



Older Adult Services



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City of Watsonville's Older Adult Services Background

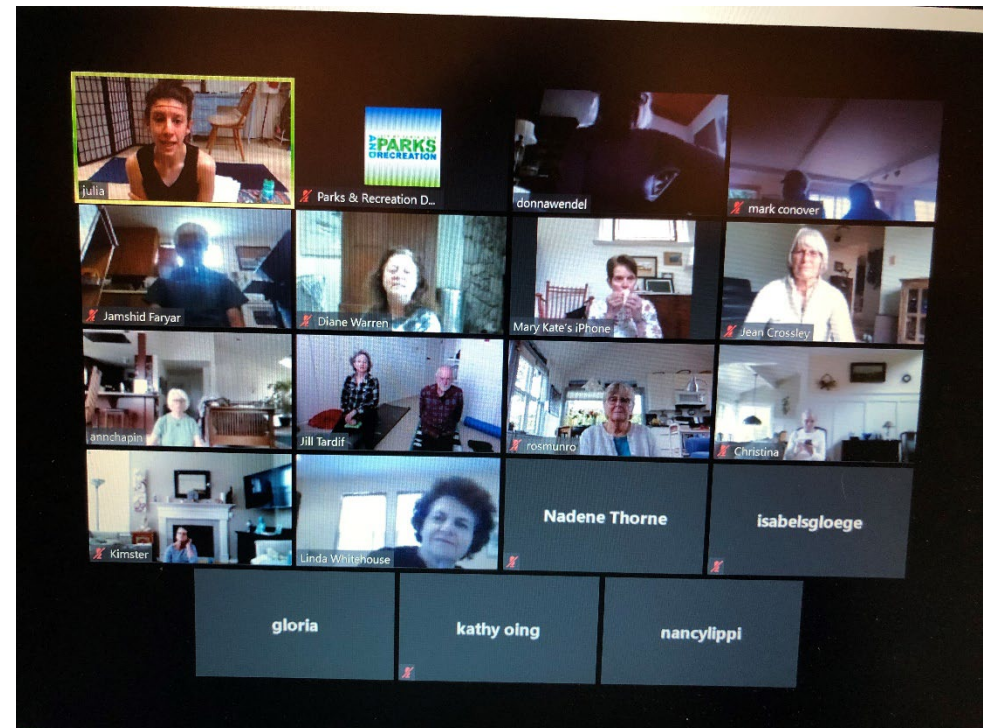


- The City of Watsonville took over operations of the Watsonville Senior Center in November of 2019, which was previously managed by the nonprofit AWAS
- Since the switch, The City of Watsonville has invested into the Watsonville Senior Center building to make improvements
 - New tables and chairs
 - Installing an ADA ramp to the front of the building
 - Installing free public high speed fiber optic internet
 - Creating a computer lab for Senior Center Members
 - Front desk Check In table located in the front lobby

Renovation to the front entrance, kitchen and coffee service area are scheduled to start this year

City of Watsonville Older Adult Services

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Watsonville Senior Center closed its doors between March of 2020 and June 2021 with limited in person services
 - Wellness Calls
 - Grocery Deliver Program
 - Senior Center Without Limits
 - Vaccine Call Center



Memberships

Basic Membership- Free

- Access to Senior Center lounge and daily activities
- Access to resources, and the nonprofit who service out of the Senior Center
- Workshops/Classes
- Free coffee and pastries

Today we have 368 Basic Memberships

Gold Membership- \$20/year

- Access to computer lap
- Skill building workshop
- Discounts on trips, classes
- Help to support sustainable services for Older Adults

Today we have 90 Gold Memberships

Nonprofits Who Serve Out of the Watsonville Senior Center



- Community Bridges Meals on Wheels- Congregate Dining
- Family Agency of the Central Coast- Peer Counseling
- Senior Citizens Legal Services- Legal serves for senior related issues
- Seniors Council Project Scout- free tax preparation
- Senior Network Services- HIPCAP(Medicare), housing, case management, resources

Other Community Partnerships

- Community Bridges Lift Line- Transportation to and from the Watsonville Senior Center
- Grey Bears- Weekly healthy grocery pick up
- Second Harvest- Monthly food distribution
- Watsonville/Aptos/Santa Cruz Adult Education- English Learners (EL) class
- Santa Cruz Community Credit Union- Financial Workshops
- City of Watsonville Nature Center- Senior Nature Walk

