

THE CITY OF Wilton Manors

Town Crier



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Gary Resnick

Why Code Compliance is So Important

Each year, the Broward County Property Appraiser advises the City of property values of our community. Our hope is for that number to increase each year, and it has for the last several years. In fact, Wilton Manors homeowners have realized one of the highest increases on their home investments in all of Broward County. Of course, many factors impact the value of a home, but one of the most important is property maintenance and the compliance with municipal codes.

During our 2014-15 budget process, I pushed for our City to allocate additional funds to our Code Compliance Division to better serve our residents. This year, our City has made significant investments in additional code enforcement resources. For the first time, the Division will have a dedicated supervisor, Mr. Vincent Affanato, and an Administrative Assistant, Mr. Christopher Fariello. With this restructuring, our trained and dedicated compliance officers are now able to spend more time patrolling neighborhoods, meeting residents, and speaking with property and business owners. Our Code Compliance Division is now staffed seven days a week to provide our residents with excellent customer service.

As a City, we take great efforts to work with property owners to resolve compliance issues. The Code Compliance team works to first educate and seek voluntary compliance. If necessary, they follow through with a fair and equitable enforcement process. Please review the new Code Compliance News section of each issue of the Town Crier, where Mr. Affanato will provide updates and educational information. As part of the team's community engagement and public education efforts, one of our compliance officers also attends each neighborhood association meeting.



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 |
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| Wed - May 6 Wed - June 3 No July Meeting | Wed - May 20 Thurs - June 18 Thurs - July 16 | Tues - June 2 | Mon - May 11 Mon - June 8 Mon - July 13 | Thurs - June 18 |

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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Wilton Manors' neighborhoods are the heart of our city. Preserving the beauty of our neighborhoods enhances our quality of life and supports all of our property values. If you would like to report a potential code violation, please reach out to the members of our Code Compliance Division at (954) 390-2151 or visit our website at www.wiltonmanors.com. On our website, you can research the Code of Ordinances, report a violation, meet your neighborhood's assigned Code Compliance Officer, or review common code violations.

As always, I welcome your feedback and comments. Please feel free to contact me at GResnick@wiltonmanors.com or (954) 390-2123. Thank you for your continued support. 



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE MAYOR

Vice Mayor Scott Newton

A Big Thank You!

In 2002, the City purchased one of the most historic locales in the city with a vision of creating a unique, historical and environmental park that would be the pride of our City's parks system. Since then, through grants and City funding, improvements have been made to the grounds and main home of Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve, making it the special place we dreamed it would be.

The oldest structure on the site is the circa 1925 Carriage House, which dates back to the farm that was once owned by Perry Mickel. The Carriage House had aged and, because of its deteriorated structure, was not being used. Luckily for all of us, the Wilton Manors Historical Society (WMHS) saw past the rotting wood and structural deficiencies. Their members knew that rehabbing the Carriage House was possible so they started out on a mission to get it done. The WMHS developed a phased plan and hired an architect, taking the first steps on the road to opening the doors of the House.

The early phases began with replacing wood, upgrading electrical service and plumbing, reinforcing the structures support system, and replacing the flooring. This process has been a true labor of love for the Society. Board Member Ron Ulm has been on site daily, not only overseeing the project, but putting in a lot of sweat equity too.

The next phases of the project will transform the Carriage House into a usable public space, equipped with a bar and catering preparation area. To accomplish this, a group of passionate leaders that volunteer for the Historical Society set a goal to raise the funds needed to start those improvements. Residents Paul Rolli and Bennett Quade challenged our community by offering to match the first \$5,000 of donations. A fundraising event was held by the Historical Society on March 8th to kick off the matching campaign and to say it was a success would be an understatement. The event raised more than \$20,000 for the project. More than that, it brought together people from throughout our community that wanted to be part of something special. The volunteers, contributors, and supporters in this City are the BEST! Thank you to each and every person that participated and donated.

If you would like to learn more about the Historical Society, please visit their website at www.wiltonmanorshistoricalsociety.org. There you can find more information about the Willingham Carriage House Restoration and Repurposing Project, and I am always available at SNewton@WiltonManors.com. 



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Julie Carson
The Gray Dollar

In the first year alone, the economic impact on Florida's economy as a result of Marriage Equality is estimated to be 182 million dollars (Williams Institute). As a destination for gay and lesbian travelers and home to many LGBT residents, the City of Wilton Manors reaps the economic benefits of the rainbow dollar. However, there is another population to which we should pay similar attention. Nearly 23 percent of Florida's 19 million people are seniors. By 2020, those aged 60 and older are expected to number approximately 6.5 million, comprising our state's second largest economic sector. In Wilton Manors, residents 60 and over number approximately 25 percent of the City's population. Consider these facts about seniors provided by the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Broward County:

- Statewide, seniors account for 50 percent of all new home construction.
- Each year, Florida's seniors contribute \$3.5 billion to charities, and pay \$1 billion in local school taxes.
- Annually, seniors expend \$9 billion in out-of-pocket expenses for medical care, and pay \$1.4 billion more in state taxes than they receive in social services.
- After all services are rendered, Florida's senior community contributes a \$2.8 billion net tax benefit.
- Florida seniors are the state's largest voting block, and in our recent general elections, they comprised more than 40 percent of all voters.
- Many seniors are volunteers, donating their time and talent in the amount of 7.5 million person days annually.
- The retirement industry, which includes housing, medical services, hospitality, and recreation, is considered to be a "clean" industry. Thus, seniors are GOOD for our state's environment.

To continue its economic vitality and livability, Wilton Manors must highlight its strengths as an aging-friendly community. City building codes, infrastructure, parks, social venues, public policies, recreational opportunities, and retail developments should reflect the needs of our growing elder population. Our Police Department must ensure the safety of our older residents (and visitors), and our small town village must guard their health and emotional wellbeing. In turn, seniors will continue to spend their gray dollars in Wilton Manors. They will volunteer at our library, schools and non-profits and seek services at our social agencies. They will vote. They will pay sales taxes and see to the sustainability of our environment. Seniors will share their wealth of experience and historical knowledge so that we may become a better community for all.

I welcome your comments about any City matter and can be reached at (954) 288-8174 or via email at Jcarson@wilton-manors.com.



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Tom Green

In April, the City Commission held a public workshop to discuss upcoming plans and goals for the future of Wilton Manors. Most ideas were for the upcoming budget year beginning October 1, 2015, but some were more for long-range planning. Each commissioner and the mayor made comments about their priorities, and each city department administrator presented their ideas. Members of the public and various city advisory boards provided input on the goals for the city. My priorities for next year involve updating and strengthening our "green" building codes for new construction. Our codes need to be expanded to reflect changing technology and to make our city more livable. Expansion of recreational activities throughout our park system is vital, and I think that almost everyone seems to agree that increased public safety will continue to be a major concern. Budget workshops in

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the next several months will provide opportunities for further public input on city priorities.

Several areas of the city have seen an improvement in sidewalk accessibility for our residents. Broward County provided funds for repairs and replacement activities along Northeast 26th Street between Five-Points and the bridge near Federal Highway. The city has extended sidewalks along NE 21st Court and NE 20th Street. This has provided a continuous sidewalk from Wilton Drive to Dixie Highway. According to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), sidewalks now qualify as "transportation infrastructure," and funding for several areas of the northern part of the city will be available in the near future from the MPO. Sidewalks are the "greenest" form of transportation and will help us achieve our goal of being one of the most walkable cities in Florida. It will also help us to continue to reduce our carbon footprint. The city now has plans to install a crosswalk at NE 20th Street at Dixie so that pedestrians will be able to safely cross to the Pride Center at Equality Park. The crosswalk signs will have push button lights that will flash when someone wishes to cross Dixie.

