

THE CITY OF Wilton Manors



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2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Gary Resnick

First, I hope everyone enjoyed Valentine's Day including our "We Do!" marriage ceremony marriage ceremony (see photos on page 27), if you took part in that, and Presidents' Day.

Retirement of Joseph Gallegos

I had the privilege of serving on the City Commission when we hired Joseph Gallegos as our City Manager. Last month, Mr. Gallegos informed the Commission that he will retire as City Manager of Wilton Manors effective October 1, 2015, after more than 16 years of service to our city. He selected this date in the best interests of the City, to coincide with the end of our 2014-15 fiscal year and to give the Commission ample time to find a new City Manager. During his tenure, Joseph, or as he is affectionately known around City Hall, Mr. G., led our City through unprecedented periods of growth and redevelopment, as well as difficult years during the economic recession and years when the City prospered. Not only is Joseph our City's Manager, but he is also an involved resident of our community, serving as an active member of neighborhood and civic organizations. While he is leaving City Hall, he will not be leaving Wilton Manors. When you see him around town, please thank him and wish him and his wife, Hope, many happy healthy years of retirement. As the longest serving City Manager in Wilton Manors' history, he leaves behind a legacy of professional and gentlemanly management. Of course, we will be pursuing the process of finding a new City Manager and will keep you informed of our progress at City Commission meetings and through other mechanisms.

Strategic Plan

As I have mentioned in prior articles, the City of Wilton Manors is in the



WILTON MANORS CITY OFFICIALS

- Mayor Gary Resnick
- Vice Mayor Scott Newton
- Commissioner Julie A. Carson
- Commissioner Tom Green
- Commissioner Justin Flippen
- City Manager Joseph L. Gallegos
- City Attorney Kerry Egrol



CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, May 25, 2015

in observance of Memorial Day



QUICK TIPS FOR PARKING ON WILTON DRIVE!

- Parking Office hours are Monday through Friday from 10am until 6pm.
- Citations can be deposited at the "payment drop box" across from the commission chambers entrance.
- Citations can be paid online by visiting the newly designed city website at www.wiltonmanors.com and following the "online services" link.



CITY COMMISSION AND BOARD MEETING DATES

MARCH - APRIL - MAY

All city commission and most board meetings are held in the commission chambers located at 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors. The public is always welcome to attend.

Comm Aff Adv Bd 7 PM	Historical Society 7 PM	Pension Bd 5:30PM	Plan & Zone Bd 7 PM	Rec Adv Bd 6:30PM
Wed - Mar 4	Thurs - Mar 19	Tues - June 2	Mon - Mar 9	Thurs - Apr 16
Wed - Apr 1	Thurs - Apr 16		Mon - Apr 13	
Wed - May 6	Thurs - May 21		Mon - May 11	

The City Commission Meets Every 2nd and 4th TUESDAY of the month.

PHONE NUMBERS

- City Hall(954) 390-2100
- City Clerk(954) 390-2123
- Mayor and City Commission(954) 390-2123
- City Manager(954) 390-2120
- Community Development(954) 390-2180
- Emergency Management(954) 390-2133
- Finance Dept.(954) 390-2141
- Utilities Billing(954) 390-2145
- Fire/EMS Administration(954) 390-2110
- Fire Prevention/Marshal(954) 390-2110
- Fire Rescue*(954) 764-4357
(*Ft Lauderdale non-emergency)
- Human Resources(954) 390-2125

- Risk Management(954) 390-2126
- Leisure Services:
- Library(954) 390-2195
- Parks Division(954) 390-2115
- Recreation Division(954) 390-2130
- Police Department:
- Administration(954) 390-2150
- Code Enforcement(954) 567-6062
- Non-Emergency Dispatch(954) 764-4357
- Police/Fire/EMS Emergency911
- Utilities/Emergency Management...(954) 390-2190



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process of developing a strategic plan that will establish the goals and objectives to guide future policy and operational strategies over the next five years. An important part of the process is receiving information from our community, and one of the ways we did that was by issuing a resident survey. The survey asked residents to:

- Assess their level of satisfaction with staff and city services,
- Examine perceptions about quality of life and standard of living,
- Measure strategic planning priorities, and
- Assess critical issues

The City's strategic planning facilitator, Dr. Leslie Leip, presented the results of the resident survey to the City Commission at our January 13 meeting. The results included:

Demographics

A total of 456 residents responded to the survey. Based on the City's population, the sample size is statistically representative of the entire population of the City with a margin of error of +/-5%. The percentages for household size, number of children, and number of senior adults reflect the population characteristics of the City's US Census data. Of those who responded, the mean age is 57 years old. Fifty-two percent of responses are from two-person households and 35% are from single person households. The majority of respondents own their homes (87%). Fifty-four percent of respondents have lived in the City 10 or fewer years. Thirty-two percent of respondents have been Wilton Manors residents for 16 or more years.

Reasons for Living in Wilton Manors

Residents were asked to rate the importance for the reasons they live in Wilton Manors. According to the results, the top ranked reason for living in the City is good city services. Ranked in order, the responses were:

- Good city services
- Small-town feel
- Diverse population
- Proximity to nightlife and restaurants
- Quality health care and social services
- Access to natural resources
- Access to good educational institutions

Quality of Life and Safety

When asked to rate how safe you feel living in your neighborhood, 90% of residents in the central neighborhood responded safe or very safe.

Ratings of City Services

Residents were asked to rate City services overall and their satisfaction with the services that they have used during the past two years. The majority of respondents (84%) indicated that they were satisfied/very satisfied with services overall, 13% were neutral, and 3% were dissatisfied/very dissatisfied.

Strategic Plan Focus Areas

One of the main purposes of the survey was to gather information that the City can use in developing the strategic plan. Residents were asked to rate the level of focus that should be paid to a variety of strategic plan ideas. Seventy-eight percent indicated that public safety should be a main focus, followed by good financial management, making the City a destination point, communication with residents and road maintenance.

Additional Comments

The final question on the survey provided residents with an opportunity to share any additional comments that they

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have about Wilton Manors. The main themes/categories that emerged from the responses were: 1) good/positive comments about the City; 2) traffic and parking issues; 3) property issues, and 4) need for a better mix of businesses.

Next Steps

These results, in addition to the results of focus group meetings with City staff, members of advisory boards and committees, and the City Commission, are being utilized to develop focus areas, goals, objectives and implementation strategies for the strategic plan. This process is currently underway with our staff and Dr. Leip. The newly created goals and objectives will provide the necessary foundation for proactive planning and policymaking, guiding our City in a unified direction.

As this process advances I will continue to provide updates. As always, I welcome your comments, concerns, and questions. Please feel free to reach me at GResnick@wiltonmanors.com or 954-390-2123.



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE MAYOR

Vice Mayor Scott Newton

So far, 2015 has been the year of the wedding! In January, my daughter Stephanie was married at Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve right here in Wilton Manors. We could not have dreamed of a more beautiful venue. Our family and friends fell in love with the park as the historic structures and natural beauty of the Middle River provided the most beautiful backdrop for my daughter's big day. The Wilton Manors Historical Society is working hard to raise funds for even more improvements to the facilities at Richardson Park. To find out how you can help, please visit their website at www.wiltonmanorshistoricalsociety.org. On February 14, Valentine's Day, I had the pleasure of witnessing the marriages of 37 same-sex couples who are now legally able to be married in the State of Florida. Wilton Manors was the proud host of the We Do! Ceremony at City Hall and Hagen Park. We received an outpouring of generous support from those who wanted to sponsor the event or volunteer their time to ensure a successful day.