Current Programing

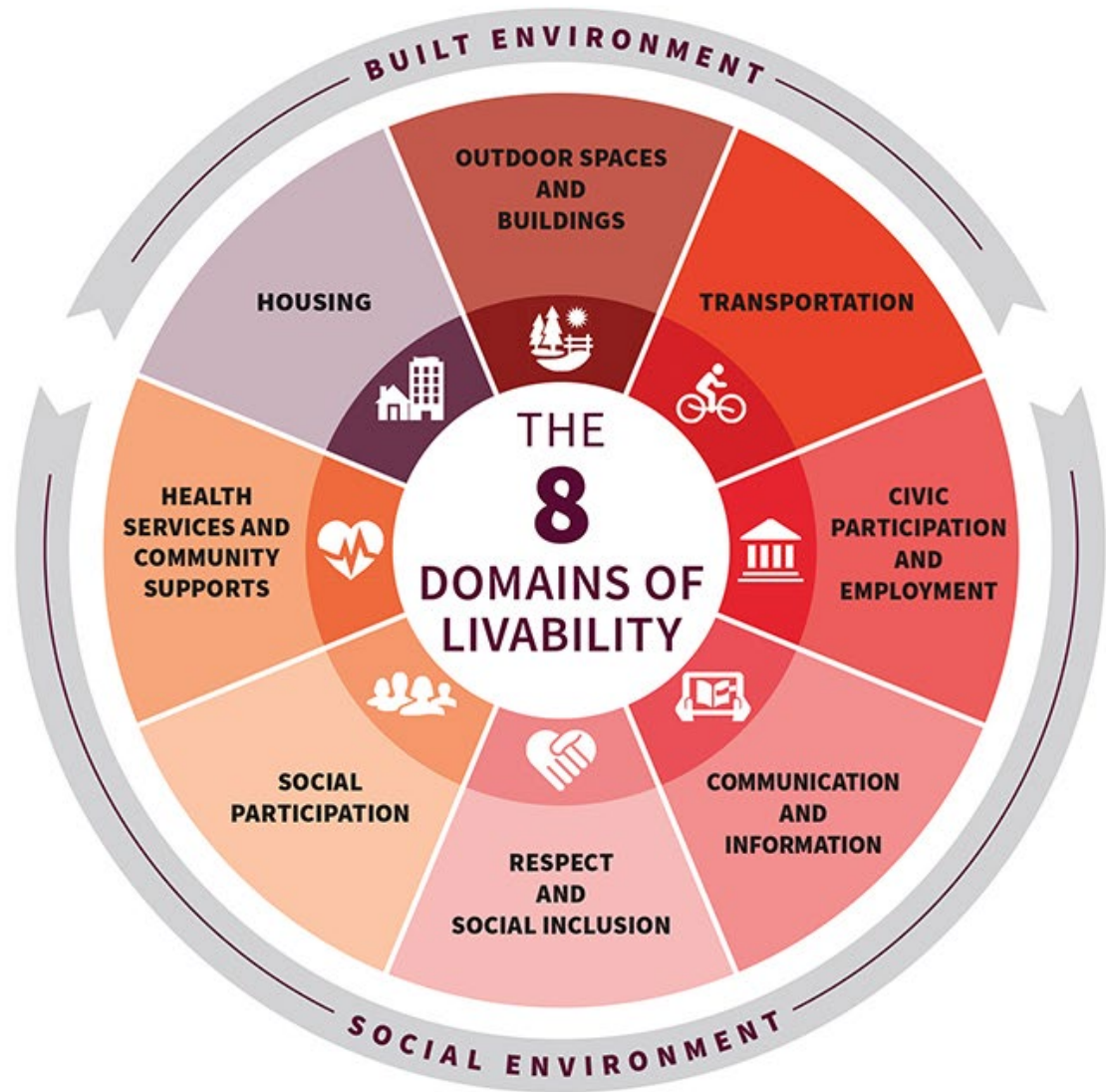
Activities

- Fundamentals of Art
- Memoir Writing & Story Telling
- Arts and Crafts
- Stamp Club
- English Learners Class
- Financial Workshops
- Tech Workshops
- 1-on-1 Tech Support
- Group Exercise
- Chair Yoga
- Latin Dance Lessons
- Senior Nature Walk