Two outstanding events will occur in Wilton Manors during May and June. The 24th annual Island City Canoe Race will occur on Saturday, May 16th on the waterways of Wilton Manors. The seven-mile relay race around the city will begin at 10 a.m. at the Colohatchee Boat Ramp and will end at the Richardson Park dock. Three divisions (men, women, and co-ed) will have teams of 10 members each. Last year's race had the largest number of teams ever, and we expect this to be surpassed this year. For information on registration, contact the WM Leisure Services Department by email at www.wiltonmanors.com/parks or by phone at (954) 390-2130. The canoe race will celebrate Wilton Manors' 68th birthday. This year's Stonewall Festival will be held on Saturday, June 20th. As a result, Wilton Drive will be closed to traffic all day on the 20th. The festival committee, chaired by Jeff Sterling, has decided this year to make this a one-day event packed with events. There will be a street festival, vendors, entertainment and an early evening parade. I hope to see you at one (or both) of these events.

As always, it is an honor to serve as your commissioner. Please contact me at tgreen@wiltonmanors.com or directly by cell phone at (954) 290-0561 with your suggestions and comments.



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Justin Flippen
A History of Island City Pride

As a local Florida native, I share a deep appreciation and connection to our history, particularly the history of civic and community pride found here in Wilton Manors. With the summer upon us, we find our community in a state of celebration. May of course commemorates the Island City's birthday with our annual canoe race. Our water culture is part of our identity and has been important since the time of the early Seminoles. Coming together to celebrate our connection to each other, our surrounding waterways, and our city is a grand occasion and most assuredly key to the unique character and charm of the Island City. And besides, it's just plain fun too!

In June, Wilton Manors has the distinction of continuing the tradition of commemorating the anniversary of the LGBT civil rights movement which began in 1969 at the Stonewall Inn, a bar in New York City. Under a then discriminatory legal system, patrons, activists, and allies rose up against a police raid to assert their freedom. What began as a demonstration against unfair treatment by the police and for the right to be left alone erupted into a multiple-day riot that caught fire throughout LGBT communities across the nation. In my own lifetime, our nation has come a long way in the advancement of LGBT equality, and Wilton Manors has benefited from becoming a city that welcomes all. I can remember back to 1999 when President Bill Clinton became the first president to establish June as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month by presidential proclamation and appointed America's first openly-gay ambassador. A year later in 2000 as an undergraduate at Florida Atlantic University, I became the State of Florida's first openly gay student body president. I've worked hard since then

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to ensure that in whatever station I am privileged to serve others, I do as much as I can to advance pro-equality policies, because building a community of equals is the right thing to do, and quite frankly and practically it makes “dollars and sense.” This has included working with members of the county commission and activists to remove former Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jim Naugle from the Tourist Development Council after his anti-gay comments left the LGBT community wronged and resulted in measured economic harm to the tourism and hospitality industry which thrives due in part to the LGBT community spending over \$1 billion in it each year. In 2008, I was first elected to the city commission, but that same year Florida passed the anti-gay Amendment 2 which banned marriage equality. Right after Election Day, I spoke at a demonstration where I told the crowd that equality and the right to marry would come so long as we did not give up our vigilance. This year marriage equality has become a reality in Florida, Wilton Manors put on the WE DO! event on Valentine’s Day, and the Supreme Court has taken up the matter hopefully to decide the nationwide scope of issues left unresolved after it struck down in a previous case a portion of the so-called Defense of Marriage Act. Today we are fortunate to live in a time where our current president, Barack Obama, along with a large number of those in Congress and a majority of those on our Supreme Court understand the legal Constitutional claim LGBT Americans have to equality. Here back on the Island City, Wilton Manors may have been founded as a racially discriminatory community, but we have purposefully transformed our city away from this to one that embraces an environment of inclusion and acceptance. This includes fostering a business community that caters to and proudly serves patrons from all walks of life. We are also very fortunate organizations like the Pride Center at Equality Park, Stonewall Gallery, and World AIDS Museum all call Wilton Manors home and that our city government creates and sponsors events at which families of all kinds can take pride in. The Stonewall Festival and Parade in Wilton Manors clearly has much to celebrate. In an effort to ensure the event’s sustainability and success, the Island City Foundation has created an event committee which posits the city through this body as a vested stakeholder. Working alongside folks in our city and business community, this event committee will spearhead Stonewall and other important events that have helped to shape our city’s identity, attract visitors to spend their time and money in our local economy, and create a quality of life that fosters community pride. However, community pride doesn’t just end with celebrations. It is something we are blessed to have in those who are sworn to protect and serve and keep us safe at city events, on our streets, and in our homes.

Robert Kennedy once said, “...every community gets the kind of law enforcement it insists on.” Nowhere is this more evident than here in the Island City community of Wilton Manors. I have profound respect for the men and women who work as public servants at city hall, especially those at our police department. As a commissioner and citizen resident, I am very supportive of many of the Police Department’s public safety and community outreach programs. These programs include the use of K9 narcotics units to aid in the arrest of those in possession of illegal drugs and the adoption and practice of green initiatives such as our electric fuel-free motorcycle or forthcoming under budget hybrid police car purchase which reduce our carbon footprint while maintaining vigilance on public safety. They also include Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) which better equips our officers on ways to respond to and interact with those suffering from issues relating to mental health (issues also often present within our homeless population), and the Citizens Police Academy which successfully orients and educates our residents on law enforcement operations. As a recent Wilton Manors Citizens Police Academy graduate, my already existing appreciation of law enforcement has only deepened. I strongly encourage anyone interested in the academy to apply. And the next time you see one of our officers on patrol or out and about in the city, be sure to say hello and thank them for their service.

As always, 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” 



HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS JUNE 1

Every family should be prepared to be self-sufficient for the first three to five days after a major storm so recovery efforts can focus on those who can't help themselves.

A preparation checklist is included in this newsletter to assist you in getting your supplies ready. For additional information and ideas, please go online to www.wiltonmanors.com and click on "Departments" at the top of the page, then choose "Emergency Management."

Subscribe to the City's E-mail News Service

Also, don't forget to sign up for the City of Wilton Manors e-news service to begin receiving important City information. The City sends weekly e-mail updates and reminders to members of the service. Subscribe at www.wiltonmanors.com by clicking on "Notify Me" on the right side of the page, and then choose the types of notifications you wish to receive. You may unsubscribe at any time.

Subscribe to Broward County's Free Emergency Update E-mail System

To subscribe to Broward County's free Emergency Update E-mail System, visit www.broward.org/hurricane and click on "Subscribe to Emergency Updates" on the right side of the page. The system provides residents with important information from the Broward County Emergency Operations Center before, during and after a hurricane. E-mail notifications will be sent to subscribers with news about hurricane watches and warnings, evacuation orders, recommended protective actions and related public safety information.

Notifications of Emergency Situations

The City of Wilton Manors encourages residents to sign up to receive emergency notifications through the City of Fort Lauderdale's CodeRED and e-mail news alerts. To register, go to www.fortlauderdale.gov and select "CodeRED" from the drop-down list under "Neighbors."

People who have previously registered for the service but would like to update their phone number or add a cell-phone number can re-register.

Please note that automated messages can't be delivered to cell numbers with a privacy lock feature. In order to receive messages, either turn off the privacy lock feature during emergencies, or enter (954) 828-8000 on your "safe list" of phone numbers.

