

Company names Seneca top spot to retire

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SENECA — According to a recent study, there isn't a better place to retire to in South Carolina than Seneca.

And a large reason for that, Seneca Mayor Dan Alexander said, is because of the collaborative work being done between Oconee County and its municipalities,

as he views the honor for his city as a win for the county as a whole.

According to the third annual study by SmartAsset, a financial technology company based in New York City, Seneca took top honors in the Palmetto State after cities across the state were ranked by tax friendliness, recreational and social opportunities for seniors and the availability of medical care.

With the latest study now released, Seneca has taken first place in the study each of the last three years.

"Seneca over the last several years has been recognized for being a great place to live and retire," Alexander said. "There are great people that have lived here a long time, but we also have lots of great people that have retired here that have brought so much

to the community, too."

Among the top-10 finishers, Seneca claimed the lowest tax rate, while it was reported it has 0.7 retirement centers per 1,000 people, also best among the top 10.

The study also said Seneca has 6.1 doctor's offices and 1.6 recreation centers per 1,000 people.

"We've grown in a good

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in South Carolina



SmartAsset, a New York City-based financial technology company, recently named Seneca as South Carolina's top city to retire to for the third year in a row.

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way, and a lot of people look to the area because of our natural resources," Alexander said. "We're also close to two major cities, the mountains and the beach.

"(The ranking is) really a cooperative effort of making Oconee County a destination. With the 'Destination Oconee' program, and county and city governments working together, we're all making this an attractive area to live in."

Rounding out the top 10 in order were Myrtle Beach, Murrells Inlet, Hilton Head Island, Camden, Greenville, West Columbia, Spartanburg, Georgetown and Anderson.



Alexander