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Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

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 Presidents' Day

Wilton Manors City Officials

Mayor Gary Resnick • Vice Mayor Scott Newton
 Commissioner Julie A. Carson • Commissioner Justin S. Flippen
 Commissioner Tom Green • City Manager Leigh Ann Henderson
 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 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, Jan 6	Thurs, Jan 21	TBD	Mon, Jan 11	Thurs, Feb 18
Wed, Feb 3	Thurs, Feb 18		Mon, Feb 8	
Wed, Mar 2	Thurs, Mar 17		Mon, Mar 7	

The City Commission meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

Quick Tips for Parking on Wilton Drive:

- Parking Office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- Citations can be deposited at the "payment drop box" across from the commission chamber's entrance.
- Citations can be paid online by visiting www.wiltonmanors.com and following the "online services" link.

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

Parking in the City

Features



City's Long-term Parking Plan

One of the goals established in the City's five-year Strategic Plan for 2015-2020 is to develop a long-term parking plan for the City's Arts & Entertainment District along Wilton Drive. To begin the process of developing that plan, the City Commission held a public workshop meeting on November 17, 2015 to provide information and to get input from the public. The information provided at this meeting is available on the on the City's website: www.wiltonmanors.com/parking.

Next Steps

The next step in the process is an update of the 2009 parking study. This update is now in progress. It is conducted by the City's contracted parking management company, Lanier Parking Solutions, at no additional cost to the City. Among other things, Lanier is looking at parking patterns and the inventory of available parking spaces both at City-controlled meters and lots, and at privately-controlled facilities. They will use this data to develop a set of recommendations for increasing and improving

parking opportunities in the Arts & Entertainment District and surrounding area.

Get Involved

Lanier's information gathering will involve holding two more public meetings to get input from residents, business owners, visitors and anyone else wishing to attend. Several creative ideas were provided by the public at the November 17 meeting, and there is no doubt that you and your neighbors have more ideas to share. Look for notice of these meetings on the City's website, both on the calendar and at www.wiltonmanors.com/parking. To receive email notifications for this and other City activities, go to www.wiltonmanors.com, click on "Notify Me" and sign up for Newsletters.

The ideas from the public and the recommendations from the updated parking study will be combined with input from the City Commission, City staff, the City's Economic Development consultant and other stakeholders to develop the final Long Term Parking Plan. 

Message from the Mayor



Mayor Gary Resnick **A Year in Review & A Look Forward**

First, I hope everyone had a great holiday season and Happy New Year! As we start a new year, I wanted to share some of the City's

accomplishments from 2015, as well as take a look forward to key projects for 2016. We have much to be proud of in Wilton Manors and much still to do.

Transition of City Manager – We accomplished the relatively seamless transition with Leigh Ann Henderson being hired as City Manager effective Oct. 1, 2015. Mrs. Henderson hit the ground running, continuing many projects already in the works, and creating new initiatives to improve our City's delivery of services.

Strategic Plan - Our 2020 strategic plan was completed and work began on the implementation of our goals and objectives. This plan provides the Commission and City staff with a clear roadmap of how to accomplish our goals and is a living document, which incorporates the input of everyone in our City who participated in the process. We will provide a more detailed update on the progress of the strategic plan by May.

Parks, Wilton Drive, Andrews Ave. - In 2015, we celebrated the grand opening of the new Mickel Park and look forward to hosting our upcoming concert series there. Furthering a long-term vision for Wilton Drive, the Commission created and appointed members to the Wilton Manors Business Improvement District, which is charged with improving the Wilton Drive Entertainment District through investment by the businesses located on the Drive. We also initiated a plan to increase and improve parking on Wilton Drive. We worked closely with FDOT on its installation of additional traffic safety devices on the Drive, and FDOT continues to design and implement future pedestrian improvements. We also completed a

study for the redevelopment of Andrews Avenue and Oakland Park Boulevard, with several action steps currently in process that are aimed at attracting new businesses along those corridors.

In 2016, transportation improvements will be made to NE 26th Street, Dixie Highway and NE 16th Avenue, and will include the installation of bicycle and pedestrian lanes. We will be continuing to execute key elements of our capital improvement plan, which call for the replacement of wastewater pipes and lift stations. These enhancements may not be sexy, but are very necessary for the smooth and energy efficient functions in our homes and businesses. Our 2016 budget also funds the addition of two new police officers that will enhance public safety in the City. Lastly, as an Island City, we cannot go forward without evaluating environmentally sustainable policies and actions. Over the next year, a team of City staff will form a climate action committee to plan for the future of Wilton Manors as a resilient and sustainable community.

Finding the correct balance between growth and preservation is always important and I am proud of the small town feel and the sense of place The Island City has long retained. At the same time, Wilton Manors is a highly desirable area, and we continue to enjoy among the highest increases in property values in the County. Our reputation for working cooperatively with the business community, while ensuring that our neighborhoods and commercial areas are well maintained, has allowed us to attract major developers and businesses looking to invest in our City and to attract visitors and new residents.

As always, your input and comments are very important to me. Please feel free to contact me with your questions, thoughts, and input. I can be reached at gresnick@wiltonmanors.com or (954) 390-2123.

I wish all of our residents and businesses a happy and healthy 2016! Thank you for your continued support of Wilton Manors. 🌿



City Hall Staff Update

The City of Wilton Manors is pleased to announce a few changes in city staff. In October, Leigh Ann Henderson took over as City Manager after the retirement of Joe Gallegos. Leigh Ann has been with the City of Wilton Manors as Assistant City Manager for 16 years. She holds a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from Florida Atlantic University, and her commitment to our community, as well as a proven track record, made the selection process an easy one.

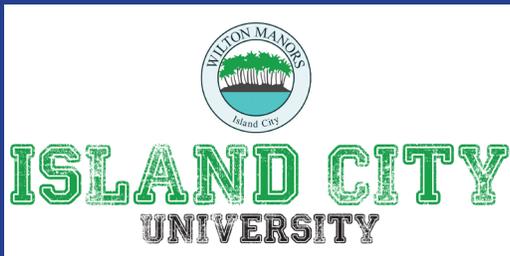
As Leigh Ann takes on her new role as City Manager, we also welcome Pamela Landi as Assistant City Manager.

Pamela comes to us having previously worked for late Congressman E. Clay Shaw as a liaison with cities on issues such as energy as well as beach and Everglades restoration. She holds a degree in political science from Florida Atlantic University where she also held the position of Assistant Vice President for University Relations. Her public service extends to working with Broward County in the intergovernmental relations office.