City Emergency Radio Station

Don't forget to tune in your radio to AM1630 before, during and after a storm for updates from the City of Wilton Manors and the National Weather Service.. 



**Parkmobile
Parking Made Simple**

- 1 Look for the Parkmobile sign or sticker.**
- 2 Once registered, use the Parkmobile app to enter in the zone number listed on the sign to start a parking session.**
- 3 That's it! And to make life easier, you can opt-in to receive a notification 15 minutes before your parking session is set to expire.**

Shop, dine, and enjoy the ease of paying for parking by phone

www.parkmobile.com

WATERING SCHEDULE

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

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| 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:

May 21 June 18 July 23 Recycling Day: Thursday

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

May 19 June 16 July 21 Recycling Day: Friday

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

May 20 June 17 July 22 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.

DID YOU KNOW....

When it comes to conserving water, small adjustments can have a big impact!

Dishwashers typically use LESS water than washing dishes by hand, and if you do wash by hand, don’t let the water run. Fill one basin with wash water and the other with rinse water. Only run your dishwasher and clothes washer when they are full—you can save up to 1,000 gallons of water per month!

Find more tips for conserving water at wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to- conserve.



THE ISLAND CITY?

Benjamin B. Little - Wilton Manors Historical Society

The Merriam Webster dictionary defines "island" as a tract of land surrounded by water and smaller than a continent. That would be Wilton Manors.

Wilton Manors is encompassed by the North and South Forks of the Middle River. The rivers start at the western tip of Jenada Isle with the North Fork flowing east and the South Fork flowing southeast and then east. They meet again at the eastern end of Wilton Manors and just south of NE 26th Street. The Middle River then takes a turn to the south just east of Wilton Manors and flows into the Intra-coastal Waterway.

What is now Wilton Manors was the home to both Tequesta and Seminole Indians. Around 1900, Frank Stranahan, of Fort Lauderdale Stranahan House fame, bought farm land in the southeast corner of what would become Wilton Manors. His wife Ivy reports that the river was very clear and colorful tropical fish regularly swam with their canoe. There were alligators, bears, wildcats and an eagle family.

In the mid-1920's, Edward J. Willingham established residence. He was the developer of what would become the City of Wilton Manors. His plat suggested canals where Manor Grove is now located.

We were not always "an island." There is a 1953 map showing the North Fork of the Middle River turning northwest at Andrews Avenue and going into Oakland Park. The South Fork of the Middle River seems to stop at Powerline Road. When the Florida Legislature created the City of Wilton Manors in 1953, it defined the southern border as the South Fork of the Middle River to Andrews Avenue and then the "Midriver Canal." The map indicates that the river continues to about Powerline Road and then it is a straight shot northwest to Oakland Park Blvd at what is now I-95. The City's northern border was Oakland Park Blvd from where I-95 is now, east to Andrews Avenue, where it met the North Fork of the Middle River and followed that east.

A 1966 map has the Midriver Canal relabeled as the South Fork of the Middle River and shows a new canal from Andrews Avenue due west to I 95, parallel to and south of Oakland Park Blvd. The old North Fork north of Oakland Park Blvd was now relabeled the "Wilton Canal" and "North Fork Middle River Canal." The 1966 map shows Jenada Isle, platted in 1959 and canals behind houses in the southeast quadrant, as well as a couple canals in the southwest quadrant. There is no obvious tributary to the rivers at the west end other than some canals, but the Everglades started just west of I-95 and drainage is a major player.

In the mid-1980's, it was time for a new City Logo. Norma Rollinson, a thirty-year resident and a graduate of the Pratt Institute in New York, won the contest. Her design, created without any city funding, invited visitors with "Welcome to Wilton Manors—Island City" above a drawing of a small island with a healthy stand of palm trees. These signs now greet visitors at all nine bridges into town.



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The City has embraced the Rivers. Alvar Hagen, taking a cue from Willingham, built Town House Isles, which he made sure were higher than the high water levels from the 1947 hurricane. The City has built parks with access to the rivers at Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve, Colohatchee Park, the Island City Park Preserve (which started off as Kiwanis Park), Donn Eisele Park, and Snook Creek Park.

Our participation with the rivers has not always been "above board." In May 1980, fourteen Colombian immigrants were caught being smuggled in from Bimini on a high-powered speedboat at a house on NE 18th Ave. How many more international visitors were not caught? There are rumors of a still (or stills) during Prohibition on the little islands off of what is now the Island City Park Preserve. There is a house in Highland Estates with easy access to the North Fork with a partially concealed basement. One could imagine a nefarious purpose related to smuggling.

Every year since 1992, the City has sponsored a canoe race circumnavigating the island. Started at then City Councilman John Fiore's suggestion, it is now a very well attended, and competitive event. This year it will be held on Saturday May 16th, with a picnic to follow. If you would like to check out the rivers on your own, the Atlantic Coast Kayak Company rents kayaks at Richardson Park. Watch your head going under the bridges.. 

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. Photos property of the Wilton Manors Historical Society - permission required for reuse

FUN HISTORY FACTOID

Courtesy of Benjamin Little and the Wilton Manors Historical Society

The City of Wilton Manors is in the movies! By 1919, movie makers arrived at our Island City. Many sequences of "The Firing Line," starring the famous dancer and actress Irene Castle, were shot in the pine woods near Colohatchee. In 1995, Carl Hiassen's novel *Striptease* was partially filmed at the Middle River Trailer Park in Wilton Manors. It starred Burt Reynolds, Demi Moore, and our Mayor King Wilkinson (in a walk on). This property (at NE 24th Street and the FEC tracks) is soon to become Wilton Metro with construction currently well underway!

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

Is this year really moving fast as we are preparing for the summer activities and events? Hopefully you have been able to use your leisure time to experience memorable and enjoyable opportunities. March and April 2015 provided unique activities to enhance quality of life. The waterway cleanup was another spirited event of community resolve to enhance the cleanliness of the waterways. The Yard Sale and Book Fair attracted many visitors to enjoy bargain deals while spending time with family and friends. The City partnered with Bobby Keiser of Panache Style to host the Gay Nuptials Trade Show, which is an excellent event where vendors showcase their creativity and talents in wedding planning and enabled the City to showcase the unique facilities available to accommodate parties with up to 200 participants.

The Annual Eggstravaganza Spring Festival was held at Saint Clement Church and provided a very festive opportunity with live entertainment, bounce houses, an egg hunt and many more surprises. April included another active month with Bunnies on the Drive, which was a unique Garden Party Fundraiser provided by Sunserve and Share a Pet held at Richardson Historic Park. The City held its final Yard Sale of the Season and ended with a Shred Event.

The Community Affairs Advisory Board garnered community support to conduct a bicycle safety event in May sparked by their initiative for an awareness of safer bicycling opportunities. Kiwanis continued their considerate tradition of serving the members in the U.S. Navy during Fleet Week. The Annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch is scheduled for May 9, 2015, when the City will thank the many volunteers that dedicate their time, talent and resources to support the City mission. The Annual Canoe Race and City Celebration will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015. The Stonewall Street Festival and Parade is also quickly approaching, and I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.