I am happy to report that construction of the redevelopment at Mickel Field is well underway. We have received all the necessary permits and the contractor, MBR Construction, has already begun work. Once complete, the park will provide an exercise trail with fitness stations, an entertainment pavilion, a police substation, and a community room for meetings. This project has truly been a collaboration between the city officials and residents of Wilton Manors. When we work together, we can accomplish great things!

I look forward to seeing many of you at one of our upcoming city events, whether it is the Eggstravaganza, waterway clean up or canoe race. Please say hello, and if you have any questions comments or concerns, I can always be reached at SNewton@wiltonmanors.com.



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Julie Carson

Stopping the Schoolhouse to Jailhouse Pipeline

Elvis Presley's first hit was Jailhouse Rock. Even though it topped the charts in 1957 and thousands in the cell blocks rocked, today our goal is to keep our children rocking to the beat outside of Florida jails and prisons.

The **CIVIL CITATION** and **P.R.O.M.I.S.E.** Programs are two Broward County programs that help youth keep a clean record and a clear head. Both programs are designed to intervene in a troubled child's life to discipline, educate, mentor and ultimately provide a positive solution that does not include an arrest record.



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Through the CIVIL CITATION Program, a youthful offender who commits a first time misdemeanor is given a second chance instead of a permanent arrest record. The concept is that one child's mistake should not prohibit or discourage that child from a successful future. In 2013, Broward Sheriff Scott Israel mandated that his deputies issue a youth who qualifies a CIVIL CITATION and not jail time. Although WMPD officers are not mandated to issue CIVIL CITATIONS, our officers are aware of their value in helping youth navigate a productive future. Economically, CIVIL CITATIONS are smart choices too. It costs taxpayers \$5,000 to arrest and keep a juvenile incarcerated and only \$386 to put that child through the CIVIL CITATION program. Of the 192 juveniles who completed the program in 2013, only 7.8% have reoffended.

P.R.O.M.I.S.E. stands for Preventing Recidivism Through Opportunities, Mentoring, Interventions, Support and Education. It is a joint effort of the School Board, law enforcement, The Public Defender's Office, the NAACP, The State Department of Juvenile Justice and the State Attorney's Office. P.R.O.M.I.S.E offers alternatives to arrests and suspensions through school counseling sessions and interventions. Since its inception, school arrests have decreased by more than 65 percent.

As of May 2014, over 2,000 youth were diverted from criminal records by participating in the CIVIL CITATION and P.R.O.M.I.S.E. Programs.

Our investment in the children of our community needs to be on the front end. Let's nurture them now at home and in our schools so the pipeline from the schoolhouse to the jailhouse is permanently closed! Presley's 1957 Jailhouse Rock should remain a musical hit and not the future of the next generation.

I welcome your comments by email at JCarson@wiltonmanors.com or by telephone at (954) 288-8174. 



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Tom Green

Wilton Manors is about to become one of the most "electrified" cities in Florida. The city has been in discussions with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Nissan, and Florida Power and Light for installation of charging stations for hybrid and electric vehicles (EV's). Wilton Manors has been offered several charging stations for the parking lot at city hall and other locations. The charging Wilton Manors is about to become one of the most "electrified" cities in Florida. The city has been in discussions with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Nissan, and Florida Power and Light for installation of charging stations for hybrid and electric vehicles (EV's). Wilton Manors has been offered several charging stations for the parking lot at city hall and other locations. The charging stations would be designed to give drivers a chance to visit our city, have lunch or go shopping while their cars are being recharged. I hope we can also locate one of the stations in the new Mickel Park in our city. Residents and visitors would be able to visit the park and plug-in their car while they are jogging, playing volley-ball or relaxing. I believe the charging stations will provide a statement to our commitment to the environment and to the future. It will also, hopefully, lead to an increase in visitors and economic development as Wilton Manors becomes known for being "electric friendly."

Wilton Manors has also been approved by the Broward MPO to receive almost one million dollars to improve Northeast 26th Street from Five-Points to Andrews Ave. The money will be used to narrow traffic lanes, improve sidewalks, construct bike lanes and provide landscaping for the roadway. The changes will provide enhanced safety for pedestrians especially in the area near Wilton Manors Elementary School. The money will actually be available in about three years. Our project was ranked number two among all those submitted for the grant. A total of five projects were funded throughout the county. This funding is in addition to the one million dollar grant previously awarded by the Broward MPO for Dixie Highway. The Dixie Highway work will begin later this year.

Congratulations to all who took part in the "We Do" ceremony on Valentine's Day in our city. The four group weddings

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involved approximately 40 same-sex couples at City Hall. Marriage ceremonies were performed by Commissioner Justin Flippen and Judge Lisa Porter of Wilton Manors with the participation of the entire city commission. Receptions were later held at Hagen Park. Thanks to city staff for their outstanding planning and work on the event.

Finally, I would like to mention that I have been appointed to the Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources Committee of the National League of Cities. This committee serves as an advocate for our quality of life in shaping NLC priorities on federal legislation for environmental issues. I will continue to push for improvements in water quality and alternative energy with this new opportunity with municipal officials throughout the country.

As always, please contact me with your comments and suggestions at tgreen@wiltonmanors.com or my cell phone at (954) 290-0561. Thanks to everyone who contacted me concerning the decision by city commissioners to reform city water rates to make them more equitable throughout the city. 



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Justin Flippen

Good Neighbors & Good Businesses Make a Great City!

Good neighbors and good businesses make for a great city, and embracing all members of our neighborhoods helps to build a strong community, one we are blessed to have here in Wilton Manors.

The Island City has a proud history in support of equality and the right of all couples wishing to enter a civil legal marriage with one another, and earlier this year, marriage equality came to the State of Florida. In celebration of marriage equality, I had the pleasure of working alongside city staff to bring the We Do! Marriage Equality Ceremonies to city hall on Valentine's Day. The event was a partnership between Broward County's centennial, Broward100, and our city, which included the volunteer participation of staff, CERT members, the Wilton Manors Historical Society and others. We Do! was a successful and historic event for the city with over 100 participants including the members of our commission, residents, business and community sponsors, and of course the newlyweds, whom we all congratulate on their marriages!

In continued support of marriage equality and upon my request, Wilton Manors recently adopted a city resolution in support of The Respect for Marriage Act, which would ensure that the Federal Government respects all valid marriages across every single Federal Agency and repeal the remaining provisions of the so-called Defense of Marriage Act. This act has been co-sponsored by Senator Bill Nelson and Congresswoman Lois Frankel, both of whom represent Wilton Manors in Washington, DC. I've been proud to work on matters of social and civil liberties, whether it's been ensuring non-discrimination in city-approved contracts or becoming the first Florida city to call for the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Our citizens can continue to take pride in our local government's leadership on a quality of life that includes their equality.

When I was first elected to the commission in 2008, I moved the city to create the Women's History Month recognition program whereby we selected women of distinction in our community whom we honored by city proclamation during the month of March. I'm pleased to renew our city's participation in this program and honor those who will join the ranks of Diane Cline, Celeste Ellich, M.E. DePalma, Poco French, Rita Silverman, Sandy Steen, Sherrill McCarthy, Virginia Flaherty, Ilene Schnall, Constance Ruppender, Mary Kalis, Mary Ulm, Laura Burke, Marcia Stafford, and Arlene Lancaster. The growth and development of Wilton Manors has benefited from the positive contributions of these women, and it is altogether fitting and proper that we acknowledge them for it.

Acknowledging the businesses that make up the economic vitality of Wilton Manors is also important. Wheth-

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er these businesses get us out of our kitchens for a night out for dinner with family and friends or draw visitors from neighboring cities and destinations, it is my pleasure and duty to foster positive relationships with our local businesses and publicly recognize them for contributing to the economic strength and quality of life we enjoy. Of note most recently, New York Grilled Cheese Co. was the site of a TV commercial shoot; the Sun-Sentinel reported on the 10 years of 'sweetness' To The Moon has brought us; The Broward New Times did a piece on the fare at Mind Your Manors; Deco Drive ran a segment on how "dogs, dudes and dames love to fill their cups" at Wilton Creamery; and The Miami Herald reported on how Oscar's Tea Room & Gift Shop brings a taste of England to our Island City. This level of positive media coverage is something to celebrate and wouldn't be possible without the good businesses that call Wilton Manors home.