We hope you join us in welcoming these City staff members to their new roles and the great future to come for our community here in the Island City. 

City Clerk's Corner

ISLAND CITY UNIVERSITY



Ever wonder how your City works? Apply for the first annual Island City University!

During this six-week program, you will learn the 'in's and out's' of every City department and operation. Applications are due by January 31, 2016, but apply soon as space is limited! Classes begin at the end of March. Applications can be found on the City's website by searching "Island City University Application," by email request at islandcityuniversity@wiltonmanors.com, at all City facilities, or by calling (954) 390-2123.

BOARD/COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES



Are you interested in getting involved with your community? Apply for one of our advisory boards! Positions are open on the Community Affairs Advisory Board, the Recreation Advisory Board and the Budget Review Committee.

Board applications can be found online by searching "Board/Committee Application" or by contacting Kathryn Sims at (954) 390-2123 or ksims@wiltonmanors.com.



Community Spirit Awards



Volunteer Appreciation Event, March 2014

The Wilton Manors Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB) has announced the call for nominations for its first-ever **Community Spirit Awards**. This new effort will recognize one outstanding volunteer and one business in Wilton Manors for outstanding volunteer service.

ABOUT CAAB

CAAB is one of several City Commission appointed Boards created to improve the quality of life for those who live and work in Wilton Manors. This seven-member volunteer Board is charged with offering support for and producing activities and efforts that positively impact the community.

THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARDS

“We’re excited to launch the Community Spirit Awards to engage local residents and business owners to acknowledge those who deserve recognition for their spirit of giving,” said Deborah Allen, chair of the Wilton Manors City Community Affairs Advisory Board. “We encourage the community to nominate qualified candidates as we know there are many deserving individuals.”

Volunteer of the Year will be awarded to a Wilton Manors resident who has consistently demonstrated his or her dedication to the community through civic or charitable volunteer service during 2015. The

nominee cannot receive any monetary or personal benefits from their involvement and their volunteer service must be unrelated to their job description.

Volunteer Business of the Year will be awarded to an outstanding business, business association or not-for-profit organization located in Wilton Manors or one that provides direct service to area residents. The entity will be recognized for improving the quality of life for residents and promoting the welfare of the community. The business owner is not required to reside in Wilton Manors.

The selected honorees will be celebrated at the City of Wilton Manors’ annual volunteer appreciation event in May and at a future City Commission meeting.

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS!

Nominations should be 250 words or less and describe the type of work performed by the volunteer, the duration of service, the benefits to the community, neighborhood, group, individual or non-profit organization as a result of the volunteer’s service.

The deadline for nominations is March 21, 2016. To download a nomination form, visit www.wiltonmanors.com or call John Goodnight at (954) 390-2120. 

Recycling in 2016!

Feature



You're Invited to a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event

WHEN: February 21, 2016, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
WHERE: Municipal Complex, 2100 N Dixie Highway

This event is sponsored by Broward County's Waste & Recycling Services and Partner Cities. For further information, please call Broward County's Hotline at (954) 765-4999 or the City of Wilton Manors EM/Utilities Department at (954) 390-2190. Proof of residency is required to participate.

These are the types of items that can be dropped off:

Paint and Thinner Cans, Insecticides and Pesticides, Household Cleaners, Automobile Batteries, Lawn & Pool Chemicals, Fire Extinguishers, Drain Cleaners, Used Motor Oil, Propane Tanks, Tires, Fluorescent Light Tubes/Bulbs

DO NOT BRING:

Explosives, Medical/Biohazardous Waste, Business-Generated Waste

FOR SAFETY

Keep products in original containers (or label clearly if not in original containers).

Keep products in original containers (or label clearly if not in original containers). Tightly seal lids. If leaking, place in large plastic container.

Special Electronics Recycling Collection
 (Recycle your old computers, televisions, fax machines!)

USE RECYCLED PAINT ON YOUR NEXT PROJECT!

If you are planning on doing some exterior painting in the near future, keep in mind that the City participates in Broward County's free recycled paint program. The latex, flat-finish paint is available to City residents in five gallon containers, and currently we have five colors to choose from: beige, off white, grey, terracotta and turquoise. For more information or to schedule a delivery, please call Bob Taylor, City recycling coordinator, at (954) 390-2190. 



OLD CHRISTMAS TREE = NEW ENERGY

The City of Wilton Manors will be offering free curbside pickup of Christmas trees during bulk pick-up in the month of January 2016. Please remove all lights, ornaments and tree stands before placing trees at the curb. The trees will be taken to the Waste-to-Energy Plant and burned to create energy. 

Recycling Guidelines

1) ITEMS THAT CAN BE RECYCLED

The City of Wilton Manors has an “all-in-one” recycling program, so you may place all of your recyclables in the roll-out recycling cart without separating or sorting items. You may recycle paper, plastic bottles, metal and glass, as follows:

- Paper and Cardboard Products: Newspapers and inserts; magazines; catalogs; telephone books; paperback books, office paper, mail and junk mail; cardboard boxes (must fit completely within the cart with the lid closed), cereal boxes and tissue boxes (flatten all boxes for the best use of space), milk cartons, juice boxes.
- Plastic Containers: Plastic bottles (#1 through #7) (rinsed, and without caps). Do not include bottles that contained hazardous materials such as paint, motor oil or pesticides.
- Metals: Steel, tin and aluminum cans (rinsed), including aerosol cans.
- Glass: Glass bottles and jars – clear, brown or green colors only (rinsed, and without caps).

2) ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE RECYCLED

Includes: Dishes, Food contaminated paper or cardboard, Light bulbs, Christmas lights, Paper Plates, Containers stained with food, Hoses, Scrap metal, Styrofoam®, Packing materials (bubble wrap, packing chips), Batteries, Plastic bags, Coat hangers, Plate glass/mirrors, Electronics, Planters, Extension cords, Bottles or containers that held hazardous waste, Toys, Tires, Glassware, Pots, pans, metal utensils or scrap metal, Plastic wrap, Waxed paper, Ceramics, Yard

waste (grass clippings, branches, leaves)

3) PLACEMENT OF THE CART AT THE CURB

In order for the mechanized truck to easily collect your recyclables, please follow these placement guidelines:

- Place cart at curb or within 3 feet from roadway, with the front of the cart facing the street.
- Close the cart lid completely.
- Recycling carts are assigned to a specific property – please do not remove.
- Similar to garbage carts, recycling carts must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day (but not before the evening prior).