I am extremely excited about the future Ribbon Cutting of Mickel Park and hope that you will please visit our website for more details on the event and 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. Thank you. ☀

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Improvements at the Willingham Carriage House

The Willingham Carriage House, located in Richardson Park, is arguably the oldest existing, historically significant structure in the City of Wilton Manors. It was built in 1925 and originally supported an on-site nursery. Anyone who has visited Richardson Park in the recent months has probably noticed the ongoing construction at the Carriage House. The new construction has included structural reinforcements and the installation of a new cement floor and hurricane resistant double doors on the south side of the building. The City is working with the Wilton Manors Historical Society to complete additional projects at the carriage house. These will include: a new outdoor bar, a catering preparation area, siding restoration, a new concrete walkway, and a courtyard on the north side of the building. The Historical Society and other volunteers have been successful in raising additional funds to pay for the refurbishment of three large doors on the north side of the building. Construction of these new projects will begin within the next few weeks.

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 Fitness

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 Camps at Hagen Park

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

Saturday and Sundays 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Hagen Park (2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors)

\$10.00 per class; six-class punch card for \$50.00

Are you looking to get fit this summer? Look no further than Hagen Park's Fitness Boot Camp. Fitness Boot Camp will not only get you feeling and looking better, but it will take your confidence to another level. Instructed by Lucky Peterson, a city resident and certified personal trainer with more than 10 years of experience

in the field, the Boot Camp guarantees results and will help community members reach their fitness goals. The Fitness Boot Camp program includes several fitness exercises including strength training, flexibility training, aerobic training and cross training. The program is offered for beginner and intermediate fitness levels. For more information, please call Lucky at (954) 931-8711.



Guitar Lessons

Saturday afternoons

Hagen Park (2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors)

\$25.00 per 30 minute session; \$40.00 per 60 minute session

Hagen Park now offers Guitar Lessons on Saturday afternoons. Whether you are looking for private one-on-one lessons or group lessons, we can accommodate both. Brian Rossy, the program's instructor, holds a degree in Music Performance and has the ability to teach many styles including Rock, Jazz, Blues, Country, and Folk. For more information, please call Brian Rossy at (954) 868-2935 or email him at wiltonguitarlessons@gmail.com. Ask about the group rates.





TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The 5th Island City Tennis Tournament

The 5th Annual Island City Tennis Tournament was held at Hagen Park Tennis Center on January 31st and February 1st by Tennis Director Donna Kocyba. More than 60 players participated including both Men & Women from different divisions A, B & C. Participants competed in a single elimination tournament. All winners were presented with prizes sponsored by local community businesses. Participants and Spectators enjoyed a fun barbecue with refreshments sponsored by Ale House. Come join us next year for another fun event.

Special Thanks goes out to the following sponsors: Yellow Cab, Alibi, Divers Direct, Match Point, Bills Filling Station, Mind your Manors, Sozo Sushi, Christine Kinzer- Better Homes & Gardens, La Patio, Storks, Wilton Manors Discount Liquor, The Best Cellar, and Prince Tennis. ☺



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, the 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. ☺

ADVENTURE CAMP 2015

The Summer Adventure Camp is designed as a highly structured three-week program with the ultimate fun plan before school starts. 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 grades may participate. The camp will feature many special activities and planned fieldtrips. Some of these trips include: Movies, Jungle Island, Metro Zoo, Roller Skating, Bowling and much more. .



Days: Monday - Friday

Week #1 August 3 - August 7, 2015

Week #2 August 10 - August 14, 2015

Week #3 August 17 - August 21, 2015

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

Fees: \$40.00 (one time non-refundable registration fee if you did not attend the first 8 weeks)

| | First Child | Second Child | Third Child | Daily |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------|
| Resident | \$115.00 a week | \$88.00 a week | \$80.00 a week | \$30.00 |
| Non Resident | \$145.00 a week | \$120.00 a week | \$80.00 a week | \$35.00 |

Includes Trips, Lunches, and Snacks

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-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. Breakfast, lunch and a snack will be offered daily. All children will participate in a program divided into age groups, which 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. Participants must be age 4 or older on or before September 1, 2015, to register. The fees are as follows:



Registration Fee: \$10 per child/ \$15 per family

Receive a **free** T-Shirt if you register by May 8, 2015.

| | First Child | Second Child | Third Child |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Discount Package for entire 8 weeks | \$560.00 | \$480.00 | \$400.00 |
| Weekly Rate | \$80.00 per week | \$70.00 per week | \$60.00 per week |
| Daily Rate | \$30 | \$30 | \$30 |

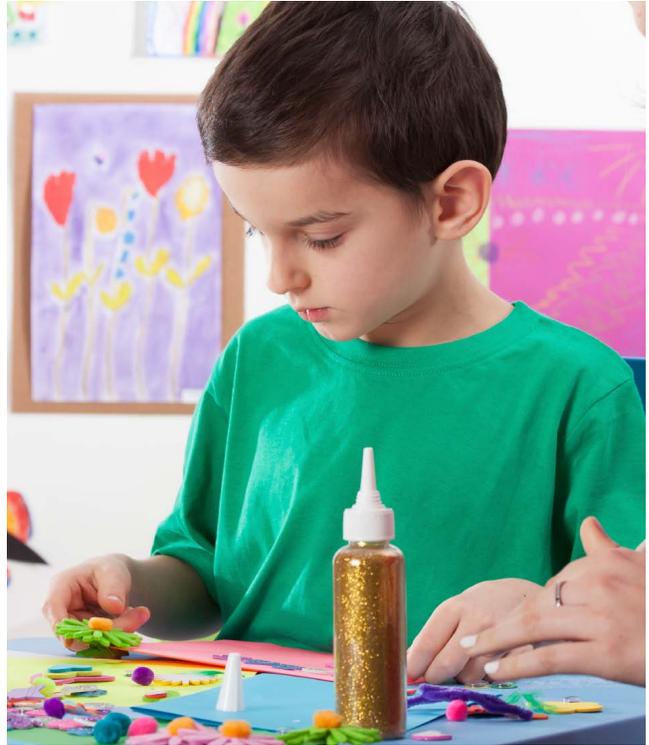


FEATURED PROGRAM

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 B.A.S.H. (Best After School Hours), License #45455, where your child will be cared for year round by 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 after a long school day.

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 



TAKE OUR SURVEY

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE COLOHATCHEE PARK REPURPOSING

The City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department is evaluating the community needs of our parks system and is in the process of developing a Colohatchee Park and Boat Ramp site master plan. This plan will be used to identify future improvements and serve as a tool to garner resources for implementation. As part of this process, the Department will be leading a community effort to ensure the most efficient programs, amenities and services are implemented using the “Power of 10” (more elements and opportunities).

The City adopted a parks system master plan in 2010 to use as a guide to ensure City parks meet the needs of the City residents. The benefits of providing adequate parks and recreation programs, amenities and services have been proven significant in many areas. Some of these benefits include stimulating economy, improved creativity and communication, enhanced health and wellness, and a compounding benefit of a more prosperous society. Our Leisure Services Team offers many opportunities that teach life-affirming skills, support family unity, create positive memories, and establish the forum for resolving social challenges while building community loyalty.

We invite your thoughts and ideas related to this project. To provide your input, you may visit the following web link to take a brief survey www.surveymonkey.com/colohatcheepark. You can also obtain a paper copy at Hagen Park Community Center, the Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors, or City Hall. You may also contact the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-2130. 



