



# Town Crier

Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

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**City Hall will be closed:  
 Monday, September 7, 2015  
 for Labor Day  
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## Wilton Manors City Officials

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

## City Commission and Board Meeting Dates

All City Commission and most board meetings are held in the commission chambers (2020 Wilton Drive). The public is always welcome to attend. Visit [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) for the most up to date meeting info.

Comm. Aff. Adv Bd 7 p.m.	Historical Society 7 p.m.	Pension Board 5:30 p.m.	Plan & Zone Bd 7 p.m.	Rec. Adv. Bd. 6:30 p.m.
Wed, Sept 2	Thurs, Sept 17	Tues, Sept.1	Wed, Sept 16	Thurs, Oct 15
Wed, Oct 7	Thurs, Oct 15		Mon, Oct 19	
Wed, Nov 4	Thurs, Nov 19		Mon, Nov 9	

The City Commission meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Please Note: The Tuesday, September 22nd Commission meeting has been moved to Monday, September 21st in observance of Yom Kippur.

## 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 Compliance.....	(954) 390-2151
Non-Emergency Dispatch.....	(954) 764-4357
Police/Fire/EMS Emergency.....	911
Utilities/Emergency Management.....	(954) 390-2190

## Stay Up to Date with the City



Get accurate and timely CITY NEWS by signing up for eNews and other notifications by going to the City's website, [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) and selecting the "NOTIFY ME" button or go directly to [www.wiltonmanors.com/list.aspx](http://www.wiltonmanors.com/list.aspx).

From here, you can select to receive any combination of newsletters, safety alerts, bid postings, calendar postings and meeting agendas just by selecting the desired icons.

Because of Florida's public records requirement, the

City does not monitor various social media and does not post information on social media, except for the City's own Facebook page ("City of Wilton Manors"). To get the most accurate information, directly from the City, sign up for "notify me" or "LIKE" the City's Facebook page today!

You can also view the Town Crier on the City's website by selecting the "Town Crier" option under the "RESIDENTS" tab on the homepage. To opt-out of receiving the hardcopy of the Town Crier (saving the City money) send an opt-out email request (including your home address) to [community@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:community@wiltonmanors.com). 

## City Clerk's Corner

### Join the Budget Review Committee

Are you looking to become involved with the City? Do you have a financial background that you would like to share through volunteer service? Consider applying for the City's Budget Review Committee! Applications and resumes are being accepted now until November 2nd.

For more information and a board application, please visit <http://www.wiltonmanors.com/index.aspx?nid=221#>

### Coming Soon - Island City University!

The City of Wilton Manors' first annual Island City University begins this Spring! Learn about the operations and important decision making that occurs on a daily basis in 10 vital City departments. More information to follow in the next Town Crier.



Applications will be available in early November!

If you have questions or comments, please call Kathryn Sims, City Clerk at 954-390-2123. 



### Turn Over a New Leaf!

Each month the City prints useful information on the back of your utility bill. Be sure to check the back of your utility bill each month!

# Message from the Mayor



## **Mayor Gary Resnick** **City Budget to Focus on Public Safety / Improvements Coming to Wilton Drive**

We have been heavily engaged in the budget process and pursuing improvements for Wilton Drive. We are drawing closer to finalizing the City's budget for the new 2015-16 fiscal year (beginning October 1). In mid-June, the City Staff submitted a proposed budget to the Commission and our citizens Budget Review Advisory Committee (BRAC). The staff's proposed budget maintained the same millage or tax rate as the current year. Even with the same tax rate, revenue to the City increased by \$443,439 because of our increases in property values. The good news is that our City's property values continue to increase (this year our increase of 8.6% was the fourth highest increase in Broward County and in prior years, including last year, we had the highest property value increase in the County).

However, we are also facing higher expenditures for increases for police wages pursuant to the City's contract with the Union, raises for city employees, increased pension costs, higher liability and health insurance, and increases in debt service for the loan to re-build Mickel Field.

We have held three workshops and one public hearing on the budget. At the most recent budget hearing, a majority of the Commission voted to increase the millage rate (6.2683 from the original submittal of 6.0683). This additional .2 mills will generate an additional \$210,000 in revenue. We also agreed to spend additional funds to address some urgent needs that have been of great concern to our residents: public safety and increased park security. To address these issues, at my suggestion, the Commission approved hiring an additional Police Officer to address residential burglaries and traffic enforcement and also approved hiring a full time Park Ranger to have an increased presence in our parks. The Commission

also designated increased support for our Library by adding \$5,000 to the book and media budget, bringing the total library budget to \$721,000. Of course, these revisions were made at a workshop. With additional workshops and public hearings, we may be able to identify items to reduce to maintain the same tax rate as this year's .

We have additional public hearings planned for Friday, September 11 and Monday, September 21. We encourage you to attend meetings and contact the Commission to provide input into our budget.

### **Wilton Drive**

We have been working closely with the Florida Dept. of Transportation (FDOT) for further improvements to FDOT- owned Wilton Drive. We received a letter from FDOT recently responding to our requests. FDOT agreed to install safety measures for pedestrian crossing, particularly on the south end of the Drive, near Richardson Park. Ultimately, FDOT agreed to install a traffic light and crosswalk, which will need to be designed, engineered and constructed. In the interim, FDOT will be installing safety measures starting this in September, including advance signage indicating to motorists that Wilton Drive is a pedestrian area and other interim treatments. Our Wilton Manors Police have stepped up enforcement of the speed limits on Wilton Drive and other major streets including Powerline. In addition, FDOT staff toured Wilton Drive with City staff and residents and has agreed to work with the City on other improvements on Wilton Drive. Furthermore, through our continued communications, FDOT will be looking at all our major roadways in the City to improve traffic, pedestrian and bike safety.

As always, please feel free to contact me about any city issue at [GResnick@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:GResnick@wiltonmanors.com) or (954) 390-2123. I appreciate your input and continued support. 

# Prepare for Emergencies with CERT

Feature



*CERT Volunteers at the 2015 Island City Canoe Race*

Free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is available to Wilton Manors residents. With Basic CERT training, you will learn to safely assist yourself, your family and neighbors using basic emergency response and organizational skills. These skills will help save and sustain lives until professional rescue personnel arrive after a disaster. The training also applies to everyday emergencies.

Course content includes: Emergency Preparedness, Basic Fire Suppression, Basic First Aid and Triage, Light Search and Rescue, Disaster Psychology and

Terrorism Response. Following graduation, CERT members are eligible to sign up for continuing education courses such as CPR, advanced medical techniques, refresher courses, etc.

CERT volunteers living in Wilton Manors will be assigned to a team that will serve the area covered by Fire-Rescue Station 16 off Wilton Drive, but are also eligible for assignments throughout Ft. Lauderdale. In addition to disaster response, CERT members also serve their community by assisting at public events such as parades, festivals and concerts.

The CERT training course consists of two classes on two successive Saturdays. The classes are taught by City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue personnel. There is no charge for the training.

### When is the Next Training?

The next training is on October 10 and 17, 2015 (both Saturdays) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Station 53, 2200 Executive Airport Way, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. Pre-registration is required.

Register by contacting Freddy Zelaya at (954) 828-6700 or via email at [FTL.EM@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:FTL.EM@fortlauderdale.gov). 

## Consider Your Pets!

The Humane Society of Broward County has prepared an online guide to inform pet owners of the most humane way to deal with pets in the face of disaster. This information can be found on their website at [www.humanebroward.com/hurricane-news](http://www.humanebroward.com/hurricane-news).

The website contains useful lists of county-wide resources, such as:

1. Pet boarding facilities
2. Hotels that will allow pets
3. Horse boarding facilities
4. Important contact phone numbers and websites

There is also a "Plan Ahead" section that includes a checklist of pet supplies and needs.