- After the recycling has been collected, you are required to remove the empty cart by the end of the same day.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL OF YOUR RECYCLABLES MUST FIT COMPLETELY WITHIN THE RECYCLING CART, AND THE LID MUST BE CLOSED. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING RECYCLABLES, PLEASE CALL (954) 390-2190.

If you have just moved and have a lot of cardboard that is too large to fit in the recycling cart, you may want to flatten it and drop it off at the City’s Drop-off Recycling Center located at the intersection of NE 24th Street and NE 12th Avenue (just east of N Dixie Highway, before the railroad tracks), to ensure that it gets recycled.



What phone number do you call to report that a trash can is constantly in front of a home?

Call (954) 390 - 2151



Message from the Vice Mayor



Vice Mayor Scott Newton

Happy New Year! 2016 is shaping up to be a very exciting year in Wilton Manors. As we start fresh this year, the city has many significant projects in play, including the implementation of our strategic plan, the creation of a climate change initiative, finding ways to increase and improve parking, and the kickoff of a new concert series in Mickel Park.

The strategic plan lays out four priority areas, including proactive public safety, sound governance, strategic growth and redevelopment, and innovating and adapting for the future. In the last category, there is no question that local governments are and will continue to be on the front end of the spear in dealing with the impacts of climate change and sea level rise. Wilton Manors is a signatory to the Southeast Florida Climate Change Compact, and the City Manager has begun to map out a plan for the city with a three pronged approach: first, to educate our staff and commissioners on the facts and best municipal practices; second, to find ways to assist residents in dealing with the effects of climate change; and finally, to create resources for businesses that can be cost effective and climate friendly. City staff attended Climate Change 101 training in December. In the next few weeks, the Commission will be considering passage of our new green building code to encourage energy efficiency. Stay tuned for more information.

In December, the City Commission held a workshop to discuss the development of a long range parking plan. This is such an important quality of life topic, and while our immediate goal is to increase parking, I have long believed that without a plan, change will be reactive instead of proactive. We recently acquired a property behind Wilton Drive at 23rd Avenue, and a new lot for that area is in the design phase. If the lane elimination project being pursued on Wilton Drive is approved by FDOT, additional spaces may be available. Public comment at the workshop offered many additional ideas, including the construction of a multi-level structure, and a central valet service. Our contractor, Lanier Parking, is currently in the process of completing an updated parking study which will get us to the next phase. If you have an idea for parking, please let me know.

Finally, I want you to know about the Mickel Park concerts. Join us on January 15th at 7 p.m. as Mickel Park launches the first public concert of a series. The good times will roll the third Friday of each the month in 2016 during the months of January, February and March. The first concert features Celtic Mayhem who will bring along the fun with some rock and roll and classic rock tunes. All concerts will be held from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. and are FREE to the public. There will be food trucks and drinks available for purchase.

I think you will agree with me: Life's just better here! Please feel free to contact me at snewton@wiltonmanors.com with your thoughts, concerns or ideas. 

Message from the Commissioner



Commissioner Julie A. Carson

Controlling Dangerous Speech Starts in the Island City

At City Commission meetings, participants are asked to abide by the Civility Pledge which emphasizes that the open exchange of public discourse is an essential cornerstone to democracy.

Recent events in the U.S. and abroad remind us that lack of civility, especially dangerous speech, can draw people along a path to mass violence. In fact, research of Susan Benesch submits that “inflammatory public speech rises steadily before outbreaks of mass violence, suggesting that it is a precursor or even a prerequisite for violence.” As Americans, we are quick to see that freedom of speech is not infringed. However, how can we preserve the fundamental right to free speech (controversial, repugnant, or otherwise) but limit dangerous speech

when it serves to catalyze violence?

Anti-Muslim hate speech on the Internet is commonplace and can motivate some people to commit acts of violence against Muslims according to a report released by Muslim Advocates, a legal and advocacy group. Ideologues opposed to Row vs. Wade, manufacture and disseminate vicious lies that incite violence and the murder of women who simply seek legal family planning services. Speech included in, and actions related to, cyber bullying; anti-transgender bias; xenophobia; misogyny; homophobia; racism; hatred; and religious fanaticism are all forms of dangerous speech that need to be silenced by members of a thoughtful and civil society.

Julie Mattheai in an opinion article notes that America remains the only country in the world without legal protections against hate speech. In any other country,

those instigating hate and violence would have been taken before a Human Rights Commission and subsequently fined, imprisoned and/or stripped of certain rights. In the US, people are allowed to freely provoke hatred and violence against vulnerable minorities with impunity.

Public displays of rudeness, ridicule, impatience, and personal attack prevent a fair discussion of issues. Adopting the Civility Pledge in our own lives can assist us in reaching consensus at home, in government, and elsewhere in our lives. The next time you start to repeat some hate speech, think about the possible consequences and speak civilly instead.

I welcome your comments about this or any City issue by phone at (954) 288-8174 or email at JCarsonwmfl@gmail.com. 

Message from the Commissioner



Commissioner Tom Green

There was good news and bad news from the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit held in the Florida Keys during the first week of December. The bad news

was that sea-level rise is happening and the scientific modeling shows the effect that this will have on South Florida. Unusually high tides have flooded streets in the Las Olas Isles area of Fort Lauderdale, the South Lake area of Hollywood and parts of Miami Beach. The data shows that Miami-Dade County will have the largest loss of land, but Broward will have the greatest disruption to the largest number of people. There are low-lying areas of South Florida where there are projections of sea-level rise of six to 12 inches by 2030. And long before there is physical inundation of property, there will be serious consequences to our water supply and coastal aquatic life. More bad news is that government bureaucracy at the federal and state level seems to make little progress possible.

The good news is that Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties have formed a regional compact to work on these issues together. And progress is being made. Miami Beach has already installed pumps to operate during the unusually high "King Tides." In Miami-Dade and Monroe counties, new utilities plants

are being built up to 17 feet higher to withstand expected higher water levels. While some coastal communities are changing their shorelines to allow for places for water to go, densely populated Broward seems to be concentrating on "flood proofing" with higher sea-walls and drainage/pumping scenarios.

