

Englewood Is Designated As Age-Friendly City

Englewood, NJ -- The City of Englewood is now officially designated as an “Age-Friendly City.”

During a program on November 27, 2018, at BergenPAC, Englewood was accepted as a member of the AARP-World Health Organization’s Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

This designation is the result of an application submitted to AARP by the Age-Friendly Englewood initiative, in partnership with Mayor Frank Huttle and by resolution of the City Council. The application outlined in detail the steps that Age-Friendly Englewood is taking -- in partnership with

elected officials, nonprofit organizations, houses of worship, civic organizations, agencies of City government and interested residents -- to make it easier for older adults to age in place in Englewood with dignity and independence. The ultimate goal is for Englewood to be a great place for people of all ages.



Council Member-at-Large Charles Cobb (left) and Mayor Frank Huttle receive the declaration from AARP-NJ State Director Stephanie Hunsinger. At right is Age-Friendly Englewood Coordinator Janet Sharma.

Age-Friendly Englewood was launched in 2016 when a coalition was formed with the intention of helping older adults age in place. The first task was to assess the needs of older adults. The next task was to develop a comprehensive plan

that would meet the identified needs over the next three to five years. The plan is now being implemented with continued funding from The Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation.

The framework for the Age-Friendly Englewood initiative is the "Eight Domains of Livability," broad categories identified by the World Health Organization as essential for cities to be considered age-friendly. These categories include housing, transportation, outdoor spaces and buildings, access to health care and social services, social/civic participation and inclusion, and communications and information.

The official certificate, which was presented by Stephanie Hunsinger, State Director for AARP-New Jersey, to Mayor Huttle on November 27, declares that the *City of Englewood, New Jersey, has committed to becoming more age-friendly under the criteria established by AARP and the World Health Organization and has been accepted as a member of the Network of Age-Friendly Communities.*

“We are thrilled that Englewood has been accepted into this select global network,” says Janet Sharma, Coordinator of Age-Friendly Englewood. “We look forward to continuing to work closely with the City of Englewood to ensure that the initiatives in the comprehensive age-friendly plan are brought to fruition.”

The Global Age-Friendly Network was developed to encourage communities to prepare for the rapid aging of the U.S. population. The network encourages communities to take action and pay increased attention to the environmental, economic and social features that encourage greater age integration and diversity and create a community that supports residents from the cradle through retirement.

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