Although Broward County has now set up a Pet-Friendly Shelter, you **MUST** be pre-registered before a Hurricane is approaching and, you can only pre-register if you have proof that you live in an emergency evacuation zone (in other words, east of US1) or in a mobile home. You can contact the Humane Society of Broward County's Pet Hurricane Hotline (954) 266-6871.



## Conserve Water in Your Own Back Yard



Here are some helpful tips on how you can conserve water in your own backyard from [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov).

\* Buy plants that are naturally resistant or tolerant to pests so that you can reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides. Poisons sprayed on plants eventually end up in rivers, lakes and streams when they run off lawns during heavy rains.

\* Select and group plants according to their watering needs so that you can eliminate unnecessary watering. Put moisture-loving plants in areas of your yard that hold more moisture, and put plants that prefer well-drained soil in drier areas.

\* Know where the sidewalk ends and where the yard begins. Position sprinklers so water lands on the lawn and shrubs and NOT on paved areas. Water that lands on the sidewalk or roads eventually runs off to stormwater drains that lead to the ocean. Your neighborhood drainage system is not a garbage disposal. Excess fertilizer and pesticides from your yard can pollute lakes, streams and oceans. Lawn clippings can end up clogging street drains and blocking critical paths for water flow.

### Outdoor Water Uses Add Up. Did you know:

- A single lawn sprinkler sprays approximately five gallons of water per minute at a medium flow rate, or 10 gallons per minute at a high flow rate.
- It takes about 660 gallons of water to supply 1,000 square feet of lawn with one inch of water.
- A broken sprinkler head wastes approximately 300 gallons of water in an hour.
- The average garden hose flows at 10-16 gallons per minute.
- A small leak in a garden hose can waste 700 gallons of water per day.

For more information on water conservation, go to [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov).

## Recycle Right – No Plastic Bags

Feature

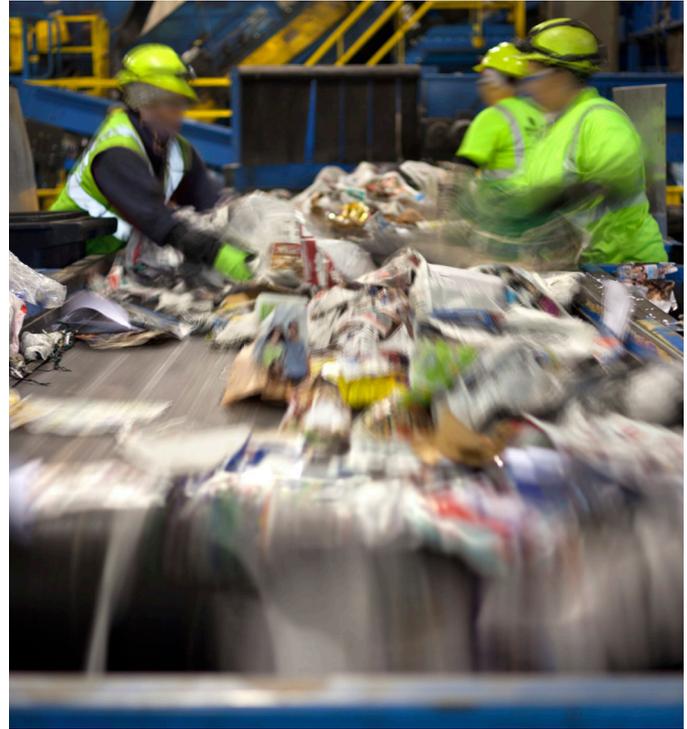


Plastic bags are truly handy. They are lightweight and stretchy; perfect for holding stuff. But because they are lightweight, they blow around becoming litter on our streets and in our waterways. Because they are stretchy, we seem to think they are good for holding our recycling, but that is not true. Neither plastic bags, nor plastic film-like wrap of any kind, can be recycled in your curbside recycling. Here's why:

Your recycling that gets collected from in front of your house is taken to a Materials Recovery Facility, and bags slow down the process or can jam the equipment. They are ripped open by an automated bag ripper and manually disposed of immediately. To recycle right, clean plastic grocery bags should be recycled at grocery stores, which have collection bins by the entrances or exits. Ask customer service where these containers are if you don't see them.

Try reusing your plastic bags a few times. Leave a few in your car for the next run to the store. Stash one in your purse or backpack for that quick stop at the convenience store. Use it for your kitty litter or after walking your dog. The best way to reduce the number of plastic bags you may be managing in a week is to say, "No thank you," at the stores and carry your own reusable totes or canvas bags with you.

Since no plastic film should be placed in curbside recycling at any time, that includes unacceptable material such as plastic film, plastic grocery bags and plastic expanded foam (veggie or meat trays) are also not allowed in curbside recycling. When you purchase beverages by the case, be sure to separate the plastic film



(throw it away) from the cardboard (recycle it). Recyclables become trash when sent to the wrong facility - NO Plastic Bags, wrappers or styrofoam.

*Check out a really helpful YouTube animated video called "How does a Material Recovery Facility (MRF sounds like MURF) work?" for an easy-to-understand explanation of how our recyclables are sorted.*

As recycling partners, when you recycle right, your home town and the environment are all winners. For more information on single-stream recycling, contact Lee Rickles at Sun Bergeron at (954) 680-6100 or [lrickles@bergeroninc.com](mailto:lrickles@bergeroninc.com). 



### What are Swimming Pool Credits and How Can I Get Them?

When you fill your swimming pool you may qualify to get a credit from the City on a portion of your utility bill. Call (954) 390-2100 to see if you qualify.

## New Club Moves to Wilton Manors

The South Florida Depression Glass Club is moving from Hollywood to its new home in Wilton Manors beginning with their September 16th meeting. Their new location will be the historic Wilton Manors Woman's Club, which is located at 600 NE 21 Court. The Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month, except December, at 7 p.m. Their meetings include a business section, a program presented by a member or guest speaker, glass identification/show and tell, and refreshments. The meetings are a fun gathering of both novice and advanced collectors of American glassware, pottery and dinnerware. The September meeting will be an overview of Mt. Washington Art Glass, the October meeting will be about Steuben Glass designed by Fredrick Carder and the November meeting will be their annual White Elephant sale.

The purpose of the South Florida Depression Glass Club is to promote an awareness and appreciation of American made depression era glassware and to encourage glass collecting as a hobby. The Club was founded in 1973 and will sponsor its 42nd annual show and sale next February. The public is welcome to come to one of the meetings and learn more about the Club and collecting American glass. For anyone



wishing to join the club, annual membership dues are \$25. For more information, call Club President John Fiore at 954-564-3821 or go to [www.sfdgc.com](http://www.sfdgc.com).

**stonewall**  
national museum & archives

**At Stonewall National Museum – Wilton Manors Gallery, rotating exhibits, permanent exhibits with items from the Stonewall Archives, and a timeline of American LGBT history amplify the distinctly personal connection of sexuality, gender and civil rights, at the front door of the LGBT community in South Florida right here in Wilton Manors! Stonewall Gallery engages tourists and residents with an ongoing schedule of meaningful, lively exhibits, panel discussions, films, and author presentations year-round. Visit the gallery at 2157 Wilton Drive or check out their website at <http://www.stonewall-museum.org> to obtain information on the current exhibit or the latest in the Stonewall Author or Movie Night Series.**

## Message from the Vice Mayor

City Hall



### **Vice Mayor Scott Newton**

As I stated in the City Commission Meeting of August 11th, and wish to reiterate, in my lengthy tenure on your City Commission, I have seen City Managers come and go and Joseph Gallegos has been the best ambassador for the City of Wilton Manors. He has attended nearly every event in our City, has joined the Kiwanis Club and other groups and has always been present in the community; I have not seen that with other City Managers in the past. I personally appreciate what Mr. Gallegos has done to make Wilton Manors what it is today over the last 16 years, having been hired on as City Manager in 1999, to oversee the redevelopment of our Island City. Joseph oversaw the expansion and redevelopment of our city Parks and Recreation infrastructure, established a modernized administration in a new City Hall facility, envisioned a thriving downtown district which we now enjoy, and ensured our city provides excellent services. His financial management of the City has resulted in a healthy reserve fund and annual audits that confirm strong financial management of our assets. Within the current fiscal year, Joseph oversaw the redevelopment

of Mickel Field Park. If you were able to attend its grand reopening on July 25th, you saw, firsthand, what an amazing transformation was achieved on the City's west-side.