One interesting piece of state legislation involves Senate Bill (SB) 1094. This bill affects local comprehensive plans by requiring local governments to include measures that would minimize flooding risk in future development and redevelopment projects. Unfortunately, there are no rules yet for compliance. This is the first time that any state statute has included the mention of sea-level rise. The term is frowned upon by the governor. I hope that the expected revision of the Green Building Code of Wilton Manors will help in some small way on this issue. In the future, the city will need to start planning changes in county and city land use requirements and zoning.

I hope the holidays were a happy and rewarding time for you. It's a great time to be with friends and family and to think about the many positive things we have by living in a small-town community like Wilton Manors. We have outstanding city services, parks, many helpful non-government organizations and a great library. And we can walk many places without having to get in our car. And hopefully in the future we will see a great

expansion of safe bicycle paths in our city.

Don't forget to contact me with your comments and suggestions by emailing me at tgreen@wiltonmanors.com.

com or phoning me directly at (954) 290-0561. It is an honor serving as your city commissioner. 

City Hall

Message from the Commissioner



Commissioner Justin S. Flippen **New Year, New Opportunities**

Happy New Year to you and your family! The beginning of a new year is accompanied by renewed energy, which I am harnessing to focus on the ongoing work from this past year and some exciting new opportunities.

As chair of the Broward League of Cities' Youth Leadership Committee, I want those of you with high school students to be aware of the league's 2016 Scholarship for Government Students for graduating seniors planning to pursue a major in public administration, political science, or other government-related field. The Broward League will award \$1,000 scholarships to four outstanding students demonstrating strong communication and leadership skills. Scholarship applications are due by February 11, 2016. For applications and more information, visit www.browardleague.org.

Having an approach to growth and economic development that protects our small town quality of life is important. The city has taken steps to work with FDOT and Fort Lauderdale on lane reduction for Wilton Drive. This process will take time, but I remain committed to reducing the number of vehicular traffic lanes on Wilton Drive, increasing the pedestrian and bicycle-friendliness of our corridors, and making roads safer and less of a speedway for folks to zoom through our city. Our police have stepped up traffic enforcement, and as I have said before, if the speed limit needs to be lowered, I would vote to support doing so. The commission created Wilton Drive Business Improvement District and the more citywide focused Economic Development Task Force are two boards whose missions and membership have my support, as both play important roles in the economic vitality of our city. The recently adopted new tag line "Life's Just Better Here," will be used in marketing to prospective residents, businesses, and

visitors while retaining our Island City identity. An economic development consultant is being brought in to assist the city in future planning. With the corridor studies of Andrews Avenue and Oakland Park Boulevard now complete, this consultant along with city staff will help determine how we might best promote growth and development along those roads. Whatever is done, I will be attentive to the neighborhoods that border these corridors, protecting their residential quality of life. To that end, I recently sat down with John Fiore, Paul Rolli, and Sal Torre, the presidents of ENA, CANA, and WAWM - our three homeowner associations - to discuss residential community concerns including city development, vacation home regulations, and other quality of life issues. This is consistent with my belief and approach to our city that we are too close and well connected of a community to be divided into regions of East, Central, or West. There is but one Wilton Manors, and a holistic citywide approach to issues impacting us is what governs my policy making as your public servant.

We will be taking a fresh look at the city's green building code as we seek to foster more environmentally responsible approaches to development. This along with the city undertaking climate change education and training are important to the sustainability of Wilton Manors.

As always, please feel free to contact me on any matter you deem important to our Island City, where together we have come to know "Life's Just Better Here!" 

In your service,

Justin S. Flippen, J.D.
"The People's Commissioner"
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2015 In Review

By Benjamin B. Little, Wilton Manors Historical Society



Last year may have been the busiest year in the 40-year history of the Wilton Manors Historical Society. There have been huge accomplishments; small accomplishments; important milestones; treasures unearthed; and unprecedented community participation.

The most obvious accomplishment is the restoration and repurposing work at the 1925 Willingham Carriage House at Richardson Park. A year ago, it was an empty building with very suspect structural integrity. It is now verging on being a jewel of a rental venue. There is a fully functioning air conditioned catering preparation area and a Dade County wood bar which is the envy of Wilton Drive. The anticipated patio and canopy are underway on the north side. As for structural integrity? It was nothing that couldn't be fixed by jacking up all four sides of the building, and the center, one at a time, and replacing beams, joists, sills and headers with antique wood, and adding a new cement floor. The new doors are works of art. Ned Willingham, who originally built the building, might be a little confused with the fuss, but George Richardson, Sr. would applaud us for improving on his golf course "snack bar."

Supporters of the City and the Historical Society contributed more than \$50,000 to the effort. Almost half of this was raised at a party in March which included a matching grant.

Because of our successful fundraising, our financial reporting requirements to the State and the IRS

as a 501(c)(3) have become more complicated. This is a small but important milestone, smoothly accomplished. We have made a minor change to our internal accounting processes to accommodate this.

We have uncovered some treasures. A quilt, sponsored by the Historical Society in 1976, was discovered in the City vault. A second quilt, created by the Woman's Club, was discovered in the Historical Society storage area. There are more treasures. A major focus of the Historical Society going forward will be to properly catalogue all its holdings.

We published five articles about Wilton Manors history. There were another eight or nine articles written by others about our activities! We gave a talk to the Rotary Club at John Knox Village on the history of Wilton Manors. We received about 20 email queries to our website from all over the country, all of which we responded to. We even received the occasional phone call! We send our brochure, which includes a brief history of the City, to all new residents. Our history book continues to sell.

We continue to partner with Leisure Services on events like the Mickel Park opening, the Veterans Day ceremony, the We Do event, and the Taste of the Island, and various initiatives from the City Manager's Office and Community Development Services. We are arranging a plaque honoring William Miller, the City's first Attorney. We provided the photos for the Sun-Sentinel Broward 100 feature.

We look forward to another busy year. 



Join the WMHS



WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING

Join the Wilton Manors Historical Society at its **2016 Annual Meeting** on **Thursday, January 21, 2016**, at **7 p.m.** in the Manor House at Richardson Historic Park, 1937 Wilton Drive. Parking is free for meeting attendees.

Come at 6:30 p.m. and enjoy refreshments with us and *take a tour of the progress that has been made at the Willingham Carriage House before the meeting begins!*

We will highlight our progress on the Restoration and Re-Purposing of the Willingham Carriage House. We will report on the Society's varied activities, and elect Directors to the Board.

The Society depends on its annual membership dues for many of its activities. Please join or renew your membership at the Meeting or with the form to the right. Or go to our website and pay with PayPal or a credit card.