From our businesses to my fellow neighbors who elected me, I invite you to voice your comments to me on any and all matters you deem important to the future of our Island City. Please feel free to contact me by email at JFlippen@wiltonmanors.com or by phone at 954-390-2123.

In your service,

Justin

Justin S. Flippen, J.D.

"The People's Commissioner"

City of Wilton Manors 



Congratulations to the 37 couples who were married or renewed vows at the We Do event, and thank you to their families and friends and the numerous volunteers who showed up to celebrate love with the City and Broward 100 on Valentine's Day. Thank you for reminding us why the City of Wilton Manors continues to be one of the best places to live, work and play. 

WATERING SCHEDULE

Residents and businesses are limited to a two-day-per-week landscape irrigation schedule with two “watering windows”

ODD Street Addresses	Wednesdays & Saturdays	12:00am-10:00am and/or 4:00pm-11:59pm
EVEN Street Addresses	Thursdays & Sundays	12:00am-10:00am and/or 4:00pm-11:59pm

For additional information on the water shortage, irrigation restrictions or water conservation, call the South Florida Water Management District’s toll-free Water Conservation Hotline at 1-800-662-8876 or visit www.sfwmd.org.

Helpful water conservation tips also are available at www.savewaterfl.com.



REMEMBER!

Remember, **NO** lawn watering is allowed between 10:00am and 4:00pm any day of the week!
The Code Compliance Unit is issuing citations for violations of the water usage schedule!

SCHEDULE FOR BULK TRASH AND RECYCLING

If your regular garbage pickup days are Monday & Thursday, your bulk trash days are:

Mar 19 Apr 23 May 21 Recycling Day: Thursday

If your regular garbage pickup days are Tuesday & Friday, your bulk trash days are:

Mar 17 Apr 21 May 19 Recycling Day: Friday

If your regular garbage pickup days are Wednesday & Saturday, your bulk trash days are:

Mar 18 Apr 22 May 20 Recycling Day: Wednesday



PLEASE NOTE: Bulk pickup is **NOT** scheduled for a particular week of the month (such as the third week of the month), but varies from month to month—so it’s important to mark your calendar for the actual date each month.

SPRING AHEAD TO PREPARE FOR DISASTER

Daylight Savings Time starts on the second Sunday in March each year (Sunday, March 8th in 2015) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency encourages everyone to use the change to daylight savings time as a reminder to implement emergency preparedness measures that will keep you and your family safe. This is also a great opportunity to review disaster response plans and restock disaster kits.

As well, Fire departments and safety officials would like to remind everyone as they move their clocks ahead to change smoke alarm batteries throughout their homes.

For more information, go to www.fema.gov, then click on “Plan, Prepare & Mitigate.” 

WILTON MANORS GIVES BACK

Benjamin B. Little - Wilton Manors Historical Society

Wilton Manors has a long history of folks giving back to the community. Today, we have seven volunteer Commission appointed advisory boards and three neighborhood associations, the Taste of the Island, the Friends of the Library, and the Historical Society. Businesses are supported by the Wilton Manors Business Association and the Wilton Manors Development Alliance. The Kiwanis have been supporting the City's children for more than 50 years with an annual breakfast, the Pumpkin Patch, pot luck dinners and other activities.

The Historical Society has embarked on an ambitious fundraising campaign to Restore and Re-Purpose the Willingham era Carriage House at Richardson Historic Park. When completed, the Carriage House will have a catering preparation area, a little bar on the south side and a big courtyard on the north side. This will be a serious enhancement to the rental possibilities at Richardson. To date, residents have been very generous with donations. Specifically, two residents have challenged the Historical Society with a matching grant. The program is called "Make it Happen - Open the Doors." (Go to the Historical Society's website, www.WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org, for more information and/or to make a donation.)

The City reciprocates with free or nominal cost programs for residents. Most recently, it opened its doors on Valentine's Day for a big gay wedding ceremony for 50 couples with a reception at Hagen Park. Leisure Services has a lot of programs for children, the Holiday Lighting Ceremony, the list is long. The Brains and Balance for Over 60 program has grown to between 30 and 40 regulars, who hang out in the parking lot after class like a bunch of high school kids. The instructor, Guy Andrews, reports that participants are regularly outscoring a bunch of Harvard students with the brain drills.



MAKE IT HAPPEN
OPEN THE DOORS

This mutual generosity goes back to before Wilton Manors! Eula Willingham was born in 1863 and was the wife of Wilton Manors founder, E.J. Willingham. She actively supported the Woman's Missionary Society and its mission in China from Georgia. She was one of a group of women who organized Heimath Hall, a home for working girls, later taken over by the YWCA.

Dorothea Mickel, Perry Mickel's wife, was one of the first trained nurses in the area in the early 1920's. She worked for various doctors and at a couple of struggling new hospitals. In the 1930's, she worked as a public health nurse in the school system and established the School Nurse Association of Broward County.

The Woman's Club of Wilton Manors was formed in 1949. Virginia Hagen,

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wrote a history of the Woman's Club which modestly minimizes the impact of its members on the community. "Ginny" was the wife of Alvar Hagen (Hagen Park) who was one of the most influential people in the formation of the Village of Wilton Manors in 1947. She reports that the Woman's Club made cakes and pies. They provided refreshments to the children at Christmas events. They were showing up with the cakes and pies at endless community parties, barbecues, fiestas, and carnivals, mostly designed to raise money for civic projects. There were events to raise money for things like the new Holy Cross Hospital. They organized the first Girl Scout Troops in Wilton Manors. They supported the local Seminole Indians.

They went after the Broward School District with a protest march to get a school in Wilton Manors.

They were not June Cleavers of "Leave it to Beaver" fame. They were strong and influential, and married to the civic, political, and economic powerhouses in town. You work out the dynamics on that. Cakes and pies were a weapon. There was a cute article in the paper about a committee formed to handle the City's Christmas festivities. All the men movers and shakers were listed. The next article announced the Auxiliary Committee. All their wives. You know who was doing all the work and making this happen. It would be impossible to include all their names.

The husbands were no slouches. E.J. Willingham was a deacon in the Baptist church. He was one of the founders of the Georgia Industrial Home in Macon, an orphanage. During the depression, Perry Mickel, Wilton Manors second Mayor, delivered free milk to the poor children across the river in Progresso.

Our early developers in the 1940s all provided land to folks at substantial discounts and donated land and labor to build things like the Village Hall. Yes, these gestures made good business sense, but it was also a good thing to do.

This all represents a lot of people, a lot of time, a lot of hard work, and a lot of expertise giving back to the community. 

The Wilton Manors Historical Society is dedicated to preserving Wilton Manors' past and documenting history for the future. For more, or to become a member, please visit us at www.WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org. Photo property of the Wilton Manors Historical Society - permission required for reuse

FUN HISTORY FACTOID

Courtesy of Benjamin Little and the Wilton Manors Historical Society

Did you know that at age 21, Edward John Willingham, founder of Wilton Manors, started a furniture manufacturing business in Macon, GA? In 1912, he is reported as having 150,000 fruit trees, increasing by 25,000 a year. In his early 60s, wealthy and successful, he took off for Fort Lauderdale, purchasing land in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea and Pompano as early as 1920. Find more information at www.WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org.