As the City's 2014-2015 fiscal year ends on September 30th, we say a fond farewell to Mr. Gallegos as he retires and a sincere thank you for his leadership and contributions over the past 16 years. It is without a doubt that Joseph leaves Wilton Manors a better place!

With the start of a new fiscal year on October 1st, we begin a new budget, on which the Commission has spent many hours reviewing and fine-tuning. We have a fiscally prudent budget that will allow us to focus on new projects and maintain the safety and security of our neighborhoods. Under the direction of new City Manager Leigh Ann Henderson, we look forward to maintaining our momentum in truly being the best place to "live, work, and play"!

Please contact me at [SNewton@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:SNewton@wiltonmanors.com) if you would like to share your thoughts or suggestions about our Island City. 

## Message from the Commissioner



### **Commissioner Julie Carson** **Help for the Elders**

During my Grandmother's 104 years, she lived through both World Wars; the Model T and Model A; and the terms of seventeen presidents beginning with Theodore Roosevelt. My Nana was cultured by writers like William Faulkner, Willa Cather and F. Scott Fitzgerald. She shared the music of Ma Rainey, Al Jolson and Duke Ellington. She lived in the brushstrokes of a Norman Rockwell painting.

Sadly, in Florida, some 44,000 of our elders experience abuse, neglect and exploitation - a far cry from a Norman Rockwell life. For these vulnerable adults, abuse can be any form of mistreatment that results in harm or loss to an older person including physical abuse like pushing, striking, slapping, burning or other acts that can cause harm; emotional or psychological abuse including verbal berating, harassment, intimidation, threats, criticism, or isolation from family and friends; or sexual abuse such as non-consensual physical contact, rape or coerced nudity. Neglect is the failure to provide the care, supervision, and services necessary to maintain the physical and



mental health of a vulnerable adult. Exploitation is knowingly, by deception or intimidation, obtaining or using, or attempting to obtain or use the vulnerable adult's funds, assets, or property with the intent to temporarily or permanently deprive them of such use, benefit, or possession, including cashing checks without permission; forging signatures; or using an ATM/debit card without permission.

If you believe that a vulnerable adult is being abused, neglected, or exploited, you are required by law (415.1034, F.S.) to report it. Help The Florida Department of Elder Affairs ensure the safety and well-being of elderly persons from occurrences of abuse, neglect or exploitation by reporting suspected abuse. **CALL 1-800-96-ABUSE.**

Locally, The Aging and Disability Resource Center

of Broward County plans, develops, coordinates, and evaluates programs; funds services; and is the prime advocate for residents of Broward County 60 years of age or older. It is the one-stop source of information for senior services in Broward County. CALL The ADRC information and referral staff at 954-745-9779.

As I enter my last year as your City Commissioner, I am committed to advocating for the disabled, the elderly, and others who are marginalized. When we prosper as a City family, no one in our Community should be left behind. The good life that my Grandmother enjoyed in her later days should be the truth of everyone who holds a stake in the future of Wilton Manors.

I welcome your comments by phone at (954) 288-8174 or by email at [JCarson@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:JCarson@wiltonmanors.com).

## Message from the Commissioner



### **Commissioner Tom Green**

After several months of discussion between the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the cities of Wilton Manors and Fort

Lauderdale, there are now agreements on future safety improvements for Wilton Drive. These discussions have been ongoing for several months, but two recent tragedies have spurred efforts to address several safety issues in the streets of Wilton Manors.

After a discussion at the MPO office in May we decided to have a meeting to discuss safety issues on the Drive including both short term and longer term improvements. The meeting on June 4th led to a letter from the city commission to FDOT and a reply from Secretary O'Reilly (FDOT District 4). In their reply, FDOT agreed to improve safety for pedestrians at N.E. 20th Street on the Drive. Their plan includes the following:

\* Placing signs at the intersection by September warning motorists of pedestrian traffic in the area.

\* An interim crosswalk with a blinking light (location decided by August).

\* Shifting the crosswalk at City Hall to N.E. 20th Street (location decided by September but taking one to two years).

A walking tour of the Drive was held on August 6th to gather additional information to develop an initial pedestrian crossing masterplan. The walk included representatives from FDOT, MPO, city staff, the Central Area Neighborhood Association, and other interested parties. This plan is supposed to be ready by October.

I believe it's time to submit an application to the MPO for a Complete Streets Grant. We should submit an application with Fort Lauderdale to improve pedestrian safety from Five Points to Sunrise Blvd. Complete Streets (and safe ones) have to have sidewalks, bike lanes, and landscaping. And I don't believe this can be done without lane reduction. We want Wilton Drive to be a local road and not just a way to get from Oakland Park to Fort Lauderdale. The application now requires FDOT, city and community



support. I think a joint proposal with Fort Lauderdale will have a great chance of being funded by the MPO. Thanks to everyone who attended the dedication of the NEW Mickel Field Park. And thanks to everyone who made it possible, especially the community task force that developed the components of the new park. The dog-friendly community park is going to

be a very popular place for recreation and relaxation. I hope we can add additional “green” features to the park in the future such as electric chargers for phones and cars!

As always, contact me with your concerns and suggestions at [tgreen@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:tgreen@wiltonmanors.com) or by phone to my cell number (954) 290-0561. 

## Message from the Commissioner



### **Commissioner Justin Flippen** **Public Safety, Pedestrians,** **Parks, and Program Funding**

Exercising fiscal responsibility, providing quality city services, and strengthening public safety were campaign promises that I remain committed to

fulfilling as your commissioner.

As the city finalizes the budget, we are looking to create a Special Enforcement Team (SET) within the Police Department dedicated to conducting road patrols, issuing traffic tickets and ridding our parks of illegal activities. Wilton Manors ought to become a pedestrian sanctuary that further encourages safer pedestrian mobility and reduces speeding.

Although Wilton Drive rests under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), I will neither be swayed from achieving traffic, pedestrian, and parking solutions nor be satisfied until the road is narrowed and made safer. If necessary, I would support a further reduction of the speed limit. After receiving unfavorable responses from FDOT about painting speed limits and crosswalks on Wilton Drive, I requested we exert political pressure with a letter signed by the entire commission. FDOT responded and conducted, with city staff, a site inspection. FDOT committed to putting up flashing pedestrian alert lights and a crosswalk at Wilton Drive and NE 20th Street. I successfully moved the city commission to vote in support of staff working with Fort Lauderdale on extending the lane reduction of NE 4th Avenue to

include Wilton Drive, as both are the same road just in different cities. We formalized our commitment to Complete Streets policies, and we must next conduct a mobility study to assess our parking, traffic, and pedestrian needs and how they can be met. The greatest encouragement has been a shift by FDOT in how it assesses mobility. Before, FDOT focused only on vehicular traffic, holding the unrealistic position that we bear the financial cost alone. Now they see the larger picture of corridors providing safer mobility for people, be they pedestrians, drivers, or bicyclists. The future of Wilton Drive should be borne by all partners dedicated to a slower, safer corridor.

Safer, more family-friendly parks are also paramount. In addition to law enforcement, we will consider installing cameras at Colohatchee Park and creating a park ranger position to provide increased programming. The more official park programs we have, the greater the deterrent for other activities. I also support park enhancements including better playgrounds, increased pet-friendliness, and sidewalks.