Remember you can find our book **Wilton Manors: From Farming Community to Urban Village** for sale at the Library and at local and on-line booksellers.

Mary G. Ulm, President

WMHS@WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org

The Historical Society is an IRS 501(c)(3) approved tax exempt not-for-profit corporation.

Support the Historical Society

Annual Dues - \$25.00

(per household, organization, or business)

To join, or renew and pay for your membership on-line go to: **WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org** then click on Join/Donate.

Or, complete the form below, attach a check made payable to Wilton Manors Historical Society, and mail to:

Wilton Manors Historical Society
2020 Wilton Drive ■ Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Name(s):

Address:

City, State, Zip:

E-mail Address(es):

Phone Number(s):



Parking Information

Information on the City's parking program is available online at www.wiltonmanors.com/parking.

The Parking Office

The City's parking management contractor, Lanier Parking, has an office at 517 NE 21 Court in the Gables complex. You can pay parking citations in person at their office or by phone at (954) 566-3704. Online payments can be made at www.wiltonmanors.com > Online Bill Pay > Pay a Parking Citation. There is a \$2 fee for online payments.



Message from Leisure Services

By Director Patrick Cann



I would like to personally wish you a very Happy New Year, and I look forward to sharing many fun and memorable times with you. Reflecting on the many activities and events from the past year reminds me of the many wonderful experiences we shared. Some of the opportunities to spend time together were at special events such as the Classical Concert, Tennis Tournament, Waterway Cleanup, Eggstravaganza, Yard Sales/Book Fairs, Fleet Week, Annual Volunteer Lunch, Canoe Race City Anniversary, Stonewall Parade and Street Festival, Mickel Park Ribbon Cutting, Parent's Night, Alien Invasion, Halloween Spooktacular, Wicked Manors Street Festival, Taste of the Island, Veterans Day Ceremony, World Aids Day, Holiday Lighting Ceremony, Santa By Sea and Santa's Enchanted Evening. These events would not be possible without our many community partners, businesses, sponsors, volunteers and, of course, your participation. I am really looking forward to joining you in 2016 for many more enjoyable and meaningful experiences.



Veteran's Day Ceremony

We are truly grateful for your participation and will continue to pursue creating fun, festive and appropriate forums for quality library and recreational experiences. Please join me at Mickel Park for our Free Music in the Park, scheduled January through March 2016. There will be live entertainment, food trucks and lots of fun. You can also participate in the Mayor's Chess Challenge, Brains and Balance, Boot

Camp, toddler development programs, kayak and waterway programs, table tennis, asphalt and hydro-grid tennis, and take advantage of our amenities, such as the indoor fitness center, outdoor fitness zones and walking trails, nature walking trails and so much more. There will also be programs you can participate in to enhance tree canopy and aesthetics, including a tree give away and a tree planting program. Additionally, the City is working toward being more pet friendly by adding pet litter stations around City parks. Your support in assisting with this program as responsible pet owners is truly appreciated. Also, if you are aware of anyone interested in sponsoring a pet-friendly litter location, please feel free to contact me.

The City remains committed to offering many meaningful activities and special events while ensuring library, recreation and park facilities meet the leisure interests of our community. There were many projects completed this past year that support quality of life, such as repurposing Mickel Park by adding a walking trail, entertainment pavilion, shelter, fitness zone, sand volleyball court, a community meeting room, catering facilities and an expanded tree canopy. Also, at Island City Park Preserve, the basketball court was refurbished with a new asphalt court, new concrete goals and new backboards. The pavilion was also expanded with pavers.

Please visit us online at 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.

“Q: What can we actually do to be helpful to the world? A: Make a gift of your life and lift all mankind by being kind, considerate, forgiving, and compassionate at all times, in all places, and under all conditions, with everyone as well as yourself. That is the greatest gift anyone can give.”

David Hawkins

Upcoming Events



Check out, join & share these events on the City's Facebook page!

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 on a first-come-first-served basis. Each Yard Sale attracts 70 to 90 vendors and more than 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.

ANNUAL CLASSICAL CONCERT

The City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department invites you to attend our Classical Concert at Hagen Park Community Center on Monday, January 25, 2016. The concert begins at 7 p.m. and there is no charge for the event. Leisure Services collaborates annually with the Piatigorsky Foundation from New York City to provide performers for this anticipated event. This year, we are happy to announce that we will have the pleasure of experiencing the musical talents of Katharine Dain and Jeffrey Grossman. Katharine Dain is a highly praised and experienced soprano who has performed and been recognized internationally for her talents, and Mr. Grossman is a pianist, known for

his “musicality in every style,” who co- leads the acclaimed baroque ensemble “The Sebastians,” while also performing with many other highly regarded concert groups from the New York metropolitan area.

LIVE MUSIC AT MICKEL

Mickel Park is set to host its first concert series! The good times will roll the 3rd Friday of the month in 2016 during the months of January, February & March. The first concert is scheduled for January 15, and the Ty Billings Band will be bringing along the fun with some rock and roll and classic rock tunes. The February 19th concert will feature Jam Port Authority, and on Friday March 18, local favorite, Otis Cadillac and the El Dorados will rock the town with their classic R & B, Root Rock & Roll and Blues sound. All concerts are held from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. and are free to the public. A food truck and cash bar will be available.

ISLAND CITY OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Join us and your community for a day of tennis and fare at the Island City Open. The Island City Open tennis tournament will be held at Hagen Park Tennis Center January 30th – 31st, 2016. There will be all divisions: Men's and Women's Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles A, B, & C Levels. The event will feature plenty of good tennis matches, a tasty BBQ and lots of fun.

Sponsorships are available. For more information, contact Donna Kocyba at (954) 390-2132 or donnatennis1@aol.com. 



Sign Up for a Class Today!



BOOT CAMP GOLD

Senior Boot Camp Programs are one of the hottest trends in fitness! Hagen Park is offering Boot Camp Gold, brought to you by the same guys who have provided us the Brains and Balance Past 60 program. This innovative program features an incredible variety of age appropriate boot camp activities available for participants age 60 and older. You will experience sustainable drill and activities to improve, enhance and maintain strength, cardio capacity, balance, agility and even cognition. Get up, get out and get over to Hagen Park for Boot Camp Gold on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. The cost is \$30 for a six-week session. Ongoing sessions available, so sign up at any time. For more information or to register, call 1-800-244-1344.