NEW BOOKS AT YOUR LIBRARY

Miss Hazel and the Rosa Parks League

Miss Hazel and the Rosa Parks League is a brilliant reimagining and republication of Jonathan Odell's debut novel, *The View from Delphi*. Set in pre-Civil Rights Mississippi, Miss Hazel and the Rosa Parks League is the story of two young mothers, Hazel and Vida, one wealthy and white and the other poor and black, who have only two things in common: the devastating loss of their children, and a deep and abiding loathing for one another. Embittered and distrusting, Vida is harassed by Delphi's racist sheriff and haunted by the son she lost to the world. Hazel, too, has lost a son and can't keep a grip on her fractured life. After drunkenly crashing her car into a manger scene while gunning for the baby Jesus, Hazel is sedated and bed-ridden. Hazel's husband hires Vida to keep tabs on his unpredictable wife and to care for his sole surviving son. Forced to spend time together with no one else to rely on, the two women find they have more in common than they thought, and together they turn the town on its head. It is the story of a town, a people, and a culture on the verge of a great change that begins with small things, like unexpected friendship.

After Birth

After Birth is widely acclaimed young writer Elisa Albert's fierce new novel, in which childbirth and new motherhood are as high-stakes a crucible as any combat zone.

The Accidental Empress

Allison Pataki's fully drawn *The Accidental Empress* is an indelible portrayal -- not only of one of the most complicated and misunderstood Habsburgs, but of a turbulent royal marriage during a tumultuous era.

Girl in a Band

In Kim Gordon's *Girl in a Band*, the famously reserved superstar speaks candidly about her past and the future. From her childhood in the sunbaked suburbs of Southern California, growing up with a mentally ill sibling who often sapped her family of emotional capital, to New York's downtown art and music scene in the eighties and nineties and the birth of a band that would pave the way for acts like Nirvana, as well as help inspire the Riot Girl generation, here is an edgy and evocative portrait of a life in art.

Untangling the Knot

This anthology of essays and creative nonfiction delves past the mainstream focus on marriage equality to examine the broad scope of issues facing members of the gay community and sheds light on what marriage equality actually means for them. By confronting the concept of tradition through personal discourse, this volume seeks to create conversation among the diverse members of the gay community and their straight allies to prompt a larger, grander, and more realistic vision of what marriage equality really means for those living in the United States. *Untangling the Knot* includes the voices of many individuals who are underrepresented in the modern discourse surrounding gay rights, and these unique perspectives may change the direction of that conversation for good.



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Red Notice

Red Notice by Bill Browder is a real-life political thriller about an American financier in the Wild East of Russia, the murder of his principled young tax attorney, and his dangerous mission to expose the Kremlin's corruption.

Get What's Yours

How many retirees or those nearing retirement know about such Social Security options as file-and-suspend (apply for benefits and then don't take them)? Or start-stop-start (start benefits, stop them, then re-start them)? Get What's Yours by Laurence J. Kotlikoff, Philip Moeller, and Paul Solman covers the most frequent benefit scenarios faced by married retired couples, by divorced retirees, and by widows and widowers, among others. It explains what to do if you're a retired parent of dependent children, disabled, or an eligible beneficiary who continues to work, and how to plan wisely before retirement. It addresses the tax consequences of your choices, as well as the financial implications for other investments.

Endangered

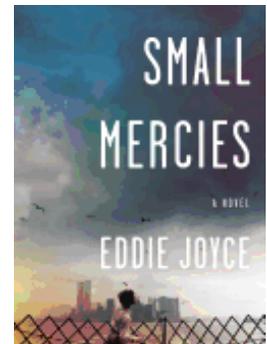
When Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett's eighteen-year-old ward runs away with Dallas Cates and then is found in a ditch barely alive, Joe believes Cates is responsible. But Cates claims that she ran away from him too and evidence points to another man. Joe is determined to find the truth, even if it kills him in C.J. Box's Endangered.

World Gone By

Late spring, 1943. The world is at war but the American mob is in its heyday. Former crime boss Joe Coughlin now works as a consigliere to the infamous Bartolo crime family, effortlessly handling its interests in Tampa, Boston, and Cuba. In the decade since he lost his wife in a cascade of bullets, Joe has made a home for himself and his son, and once again forged everything out of nothing: money, power, a relationship with a beautiful woman, and a privileged place in Tampa's shadowy underworld. But a rumor surfaces that someone wants Joe dead. And he has only days to figure out who, or he will die in Dennis Lahane's World Gone By.

Small Mercies

Ten years after the loss of Bobby -- the Amendola family's youngest son -- everyone is still struggling to recover from the firefighter's unexpected death. Bobby's mother Gail, his widow Tina, his older brothers Peter, the corporate lawyer, and Franky, the misfit, and his father Michael have all dealt with their grief in different ways. But as the family gathers together for Bobby Jr.'s birthday party, they must each find a way to accept a new man in Tina's life while reconciling their feelings for their lost loved one in Eddie Joyce's Small Mercies). 



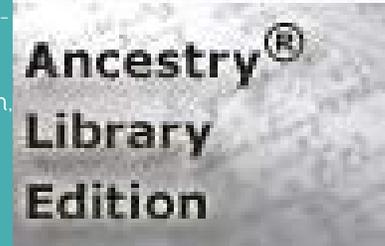
JOIN THE FRIENDS!

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.

On Thursday, May 21st, The Friends of the Library will hold their annual membership meeting at the Library. A wine and snack reception will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting following at 7 p.m. Members of the Friends will approve the budget for the new fiscal year, which begins June 1, and elect officers and board members. Membership applications are available at the Library and on their web site. To find out more, go to www.FriendsoftheWiltonManorsLibrary.org. 

DISCOVER THE HISTORY OF YOU!

Ancestry.com, the largest online family history resource, provides you with access to your family history via documents that record the lineage of individuals from the U.S., Canada, the U.K., Europe, Australia, and more. Ancestry.com, the world's most popular consumer online family history resource, is available at your Library thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Wilton Manors Library.



Answers await all users – professional or hobbyist, expert or novice, genealogist or historian – inside the thousands of databases of family information. User-friendly search tools and comprehensive indexing make it easy to start discovering your personal history.

Stop by the Library at 500 NE 26th Street and discover the history of you.

YOUTH SERVICES @ YOUR LIBRARY

Family Story Time

Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 p.m.

Children ages 3 and up are welcome..

Preschool Story Time

Monday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.

Topics and authors change from month to month. For details, visit the youth services department or call (954) 390-2195.

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.



MANGO LANGUAGE LEARNING

Have you tried Mango recently? Give it a try and learn one of over 60 languages free online. To get started, visit the Library's website at www.wiltonmanors.com/library or ask your librarian.



MAKE YOUR NEXT EVENT MEMORABLE

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. 

ULTRA LOW-FLOW TOILET REBATE PROGRAM

To help residents reduce water use, the City of Wilton Manors is offering rebates on ultra-low flow (1.28 gallons/flush or lower) WaterSense® certified and labeled toilets. Did you know that more 30% of indoor residential water use can occur through the toilet? This water conservation program is aimed at encouraging property owners to replace their high water use toilets with new ultra-low flow toilets. Replacement toilets must be models approved by the Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense® Program which assures that toilets meet stringent performance standards.

Residents are eligible to receive \$50 towards the purchase price of each WaterSense® certified ultra-low flow toilet, to a maximum of two (2) per property for the duration of the program. Program rules and the application form are available in the lobby of City Hall and on the City's website (go to www.wiltonmanors.com, and then type "toilet" in the search box). **Please note that the application must be approved by the Emergency Management/Utilities Department prior to the purchase of a qualifying toilet.**

Funds are limited and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have questions that are not answered by the program materials, please contact the Emergency Management/Utilities Department at (954) 390-2190. 

