



State: Mississippi
Community Name: City of Picayune
Population Size: 10878
Percentage of Residents Above Age 60: 15
Community Structure: City
Other:
Community Type: Small Town
Elected Official Signing the Letter of Commitment Name: Dr. Edward Pinero, Jr.
Title: Mayor
Office Mailing Address: 203 Goodyear Blvd

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Role: Christy Goss is our Special Projects Administrator. She writes and manages grants for the City, plans special City events, handles all social media accounts, is the Keep Picayune Beautiful Director, handles public relations, and works to increase public engagement and awareness in the City. City of Picayune participates in the State of MS Certified Retirement Program. Christy is also the Retirement Director and will provide information to people who are thinking about relocating when they retire. She works hard to strengthen the Community and improve the quality of life for all ages through various City programs and events.

Older Adult Involvement: We encourage older adults to enjoy the local Senior Center and all the many classes, services, and socialization that it supplies. We are always asking and engaging with city residents. We want to know what their needs are, how can we work together to better our City and keep moving it forward. It's often small details that make the difference between a community that promotes a positive perspective on aging, and one that doesn't. It's often small details that make the difference between a community that promotes a positive perspective on aging, and

one that doesn't. It's often small details that make the difference between a city that promotes a positive perspective on aging, and one that doesn't. Our community allows people of all ages to participate in activities that keep our City healthy and encourage economic stability. The Senior Center provides free lunches for all seniors. They even deliver meals to some homebound seniors. Transportation is available to assist the needs of transporting people to appointments. Highland Community Hospital is available to assist all the medical needs of the City and has a wonderful volunteer group. One thing that sets Picayune apart from so many other cities is our hospitality. It doesn't matter if you have lived in Picayune for 50 years or 6 months, people will invite and encourage you to get involved. The City residents will treat you like a best friend and not a stranger. There is a local AM radio station in Picayune that is always asking seniors to write stories for their publication and come on the air for shows. Seniors are wonderful to have in your community. They only enhance your community by volunteering, notifying the local officials when things are not right or need repairs, being aware of things, and helping others.

**Increasing
Collaboration and
Coordination:**

We will build up the public will by identifying community champions that will go out and foster citizen commitment. We can discuss the many misconceptions of aging and older adulthood. 70 is now the new 50. People are living longer and staying more active and involved like never before. We will communicate broadly through the different clubs and community events. There are many ways to connect people of a variety of ages. One way this can be encouraged is by using the open space at Crosby Commons. There are people of all ages walking their dogs, playing with young kids and grandkids, meeting friends to picnic, and many other activities happening daily at Crosby Commons. When Keep Picayune Beautiful holds a cleanup day it is encouraged that everyone participate. Last year we had the youngest child at 2 years old and the oldest at 87 years old. They were spending time together and doing something to make their surroundings better. That is a great way of developing community metrics that contribute to building a local compelling case of an age friendly environment. By becoming age friendly you will connect the generation gaps. Through those connections citizens will learn so much from one another. You will have a younger person learning what was located in a particular place before new construction was developed or you may have an older person learn how to operate their smart phone better. There is so many things to learn from one another. There is a great volunteer base at the local hospital, the Police Station has Senior Patrol and the local library has many volunteers tutoring the young students after school. Sometimes people aren't aware of what is in their own City sometimes. We need to open their eyes and provide gathering spots for citizens to share ideas and values.

**AARP Team
Member Contact
Info:**

N/A

**Most Instructive
Area of Work:**

We believe that our Senior Center, Library, and Crosby Commons has a variety of uses that everyone can enjoy. We built Crosby Commons after we consulted and asked what the City residents wanted in the green space. It is a great space for all ages to enjoy. Built for the people by the people. We have so many wonderful volunteers that help plan and make the Street Fair a success each year. The Main Street program would not thrive and be as successful as it is without the help of volunteers of all ages.

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Media:**

City Hall of Picayune Instagram account name