**MESSAGE FROM
LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Director Patrick Cann

“You can dream, create, design and build the most wonderful place in the world but it requires people to make the dream a reality.” -Walt Disney

Hopefully you have enjoyed the Holidays and continue to value your leisure time doing things that are meaningful and enjoyable. I was truly delighted to see so many participate in the Classical Concert on January 20, 2015 at Hagen Park. It was a very inspired performance by two talented artists from the Piatagorsky Foundation that included a violinist and pianist. Also, I want to send a special thanks to our event sponsors Court Yard Café and Rumors Bar.

The City partnered with Broward 100, the Pride Center at Equality Park, Penache Style, and many community sponsors to host the We Do event on Valentine’s Day. The event was a historic and unique celebration inviting 50 couples to celebrate marriage ceremonies at City Hall with an elegant reception at Hagen Park. A parting gift bag was given to each of the newly wedded couples to ensure a truly unforgettable experience.

The Pride Center hosted another truly magical event at their Annual Evening in Paradise held at Richardson Historic Park. The City Yard Sales are still a community favorite for outdoor fun, shopping and socializing at Hagen Park on the 2nd Saturday of each month from November to April. Please consider coming out for a fun outing. The March 14, 2015 Yard Sale includes an indoor Book Fair hosted by our Friends of the Library, you will be sure to find excellent books, audio books, cd’s, dvd’s and so much more at a real bargain.

Are you looking to try something new, changing your routine or just considering a place to meet new friends? You might discover it at Island City Park Preserve, where the City just completed a new amenity of an outdoor fitness zone. You can also join us on Saturday, March 7, 2015 for the Annual Waterway Cleanup at Colohatchee Boat Ramp. The Eggstravaganza Spring Festival will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 2015** so save the dates and plan to visit our local parks and library in your leisure time. We have programs, amenities and services available just for you.

Please visit our website for more details regarding our activities, events, park hours, fees, volunteer opportunities, etc. You may also contact one of our Team members at 954-390-2130 and inform us of your leisure service’s needs.



CAPITAL PROJECTS

Community Development Block Grant Funds Fitness Stations at ICPP

The Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) program provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. Funding provided through this Federal program is based on a set formula and may only be utilized within eligible portions of the city. The City of Wilton Manors has received funding over the past several years for improvements to the Highland Estates area. Exercise fitness stations were recently funded through the CDGB program and have just been installed at the Island City Park Preserve (ICPP). The City is working on future

development projects at ICPP with CDGB funds in upcoming years. Future improvements will include the resurfacing of the existing basketball court, a shade structure, and the expansion of an existing pavilion.

If you have questions regarding this or any other capital project in the City, please contact Todd DeJesus, Capital Projects and Grants Manager at (954) 630-3101 or tdejesus@wiltonmanors.com.

FEATURED CLASSES

Square Dancing

Thursdays 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Island City Park Preserve (823 NE 28th Street, Wilton Manors)

\$5.00 per class

Yee Haa!!! Come on out and kick up your heels for a stomping good time and learn to Circle Left/Right, Do Sa Do, Forward... This beginner's class is a great way to meet new people, exercise, and have a lot of fun. For more information call (954) 390-2115.



Zumba with Obey 1

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Island City Park Preserve (823 NE 28th Street, Wilton Manors)

Are you ready to party yourself into shape? Forget the workout, just lose yourself in the music and find yourself in shape at the original dance-fitness party. Zumba® classes feature exotic rhythms set to high-energy Latin and international beats. Before you know it, you'll be getting fit and your energy levels will be soaring! It's easy to do, effective and totally exhilarating. Join the Party! For more information call 954-661-9127.

Fitness Boot Camp at Hagen Park

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Hagen Park (2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors)

Looking for that extra motivation during workouts? Look no further. Hagen Park is now offering Fitness Boot Camp classes on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 7-8pm. Whether you're new to the workout game or a seasoned vet, Lucky Pericles is here to get the most out of your body. Stick with the program and you are guaranteed results. With over 10 years' experience as a fitness trainer, Lucky makes sure every workout is fun, exciting and challenging all at the same time. Classes are \$10 each or \$50 for a 6 class punch card. For more information, please call Lucky at (954) 931-8711 or visit www.lucksfitness.com.



Chair Yoga

Mondays or Thursdays 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Hagen Park (2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors)

Our Chair yoga class for older adults is slowly but surely becoming one of our more popular ongoing programs. Each week we have more and more new students popping up to see what everyone is talking about. Chair Yoga gives students the option of participating in a Yoga class either in a chair or on a mat. Come enjoy the benefits of chair yoga on Mondays or Thursdays from 10 – 11 a.m. and experience relaxation, improve your flexibility, reduce or even eliminate insomnia, arthritis and even constipation. The instructor, Tricia Billings, comes with years of experience in teaching yoga, along with meditation, spiritual healing, and a one of a kind, calming energy she shares with her students on a weekly basis. So don't sit around all week looking for something to do, stop by our Chair Yoga classes on Monday or Thursday from 10 – 11 a.m. at Hagen Park. Residents price is \$1 per class and non-residents price is \$3 per class. Residents of Wilton Manors, please bring photo identification.



ISLAND CITY-WIDE YARD SALES

The City of Wilton Manors sponsors seven City-Wide Yard Sales each year at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, on the second Saturday of the month from November 2014 – April 2015. The City Yard Sales at 2020 Wilton Drive will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and spaces will be available to purchase for March 14 and April 11 starting today. Last year, the yard sales hosted from 60 to 90 vendors, so register early while there is still space. Tables, tents and chairs are available for rental. For space reservations at Hagen Park and information, please call the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-2115 or (954) 390-2130.

The yard sale is free to the public. There will be a concession stand, so you can eat while you shop. Come join us and find value items at low cost. The vendors sell everything from linens and clothes to furniture and home decorative items. Some vendors specialize in antiques, plants and collectibles. ☀



SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA

The Leisure Services Department will be hosting our Annual Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. Clements, 225 North West 29th Street, Wilton Manors. This event will be for children newborn through age 13. Mr. Cottontail will be busy filling thousand of eggs with goodies and hiding those eggs throughout the Hagen Park area. This will be a fun-filled event for whole family. There will be entertainment, concession, pictures with Mr. Cottontail, and much more! It just wouldn't be spring without it. ☀

ISLAND CITY PARK PRESERVE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR NEXT PARTY!

Island City Park Preserve (ICPP) is available to rent for birthday parties, baby showers, weddings, family get-togethers, cookouts, etc. The scenic view of the Middle River is a great place to get away, relax and unwind. ICPP provides a large spacious deck with walking trails along the river, a full sized basketball court, pavilions and a playground. In addition, our indoor facility has a multi-purpose room, meeting room and a kitchen. For further information, please call the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-2115 or (954) 390-2130. ☀

ADVENTUROUS ADVENTURE CAMP 2015

The Spring Adventure Camp is designed as a highly structured five-day program with the ultimate fun plan during Spring Break. The camp is sponsored by the City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department and is organized and supervised by our certified Recreation and Childcare Professionals. Any child in Kindergarten through Eight grade may participate. The highly structured camp has many special activities and planned fieldtrips. Some of these trips include: Roller Skating, Boomers, Kabooms, the Movies and much more.



Days: March 23-27, 2015

Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Fees:

	First Child	Second Child	Daily
Resident	\$100.00 for all 5 days	\$75.00 for all 5 days	\$25.00
Non Resident	\$125.00 for all 5 days	\$100.00 for all 5 days	\$30.00

Daily lunch, snack and trips included.