EMPOWER HOUR- ACTIVE MOVEMENT AND POSITIVE THINKING CLASS

Learn to control your emotions, reduce stress and anxiety, and focus your energy on the most important aspects of living. This program will provide enlightenment, evolution and empowerment through movement, music, visualization, yoga, meditation, and aromatherapy. The cost is \$3 for residents and \$4 for non-residents on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m., \$1 for residents and \$3 for non-residents on Friday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. This program is held at the Woman's Club building at Hagen Park. For more information, contact Trish at (954) 804-8184.

FITNESS BOOT CAMP

A New You Starts Today! It's 2016 - time to jump

head first into that healthy New Year Resolution. Boot Camp is offered at Mickel Park Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7-8 p.m. and Saturday and Sundays at 8 a.m. Fitness Boot Camp is instructed by Lucky Pericles, a local fitness professional with one goal: Providing REAL people, with REAL workouts that produce REAL results. The cost is \$10 per class or \$50 for a 6 class punch card. For more information, please call Lucky at (954) 931-8711 or visit www.facebook.com/LucksFitness, [instagram.com/lucksfitness/](https://www.instagram.com/lucksfitness/) or @LucksFitness on Twitter.

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 is encouraged to participate regardless of skill level. This program is held at the Woman's Club building at Hagen Park, Wednesdays 2 -3:30 p.m. The cost is \$60 per 4-week session and includes all materials needed. For more information, please call (954) 816 - 1345 or email artandyou@outlook.com.

NFL YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL PROGRAM

Flag Football is here! The NFL is bringing the Nation's largest Flag Football League to Wilton Manors for kids ages 4-14. This program will be held at Mickel Park. All games, which will be led by coaches who have been screened and trained, will be played on Sunday afternoons with an hour of practice before the games. The eight-week season begins January 24, 2016 and ends March 14, 2016 with an end-of-season

Classes Cont'd.



tournament. The registration fee for the league is \$125 and includes an NFL jersey and a flag belt. The City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department will be accepting registrations through to Saturday, January 2, 2016.

For more information, please call 954 248-2090 or visit www.nationalflagfootball.com.

START SMART SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Start Smart Sports Development prepares children (ages 3-5) for organized sports in a fun, non-threatening environment. This program allows children to work one on one with a parent to learn a variety of sports skills including: throwing, catching, kicking, and running/agility. Start Smart offers exercises that become increasingly more challenging as the class progresses and children show improvement. The program is only \$30 per six-week session and is instructed by Recreation Leaders from our Leisure Services team. So don't just throw your child into a youth league without them learning the basics first. Class space is limited, so sign up today. For more information, please call the Leisure Services

Department at (954) 390-2130.

SQUARE DANCING

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 Street in Wilton Manors. The cost is only \$5 per class. For more information, call (954) 390-2115.

ZUMBA WITH OBEY 1

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! Classes are held at Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28TH Street from 7 - 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information, call (954) 661-9127. 

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

RICHARDSON HISTORIC PARK & NATURE PRESERVE RENTALS

Richardson Historic Park & Nature Preserve is now available to host your next social event. The Manor House features a food preparation area with refrigerator, ice machine, warming oven and microwave. The 30'X64' pavilion has a capacity of 150 and offers water, electricity and a large grill. Also for rent is the soon to be completed Carriage House, which will feature an outdoor gathering space and attached bar prep area. For more information, to schedule a tour of these facilities or to see how we can meet your event needs, please call us at (954) 630-3118.

Featured Children's Programs



WILTON MANORS BEFORE AND AFTER CARE PROGRAM (B.A.S.H.)

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 healthy snack, assistance with completing homework and an opportunity to develop positive social interactions. Participants engage in challenging educational and recreational activities, arts and crafts, and much more. Most importantly, B.A.S.H. is a place for children to have fun before and after a long school day. This program is held at Wilton Manors Elementary School, 2401 NE 3rd Avenue.

To register, please come by Hagen Park Community Center, 2020 Wilton Drive Wilton Manors or call (954) 390-2130 or (954) 390-2115.

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. to 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/child and includes the field trip or activity of the day. Children must bring a brown-bag lunch unless otherwise instructed. This program will be held at Island City Park Preserve in Wilton Manors at 823 NE 28 St. For more information, please call the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-2130. Upcoming School's Day Out dates and activities include:

Friday, January 8, 2016 – Jungle Queen (lunch included)

- Registration deadline – Friday, December 18, 2015
- Costs - BASH participants \$18, residents \$23, non-residents \$28

Monday, February 15, 2016 – Galaxy Skating Center (lunch included)

- Registration deadline – Friday, February 5 2016
- Costs - BASH participants \$16, residents \$22, non-residents \$26

All Campers must wear Wilton Manors lime green camp t-shirts. After registration deadline, an extra fee of \$10 per child will be charged.

ADVENTURE SPRING CAMP

The Leisure Services Department will offer a five-day Spring Camp for children ages 5 – 13, from March 21 to March 25, 2016. The camp will be held from 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Island City Park Preserve, 823 N.E. 28th Street.

The fees (which includes all trips, activities, daily lunch and afternoon snack) are as follows:

Resident:

1st Child - \$100 for all 5 days, \$25 per day

2nd Child - \$75 for all 5 days, \$25 per day

Non Resident:

1st Child - \$125 for all 5 days, \$30 per day

2nd Child - \$100 for all 5 days, \$30 per day

The registration deadline is Friday, March 4, 2016. After registration deadline, an extra fee of \$10 per child will be charged. For more information and a registration form, call (954) 390-2130. 

Capital Projects & Grants in the New Year

FIRST ANNUAL WILTON MANORS FREE TREE GIVEAWAY

The City of Wilton Manors will be conducting its first annual Free Tree Giveaway on January 23, 2016 at Mickel Park. Free trees and shrubs will be available to City residents. The event will start at 8 a.m. Supplies are limited and will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Residents will be able to choose from six different tree species. The trees will be young and in three-gallon containers for easy transport and planting. Each household will be allocated at least two trees, and proof of residency is required. Prior to receiving plant material, residents will be required to visit educational stations related to the National Wildlife Federation, proper planting and pruning, tree selection, and “right plant – right place.” Look for information regarding tree species in the near future!