I worked to have monies finally set aside for the green building incentive program adopted a number of years ago. Programs supporting good public policy and environmentally-friendly building practices should not be left unfunded.

As always, please feel free to contact me anytime at (954) 390-2123 or [JFlippen@WiltonManors.com](mailto:JFlippen@WiltonManors.com). In your service, Justin S. Flippen, J.D. - “The People’s Commissioner” 



# The City Quilt

By Benjamin B. Little, Wilton Manors Historical Society



The City Clerk's office, Kathryn Sims, City Clerk, and Patricia Staples, Deputy City Clerk, continue to surprise and delight with important artifacts of the City's history.

Their latest "find" is "The City Quilt." It was not really a "find;" it was sitting in the vault waiting for someone to ask about it. Kathryn and Patricia have generously taken the time to display it for folks, including Nancy Sawallis, who contributed to it, to view.

July 1976 was a big deal with the Bi-Centennial of the founding of the United States. The Historical Society created this quilt and also spent three years recording interviews, primarily conducted by Jett Schmelz and Dianne Thompson. Joe Beard, long time resident and owner of Audio Duplicating Services, generously converted the cassette tapes to CDs for the Historical Society.

At the center of the quilt is a prominent panel displaying the text, "Wilton Manors Historical Society – A Time for Reflection." There are panels for the Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, a Gold Star Mother, Girl Scouts, and a number of families, including

the Kalis's. Patriotic panels abound. The artists are identified on the reverse of the quilt. Nancy Sawallis, Vicki Goodworth, Doris Beupre, Ginny Hagen, and Dianne Thompson, among others, were major contributors.



It is interesting to note that perhaps the City's tagline was "A City Alive" as this appeared in more than one of the quilt's panels.



There continues to be some mystery around this quilt. We are told that it was to be raffled off, but disappeared. Dianne Thompson, President of the Historical Society, had custody of the quilt for some time, as did Mary Kalis. It got to the City Vault via Diane Cline and Brenda Clanton.



The Historical Society's plan is to look into the feasibility of restoring it (it is not in bad shape) and mounting it in a glass frame. The City Manager's Office is open to discussions about hanging it in City Hall. The quilt is 76 by 44 1/2 inches. We have the names of most of the artists involved. If you have any information about the quilt, or would like more information, please contact the Historical Society at [WMHS@WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org](mailto:WMHS@WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org).

Note that the Historical Society has located a second quilt, made by the Woman's Club in 2000. There is more to follow.

## Message from Leisure Services



**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**

The budget process is underway and the City remains committed to offering many meaningful activities and special events while ensuring library and park facilities meet the leisure interests of our community. We will also continue to rely on our dedicated community members such as the Friends of the Library, Historical Society, Kiwanis Club, Library and Recreation Advisory Boards, Community Affairs Advisory Board and many enthusiastic volunteers to collaborate and assist with excellent delivery of our many programs, amenities and services.

I want to thank you for celebrating festivities during the month of July as we celebrated Parks and Recreation Month. This year Summer Camp was very well attended with more than 260 participants. The camp again offered a showcase of the participants' talents during Parent's Night on Thursday, July 30th at Wilton Manors Elementary School, and the event was attended by over 500 participants and parents. Camp participants read their poetry, participated in acting, dance, line dance, singing, Double Dutch demonstrations, step performances and so much more. It was also great sharing memories together at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Mickel Park, which was held on Saturday, July 25th. Mickel Field went through a \$1.5 million renovation and was renamed Mickel Park. We celebrated the grand reopening with a concert in the park, food trucks, games for children and the ribbon cutting ceremony. Amenities that were added include a new entertainment pavilion, restroom facilities, volleyball court, a ¼ mile walking trail, outdoor fitness area, over 100 new trees, and the

renovation of the existing concession stand, building and ball field.

The City of Wilton Manors' award-winning Youth After School program started August 24th. This program enhances education and helps support the growth and development of our youth teaching them life affirming skills that will enable them to lead effective adult lifestyles. The City also offers a Before Care program this year, which begins at 6:45 a.m. until 7:45 a.m.



The City of Wilton Manors Halloween Spooktacular will be held at Wilton Manors Elementary School on Thursday, October 22nd and the Wicked Manors Street Festival will be held on Wilton Drive, Saturday, October 31st. Taste of the Island will be held again at Richardson Historic Park on Monday, November 2nd from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Our Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held Wednesday, November 11th at 11 a.m. at Hagen Park Community Center.

I hope to see you again this year as we continue to promote a festive atmosphere within the Island City. Please visit us online at [wiltonmanors.com/parks](http://wiltonmanors.com/parks) 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. We have programs, amenities and services available just for you. 

## Sign Up for a Class Today!



### **Fitness Boot Camp**

With the blazing hot summer out of the way, now is the best time to jump back into the best shape of your life. The Fitness Boot Camp program, instructed by local fitness guru Lucky Pericles, will get your body to where you want it to be. The program is held at the newly renovated Mickel Park, 2675 NW 7th Ave., on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 8 a.m. The cost is \$10 per class or \$50 for a 6-class punch card. For more information, call Lucky at (954) 931 - 8711 or visit [www.lucksfitness.com](http://www.lucksfitness.com).

### **Mixed Art Classes**

Explore the fascinating world of expressing creatively through a variety of techniques and materials. We offer an enjoyable, inclusive, and stimulating environment where everyone can participate regardless of skill level. This program is held at the Woman's Club at Hagen Park, Wednesdays 2 -3: 30 p.m. The cost is \$60 per 4-week session and includes all materials. For more information, call (954) 816 - 1345 or email [artandyou@outlook.com](mailto:artandyou@outlook.com).

### **Super Soccer Stars Program**

Super Soccer Stars' goal is to teach soccer skills in a fun, non-competitive, educational environment. Classes are for kids as young as 12 months to 4th graders. This program takes place at Mickel Park on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Times vary. Please call (305) 777 - 7077 or visit [www.supersoccerstars.com](http://www.supersoccerstars.com) to reserve your space or for more information.

### **Empower Hour - Active Movement and Positive Thinking Class**

This program will provide enlightening, evolving and

empowering through movement, music, visualization, yoga, meditation, and aromatherapy. The cost is \$3 for residents and \$4 for non-residents on Wednesday evenings, 6 -7 p.m., and \$1 for residents and \$3 for non-residents on Friday mornings, 10 -11 a.m. This program is held at the Woman's Club building at Hagen Park.

### **Chair Yoga**

Scared you will fall over and lose your balance trying yoga? Chair Yoga is an easy and effective way to get all the benefits from yoga without leaving your seat. Chair Yoga is held every Monday and Thursday at 10 a.m. inside the Woman's Club building at Hagen Park. The cost is \$1 for residents and \$3 for non-residents.

### **Line Dancing 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 is a great way to meet new people, exercise, and have a lot of fun. This is a beginner's class held every Thursday from 7 - 9:30 p.m. at Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28th St. The cost is only \$5 per class. For more information, call (954) 390-2115.

### **Zumba**

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. It's easy to do, effective and totally exhilarating. Classes are held at Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28th St. from 7 - 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information, call (954) 661-9127. 

## Featured Programs



### Wilton Manors After School Program

Where is the “BEST” place to send your children after school? The best place is B.A.S.H (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 healthy snack, assistance with completing homework and an opportunity to develop positive social interactions. Your child(ren) will engage in challenging educational and recreational activities, arts and crafts, and much more.

To register, visit Hagen Park Community Center or call (954)390-2130 or (954) 390-2115.

### Now Offering – Before School Care at Wilton Manors Elementary School

The City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department will be offering Before School Care, beginning August 24th, from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. at Wilton Manors Elementary School, 2401 NE 3rd Ave., for Wilton Manors Elementary School students ONLY.

For more information and to register, call (954) 390-2130.