Registration Date: January 6 - March 6, 2015 (After March 6, 2015 - \$10 late fee per child)

Location: Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 8th Street, Wilton Manors)

For more information and a registration form, call 954-390-2130 or (954) 390-2115

ISLAND CITY SUMMER CAMP 2015

This will be an eight (8) week program from June 8th - July 31st, 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., for ages 4 - 15 years, held at the Wilton Manors Elementary School, 2401 NE 3rd Ave., Wilton Manors. Lunch and snacks will be offered daily. All children will participate in a program divided into age groups that will rotate through various activity areas. These areas include activities in arts and crafts, outdoor group games, dance, modeling, free play, board games, story time and reading, science fun, contests, and special events on each Friday. Each week several trips will be offered for additional fees if you choose to participate. The trips will include: Kabooms, roller-skating, ice-skating, bowling, Boomers, cultural art performances, movies, and more.



Register today!

Participants must be age 4 or older on or before September 1, 2015. The fees are as follows:

Registration Fee: \$40 (one time non-refundable registration fee)

Receive a **free** T-Shirt if you register by May 15, 2015.

Adventure Camp Program - Includes Trips				
	First Child	Second Child	Third Child	Daily
Resident	\$115.00 per week	\$88.00 per week	\$80.00 per week	\$30.00
Non Resident	\$145.00 per week	\$120.00 per week	\$80.00 per week	\$35.00
Summer School Program Week #1-Week #8 ONLY 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.				
Resident	\$35.00 per week	\$32.00 per week	\$30.00 per week	
Non Resident	\$35.00 per week	\$32.00 per week	\$30.00 per week	



FEATURED PROGRAMS

SCHOOL'S DAY-OUT PROGRAM

The School's Day-Out Program is open on teachers' workdays and closed on legal holidays. On non-school weekdays when the City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department is open, the program hours are 7:30 am ~ 6:00 pm. A field trip or special activity will be a part of the day. The cost of the program ranges from \$14.00 to \$25.00 per day/child, which includes the field trip or activity of the day. Children must bring a brown bag lunch unless otherwise instructed. This program will be held at Island City Park Preserve in Wilton Manors at 823 Northeast 28 Street. For more information please call the Leisure Services Department at 954-390-2130.

****** ALL CAMPERS MUST WEAR WILTON MANORS ORANGE CAMP T-SHIRTS******

Date	Activity	Deadline for Registration (See Below)	BASH Participant Cost	Resident of Wilton Manors	Non Resident of Wilton Manors
Friday, March 20, 2015	Kaboom Lunch Included	Friday, March 6, 2015	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00

Subject to change. After registration deadline \$10.00 extra per child fee will be charged.

B.A.S.H – BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM



Where is the "BEST" place to send your children before and after school? The best place is BASH (Best After School Hours) License #45455, where your child will be cared for by year round certified staff. B.A.S.H. offers each child a nutritious healthy snack, assistance with completing homework and an opportunity to develop positive social interactions. The youth engage in challenging educational and recreational activities, arts & crafts, and dramatics. But, most importantly, B.A.S.H. is a place for children to have fun before and after a long school day. This program will be held at Wilton Manors Elementary School.

To register, please come by Hagen Park Community Center (2020 Wilton Drive Wilton Manors)

For more information please call (954)390-2130 or (954) 390-2115



NEW AUDIO BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

Have you sampled our collection of books-on-CD? These are great for commuters and travelers and to listen to when exercising or working around the house. These audio books are available thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Wilton Manors Library.

Trouble in Mind by Jeffery Deaver

Fiendish suspense. Shocking twists. Twelve diabolical tales. New York Times bestselling author and highly acclaimed storyteller Jeffery Deaver, the undisputed “grand master of the plot twist” according to Booklist, returns with a dazzling new collection of short stories. In these twelve electrifying tales (including six written just for this anthology), Deaver proves once again his genius for the unexpected. In his world, appearances are always deceiving. (14 CDs; unabridged).

The Secret of Raven Point by Jennifer Vanderbes

The Secret of Raven Point is a powerful story of love, loss, and redemption amidst the ruins of war-torn Italy. (8 CDs; unabridged).

The One & Only by Emily Giffin

Emily Giffin's The One & Only is a luminous novel about finding your passion, following your heart, and most of all, believing in something bigger than yourself ... the one and only thing that makes life worth living. (12 CDs; unabridged).

Killing Patton by Bill O'Reilly

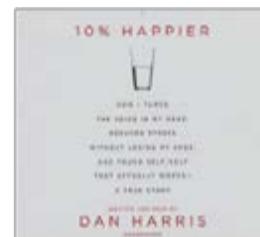
General George S. Patton, Jr. died under mysterious circumstances in the months following the end of World War II. For almost seventy years, there has been suspicion that his death was not an accident -- and may very well have been an act of assassination. Killing Patton takes listeners inside the final year of the war and recounts the events surrounding Patton's tragic demise, naming names of the many powerful individuals who wanted him silenced. (9 CDs; abridged).

10% Happier by Dan Harris

A spiritual book written for -- and by -- someone who would otherwise never read a spiritual book, 10% Happier is both a deadly serious and seriously funny look at mindfulness and meditation as the next big public health revolution. (7 CDs; unabridged).

The Rosie Effect by Graeme Simsion

Don and Rosie are happily married, living in New York, and unexpectedly expecting their first child. Don sets about learning the protocols of becoming a father, but his unusual research style gets him into trouble. (7 CDs; unabridged).



The Opposite of Loneliness by Marina Keegan

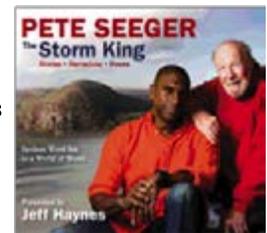
The Opposite of Loneliness is an affecting and hope-filled posthumous collection of essays and stories from Marina Keegan, the talented young Yale graduate whose title essay captured the world's attention in 2012 and turned her into an icon for her generation. (5 CDs; unabridged).

Present Darkness by Malla Nunn

As Detective Sergeant Emmanuel Cooper of the Johannesburg major crimes squad readies for his Christmas holiday in Mozambique, a call comes in. A respectable, white couple has been assaulted and left for dead in their bedroom. Their teenage daughter identifies the attacker as Aaron Shabalala, the youngest son of Zulu Detective Constable Samuel Shabalala, Cooper's best friend and a man to whom he owes his life. The Detective Branch isn't interested in evidence that might contradict their star witness's story, especially so close to the holidays. Determined to ensure justice for Aaron, Cooper, Shabalala, and their trusted friend, Dr. Daniel Zweigman, hunt down the truth. Their investigation uncovers a violent world of Sophiatown gangs, thieves, and corrupt government officials who will do anything to keep their dark world intact. (7 CDs; unabridged).

Pete Seeger: The Storm King presented by Jeff Haynes

The Storm King presents gems from the life of one of the most influential figures in American music, Pete Seeger! The collection presents Seeger's spoken words as he captivatingly recounts his most engaging stories, narratives, and poems. Set to new music created by nearly 50 musicians from traditions as diverse as African music, blues, bluegrass, classical guitar, folk, jazz, and Native American music, Seeger's wisdom and stories are brought to new audiences and a new technological age. (2 CDs; unabridged).



For All Time by Jude Deveraux

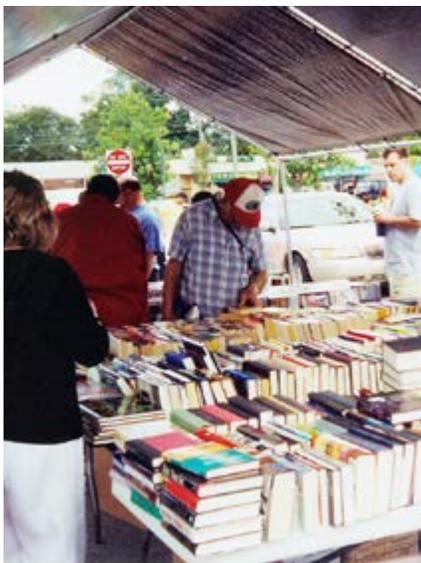
For All Time is Deveraux's second novel in her Nantucket Brides series. The novel returns us to the magnificent, sunny island where a seductive spell is cast over Graydon and Toby. If they are to be together, they must change what once was, as well as what will be. (10 CDs; unabridged). 