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD

The Wilton Manors Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB) was proud to partner with the Wilton Manors Police Department, the MPO and others in presenting the Bike Safety event on Saturday, May 2nd at Hagen Park. If you have ideas for other community events – or are seeking support for your own event – please let us know. CAAB typically meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Chambers at 2020 Wilton Drive. Please join us at a meeting, or contact us at community@wiltonmanors.com or (954) 390-2120.

WILTON MANORS
ISLAND CITY



Proudly Presents

STONEWALL
PRIDE
Street Festival



JUNE 20TH, 2015
12PM - 11PM





MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF

Chief of Police Paul O'Connell

CRAIGSLIST: BUYER AND SELLER BEWARE

On-line buying, selling or trading has never been easier. However, it has never been more dangerous. Just in the last few months there have been several reports in South Florida of people being victimized by criminals during the face-to-face meetings, which were arranged for the transactions agreed upon via "Craigslist." In fact, thieves are using trade sites such as "Craigslist" to pose as potential customers with the sole intent of robbing you of your valuables; or worse.



While the Wilton Manors Police Department does not want to dissuade you from using these trade sites, we do want to caution you that these sites can be fertile "hunting ground" for a criminal's search for his/her next victim. WMPD encourages you to utilize our front lobby as a meeting place to conduct the transaction! Our site is monitored by cameras and it will be a strong deterrent to criminal behavior.

Above all, it is imperative that you take the necessary precautions to avoid becoming a victim. Here are some tips to follow when you engage in the practice of on-line buying, selling or trading through these types of trade sites.

- Never reveal personal information to the person who has responded to your advertisement.
- Never pay in advance for any product or service shown on these types of trade sites.
- Avoid meeting anywhere at night. These types of transactions should occur during daylight hours.
- When you do meet, we suggest you meet inside a government building such as a police station. This provides a safe environment and, more likely than not, your meeting will be videotaped; thus providing excellent investigative leads in the unlikely event that a crime does occur.
- When going to meet your potential buyer/seller; bring a friend. Do not go alone!
- If you are going to rent a property for a vacation, do not make advance payments! Check property records to confirm the person with whom you are dealing is the owner of the property you wish to rent.
- At the conclusion of a meeting, successful or not, take care to ensure you are not followed home by the person you just met. There have been incidents of people being followed home and victimized in their driveway or inside their home.

As always, the Wilton Manors Police Department is at your service day or night, 24/7. Feel free to visit us in person at City Hall, 2020 Wilton Drive, or our website at www.wmpd.org.

CODE COMPLIANCE WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

The Code Compliance Unit would like to welcome aboard Administrative Assistant Christopher Fariello. Christopher is available to assist you Tuesday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and can be reached (954) 390-2151.

DID YOU KNOW FLORIDA'S TRAFFIC LAWS PROTECT OUR VISION IMPAIRED?

Florida's traffic laws are in place to protect motorists, bicyclists, first responders and even the vision impaired. Florida State Statute 316.1301(2) tells us that whenever a pedestrian is crossing, or attempting to cross, a public street or highway, guided by a dog guide or carrying in a raised or extended position a cane or walking stick which is white in color or white tipped with red, the driver of every vehicle approaching the intersection or place where the pedestrian is attempting to cross shall bring his or her vehicle to a full stop before arriving at such intersection or place of crossing and, before proceeding, shall take such precautions as may be necessary to avoid injuring such pedestrian. Violators of this law are subject to a \$165 fine and points assessed against their driver license.

The Wilton Manors Police Department is committed to improving pedestrian safety in our city and we believe it is EVERYONE'S responsibility to ensure our vision impaired have a safe passageway when walking our streets. If you are an individual who is vision impaired or know a vision impaired citizen who believes their safety is compromised when walking around town, please contact Commander Gary Blocker at (954) 309-2185 or gblocker@wmpd.org and together we will formulate a plan on how to improve your "Quality of Life".



WHO SHOULD YOU CALL TO ADDRESS NOISE VIOLATIONS?



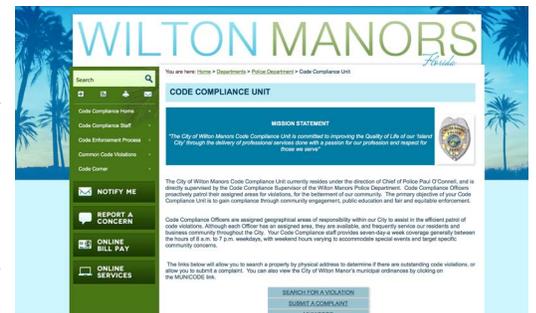
The City of Wilton Manors Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21-"Noise Control," addresses noise violations. Either Police or Code Compliance, depending on the nature of the noise, can typically handle this violation. Please remember that Code Compliance, unlike the Police Department is not a 24/7 operation. While we have daily coverage, to include weekends, we do not operate after 5 p.m. on most days. As such, the following should provide some general guidance when dealing with a noise complaint.

All barking dogs, loud music from commercial establishments, and loud person complaints (such as a possible disturbance), should result in contact with the Police Department at the non-emergency dispatch: (954) 764 - 4357-we strongly recommend that you program this number into your cellphone. Code Compliance will follow-up as appropriate, but does not respond to in-progress complaints of this nature.

Should a noise complaint be related to construction, machinery operation, debris removal, or a mechanical device, you can register your complaint online, through email to your Code Compliance Officer, or by telephone at (954) 390 - 2151. You may be requested to provide an affidavit by the Code Compliance Officer, as this may be essential when they are not a witness to the violation.

CODE COMPLIANCE UNIT WEBSITE RECEIVES A MAKEOVER

The Wilton Manors Code Compliance Unit website has been updated and redesigned. The redesigned website will allow you to search a property and register a complaint, as well as search municipal ordinances on Municode, from the Code Compliance homepage. Additionally, there is a staff directory with a corresponding zone assignment map, which will provide contact information for the Code Compliance Officer assigned to your neighborhood. We hope you find the newly designed website informational and useful. Please be sure visit us at: www.wiltonmanors.com.





MESSAGE FROM CANA

Paul J. Rolli

The Heart of Wilton Manors Beats Here...



Shop Local – Shop Central - CANA continued its outreach opportunity for local businesses and CANA residents to connect at our April 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 Update - 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 on NE 26th St. between Andrews Ave and Five Points. The City applied for grant funding and our application was ranked #2 on the MPO priority list and is being routed to the Florida Department of Transportation for final eligibility determination. The project is all but assured funding. The proposed development will include a slight reduction in travel lane widths, the installation of 4 foot wide dedicated bike lanes on either side of the street, and improvements to the existing sidewalk system. The City anticipates it will receive almost \$1,000,000, which will cover the vast majority of project costs. The City will be responsible for any contingency costs. The funds will be available July 1, 2018. Prior to then, the City will be actively involved with design and permitting tasks.

Proposed 22 Unit Town House Development – Chad Newberry, Newberry Homes, made a presentation on this proposal at the April 15th CANA meeting. This development is in a proposed stage and is planned on several adjoining parcels on the corners of NE 21st Ct., NE 3rd Ave. and NE 21st St. It is important for all concerned residents to follow the public hearings and City Commission meetings to express your concern or support for this project.

Lighted Sidewalks on Wilton Drive at NE 20th St – CANA approached Emergency Management and Utilities about the possibility of a lighted sidewalk on Wilton Drive for crosswalk safety and traffic management. Director Dave Archacki is looking into the matter to see if this can be done at little or no cost to the City.

