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City of Rowlett Named AARP Age-Friendly Community



ROWLETT, TEXAS— On Tuesday, February 4, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities welcomed the City of Rowlett as their 431st member, and the first new member for 2020. This designation was made possible after several months of collaboration between AARP, the City of Rowlett Parks and Recreation Department and the Rowlett Senior Advisory Board.

“Rowlett is home to thousands of people aged 65 and older and we are delighted to be the first city in 2020 to receive the AARP Age-Friendly Community

designation,” said Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian. “We have strategically placed a high priority on fostering a community that is welcoming, engaging, and inclusive for people of all ages.”

Members of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities are encouraged to assess the current level of accessibility for residents of all ages within their own community, and to create new opportunities to make their communities more livable. The AARP assists member communities to achieve these goals by creating safer and more walkable streets, needed housing and transportation services, better accessibility to needed services, and opportunities for residents to participate in events within their own community.

“Many people today want to stay in their homes and in their neighborhoods as they age,” said AARP Texas Director Tina Tran. “By becoming part of the network, Rowlett is committing to do even more to improve livability in the community and involve older residents in the process.”

To better evaluate and meet the needs and wants of the community, the Rowlett Senior Advisory Board will work closely with the Rowlett City Council to conduct a city-wide survey in the coming weeks.

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