BE A FRIEND

Want to help the Library? Join the Friends! The Friends of the Library is a volunteer group that exists to enrich the cultural and educational opportunities within our community. The Friends provide funding for the Library's extensive DVD and audio book collections. They also sponsor Library programs throughout the year. Membership applications are available at the Library and on the Friends' website at FriendsoftheWiltonManorsLibrary.org.

The Friends of the Library will hold their Winter Book Fair inside the Hagen Park Community Center on Saturday, March 14, from 8 am to 2 pm. Their monthly Book Tent Event will be held at the Island City Yard Sale on Saturday, April 11, from 8 am to 2 pm. Held at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, the Book Fair and the Book Tent Event will feature used books, CDs, audio books, DVDs, and videos available in exchange for a small donation. Top sellers range from books on tape to children's DVDs, from cookbooks to gardening manuals. All donations benefit the Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors. The Friends will also take your donations of books and audio and video materials at the Book Tent, or you may drop them off at the Library, at 500 NE 26th Street. 



ENJOY YOUR FAVORITE EMAGAZINES FROM THE LIBRARY

The Library is pleased to offer Zinio for Libraries, the world's largest newsstand, offering multi-user access to dozens of popular magazines. Library users now have unlimited access to complete digital magazines, which can easily be viewed on most Internet-enabled devices inside or outside of the library. Zinio's unique technology digitally recreates a magazine page for page, including full color pictures, intuitive navigation, key word article search, and interactive elements such as audio and video. Men's Fitness, Bloomberg Businessweek, Utne Reader, and Scuba Diving are just a few of the popular titles now available. This service is available thanks to a generous donation to the Friends of the Library.



Please see a library staff member for more information on how to access this service, or go to the Library's website at www.wiltonmanors.com/library.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS @ YOUR LIBRARY

Family Story Time

Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 p.m.

Children ages 3 and up are welcome (and may come in pajamas if desired)..

Preschool Story Time

Monday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.

The programs are suitable for kids aged 2 – 5. Caregivers must remain with the children and are encouraged to have fun too! After all, you're never too old to be read to. Age-appropriate books will be available for check-out.



NEED TAX HELP?

Tax assistance is available at the Library. On Wednesdays from noon until 3 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon, trained volunteers are on hand with free, face-to-face tax help for those with low to moderate income. Just bring your documentation and the volunteers will do the rest.

Call the Library at (954) 390-2195 or visit us at 500 NE 26th Street to find out more.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	12 noon – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Friday	9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

For further information, please call 954-390-2195.

DVDs

In addition to our collection of audio books, we also have DVDs. We have both new releases and classics. DVDs are available thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Wilton Manors Library.





RENTAL VENUES IN WILTON MANORS

Whether you are planning a meeting, wedding, reception or party, make it special. Make it unique. Make it an unforgettable event with one of the City of Wilton Manors' rental venues.

Colohatchee Park & Boat Ramp

1975 NE 15th Ave. Wilton Manors, 33305

Rental hours: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Capacity: Up to 75 people

Features: 35' x 24' (840 sq. ft.) Pavilion with eight picnic tables and large grill. Outdoor space includes, playground, volleyball and basketball court, dog park and boat ramp

Hagen Park Community Center

2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors 33305

Rental hours: Fri & Sat 8am-12am, Mon- Thurs 8am-11pm

Capacity: 160 people

Features: Room space: 48' x 67' multipurpose room that can be divided (and rented) into two separate rooms. Full service kitchen: with ice maker, counter space, microwave, large refrigerator/freezer, and sink. Includes: Tables & Chairs (15 round and/or 16 rectangle tables); Large screen TV; VCR; DVD player; Piano

Pavilion at Hagen Park

Rental hours: 8am-Sundown

Capacity: 60 people

Features: 31' x 21' (651 sq. ft.) Pavilion with five picnic tables and large grill. Outdoor space includes, playground, restrooms, gazebo, sand volleyball, basketball and tennis courts

Island City Park Preserve

823 NE 28th Street in Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Rental hours: 8am-11pm

Capacity: 100 people

Features: Main Room with full kitchen with ice maker, counter space, microwave and commercial warmer. Includes

tables & chairs (10 round and/or 10 rectangular tables) and sound system

Outside Space:

Rental hours: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Monday through Friday) / 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday)

One 31' x 20' pavilion with picnic tables and grill and two pavilions with picnic tables available for Rent. Capacity: 25 people (per pavilion). Outdoor space includes: Playground and basketball court

Richardson Historic Park & Nature Preserve

1937 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Rental hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Capacity: 50 people

Features: Manor House with kitchen area (refrigerator, counter space, ice machine, warming oven and microwave). Includes: Tables & Chairs (10 round and/or 7 rectangular tables); Television; Sound System. Outdoor space includes: 16 picnic tables, nature trail & kayak rentals available. 20'x60' Courtyard /Capacity: Up to 75 people / Rental hours: 8 a.m.-11 p.m. 30' x 64' Pavilion with water access and large grill / Capacity: 100 people / Rental hours: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Woman's Club

600 NE 21st Court, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Rental hours: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Capacity: 75 people

Features: Tables & Chairs (10 round and/or 10 rectangular tables)

For more information, contact the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-2130. 

CITY TO CHLORINATE WATER SYSTEM

Water Treatment Scheduled for February 24th, 2015 through March 17th, 2015

The City of Fort Lauderdale Public Works Department will temporarily return to using free chlorine in its drinking water system. Free chlorination is a common practice for water systems using combined chlorine disinfection. The chlorination period is anticipated to be transparent; however, there may be a slight change in the taste or smell of tap water.

This preventive maintenance procedure will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 and will end at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

This procedure will affect the City of Fort Lauderdale, as well as Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Oakland Park, Port Everglades Authority, Village of Sea Ranch Lakes, Wilton Manors and sections of Davie and Tamarac.

The City of Wilton Manors also may be flushing fire hydrants as a routine part of the free chlorination process. This will occur in various parts of the City in order to distribute the free chlorinated water into all parts of the water distribution system. The pressure of the water may cause a disruption of the sediment that has settled within the water pipes. Because of this, you may find that your water is discolored. This is normal and harmless. The best solution is to run your outside hose for a few minutes until the water appears clear again. This mandatory line flushing for water quality assurances complies with South Florida Water Management District's water shortage restrictions.

For more information regarding the free chlorination of the City of Fort Lauderdale's water treatment system or to request a copy of that City's annual Water Quality Report, please call Fort Lauderdale's 24hour Customer Service Center at (954) 828-8000 or find it online at <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/home>. The City of Wilton Manors Emergency Management/Utilities Department can be reached at (954) 3902190 and our current Water Quality Report can be found on the City's website at www.wiltonmanors.com, in the Utilities Department section. 

WASH YOUR CAR, NOT THE WATERWAY

Our Waterways Begin in Your Driveway

Washing your car at home can contribute to water pollution.

There's no problem with washing your car. It's just how and where you do it. Most soap contains phosphates and other chemicals that harm fish and water quality. When you wash your car on the street, in your driveway or on other paved surfaces, the soap, together with the dirt, oil and grit washed from your car, flows along the curb and into nearby storm drains, which run directly into our waterways. The phosphates from the soap can cause excess algae to grow. Algae blooms look bad, smell bad, and harm water quality. And, as algae decay, the process uses up oxygen in the water that fish need. So, washing your car in your driveway or on the street is like washing your car in your local canal!