### 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 a.m. – 6 p.m. A field trip or special activity will be a part of the day. The cost of the program ranges from \$14 to \$25 per day per child and includes the field trip or activity. Children must bring a brown bag

lunch unless otherwise instructed. This program will be held at Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28 St. For more information, please call the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-2130.

### Wacky Winter Camp 2015

**When:** December 21-24 and December 28-31 (Except December 25, 2015), 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Where:** Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28th Street, Wilton Manors

This Winter Camp is a highly-structured eight-day camp with the ultimate in fun planned for the holiday vacation. Any child in school - Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade may participate. The program is planned and supervised by seasoned and certified recreation and child-care professionals from our after school program.

Costs are \$160.00/(\$130.00 second child) for City residents, \$200.00/(\$160.00 second child) for non-residents, or \$25.00 per day for residents or \$30.00 for non residents. T-Shirts, which all children must wear, are \$10 -\$12. Fees include all trips, activities, daily lunch and afternoon snack.

Register now for a Winter Camp to remember! The registration deadline is Friday, December 4, 2015. After the registration deadline, an extra \$10 fee will be charged per child. Bring or mail the completed registration form with payment to Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Friday; and 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Saturday. 



# Mark Your Calendars

## Island City Yard Sales

The City of Wilton Manors sponsors six yard sales each year at Hagen Park/City Hall, 2020 Wilton Drive, on the second Saturday of the month from November 2015 – April 2016. The City yard sales will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spaces are available to purchase for the November 14, 2015, yard sale on a first come first serve basis. Each yard sale attracts 70 to 90 vendors and over 1,000 participants. Tents, chairs and tables are also available for rental through the City. Yard Sales are free to the public. Concessions will be available for purchase, so you can eat while you shop. Vendors sell everything from linens and clothes to plants, furniture and home decorative items. Many vendors specialize in antiques, plants and collectables.

For more information, please contact the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-2115 or (954) 390-2130.

## Halloween Spooktacular 2015

The City of Wilton Manors will host the Annual Halloween Spooktacular on Thursday, October 22, 2015, at Wilton Manors Elementary School (2401 NE 3rd Avenue) beginning at 6 p.m. This year's event will include photos with the Great Pumpkin (bring your own camera), costume contests, food, games, cake walk and hay rides. For more information, contact the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-2130.

## Veterans Day Ceremony

The City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department cordially invites you to join us in honoring the men and women who serve our country. Our Annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, promptly at 11 a.m. inside Hagen Park Community Center. It is a day to be grateful for the members of our armed forces who risk their lives for our liberties. Join us to hear stories and letters home from soldiers in each of the U.S. wars. This is a time to pay tribute to the men and women that made our freedom possible.



## Taste of the Island

Taste of the Island is an evening of food and libation featuring more than 40 area restaurants and drinking establishments. We have many restaurants confirmed for the 2015 event on Monday, November 2nd, including Chima Brazilian Steakhouse and Southport Raw Bar! The event is held at the beautiful Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve, 1937 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, 33305.

The first Taste of the Island was in 2006 and we have grown to over 700 attendees in subsequent years. This event highlights restaurants and drinking establishments from eastern Broward County with "tastes" of their culinary and beverage specialties. We anticipate an even greater number of restaurants participating this year due to the popularity of the event. We will be holding special activities during the course of the evening to further celebrate the 10th annual. Taste of the Island is a rain or shine event. For more information or to purchase a ticket, visit [tasteoftheisland.org](http://tasteoftheisland.org).

# Once Upon a Drive



## Wicked Manors 2015 Will Cast a Spell

Fairytales do come true. This October 31st many of your favorite fairy tale characters will come to life on Wilton Drive. The Pride Center will once again create the largest Halloween Street Festival event of the year. Wicked Manors 2015 - Once Upon A Drive will occur on Saturday, October 31st from 7 p.m. to 12 midnight.

“The Pride Center is excited to put on this street festival for the third year as a fundraiser for our vital programs and services. Through this event, we are able to reach out to the tri-county area and help raise awareness of The Center and all of the good work that we do,” said Robert Boo, CEO.

The Pride Center produces Wicked Manors annually, in collaboration with The City of Wilton Manors. This year Wicked Manors 2015 - Once Upon a Drive, presented by Hunter’s Nightclub, invites you to dress as your favorite fairy tale character.

Wilton Drive will be closed to all traffic from 5 Points to NE 21 Court in order to provide a safe and magical fun time for the 30,000 costumed revelers expected to have a magical fairy tale night. The Pride Center will have 10 beverage stations along Wilton Drive serving Ketel One Vodka and other premium liquors.

“Every costume tells a story so ‘Once Upon a Drive’ is the chance to tell yours,” said Doug Cureton, Wicked Manors Chair. “From the moment you arrive on Wilton Drive, you will be transported to a magical, storyland celebration with over-the-top costumes, décor, music, flash mobs and costume contests with our main stage Diva Emcee – Miss Misty Eyez!”

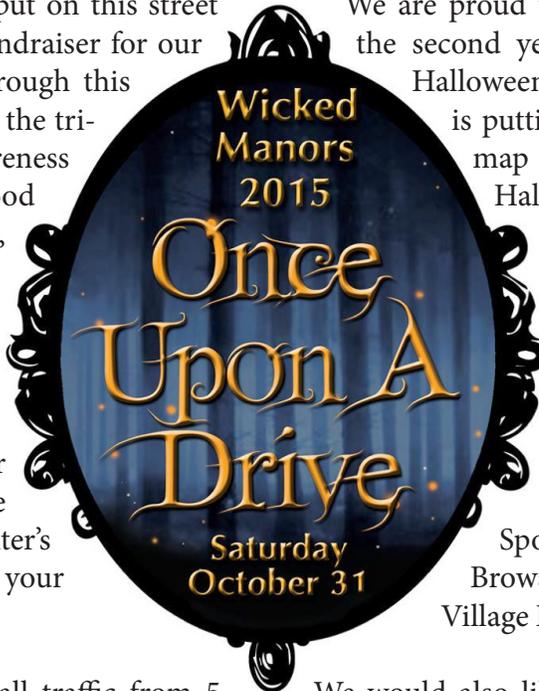
Event planner phenomenon Bobby Kyser, of Panache Style, said, “We are planning to create a magical fairytale feeling on two stages. Get ready for the best year ever!”

Patrick Volker and Mark Seymour, owners of Hunters Nightclub and this year’s presenting sponsor said, “We are proud to be the Presenting Sponsor for the second year and be a part of the largest Halloween event in South Florida. This event is putting South Florida on the national map making it a destination spot for Halloween.”

The Center would also like to recognize the following sponsors who will help make Wicked Manors a reality: VIP Sponsors - Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau; Stage Sponsor – Hits 97.3; General Sponsors – City of Oakland Park and Broward County Parks and Recreation, Village Pub and New York Grilled Cheese.

We would also like to thank our media sponsors: Florida Agenda, Genre Latino, Guy Magazine, Hot Spots Magazine, Liquid Radar, Mark’s List, Next Magazine, She Magazine and South Florida Gay News.

For more information, visit [wickedmanors.com](http://wickedmanors.com). Check out the Wicked Manors Facebook Page for some inspiration and all the latest updates and news! If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, contact Roger Roa, Director of Development at [RRoa@PrideCenterFlorida.org](mailto:RRoa@PrideCenterFlorida.org). All proceeds from Wicked Manors will benefit the vital programs and services of The Pride Center. 