NATURESCAPE COMMITTEE

The City of Wilton Manors has been actively involved in Broward County’s NatureScape program for more than 12 years. We are dedicated to protecting our environment and we encourage residents to conserve natural resources and certify their homes or businesses as NatureScape habitats. At this time we are looking for additional members to join our NatureScape Committee. This Committee will help organize a free lecture series, assist with the Free Tree Giveaway, provide guidance for residents wanting to certify their yards, and be environmental stewards for the City. The City of Wilton Manors is proud to have been a Certified Natural Wildlife Habitat for the past 12 years. Please contact Todd DeJesus at (954) 630-3101 or tdejesus@wiltonmanors.com if you are interested in becoming part the NatureScape team. If you are interested in having your property certified as a National Wildlife Habitat, please call (954) 390-2130.

ISLAND CITY PARK PRESERVE BASKETBALL COURT

In December 2015, the City completed improvements to the existing basketball court and adjacent pavilion at Island City Park Preserve. This project was funded through Broward County’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The basketball court has been resurfaced and is now a regulation-size facility. New backstops have also been installed. The pavilion has been stained, and a new paver surface was installed.

TREE TRUST FUND - STREET TREES FOR RESIDENTS

The Tree Trust Fund is a program that provides residents with one or more trees for their swale area. The City works with a contractor to plant trees in City rights-of-way and maintains them for one year. We are developing a plan for the next phase of the tree trust fund program at this time. If you are interested, please contact Todd DeJesus at (954) 630-3101 or tdejesus@wiltonmanors.com by February 5, 2016. 

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& YOU COULD WIN!

Visit the City of Wilton Manors’ Facebook page at www.facebook.com/OfficialWiltonManors and like the page during the month of January 2016 to be entered to win a FREE month pass to Island City Fitness Center at Hagen Park.

New eBooks @ Your Library



PlanetFall

From Emma Newman, the award-nominated author of *Between Two Thorns*, comes *Planetfall*, a novel of how one secret withheld to protect humanity's future might be its undoing.



Wake Up Happy

In *Wake Up Happy*, Michael Strahan distills the wisdom he's gleaned from his childhood years in Europe, where he grew up as the youngest child in a tight-knit community on a military base; his time with the NFL where his sheer discipline and willpower made him a Hall-of-Fame, legendary football player; and his broadcast career, which puts him in contact with the heartland of America every morning.

The Court and the World

In *The Court and the World Justice*, Stephen Breyer examines the work of SCOTUS in an increasingly interconnected world, a world in which all sorts of public and private activity -- from the conduct of national security policy to the conduct of international trade -- obliges the Court to consider and understand circumstances beyond America's borders. At a time when ordinary citizens may book international lodging directly through online sites like Airbnb, it has become clear that judicial awareness can no longer stop at the water's edge.

Things No One Will Tell Fat Girls

Things No One Will Tell Fat Girls is a manifesto and call to arms for people of all sizes and ages. With her trademark wit, veteran blogger and advocate Jes Baker calls people everywhere to embrace a body-positive worldview, changing perceptions about weight, and making mental health a priority.

America's Bank

America's Bank by Roger Lowenstein illuminates the tumultuous era and remarkable personalities

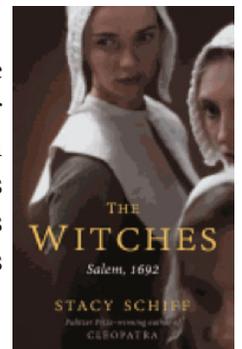
that spurred the unlikely birth of America's modern central bank, the Federal Reserve. Today, the Fed is the bedrock of the financial landscape, yet the fight to create it was so protracted and divisive that it seems a small miracle that it was ever established.

One Killer Force

In *One Killer Force*, a deadly terrorist threatens American freedom in the next Delta Force adventure in the New York Times bestselling series by Dalton Fury.

The Witches

In *The Witches*, Stacy Schiff, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Cleopatra*, analyzes the Salem Witch Trials to offer key insights into the role of women in its events while explaining how its tragedies became possible.



Golden Age

Jane Smiley's *Golden Age* is the third book of a trilogy about a farm family from Iowa, which takes them from the late 1980s through the present and into the future.

Twain & Stanley Enter Paradise

This novel by Oscar Hijuelos chronicles the sojourn of journalist-explorer Henry Stanley, his wife, the painter Dorothy Tennant, and Mark Twain, Stanley's longtime friend, as they head for Cuba in search of Stanley's father.

Find A Way

On September 2, 2013, at the age of 64, Diana Nyad emerged onto the shores of Key West after completing a 110 mile, 53 hour, record-breaking swim through shark-infested waters from Cuba to Florida. Her memoir, *Find a Way*, shows why, at 64 she was able to achieve what she couldn't at 30 and how her repeated failures contributed to her success. 

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Youth Services @ Your 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, as well as eBooks and digital magazines. Membership applications are available at the Library and on the Friends' web site - www.FriendsoftheWiltonManorsLibrary.org.

Join the Friends at the Island City Yard Sale on Saturday, January 9 and the Winter Book Fair on Saturday, February 13. Both events will be held from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Hagen Park. Used books, CDs, audio books, DVDs, and videos will be available in exchange for a small donation. Top sellers range from books on tape to children's DVDs, from cookbooks to gardening manuals.

All donations benefit the Wilton Manors Public Library. The Friends will also take your donations of books and audio and video materials at the Book Tent, or you may drop them off at the Library, at 500 NE 26th Street.

- **Preschool Storytime** – takes place every Monday at 10:30 a.m. This program of songs and stories is for children ages 2 to 5 and their parents and caregivers. 10:30 a.m. Children ages 2 to 5 are welcome.
- **Family Storytime** – Stories, songs and more, every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. This fun program is for ages 3 and older. 





Be Safe 2016

By WMPD Chief Paul O'Connell



Protecting your personal information has never been more important! You have had your identity stolen or you have heard the horror stories from your friends who have had their identity stolen. We have labeled

this scary situation: "When Bad Things Happen to Your Good Name." Here are four suggestions from Denise Richardson (www.givemebackmycredit.com) on protecting yourself.

First, be alert to impersonators. Avoid giving any personal information to a person who has contacted you; by phone, internet or mail. Many times these people are not who they say they are. If a company that claims to have an account with you sends an email asking for personal information, do NOT click on links in the email. Instead, contact the company through customer service in an effort to verify the validity of the original contact.

Second, keep passwords private and use strong passwords with numbers, letters or phrases which are personal to you. Do not share this information because once in the open, this information can be easily shared with others.