You can be a part of the solution to storm water pollution by taking some simple actions:

- Use a commercial car wash that handles waste water properly.
- If you have to wash your car at home, wash it less often and on the grass so all the waste water can filter into the ground.
- Avoid and report illegal commercial wash operators who let waste water drain to the street, a storm drain or a waterway.

For more information, contact City of Wilton Manors Emergency Management/Utilities (954) 390-2190 

CONTRACTOR HIRED FOR WATER METER PROJECT

The City of Wilton Manors has hired the Avanti Company to complete Phase 1 of 3 of the City's project to convert from manual-read water meters to encoded water meters. The conversions are scheduled to begin on February 18, 2015 and continue through April.

The new encoded water meters will allow meter readers to collect meter readings with a handheld device as they walk or drive by. This collection method will eliminate the possibility of human error causing inaccurate meter readings.

Approximately one-third of the City's manual-read water meters, 1,100 meters, will be converted to the encoded water meters during this phase of the project. The neighborhoods impacted are those west of Andrews Avenue to the Wilton Manors city limit.

Please contact David J. Archacki, Emergency Management/Utilities Director, at (954) 390-2190 with any questions regarding this project. 



IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT PRUNING TREES



Although the City has experienced several calm hurricane seasons recently, it's still important to do some preparation at this time of year to minimize damage in the event of a storm during the 2015 hurricane season. Damage from trees becomes a major issue after a hurricane, so it is essential to make sure they're pruned before hurricane season begins.

Before pruning your trees, please refer to the bulk schedule on the back of your water bill, on the City's website, or in every Town Crier, so that you can plan on the trimmings being picked up in a timely manner.

In addition to pruning trees to keep them at a manageable size, trees should be trimmed throughout to allow wind to pass through. Also, although a tree canopy over a road is beautiful, FDOT standards state that the lowest branches must be at least 10' above a sidewalk and 14'6" above a roadway. This is necessary to allow access for garbage and fire trucks.

If you decide to have a tree company trim your trees, we would recommend you consider asking them to trim the trees back further than the minimum required, in order to allow the trees some room to grow before you have to have them trimmed again. Please note that the City's bulk trash pickup does not pick up trimmings from professional tree companies, so if you hire a tree company to do your pruning, please ensure that they remove all of the trimmings before they leave.

One further thing to remember is that if an FPL crew cuts away trees or vegetation as a result of a named storm, it is the responsibility of the property owner to move the cuttings and tree debris to the swale area in order for the City's debris removal contractor to pick it up.

We appreciate your assistance in preparing the City for the upcoming hurricane season to try to minimize damage caused by tree debris. For further information, please contact the Emergency Management/Utilities Department at (954) 390-2190. 



MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF

Chief of Police Paul O'Connell

PHONE SCAMS ARE A THREAT

Tax season once again is upon us, and the IRS again provided information on how to avoid tax and identity theft. Scam artists are calling and advising that they are from the Internal Revenue Service and that they need to verify your personal information because you owe money. They even go as far as to advise you that you will be arrested if you don't make a payment over the phone. The following article from the IRS includes instructions on how to spot the scams and what to do if you do become a victim. One can never be too careful.

Phone Scams Continue to be Serious Threat, Remain on IRS "Dirty Dozen" List of Tax Scams for the 2015 Filing Season. From the IRS Newswire

WASHINGTON — Aggressive and threatening phone calls by criminals impersonating IRS agents remain near the top of the annual "Dirty Dozen" list of tax scams for the 2015-filing season, the Internal Revenue Service announced today.

The IRS has seen a surge of these phone scams in recent months as scam artists threaten police arrest, deportation, license revocation and other things. The IRS reminds taxpayers to guard against all sorts of con games that arise during any filing season.

"If someone calls unexpectedly claiming to be from the IRS with aggressive threats if you don't pay immediately, it's a scam artist calling," said IRS Commissioner John Koskinen. "The first IRS contact with taxpayers is usually through the mail. Taxpayers have rights, and this is not how we do business."

The Dirty Dozen is compiled annually by the IRS and lists a variety of common scams taxpayers may encounter any time during the year. Many of these con games peak during filing season as people prepare their tax returns or hire someone to do so. This year for the first time, the IRS will issue the individual Dirty Dozen scams one at a time during the next 12 business days to raise consumer awareness.

Phone scams top the list this year because it has been a persistent and pervasive problem for many taxpayers for many months. Scammers are able to alter caller ID numbers to make it look like the IRS is calling. They use fake names and bogus IRS badge numbers. They often leave "urgent" callback requests. They prey on the most vulnerable people, such as the elderly, newly arrived immigrants and those whose first language is not English. Scammers have been known to impersonate agents from IRS Criminal Investigation as well.

"These criminals try to scare and shock you into providing personal financial information on the spot while you are off guard," Koskinen said. "Don't be taken in and don't engage these people over the phone."

The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) has received reports of roughly 290,000 contacts since October 2013 and has become aware of nearly 3,000 victims who have collectively paid over \$14 million as a result of the scam, in which individuals make unsolicited calls to taxpayers fraudulently claiming to be IRS officials and demanding that they send them cash via prepaid debit cards.

Protect Yourself

As telephone scams continue across the country, the IRS recently put out a new YouTube video with a renewed warning to taxpayers not to be fooled by imposters posing as tax agency representatives. The new Tax Scams video describes some basic tips to help protect taxpayers from tax scams.

These callers may demand money or may say you have a refund due and try to trick you into sharing private information. These con artists can sound convincing when they call. They may know a lot about you.

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The IRS reminds people that they can know pretty easily when a supposed IRS caller is a fake. Here are five things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do. Any one of these five things is a tell-tale sign of a scam.

The IRS will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, here's what you should do:

- If you know you owe taxes or think you might owe, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. The IRS workers can help you with a payment issue.
- If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to believe that you do, report the incident to the TIGTA at 1-800-366-4484 or at www.tigta.gov.
- If you've been targeted by this scam, also contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their "FTC Complaint Assistant" at FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your complaint.

Remember, too, the IRS does not use email, text messages or any social media to discuss your personal tax issue involving bills or refunds. For more information on reporting tax scams, go to www.irs.gov and type "scam" in the search box.

Additional information about tax scams is available on IRS social media sites, including YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/irsvideos> and Tumblr <http://internalrevenueservice.tumblr.com>, where people can search "scam" to find all the scam-related posts. 

CODE COMPLIANCE NEWS

Vincent Affanato, Code Compliance Supervisor

The Wilton Manors Police Department is pleased to inform you that the Code Compliance Unit has been recently restructured, resulting in two newly funded positions: a Code Compliance Supervisor and a part-time Code Compliance Administrative Assistant. This restructuring will allow our Code Compliance Officers to spend more time in the community on the issues that matter most to you.

As such, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Vincent Affanato, and I am your new Code Compliance Supervisor. I bring 30 years of local law enforcement experience, the last nine at the senior command level, to include oversight of Code Enforcement operations.

My initial actions will be to evaluate our current practices and processes to determine if they best serve our community and determine if there is room for improvement or needed change. Additionally, we are analyzing re-occurring code violations to determine the best possible solutions. Also, we will be identifying the community priorities. You can look forward to Code Compliance news and updates in future Town Crier articles.

After a very short time here at Wilton Manors it is abundantly clear that we have a dedicated staff of Code Compliance Officers who are passionate about the community they serve. As your Code Compliance Supervisor, I will strive to enhance our processes through the basic tenants of "Community Engagement," increased "Public Education," and "Fair and Equitable Enforcement" practices.

The addition of an Administrative Assistant will allow us to provide more timely responses to your inquiries as well as relieve Code Compliance Officers of time consuming clerical duties.

