You're Invited!

Please Join Us for a Forum on

Broome County Becoming an
Age-Friendly Community

Friday, September 14 from 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Broome County Public Library, 185 Court St. in Binghamton

Broome County has recognized the benefits of becoming an Age-Friendly Community, economically, environmentally, and socially. Age-Friendly Communities make a commitment to actively work together toward being a great place to live for people of all ages. This forum will explain what it means to be an Age-Friendly Community and how you as a community member can be involved.

Everyone is welcome to attend:
• Municipalities • Businesses • Community Agencies • Residents

Opening remarks by:
- Hon. Donna Lupardo, NYS Assemblywoman & Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging
- Broome County Executive Jason Garnar
- AARP Representative
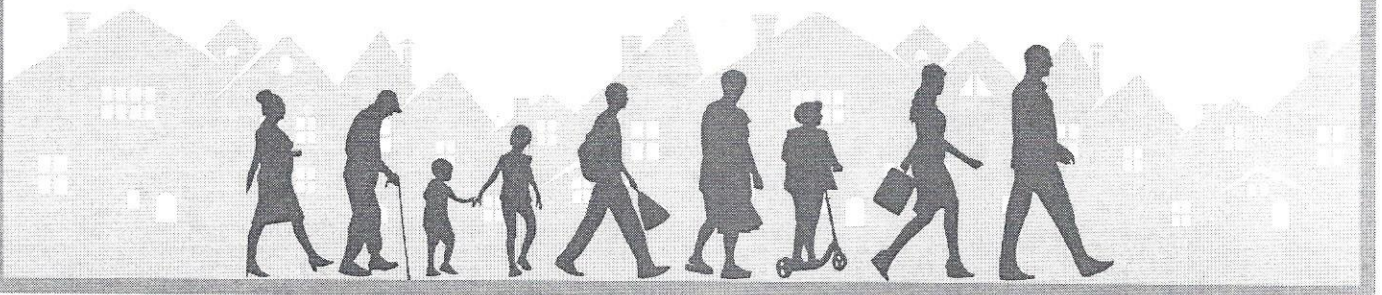- Hon. Members of the Broome County Legislature

Presentations by:
- Greg Olsen, Director of the New York State Office for Aging
  Why Broome Should Become an Age-Friendly Community
- Lisa Schuhle, Director of the Broome County Office for Aging
  Broome County Age-Friendly Community Process and Expectations; Q& A session

RSVP is encouraged - limited seating is available. Please call or email (607) 778-2411 or ofa@co.broome.ny.us

If you cannot attend this event & would like more information, please contact the Office for Aging.

Please see the back of this flyer for additional information.

Broome County's older adults are the thread that helps maintain our social and economic vitality, which enhances the lives of all residents. The following are some of the trends in our area demonstrating the importance of becoming an Age-Friendly Community:

- Broome County's 60+ population makes up 24.5% of the total population, while in New York State the 60+ population represents 20.2% of the total population.

- By 2025 the 60+ population will represent 30% of the Broome County population.

- The 45+ population generates 71% of all personal income in Broome County.

- 70% of Broome County homeowners age 60+ have no mortgage, meaning they have more money to put into the community.

- In 2015, Broome County volunteers age 55+ contributed 6.8 million hours of community service, estimated to be worth over $190 million.

National trends:

- Today the entire Baby Boomer generation – nearly 75 million strong – is over age 50. In the next three years, nearly 15 million people will turn 65. By 2030, 73 million or 1 in 5 people in the U.S. will be age 65 or older.

- The 50+ population controls nearly 80 % of the U.S. net worth.

- In 2016, voters age 50+ made up 56% of the electorate. It's vital that older voters and their needs are considered during policy planning and decision-making on all levels.

- Given adequate resources and supports, 77% of older people prefer to remain in their community.

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