Code Compliance Supervisor Affanato speaks at CANA meeting – Mr. Affanato was recently hired and has been working with CANA President since coming on board. The Code Compliance Unit has been reorganized and Mr. Affanato spoke about his accomplishments to date and his plans and vision in this revitalized department. Mr. Affanato has “zoned” areas of the City into Residential and Business Districts, and Code Compliance officers now have specific zone assignments. Code Officer David Cameron, a six-year member of the Unit, is assigned to Zone 2 (CANA residential), which encompasses all areas west of Dixie Highway west to Andrews Avenue. Code Compliance Officer Cameron can be reached at: DCameron@wmpd.org or (954) 567-6061. Visit the, Police Department’s Code Unit web page on www.WiltonManors.com for full details.

Our upcoming meetings are: 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 

MESSAGE FROM WAWM



The Westside Association of Wilton Manors, also known as WAWM, 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.

Westside Association priorities for 2015 include:

- Andrews Avenue Redevelopment Initiative and Zoning Study
- Zip Code 33305 Project
- Pedestrian and bicycle safety, connectivity throughout the city, and enhanced crosswalks along major roadways
- Westside beautification projects
- Establishing solid relationships with our Code Enforcement and Police Department to create a safe and secure neighborhood
- Encouraging residents to become active members within our community by joining City boards and local organizations that serve our City

Many thanks to all those who joined us at our Annual Meeting on April 9th!

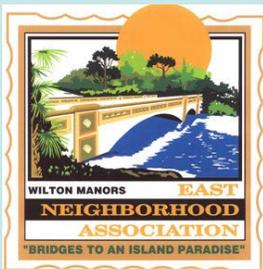
Vice Mayor Scott Newton and Commissioner Justin Flippen spoke and answered questions. Commissioner Tom Green was out of town, but responded to our invitation. Code Enforcement Supervisor Vincent Affanato was scheduled to speak, but was called away due to a family emergency. Thankfully, he arranged to have Code Officer Jim Wolf address our membership. We welcomed Code Officer Jim Wolf to the Westside as our designated code officer and look forward to having Vincent Affanato at a future meeting.

Todd DeJesus, the city's Capital Projects and Grant Manager, gave us a wonderful update on the Mickel Park project. We are anxiously anticipating the grand opening ceremonies this summer.

WAWM is excited to participate once again in the upcoming 24th Annual Island City Canoe Race on May 16th and to join in celebrating Wilton Manors 68th birthday!!!

Contact us at wawm.org@gmail.com or visit our website at www.wawm.org. 

Sal Torre, President | Rick Ellison, Vice President | Kate Donohue, Secretary
Juan Carlos Cortes, Director | Matt Ferrelli, Director | Jake Valentine, Director | Van Gosselin, Director



MESSAGE FROM ENA

The Wilton Manors East Neighborhood Association (ENA) meeting of Thursday, April 15th had presentations by City Manager Joseph Gallegos, the Wilton Manors Police Department, and new Code Compliance Supervisor Vincent Affanato. They also welcomed new eastside resident Alan Cohen. Join your eastside neighbors at the upcoming general membership meetings on July 16th and October 15th. The date of their holiday party has not yet been determined. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Independence Hall Community Room at 1639 NE 26th Street (see their website at: http://wiltonmanors-ena.org/Event_calendar.html).

ENA is looking for a talented member that wants to assist with its website and emails. If you are interested in assisting in this capacity, please call ENA President John Fiore at (954) 564-3821. 



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

Hurricane Season starts June 1st, and it's time to... Be Prepared!

It is YOUR responsibility to be sure you are prepared. Make sure you have the following items BEFORE a storm hits:

- FOOD: Non-perishable packaged or canned food supplies for 3-5 days, and a manual can opener. Don't forget a 3-5 day supply of special needs items for babies such as formula, food, wipes, diapers; special foods for the elderly; toiletries and extra toilet paper
- WATER: Minimum of 3 gallons of drinking water per person; preferably one gallon per person per day for two weeks. Extra water is needed for food preparation and personal hygiene. To store drinking water, use food-grade containers, such as clean, airtight two-liter soda jugs. If you re-use disposable plastic bottles, do not keep them for more than a month
- First aid supplies and prescription medications for 2 weeks
- Plastic trash bags and ties; extra resealable plastic storage bags, heavy-duty aluminum foil and disposable aluminum pans
- Paper goods such as plates, bowls, napkins, towels, and plastic eating utensils
- Protective clothing, rainwear, bedding or sleeping bags
- Mosquito repellent with DEET, and sunscreen
- Tool kit including cord, rope, hammer, wood nails, saw, hatchet or axe, crowbar, chainsaw blades, tarp, duct tape, and heavy work gloves
- Batteries
- Battery-powered radio, flashlight, clock
- Unscented bleach (and a medicine dropper), soap, detergent
- Hand sanitizer
- Extra charcoal or propane gas for outdoor cooking
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Fire extinguisher (ABC type)
- Full gas tank
- Cash (ATMs won't work during a power outage)
- A simple corded telephone
- Fully charged cell phone with a car charger accessory
- Pet supplies
- A designated out-of-town contact for family and friends
- A list of important phone numbers (doctors, insurance agents, etc.)
- Protective, waterproof storage area for important documents (insurance, property deed, etc.)
- Learn how to turn off electricity, gas and water, if advised to do so

SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS

If you have a medical condition that requires a greater level of care than that provided at a General Population shelter, but you do not require hospitalization, a Special Needs Shelter may be appropriate for you. Broward County operates a Special Needs Shelter Program. These shelters offer basic medical assistance and monitoring. They are staffed by qualified medical personnel and have back-up electricity for limited lighting and essential medical equipment. Family members and caregivers are encouraged to accompany residents with special medical needs.

All residents seeking shelter in a Special Needs facility will be reviewed on an individual basis to determine the best placement for their needs. Pre-registration for the Special Needs Shelter is open throughout the year and, while not required, is strongly encouraged to ensure that the shelter will be adequately prepared to meet your needs.

If you are elderly, frail, disabled or have a special medical need and are concerned about your sheltering plan, or if you want the latest information on shelter modifications for individuals with disabilities or special needs, contact Broward County Human Services Division at 954-357-6385 or TTY 954-357-5608.

SPECIAL NEEDS DATABASE

Independent of the Broward County services outlined above, the City of Wilton Manors maintains a database of our special needs residents who may benefit from special City services after a disaster. If you are interested in providing the City with your information, please contact City Hall at (954) 390-2100 for more details, or complete the form available online at www.wiltonmanors.com, and fax it to (954) 390-2199 or mail it to the City of Wilton Manors Finance Department, Attn: Disaster Assistance Registration, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305. 

BEFORE THE STORM

SHELTER KIT CHECKLIST

Please remember that while a shelter is intended to help keep you safe during the storm, it isn't a hotel. Bring these essential items along to make your stay as comfortable as possible.

- Personal hygiene items
- Bedding such as pillows, blankets, air mattress
- Books, games
- Non-perishable snacks
- Extra change of clothing
- Baby supplies: ample amounts of baby food, formula, juice, diapers and wipes, and a stroller, portable crib or play pen
- Needed medications
- Driver's license, other identification
- Cash, traveler's checks
- Personal items such as extra eyeglasses, hearing aid, etc.
- Battery-operated radio
- Flashlight
- Important documents such as birth or marriage certificates, social security cards, passports, immunization records, checkbook and bank account files, wills, vehicle titles, insurance policies, stocks, bonds, deeds, computer backup disk, etc.

