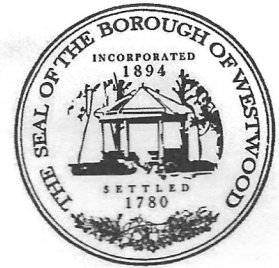


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To Whom It May Concern,

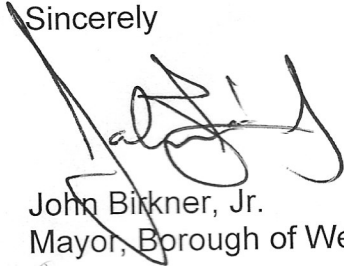
On behalf of the Borough of Westwood, we are excited about the opportunity to join AARP and the World Health Organization to become an Age-Friendly Community. Along with other selected communities in the nation, Westwood is committed to promoting policies to make American communities friendly to aging populations.

The Borough of Westwood is made up of just over 11,000 residents, 17.5% of which are over the age of 65. To address the needs of our seniors, I created a Senior Advisory Committee, comprised of a group of ten appointed senior residents. With their input, and the tireless efforts of Westwood for All Ages, we are developing a community-wide action plan to address the key issues of transportation and housing for our seniors.

We have developed a strong framework to build upon in addressing the World Health Organization's eight domains that help influence the health and quality of life of older people. We are very proud of the strong social and recreational programs our borough has already implemented for our seniors, and we strive to reach the same level of success in the remaining eight domains. We look forward to joining this global network of communities committed to giving their older residents the opportunity to live rewarding, productive and safe lives.

Thank you for your consideration. I have no doubt the Borough of Westwood can be a shining example of Age-Friendliness.

Sincerely


John Birkner, Jr.
Mayor, Borough of Westwood