# The City's Tree Removal Process



When homeowners wish to remove trees they should contact Broward County Environmental Protection at (954) 519-1483. Broward County will schedule an inspection to determine if the homeowner needs a Broward County Tree Removal License and if the request meets the removal criteria in order to obtain a license. The following is a summary of the code requirements for single family homes:

For single family or duplex properties, the following exemption in the Broward County Tree Preservation Ordinance applies:

“Removal of any tree on owner-occupied residential properties of one (1) acre or less developed for detached single-family and duplex usage, except the following:

1. Previously preserved, relocated or replaced trees that were preserved, relocated or replaced pursuant to a tree removal license; or
2. Historical or specimen trees;”

Basically what the exemption means is that in most cases on owner-occupied single-family homes, removal of trees 17” in trunk diameter or less do not require a Broward County Tree Removal License. For trees larger than that, whether a Tree Removal License

is required depends on the species and condition of the tree. This exemption does not apply to single family homes which have previously been issued a Tree Removal License (basically newer residential developments), rental properties or unoccupied homes. For those properties and all other property types, any trees that are three inches and above in diameter require a Tree Removal License to remove.

For non exempt trees, in order to obtain a Tree Removal License one of the following conditions has to be met:

1. The tree is in conflict with proposed construction
2. The tree proposed to be removed is in poor condition
3. The tree proposed to be removed is obstructing safe vehicular cross visibility
4. The tree is causing property damage
5. The tree is creating ongoing safety problems

If one of these conditions is met, then a Tree Removal License can be issued providing that replacement tree(s) are planted pursuant to the license. The number of replacement trees required is dependent on the size of the tree being removed. Broward County staff will work with the homeowner to ensure that suitable replacement trees are planted. 

# Capital Projects

Leisure Services



## 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. Construction over the last year has included structural reinforcements, the installation of a new cement floor, and hurricane resistant double doors on the south side of the building. More recently, the City has worked with the Wilton Manors Historical Society to complete additional projects at the carriage house. These included a new outdoor bar, a catering preparation area, siding restoration, painting, a new concrete walkway, and minor landscaping. A courtyard and covered shade pavilion on the north side of the building are being proposed for the upcoming budget year. Additionally, 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. Work on those doors should commence within the next few months. For information regarding the rental



of the Carriage House (or adjacent Manor House), please contact Leisure Services at (954) 390-2130. 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](mailto:tdejesus@wiltonmanors.com). 

## ISLAND CITY PARK PRESERVE

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 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 full kitchen. For further information, please call the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-2115 or (954) 390-2130.

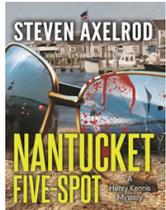


# New eBooks @ Your Library

## The Discomfort Zone

Top leadership coach Marcia Reynolds offers a model for using The Discomfort Zone — the moment when the mind is most open to learning — to prompt people to think through problems, see situations more strategically, and transcend their limitations.

## Nantucket Five-Spot



Henry Kennis, Nantucket Island’s poetry-writing police chief, works a second challenging case in Steven Axelrod’s Nantucket Five-Spot. At the height of the summer tourist season, a threat to bomb the annual Boston

Pops Concert could destroy the island’s economy, along with its cachet as a safe haven for America’s ruling class. Henry traces the origin of the attacks back almost twenty years and uncovers an obsessive revenge conspiracy that he must unravel before further disaster strikes.

## House of Echoes

Ben and Caroline Tierney and their two young boys are hoping to start over. Ben has hit a dead end with his new novel, Caroline has lost her banking job, and eight-year-old Charlie is being bullied at his Manhattan school. When Ben inherits land in Swannhaven, the Tierneys believe it’s just the break they need, and they leave behind all they know to restore a sprawling estate. House of Echoes by Brendan Duffy is a novel that shows how sometimes the ties that bind us are the only things that can keep us whole.

## Pioneer Girl

Pioneer Girl by Bich Minh Nguyen is a the deeply moving tale of a second-generation Vietnamese daughter, the parents she struggles to honor, and the missing brother she is expected to bring home -- even

as her discoveries yield dramatic insights that will free her to live her own life to its full potential.

## Twitter Is Not a Strategy

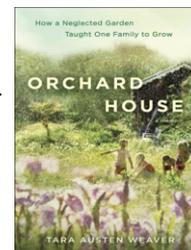
In a cultural climate saturated by technology, marketing professionals have focused their energies on creating newer and more digital methods of advertising their brands, with the fear that if they don’t embrace “Big Data,” they will fade into obscurity. But in Twitter Is Not a Strategy Tom Doctoroff, Asia CEO for J. Walter Thompson, argues that this frenzy over digital media has created a schism in the marketing world that is hindering brands from attaining their true business potential.

## The Real Doctor Will See You Shortly

In medical school, Matt McCarthy dreamed of being a different kind of doctor - the sort of mythical, unflappable physician who could reach unreachable patients. But when a new admission to the critical care unit almost died his first night on call, he found himself scrambling. The Real Doctor Will See You Shortly, a funny, candid memoir of McCarthy’s intern year at a New York hospital provides a scorchingly frank look at how doctors are made, taking readers into patients’ rooms and doctors’ conferences to witness a physician’s journey from ineptitude to competence.

## Orchard House

For fans of Anne Lamott, Orchard House by Tara Austen Weaver is a profoundly moving memoir of rediscovering, reinventing, and reconnecting, as an estranged mother and daughter come together to revive a long-abandoned garden and ultimately their relationship and themselves.



## Island City Book Club

The Library book discussion group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For book titles and further information, please call (954)390-2195, check our web site at [www.wiltonmanors.com/library](http://www.wiltonmanors.com/library), or scan the QR code.



## Youth Services

Your Library



Celebrate the joy of reading with stories, puppets, music, and more.

**Family Storytime** – Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 p.m.  
Children ages 3 and up are welcome.

**Preschool Story Hour** – Monday Mornings @ 10:30 a.m. Ages 2 - 5.

For details, visit the youth services department or call (954) 390-2195.



### Alien Invasion with Rick Huddle

Aliens are invading! With your help, we can save our planet from complete obliteration. Join Rick Huddle in exploring different cultures and discovering the humanity underlying us all.

Songs, comedy, and puppetry will come together in a mini-musical for all ages presented by the Richard C. Sullivan Public Library on Wednesday, September 16th. The fun starts at 5 p.m. at Mickel Park, 2675 NW 7th Ave.

## Friends of the Library



Do you want to help the Library? Join the Friends! The Friends of the Wilton Manors 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, e-book, and audio book collections. They also sponsor Library programs throughout the year. Membership applications are available at the Library and at the Friends' website - [FriendsoftheWiltonManorsLibrary.org](http://FriendsoftheWiltonManorsLibrary.org).

## New Offerings!

### Audio Visual Offerings

The Library has an extensive collection of books on CD. These are great to listen to when commuting or traveling, or while working around the house. In addition to our recorded books, we also have DVDs, not only new releases, but classics as well.

### Wi-Fi Now Available

If you are looking for a Wi-Fi hot spot, you need not look any further than the Library. With funding from the Friends of the Library we are able to deploy a robust and reliable Wi-Fi solution. Access is absolutely free as a service to our users. You cannot print directly from your personal computer, but you can save to a storage device, such as a flash drive, and use a library computer and printer. 

# Murder on the High Seas

Have a great time supporting the Friends of the Wilton Manors Library at the Friends of the Library Fundraiser, Murder on the High Seas – an interactive, pirate-themed murder mystery where participants can:

- Work as a team
- Get as involved as they want
- Wear a pirate costume

**When:** Thursday, September 24, 2015. The hilarity starts at 7 p.m. Sharp!

**Where:** Galuppi's Restaurant, 1103 N. Fed. Highway, Pompano Beach

Tickets are \$45 per person and includes dinner, a fun show, and one drink. The event will also feature a cash bar and fabulous raffle prizes.

To purchase tickets or for more information, visit the library, call (954) 566-8957 (About Town Lock and Safe), email [MurderMystery924@yahoo.com](mailto:MurderMystery924@yahoo.com) or visit [www.FriendsofWiltonManorsLibrary.org](http://www.FriendsofWiltonManorsLibrary.org).



