

City of Wilton Manors

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Mr. Jeff Johnson
AARP Florida State Director
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St. Petersburg, FL 33701

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the City of Wilton Manors, we are excited about the opportunity to join with AARP Florida and the World Health Organization (WHO) to become an Age-Friendly Community. Along with other selected communities in the nation, Wilton Manors is committed to promoting policies to make American cities more friendly to their aging populations.

Ensuring that any community is age-friendly is especially beneficial to the LGBT population who faces particular challenges in this regard, and the City of Wilton Manors is proud to be one of the highest populated LGBT communities in the nation.

Our city has a 7-member Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB) that has assumed the challenge of improving our status as an Age-Friendly Community and recently published our City's "Senior Resource Guide" which is full of information regarding services, activities, and service providers in our City, County, and State – and even contact information for services at the National level. This group will remain dedicated to ensuring that our aging residents have the resources to be healthy, independent and integrated into our community.

As a participant in the national network of communities, it is the intent of our City to:

- Promote the involvement of our older residents in the effort to improve our age-friendly standing.
- Support our CAAB (advisory board) in its work on this task – which will include the development of an Action Plan to respond to the needs of our senior population.
- Commit to measuring and reporting Action Plan performance.

We look forward to working with AARP Florida staff and volunteers to ensure our community has the appropriate infrastructure in place so we can all age with dignity. We are well on our way to beginning this discussion with our local AARP Advocate Ken Reinhardt and look forward to building on this relationship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Resnick".

Gary Resnick
Mayor

Cc: CAAB
City Commission/City Manager
Ken Reinhardt, AARP Advocate

Wilton Manors is a Community Wildlife Habitat



Membership Application

To join the **AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities** and the **World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities**

- If you have questions while completing this form, please email livable@aarpp.org.
- If you need additional space for answering the questions you may add an additional sheet of paper.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 1/29/2018

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: City of Wilton Manors

STATE: Florida

POPULATION SIZE: 12,682 (US census)

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 15% - 65 and older – per 2010 census

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Gary Resnick, Mayor

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Section 2: COMMUNITY CONTACT FOR THE AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The community contact is the local staff member or volunteer who is primarily responsible for carrying out the community-level work — it is not the responsible AARP staff member.

NAME: *Johnnie Goodnight*

POSITION: Office Manager – City Manager’s Office

EMAIL ADDRESS: jgoodnight@wiltonmanors.com

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (954) 390-2120

Please describe the named person’s role in the city or community’s age-friendly initiative:

The Office Manager of the City Manager’s Office is the City Staff Liaison and Secretary of the City’s Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB). CAAB has undertaken the initiative to lead the City’s recognition as an Age-Friendly Community.

Section 3: COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, ENGAGEMENTS and COLLABORATIONS

1) Please provide a brief summary of the community policies, programs and services that are targeted toward older people and how the community plans to become more age-friendly.

The City's Community Affairs Advisory Board has undertaken the goal of making the City of Wilton Manors more age-friendly. It recently created, printed and distributed the City's Senior Resource Guide for Seniors and their Caregivers – identifying services, programs, and resources for our Senior community.

2) How will the community engage and involve older people in the process of becoming a more age-friendly?

Communication will be created for the City's bi-monthly newsletter, the "Town Crier" to better distribute the Senior Resource Guide. The City also maintains a vulnerable population listing of individuals to check on before, during, and after an emergency event – such as a hurricane – an initiative will be undertaken to advertise this program and increase participation. The Age-Friendly Community program will be explained in a Town Crier article and solicit/survey for community input.

3) Briefly describe the mechanisms the community has or is planning to put in place to facilitate collaborative planning and implementation between different agencies and departments.

Primary mechanism will be the City's Community Affairs Advisory Board – and the bi-monthly newsletter as a means of communication to the residents.

Section 4: NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

Your answers to the following questions will help us complete your membership in the global age-friendly network and better enable us to understand how to support the network.

4) How do you hope to contribute to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

To support healthy aging in the City of Wilton Manors. Develop an understanding of the livability domains and establish goals to identify current conditions and achieve improvement.

5) What motivated your community to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

The City met with AARP Advocate Ken Reinhardt to learn about these programs. Also, the City's Community Affairs Advisory Board has a keen interest in these programs and one particular member (Tracy Stafford) has also served on the County's Advisory Board for Persons with Disabilities, on City Council, as Mayor, and as a member of the Florida House of Representatives.

6) Please provide a digital (JPG, PNG or PDF) file or link of a logo or other image that represents your community.

The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here's ours >



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