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WHAT ARE AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES?

Age-Friendly Communities make a commitment to actively work together toward being a great place to live for people of all ages by engaging citizens, professionals, and government in finding creative, workable solutions to community needs.

AARP describes a number of key areas which impact the age-friendliness of communities and contribute to quality of life for residents of all ages:

**Community Support & Health Services**
People need accessible and affordable health services and appropriate community supports.

**Transportation**
A variety of public and private transportation options should be available throughout the entire county. Pedestrians need sidewalks and safe, crossable streets.

**Respect and Social Inclusion; Social and Civic Participation; Employment**
People benefit from being engaged in their community at every stage of life. Communities need a variety of accessible, affordable and fun social activities, intergenerational gatherings, and volunteer and employment opportunities.

**Housing**
Most older adults want to reside in their current home and may need modifications to age-in-place. There should be a range of housing options suitable for people of all incomes, ages and life stages.

BRIEF HISTORY AND CURRENT STATUS OF THE BROOME AGE-FRIENDLY PROJECT

2018: The age-friendly planning process began

2019: A Community Needs Survey was completed by 2,157 residents age 55+

2019-2020: Workgroups met to review data and community needs, determine priorities, and create an action plan

2020: AARP approved Broome County’s multi-year action plan

2021: Implementation of the action plan is currently underway

Look at the back of this brochure for contact information so you can get involved!