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AARP Georgia Appoints Ivey Hall to Executive Council

Former EC Member Myrtle S. Habersham Transitions to AARP Georgia Age-Friendly Ambassador

AARP Georgia appointed Ivey Hall to its Executive Council. Since 2016, she has served as the executive director for Macon Habitat for Humanity.

Over the course of her career, Hall has worked with Goodwill Industries of Middle Georgia, and has accumulated more than 10 years of experience in coordinating volunteers and special events within the nonprofit sector.

“I am thrilled to join the executive council of AARP Georgia, an organization whose values closely align with the work that I’m very passionate about doing,” Ivey Hall said. “Representing Macon-Bibb in this position and continuing the great work started by Myrtle Habersham will allow me to take a more active role in helping the 50+ live their best lives ever.”

In appointing Hall to represent Middle Georgia, longtime Executive Councilmember and Lead Volunteer for Macon-Bibb, Myrtle S. Habersham will now assume the role of an Ambassador for AARP Georgia, focusing on the organization’s Age-Friendly/Livable Communities initiatives.

Macon was the first city in the country to be recognized as Age-Friendly. The [AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities](#) is an affiliate of the [World Health Organization’s Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Program](#), an international effort launched in 2006 to help cities prepare for rapid population aging and the parallel trend of urbanization. The program has participating communities in more than 20 nations, as well as 10 affiliates representing more than 1,000 communities.

“It’s been a great honor to represent Macon-Bibb and see the dynamic and positive change the city has undergone in the last few years,” said Myrtle S. Habersham. “I look forward to continuing serving AARP Georgia and the 50+ population as we seek to earn Age-Friendly designations for more cities.”

Habersham served as an executive councilmember for more than six years. During her tenure, she led the charge for Macon, Ga., receiving its Age-Friendly Community designation by the World Health Organization. Through her ongoing efforts, Macon was re-certified at the five-year mark in 2017. Throughout the Macon-Bibb community, Habersham is known as a tireless volunteer who advocates for the 50+.

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“Myrtle helped us lay a solid foundation in Macon, and we’re excited to see how she will use her considerable experience and knowledge to help the state of Georgia receive its Age-Friendly designation,” said AARP Georgia State Director Debra Tyler-Horton. “We are so appreciative of her ongoing service.”

Tyler-Horton continued, “Myrtle’s work in Macon-Bibb really created a roadmap for how we approach Age-Friendly status in other cities in Georgia. And, Ivey’s commitment to working with communities is evident.

She was a logical and compassionate choice to add to the executive council. With her previous experience as the Housing Committee Chair for Mission United, and as a member of Macon-Bibb County’s Age-Friendly Community Council, she brings a keen understanding in the importance of community involvement.”

Hall earned her undergraduate business degree at Florida State University and obtained her MBA from Mercer University. She is also a graduate of Leadership Macon and, in 2016, *Macon Magazine* recognized her as one of its Top 5 under 40.

“We have such a great relationship with the people of Macon, and I look forward to the expertise that Ivey will bring to us,” said Tyler-Horton.

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