In closing, I look forward to meeting you in the near future and establishing positive relationships that best serve the "Island City." Please feel free to email me at: vaffanato@wmpd.org 



MESSAGE FROM CANA

Paul J. Rolli

The Heart of Wilton Manors Beats Here...

The Central Area Neighborhood Association (CANA) provides a forum and community voice for area residents to meet, discuss and solve issues that impact the well being of area neighbors.

A warm CANA welcome to Vincent Affanato, Code Compliance Supervisor and Todd Dejesus, Capital Projects and Grants Manager. We look forward to working with you in a positive and proactive manner.

Shop Local – Shop Central - CANA offered an outreach opportunity for local businesses and CANA residents to connect at our February general membership meeting. Merchants displayed literature, goods and information about their businesses. The initiative was received well by all. CANA supports local businesses.

Capital Improvements and Projects - CANA submitted a letter to the City supporting a grant for safety improvements along NE 26th from Andrews Avenue to Five Points. The goals of this proposed project include improving the safety of vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic through sidewalk improvements, the addition of bicycle lanes and roadway enhancements.



Todd Dejesus spoke to CANA about these grant applications and others related to Colohatchee Park.

David Archacki, Director, Emergency Mgt/Utilities, provided updates on sidewalks, Dixie Highway improvements and other infrastructure projects.

The City began installing sidewalks on NE 20th drive from NE 7th Avenue to Dixie Highway as part of the overall walkability plan to connect streets for pedestrian safety.

The Survey Says - Leigh Ann Henderson, Asst. City Manager, presented updated information on the strategic plan and highlights of the resident survey results. The sample indicated: 52% of City residents are from 2 person households; 35% from single households; 87% own their own homes; the mean resident age is 57 years old; 54% lived in the city 10 or fewer years; 32% of the residents have been in the City 16 years or more; 43% of all responses were from the Central Area.

Corridor Study & Business Improvement District (BID) - Roberta Moore, Director, Community Development Services, provided updates of the status of the BID, the Corridor Study and similar projects. BID is preparing to file an application for 501(c)(6) with the IRS for tax exempt status. The target date for applications for the BID **Board is May 1.**

Our upcoming meetings are: April 15, July 15 and October 21, 2015. All meetings are in the Hagen Park Community Center at 7pm and parking is free. **CANA can do!**

Contact us by email: membership@canawm.org or visit us on the web at www.canawm.org 

Paul J. Rolli, President | Fred Caplan, Vice President | Don D'Arminio, Treasurer
Brent White, Secretary | Constance Ruppender, Director | James Cromar, Director

MESSAGE FROM WAWM



April is Membership Renewal Month. Membership dues are still \$25 for the year. Renew your membership at our Annual Meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, renew by mail by sending check to WAWM, PO Box 100845, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33310, or pay online by going to www.WAWM.org, clicking on the Membership Tab and using PayPal.

Your WAWM membership dollars fund beautification projects, community events, neighborhood cleanups, and operating costs. We identify opportunities to strengthen our neighborhood, protect our community, and preserve our home values.

Westside Association priorities for 2015 include:

- Andrews Avenue Redevelopment Initiative
- Pedestrian and bicycle safety on the Westside, including crosswalks along busy corridors
- Neighborhood beautification projects
- Code enforcement and public safety
- Opening ceremony of the new Mickel Park later this year

New water meters being installed throughout the Westside.

The City of Wilton Manors has hired the Avanti Company to complete Phase 1 of 3 of the City's project to convert from manual-read water meters to encoded water meters. The conversions are scheduled to begin on February 18, 2015, and continue through April. The neighborhoods impacted are those west of Andrews Avenue to the Wilton Manors city limit.

Please contact David J. Archacki, Emergency Management/Utilities Director, at (954) 390-2190 with any questions regarding this project. 

WAWM MISSION STATEMENT

WAWM (Westside Association of Wilton Manors) is a voluntary civic and social association of people who want to build a sense of community that works together for the benefit of everyone. In addition, our goal is to provide a voice for mutual neighborhood concerns.

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, April 9, 2015

Hagen Park Community Center

Free parking during meeting



Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB)

Announces SAVE THE DATE for:

BIKE SAFETY DAY

Saturday May 2, 2014 from 9 am to 1 pm

Hagen Park Parking Lot

Bike Safety Light & Helmet Give A Way **

Bike Safety Obstacle Course

WMPD Bike Registration

Bike Safety Inspection and Presentations

** Limited to Residents, proof of residency required, while supplies last.



For more information, please contact: Johnnie Goodnight

Tel: (954) 390-2120 or email: jgoodnight@wiltonmanors.com

FREE EVENT

SHRED YOUR DOCUMENTS HERE

Sponsored by:



Saturday, April 18th from 9-11am

Hagen Park on Wilton Drive

WiltonManorsHomesForSale.com

Adrienne Foland, MBA, GRI, Realtor®



Concerned about identity theft and what to do with all those old tax returns?

On Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., Wilton Manors residents can bring their confidential information to Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, and have it shredded for free.

Every day millions of individuals and small businesses discard valuable information that can be used to steal people's identity. Identity thieves often called "Dumpster Divers" comb through consumer and business trash in search of their ill gotten treasure. The cost of identity theft is in the billions and is the nation's fastest growing crime.

For more information, please contact event sponsor Adrienne Foland at (954) 205-6594, or go to: WiltonManorsHomesForSale.com. Co-sponsored by the City of Wilton Manors with on-site shredding services provided by UNISHRED. Visit unishred.com to see all types of materials accepted for shredding, disposal, and recycling.



Commissioner Justin Flippen officiating one of the ceremonies.



Lauren Tabacco and Olivia Easter

WE DO EVENT RECAP

On Saturday, February 14, Valentine's Day, the City of Wilton Manors and Broward 100 - Celebrating the Art of Community, hosted the "We Do" event at Wilton Manors City Hall. With the help of more than 30 volunteers, 37 same-sex couples were wed in a series of group ceremonies led by Mayor Gary Resnick, officiated by Wilton Manors City Commissioner Justin Flippen and Circuit Court Judge Lisa Porter. The couples and their families and friends were also treated to a beautiful reception in the City's Hagen Park Community Center. Special thanks to event sponsors such as Pride Center at Equality Park, Winn Dixie, Panache Style, Premier Beverage, Jammin Express, Galleria Fort Lauderdale, and BAREFOOT Wine & Bubbly just to name a few. ☺



Larry Osborn and Craig Courtney, Robert Cannon and John Condron, Andreina Rodriguez Balda and Rosemary Barone



Ulises Torres and Douglas Bruce



Lisa Myers and Stacy Jimenez



Joseph Laudicina and Michael Macocco (vow renewal)



The City of Wilton Manors
2020 Wilton Drive
Wilton Manors, FL 33305

The Island City's Town Crier



"Still Water" by Dirk Eberle

Art Gallery 21

at the
Woman's Club of Wilton Manors

Presents

Island City Winners Show

March 20-April 10, 2015

Five talented local artists took home the ribbons and cash awards in January and they're back with their own art exhibition! This is some of the best art in town!

Meet the Artists:

Dirk Eberle, Tyce Marshall, Michael Jude Russo, Ahmed Selim & Rachel Zmurchak

Friday, March 20 from 7 to 9 PM

A Gang of Florida Artists!

APRIL 24-MAY 15

There's a lot of great art around here, so we thought we'd bring some of it into our little gallery. A curated collection of Florida's finest art work will be on exhibit for your perusal.

Meet the Artists and see the Art at the final Art Social of the season!

Friday, April 24 from 7 to 9 PM

GALLERY OPEN FRIDAY 7-9 PM and BY APPOINTMENT

600 NE 21 Court, Wilton Manors • Gallery Inquiries: 954-661-4740

A community service project of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department & Central Area Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors.



"Lake View" by Monika Hunter