup Community Partners identifies a domain to work on, that the older adults living within our community have had the chance to weigh in on priorities and that they will have the ability to engage in the direct efforts that will be improving the city of Roundup for all ages. While we involve older adults in the community's efforts, we will also be working cooperatively through the Roundup Community Partners to preserve and promote our historic structures, cultural, and natural heritage to ensure our effort of improvement remain consistent with our legacy citizens.

**Increasing
Collaboration and
Coordination
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The efforts of the Roundup Community Partners will increase collaboration by engaging in business leaders, older adults, young adults, and other change agents within the Roundup community. We understand that creating age friendly communities is a long term process and requires strong partnerships within the focus community and that these partnerships can be complex and challenging. Our focus on collaboration and inclusion is evident even within the designation of our lead agency which is locally the epitome of creating coordination among relevant community agencies and departments. It is with the challenges of partnerships across generations and perspectives in mind that we look forward to increased collaboration among both public and private sectors and will open up involvement for organizations including, but not limited to, churches, schools, the senior center, youth organizations, and not for profit agencies. We are committed to ensuring that our age friendly efforts will help others to identify the constantly evolving needs of our aging community and that through these efforts, multiple generations can work together to meet the needs of our legacy citizens. We look forward to improving upon our already livable community and creating healthier, cleaner, and more welcoming spaces for all ages. To help create sustainability, we will ensure that our leading organization, the Roundup Community Partners, encourage that age friendly efforts become embedded in organizational culture in both private and non profit agencies. We believe our proposed structure and leading agency will help to ensure a collaborative planning process and shared responsibility for moving these efforts along into the future.

**AARP Team
Member
Contact
Info:
Most
Instructive
Area of
Work:**

Although several members of the AARP Montana State Office have been helpful and various stages, I have visited directly with Government Affairs Director Mike Batista, mbatista@aarp.org. Additionally, I have worked with consultant and technical advisor, Adrienne Cotton 406-465-6268.

We believe that both the current efforts of Roundup to create a wholesome and healthy environment for all ages as well as the intended efforts of the Roundup Community Partners may incentivize and inspire other small rural cities in Montana to support connectivity and social

engagement with the aging adults within our communities. It is imperative that all local leaders, both designated and informal, begin thinking outside of traditional boxes to determine better ways of connecting all of our community members, regardless of age or generation. We look forward to sharing our lessons learned as well as our accomplishments moving forward.

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Twitter 2:

Facebook 1: https://www.facebook.com/RoundupCommunityPartners/?ref=page_internal

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