## City to Chlorinate Water System

The City of Fort Lauderdale Public Works Department will temporarily switch to using free chlorine in its drinking water system. This preventive maintenance procedure began on Tuesday, August 11th, 2015 and will end at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15th, 2015.

For more information about 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 24 hour Customer Service Center at (954) 828-8000. The City of Wilton Manors Emergency Management/Utilities Department can be reached at (954) 390 2190 and our current Water Quality Report can be found on the City's website at [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com), in the Utilities Department section.

The City of Wilton Manors will also 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.



## Quality of Life

### Chief Paul O'Connell



We have some excellent news to share with you! The Police Department welcomed Julio Davila as the new Code Compliance Supervisor on August 3rd. He brings with him a wealth of code experience from different areas including Weston and Miami-Dade County. You can reach Julio at (954) 390-2157 or by email at [jdavila@wmpd.org](mailto:jdavila@wmpd.org). No doubt he will lead our Code Team in providing our residents with the quality of life and environment that we all deserve. Welcome aboard Julio!

Although the Wilton Manors Police Department has shared crime and safety information and tips with you in the past, we are going to switch gears in this edition and share some "quality of life" tips we recently read. On February 8, 2015, the Wall Street Journal, published its last Sunday spread after 15 years of sharing a plethora of life guidance. Here are the highlights of that final edition.

#### Some Basic Quality of Life Principles:

Remember: "The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They simply make the best of everything they have." Jayaram

- The biggest time waster: commuting. A study in Sweden found that a long commute increases the risk that a married couple will separate by 40%; not to mention the adverse effect it has on your health!!

- If the primary reason you work at your particular job is for the money; you are lost. Two keys to a fulfilling life are: 1) doing what you are passionate about and 2) spending quality time with family and friends. It is as simple as that! Be happy with what you have and do not be consumed by the relentless pursuit of what you want.

- The Power of being Polite: we see it every day; road rage, cutting in line, people in a hurry because they have forgotten what is really important. Some good advice: slow down and enjoy life. Be polite to people, and it will be returned to you tenfold.

Thank you to the folks at WSJ for sharing so much wisdom over the past 15 years!

As always, the Wilton Manors Police Department is at your service, day or night, 24/7. Feel free to visit our website at [www.wmpd.org](http://www.wmpd.org) at any time or visit us in person at City Hall, 2020 Wilton Drive, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 



## Welcome Julio!

Chief of Police Paul O'Connell and the Wilton Manors Police Department are pleased to announce the recent appointment of Julio Davila as Supervisor for the Department's Code Compliance Unit. Mr. Davila brings over 14 years of Code Compliance experience from both Dade and Broward County, and, most recently, he has spent more than six years with Calvin Giordano and Associates, an industry leader in providing contracted governmental services. His most recent assignment with Calvin Giordano was with the city of Weston, Florida. Mr. Davila holds several certifications with the Florida Association of Code Enforcement (F.A.C.E.). His vast Code Compliance background and regional municipal experience will provide great benefits to the members of the Code Compliance Unit and to our City.

Mr. Davila can be contacted at (954)390-2157 or [jdavila@wmpd.org](mailto:jdavila@wmpd.org). 

## Look Out for Lottery Scams



*“Congratulations! You may receive a certified check for up to \$400,000,000 U.S. CASH! One Lump sum! Tax free! Your odds to WIN are 1-6.”*

Sound great? It’s a fraud.

Scam operators, often based in Canada, are using the telephone and direct mail to entice U.S. consumers to buy chances in high-stakes foreign lotteries from as far away as Australia and Europe. These lottery solicitations violate U.S. law, which prohibits the cross-border sale or purchase of lottery tickets by phone or mail.

Still, federal law enforcement authorities are intercepting and destroying millions of foreign lottery mailings sent or delivered by the truckload into the U.S., and consumers, lured by prospects of instant wealth, are responding to the solicitations amounting to nearly \$120 million a year, according to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation’s consumer protection agency, says most promotions for foreign lotteries are likely to be phony. Many scam operators don’t even purchase the promised lottery tickets. Others buy some tickets, but keep any winnings for themselves. In addition, lottery hustlers use victims’ bank account numbers to make

unauthorized withdrawals or use their credit cards to rack up additional charges.

The FTC has issued these words of caution for consumers who are thinking about responding to a foreign lottery:

- If you play a foreign lottery through the mail or over the telephone, you’re violating federal law.
- There are no secret systems for winning foreign lotteries. Your chances of winning more than the cost of your tickets are slim to none.
- If you purchase one foreign lottery ticket, expect many more bogus offers for lottery or investment “opportunities.” Your name will be placed on “sucker lists” that fraudulent telemarketers buy and sell.
- Keep your credit card and bank account numbers to yourself. Scam artists often ask for them during an unsolicited sales pitch.

The bottom line, according to the FTC: Ignore all mail and phone solicitations for foreign lottery promotions. If you receive what looks like lottery material from a foreign country, give it to your local postmaster. If you believe you’ve responded to a scam, file a complaint with the FTC or your state Attorney General. 

## How to Spot a Traveling Con-Artist

The Extra Asphalt Offer is a common scam of the traveling con artist. Here is how it works: A nice person will knock on your door and tell you they are paving a driveway in the neighborhood and have extra asphalt. They will tell you that it's your lucky day and that they will resurface your driveway for a fraction of the normal price. They are experts at putting you at ease and convincing you to agree. They are really professional criminals and know how to trick you into trusting them. Once you agree to their "deal," they will ask you for a cash down payment and say they will return to do the work. Sometimes they leave with your money and never return. Other times they return, but place the asphalt without preparing the area, so the asphalt is so thin that it only lasts a couple of months. It will look good until weeds come through or the asphalt starts to break up under the weight of a car or heat of the sun.

Asphalt is expensive and a good driveway repair company calculates the amount needed and rarely has any leftover. The company usually throws away the leftovers because it would never be enough to properly resurface another driveway.

Never give cash or do business with a person going door to door. Unfortunately, most are con artists in search of their next victim. If anyone comes to your door offering you a great deal on any repair work, call the Police Department to check them out. An officer will be able to determine if they are a legitimate business.

"My car broke down" is also a common scam of many con artists. Here is how it works: A nice woman with a child or two will knock on your door and tell you



her car broke down. The woman and/or children are trying to get inside your home. Often the woman will make small talk, ask to use the telephone, or ask for water for her children. Once she is able to distract you, the real experts, the children, know to dart into a bedroom and look for jewelry or cash. These small children have been trained to tell the difference between costume jewelry and the real stuff. They know they have only a few minutes to go from room to room and gather anything of value. Who would suspect a small child? If they are caught, the woman will scold the children and go outside to punish them. You will probably never see them again. They will rush to their car with all of your belongings that they were able to take.

Never be tricked into letting anyone into your home. Leave them outside, and contact the Police who will be able to assist them. When people knock on your door or you see someone in your neighborhood that doesn't belong, call the Wilton Manors Police Department. 



**How do I report a Code violation?**

Call (954) 390-2151.





# 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. The City of Wilton Manors has more than eight indoor and outdoor venues to rent that offer:

- Affordable rental rates
- Full service kitchen space
- Stages
- Tables and chairs
- Professional sound system
- Pavilions
- Gazebos
- Grills
- Parking
- And more



For more information call (954) 390-2130 or visit [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com)

## Rental Venues

Features



### 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)

## CANA'S Corner

### *The Heart of Wilton Manors Beats Here ...*



Road Safety: The turn out of more than 100 people to the successful joint neighborhood Cross Roads symposium is a testament to community strength. We appreciate the recent actions by all involved to expedite safety solutions on Wilton Drive. We all need to stay involved and work together to bring about the changes desired by the community. While the lighted crosswalk was proposed at the April CANA meeting, the subsequent Cross Roads meeting, resident and City actions as well as the FDOT response shows the effectiveness of staying on top of an issue in a professional, timely and collaborative manner. CANA expresses its appreciation to everyone involved.



