



## CITY OF CLARKSVILLE

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Ms. Rebecca Kelly, Director  
AARP Tennessee  
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Dear Ms. Kelly:

On behalf of the City of Clarksville, I am writing to share our interest in joining the AARP Age-Friendly Network. Along with more than 300 other communities in the nation, the City of Clarksville is committed to promoting policies, projects and practices that encourage our citizens to age with purpose, health and dignity.

As the fifth largest City in Tennessee, we value all members of our community, and are committed to maintaining an age-friendly environment. We understand an age-friendly community establishes a higher quality of life for people of every age and that it is especially important that our aging community has the resources necessary to be safe, independent and integrated into the populace.

As participants in the national network of communities, the City of Clarksville intends to join with Montgomery County and Fort Campbell to improve infrastructure for the growing number of military veterans as well as all aging citizens in Clarksville and Montgomery County. To accomplish this the City of Clarksville will:

- Develop a committee of active, influential AARP community members who provide input on how the City can be more inclusive of seniors and people with disabilities.
- Host an annual AARP Livability Summit with health panelists and exhibitors in partnership with Montgomery County.
- Establish a plan of action that responds to the challenges identified by the committee.
- Commit to measuring activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and reporting them publicly.

We look forward to working with our community partners, AARP Tennessee staff and volunteers to create a plan that responds to the needs of our aging community members.

Sincerely,

Joe Pitts

Mayor of Clarksville