Events

- Valentines Dance 2/14
- Senior Resource Fair 5/19
- Pup Parade 07/01
- Joyce-Mackenzie Park Social 07/22
- Senior Prom TBD





AARP Age Friendly Community

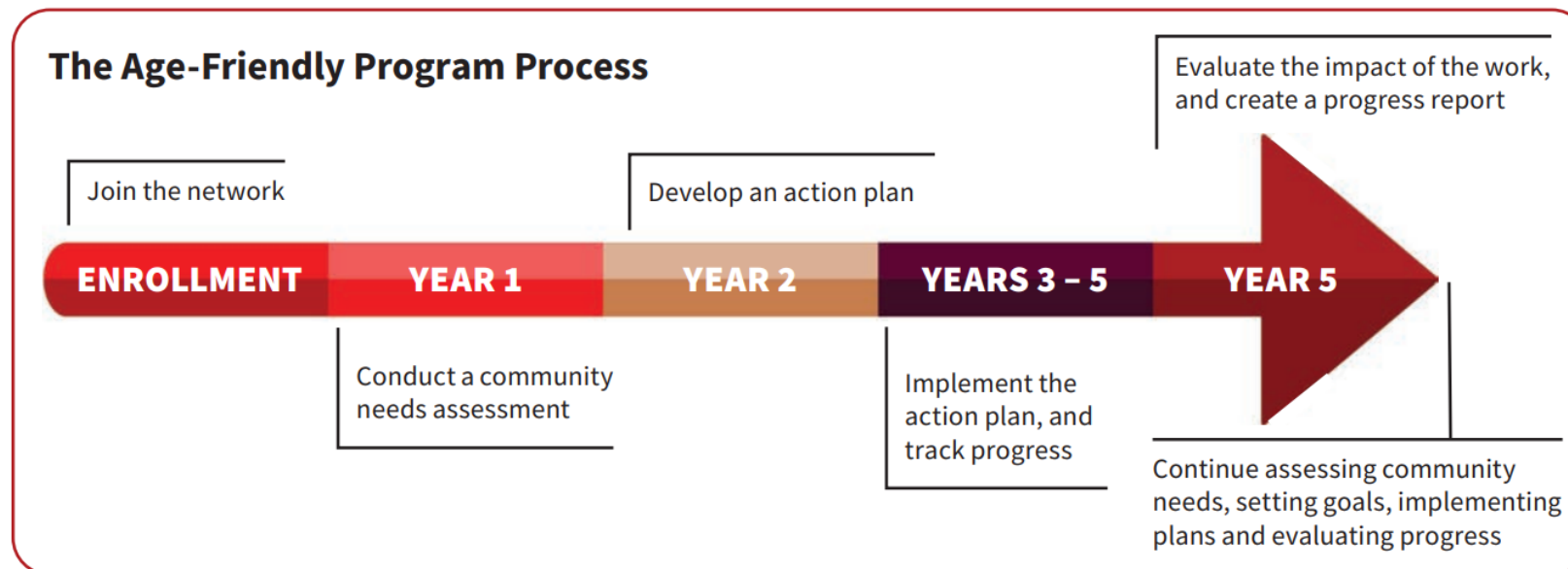
The AARP network of Age-Friendly State and Communities provides a framework to use in communities to organize and prioritize their efforts to becoming a more livable community for both older residents and people of all ages.

In November of 2019 The City of Watsonville proclaimed its commitment to becoming AARP Age Friendly.

In August of 2022, The City of Watsonville submitted its AARP Age Friendly Application

Santa Cruz County & City of Watsonville Collaboration for Survey

- The County of Santa Cruz is in the process of moving forwards with its commitment to the Master Plan on Aging, a local playbook put together by the State of California to build communities for all ages & abilities.
- Along with other city jurisdictions in the Santa Cruz County, we will be collaborating on a County wide survey. We will be able to isolate data from Watsonville to focus on our residents. Surveying is scheduled to begin in July of 2023. With the results from this survey, we will be able to move forwards in becoming AARP Age Friendly by developing an action plan.





Senior Action Committee (SAC)

- Steering committee for County wide Survey for AARP Age Friendly
- Aid in the development of the Older Adult Services Strategic Plan
- Advocate for Older Adults in the community
- We meet the second Thursday of the Month at 3:30PM
- SAC members include Fabian C Leonor, Antonio Rivas, Christine Catanzaro, Anna Kammer, Gina Cole, and John Hunting



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Questions?