**FDOT Letter:** CANA President sent a letter to FDOT urging quick corrective action on roadway safety.

Walked the Drive: The CANA President, other involved residents, representatives from the City of Wilton Manors and FDOT walked the drive to explore possible temporary and longer-term safety solutions. FDOT has agreed to expedite safety fixes at NE 20th and Wilton Drive using a phased approach. Changing the timing of the existing signals was also discussed. Narrowing of Wilton Drive is not part of the expedited safety fix.

#### **Upcoming Issues:**

- CANA is working on gathering information about the increasing train traffic and quiet zones.
- CANA is working with developers on proposals under consideration.

#### **CANA Meetings:**

CANA meetings are held at 7 p.m. at Hagen Park. Parking is FREE. The next meeting is October 21, 2015. Next meetings are on:

- Feb. 3, 2016
- Apr. 13, 2016
- Jul. 13, 2016
- Oct. 19, 2016 



**CANA CAN!**

**Contact us: [membership@canawm.org](mailto:membership@canawm.org) or visit us: [www.canawm.org](http://www.canawm.org).**

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# Westside Association of Wilton Manors

Updates



The Westside has had a very good summer. We celebrated the grand opening of the new and improved Mickel Park - Big thanks to our Leisure Services Department for hosting a wonderful Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. It was a great day for our entire city, now it's time to get out to the park and do some exercise!

The Andrews Avenue Redevelopment Initiative will start to move ahead now that the city has received the Zoning Study from Keith & Associates. We can expect future meetings to discuss possible changes to existing zoning, incentives for business improvement and other goals. The Westside Association is ready to work with our city officials and with Roberta Moore, Director of the Wilton Manors Community Development Services Department, to bring new life and development to this vital corridor of the Westside and of our city.

WAWM will also work with city officials in dealing with the issue of Sober Homes within our neighborhoods. Working together with Code Enforcement and our WM Police Department, we will continue to preserve the quality of life here on the Westside.

WAWM would like to wish City Manager and Westside resident, Joseph Gallegos, a happy retirement. Many thanks for your years of service to our city. 🍷

Contact us at [wawm.org@gmail.com](mailto:wawm.org@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.wawm.org](http://www.wawm.org).

Sal Torre- President, Rick Ellison- Vice President, Kate Donohue – Secretary, Van Gosselin- Treasurer

Directors- Juan Carlos Cortes, Matt Ferrelli, Jake Valentine





# Schedule for Bulk Trash & Recycling

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

Sept 24      Oct 22      Nov 19  
 Recycling Day: Thursday

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

Sept 22      Oct 20      Nov 17  
 Recycling Day: Friday

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

Sept 23      Oct 21      Nov 18  
 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.

## PLEASE NOTE

City Hall will be closed:

- Monday, September 7, 2015 for Labor Day
- Monday, October 12, 2015 for Columbus Day
- Wednesday, November 11, 2015 for Veteran's Day
- Thursday, November 26, 2016 for Thanksgiving Day

# 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

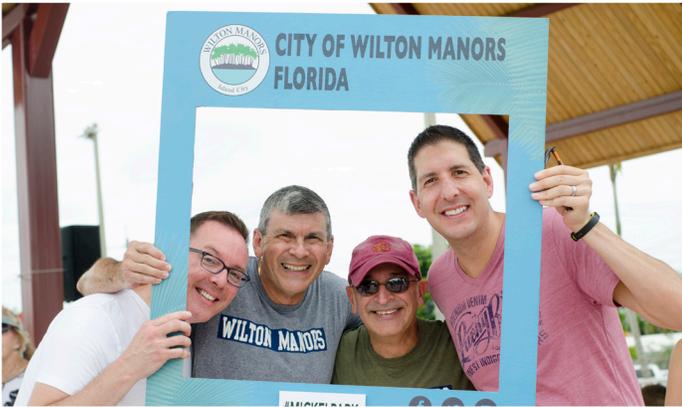
REMEMBER: NO lawn watering is allowed between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm any day of the week! The Code Compliance Unit is issuing citations for violations of the water usage schedule!

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](http://www.sfwmd.org).

Helpful water conservation tips are available at [www.savewaterfl.com](http://www.savewaterfl.com).



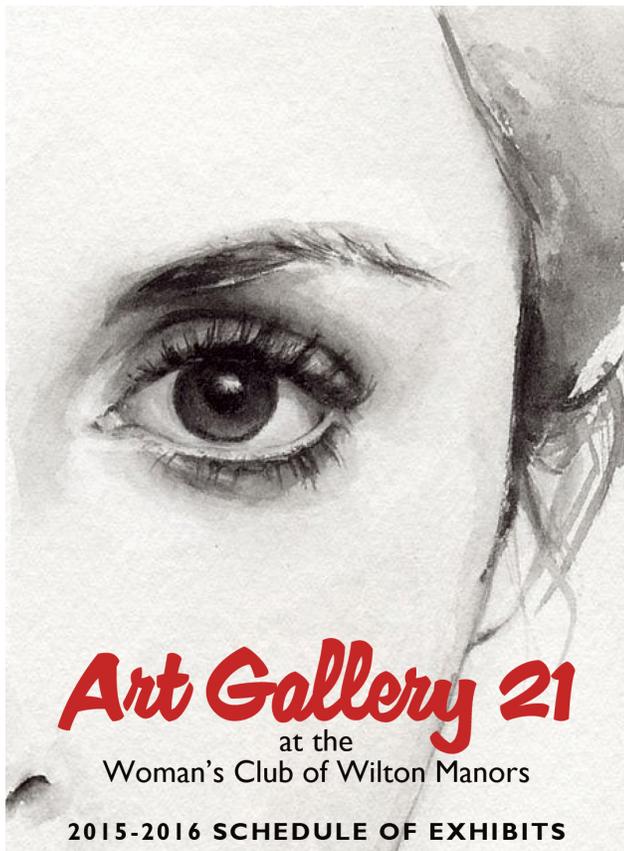
**AROUND TOWN**  
*Mickel Park Grand Re-opening Celebration*  
*Saturday July 25, 2015*





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

## Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City.



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

**2015-2016 SCHEDULE OF EXHIBITS**

### **OCT 23-NOV 27**

The Art of Robert Gross & Celia Diaz  
with Lisa Boyd, Dirk Eberle, Monika Hurter, Angie Riserbato and Aviva Sasson

### **JAN 8-29**

6 Hands Collaborative Exhibit and Workshops  
The Artists: Janet Gold, Deborah Gregg and Andrea Huffman

Saturday, January 23 from 10AM to 1 PM: The Art of Collaborative Art  
Workshop Fee: \$95 per person | Limited to 9 Participants

Saturday, January 23 from 3 to 5 PM: Presented in partnership with Gilda's Club of Fort Lauderdale, An Affirmation Banner Workshop for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers, courtesy of Broward County Creative Investment Program Grant

### **FEB 12-MAR 4**

The 4th Annual Island City Juried Art Exhibition  
Art Intake: Saturday, February 6 from 10:30 AM to 2 PM

### **MAR 18-APR 8**

The Winners Show!  
Showcasing the 3 winning artists of the Island City Juried Art Exhibition

### **APR 15-MAY 6**

The Art of Tyce Marshall  
with Mark Baker, Patti Maceri, Pamela Moloboado, Carl Phillips and Pat Wahl

### **MEET THE ARTISTS ...**

during an art social at 7 PM on the first Friday of each exhibition.

### **GALLERY OPEN FRIDAY 7-9 PM**

And, by appointment. Call or text 954-661-4740.

Art Gallery 21 is located at 600 NE 21 Court, Wilton Manors, FL 33305  
at the northeast corner of Hagen Park, next to the volleyball court.

Art Gallery 21 is a Florida nonprofit organization and works in partnership with the City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department. Rental Inquiries: 954-390-2130.