



# City of Ocala

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Mr. Jeff Johnson  
State Director, AARP Florida  
400 Carillon Parkway, #100  
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On behalf of the City of Ocala, I am honored to submit our request to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. We are committed in promoting policies that make the City of Ocala a great place to live, play and prosper.

The City of Ocala's mission is to provide fiscally responsible services consistent with the community's current and future expectations. To do this successfully, it is vital that we understand the needs of our community, assess our current environment, and develop initiatives and strategies to address those issues and needs.

One of the City of Ocala's four Strategic Priorities is "Quality of Place." The focus of this priority is visible in some of our major city projects, including: the revitalization of our downtown area, major renovations to the Ocala International Airport and Union Train Station, and the construction of the Wetland Groundwater Recharge Park. These projects will further support this initiative and will sustain a higher quality of life for all ages.

Marion Senior Services has served our community for over 45 years, engaging with families to serve those less fortunate and assessing the future needs of our aging citizens. We will be relying on their knowledge and professional expertise to provide Marion County's leadership for this initiative.

We look forward to working with AARP Florida and the distinguished network of Age-Friendly communities to ensure the City of Ocala continues building on the foundation needed for our citizens to age with dignity.

I thank you in advance for your consideration and look forward to Ocala/Marion County being the next designated Age-Friendly Community in our great state of Florida!

Sincerely,

Kent Guinn  
Mayor