

City of Wilton Manors

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Mr. Jeff Johnson
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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,

Gary Resnick
Mayor

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

Wilton Manors is a Community Wildlife Habitat