HURRICANE EVACUATION MAP

Emergency Management Division
Environmental Protection
and Growth Management Department

201 N.W. 84th Avenue, Plantation, FL 33324
Telephone: 954-831-3900

Hurricane Hotline: 954-831-4000

AMERICAN RED CROSS Regional Hurricane Shelters

- 1) **Lyons Creek Middle School**
4333 Sol Press Blvd., Coconut Creek 33073
- 2) **Coral Glades High School**
2700 Sportsplex Dr, Coral Springs 33065
- 3) **Monarch High School**
5050 Wiles Road, Coconut Creek 33073
- 4) **Pompano Beach High School**
1400 N. E. 6th St., Pompano Beach 33060
- 5) **Park Lakes Elementary School**
3925 N. State Road 7, Lauderdale Lakes 33319
- 6) **Rock Island Elementary/Arthur Ashe Middle School**
1701 N. W. 23rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale 33311
- 7) **Plantation Elementary School**
651 N. W. 42nd Ave., Plantation 33317
- 8) **Fox Trail Elementary School**
1250 Nob Hill Road, Davie 33324
- 9) **Falcon Cove Middle School**
4251 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston 33332
- 10) **Silver Trail Middle School**
18300 Sheridan St., Pembroke Pines 33331
- 11) **New Renaissance Middle School**
10701 Miramar Blvd., Miramar 33025
- 12) **Watkins Elementary School**
3520 S. W. 52nd Ave., Pembroke Park 33023
- 13) **Everglades High School:**
17100 SW 48 Court, Miramar, FL 33027
- 14) **West Broward High School:**
500 NW 209 Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL 33029

Not all shelters may be open during a state of emergency. In the event of an evacuation order, monitor news reports or call the Broward County Hurricane Hotline, 954-831-4000 or 3-1-1, for specific shelter openings.

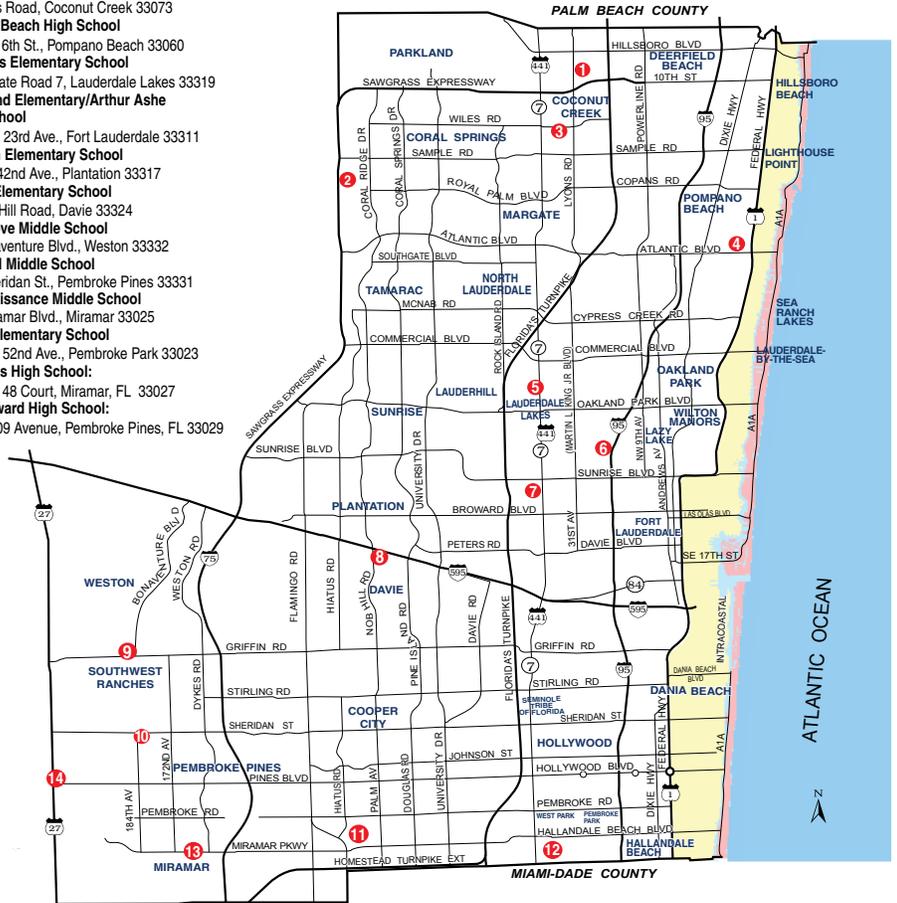
Pet-Friendly Shelter

A pet-friendly shelter operated by the American Red Cross and the Broward County Humane Society is available to residents with pets who either live in an evacuation area, or a mobile home anywhere in Broward County. Pre-registration is required. Call the Humane Society at 954-989-3977.

PLAN A

PLAN B

Typically a Category 1-2 hurricane. Typically a Category 3 or higher hurricane. Those persons located in low lying areas or beside tidal bodies of water should seek shelter elsewhere if conditions warrant. ALL mobile home residents must evacuate in PLAN A and PLAN B. In addition, mobile home residents may be ordered to evacuate if tropical storm conditions warrant.



PET-FRIENDLY SHELTER NOW AVAILABLE

Register Early—Capacity Is Limited!

A pet-friendly shelter is available to pet owners living in evacuation areas and mobile homes throughout the County. The human side of the shelter is operated by the American Red Cross. The pet side of the shelter is operated by the Humane Society. Advance, in-person, pre-registration is required. You can do so at the Humane Society, 2070 Griffin Road, Fort Lauderdale (one block west of I-95) weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., starting June 1. Call 954-989-3977 or visit www.humanebroward.com for details. Call ahead for details on what you will be asked to provide. This is a pet-friendly shelter only, and not a General Population Shelter! The shelter is located at Millennium Middle School in Tamarac.



HOMELESS SHELTERS

Broward County Transit buses will offer evacuation transportation from three assigned pick-up points to four homeless shelters when a hurricane warning is announced and a mandatory evacuation order is issued. For more information, please contact Hurricane Transportation for the Homeless Information at 954-563-HELP (4357) or 2-1-1.



Quick Tip

If you are elderly, frail, disabled, or have a special medical need and are concerned about your sheltering plan, or if you want the latest information on shelter modifications for individuals with disabilities or special needs, contact Human Services Department at 954-357-6385 (TTY 954-357-5608).



1. Grand Opening of Wilton Manor's new **Out of the Oven Bakery**
2. City's annual **Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt**
3. City Commissioner Justin Flippen graduates from the **2015 Citizens Police Academy**
4. **Make It Happen** fundraising event at Richardson Historic Park - *Photo courtesy of Michael Murphy Photographic Studio & Gallery, Inc.*





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

The Island City's Town Crier

Introducing

The Island City Art Market

Art Gallery 21 at the Woman's Club of Wilton Manors

will exhibit and showcase the art of 18 local artists from June 1 to August 31. All art will be available for purchase and each artist has agreed to donate 15% of the sale to Art Gallery 21. Shipping will be available for art lovers who don't live locally or for those who wish to send a gift. We will be using social media to promote our art market and invite you to follow us on Facebook and Pinterest. The purpose of this art market is two-fold:
1) to establish a marketing plan that fits our goal to sell original Florida art;
2) to raise money for the newly incorporated Art Gallery 21, now a Florida not for profit organization.

An art social will be held at 7 PM Friday, June 19th

**Join us to meet the artists and see what all the fuss is about!
And, we serve refreshments!**

Art Gallery 21

at the
Woman's Club of Wilton Manors
600 NE 21 Court, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Call or text 954-661-4740 to make an appointment to see the art. Thank you for your support.