Third, social media is a wonderful way to share your life with your family and friends. But, you must always remember that once this information is posted, it is there for the world to see. Never post your full name,

home address or work place information.

Fourth, before you dispose of a computer, delete all the personal information it stores. Use a wipe utility program to overwrite the entire hard drive. Also, remove the memory or subscriber identity module (SIM) card from your mobile device.

Coming soon!

The Wilton Manors Police Department's Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is back! Just as in the past three years, this latest edition will be a unique opportunity for citizens within our community to view what we do and how we do it. In essence, WMPD gives these students a look "behind the curtain" and into our professional world. Classes will be held on ten (10) consecutive Thursday nights from January 28 – March 31, 2016; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Please visit our website at www.wmpd.org, and click the link for Programs found in the left column to access the Citizens Police Academy page, which contains all the information you will need to apply for this exciting program. Even more exciting...it is FREE!

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 (the hours are M – F, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., (closed on Sunday), or visit our website at www.wmpd.org for all the information you need to contact us or report code issues, etc. 



Where do I get a building permit?

Building permits are available from the Community Development Services Department. The department is located on the second floor of the City Hall building. From the lobby, take the stairs or elevator to the second floor.

Walking & Running Safety Tips



With the holidays coming to a close and everyone wanting to “work off” all the delicious treats and libations, more people will take to the streets for a brisk walk or a relaxing run. While doing so, it is very important to observe rules of safety and etiquette whenever you go out for that run or walk. This is especially true during winter months when the sun is down by the time everyone gets home from work. This means that most of you will be exercising in the dark. By following a few safety rules, you will be sure to have a stress free walk or run.

Proper Dress: If it is dark when you go out for your walk or run, be sure that you are dressed to be seen. Drivers at night or even in early mornings sometimes aren't on the lookout for walkers and runners. Wear light colored or reflective clothing and shoes. Many brands of running and even walking shoes have reflective material on them. The worst type of clothing to wear while out for a walk or run in the dark is blue, black or navy. These colors render the walkers/runners almost invisible to traffic. If you do not have reflective gear or light colored clothing, a white T-shirt works just as well.

Face the Traffic: If your routes for walking/running do not have bike paths or sidewalks, always walk/run in the direction facing oncoming traffic.

Never Walk Alone: If at all possible, run or walk with someone. Not only does this increase your safety, but it can also make your walk more enjoyable. If you walk or run alone, try to tell someone which route you will

be taking and what time you think you may return.

Walk or Run Defensively: Please don't assume that all drivers know about the Pedestrian Has Right-of-Way Rule because many of them do not.

Lose the Jewelry: Leave the valuables at home. The only accessory you need is a watch with the stopwatch function.

Change it Up: Don't establish regular running or walking patterns by taking the same route at the same time every day. Try and keep a step ahead of any potential muggers by varying your routine when you go out.

Self-Defense: You may want to carry handheld spray devices that contain mace or something similar. They fit comfortably in your hand and are easy to use.

Carry Identification: Always carry some form of identification in case of an emergency. If you are away from home on vacation or a business trip, make a note of the address where you are staying.

Keep Right: Many walkers and runners don't know this, but if you wind up walking or running on a bicycle or pedestrian path, always stay on the right hand side so that faster walkers, runners and cyclists can easily pass. If there are two or more of you, don't hog the path.

Ditch the Headphones: That way you will be alert to any potential dangers whether it's a dog, a fast-approaching car or the sound of other people around you. 



Protect Against Identity Theft



Identity theft is a crime in which an impostor obtains key pieces of personal identifying information (PII), such as Social Security numbers and driver's license numbers, and uses them for their own personal gain. It can start with lost or stolen wallets, stolen mail, a data breach, computer virus, "phishing" scams, or paper documents thrown out by you or a business (dumpster). With South Florida being number one in the country in identity theft cases, here are some tips to assist residents to avoid becoming the victim of identity theft.

- Don't give out your SSN unnecessarily (only for tax reasons, credit or verified employment.) Before providing personal identifiers, know how it will be used and if it will be shared.
- Use a cross-cut shredder to dispose of documents with personal information. Also, use a specialized gel pen when writing out checks.
- Place outgoing mail in collection boxes or the U.S. Post Office.
- Know your billing cycles and contact creditors when bills fail to show up. Review bank and credit card

statements carefully.

- Password protect your financial accounts. A strong password should be more than eight characters in length, and contain both capital letters and at least one numeric or other non- alphabetical character. Use of non-dictionary words is also recommended.
- Don't give out personal information on the phone, through the mail or over the Internet unless you initiated the contact.
- Use firewall software to protect computer information. Keep virus and spyware software programs updated.
- Reduce the number of preapproved credit card offers you receive: 888-5OPT-OUT
- Order your free annual credit reports on-line at: www.annualcreditreport.com or by calling (877) 322-8228
- You may also "freeze" your credit report.

If you feel you have been a victim of identity theft, please contact the Wilton Manors Police Department at (954) 764-HELP. 



Discover the City's Financial Documents Online

Copies of the City's budgets and annual financial reports are available online. From the city's website, click on "City Departments" and then on "Finance Department" for a list of the documents that are available.

Comply with the City Code

Public Safety



MAINTAINING YOUR DRIVEWAYS & SWALES

A common violation throughout the City is the maintenance of driveways and swales, and it has led to a focus for the Code Compliance Unit. We have received many complaints from our residents, which inspections revealed to be valid. What these inspections revealed is that these areas which are used for parking, have become deteriorated over time and have not been maintained in a timely manner. Though asphalt, concrete and rock are the most commonly approved surfaces being used for parking, the City's Code requires all properties to be kept in a neat and orderly appearance, and yet there are many paved driveways with cracks, potholes and faded striping. There are also many rock driveways and swales where neither can be clearly identified, as there is sand and grass where there was rock or the grass has deteriorated completely. A common issue with rock parking areas is that they have merged with the rest of the property, and it is difficult to tell what was once an area designated for parking.

Since these quickly deteriorating parking areas are the result of the continued parking of vehicles, they require timely upkeep. This means maintenance that provides easily identified areas, as well as a neat appearance. An appropriately kept property should have very little to no vegetation on clearly outlined rock driveways and swales. Paved driveways should be smooth, without potholes and ruts, and the striping on multifamily properties should not be faded. These areas are next to our roads and make a big difference to the appearance of properties throughout the community. Therefore, it is important to maintain them. For the past year, we have been fielding inquiries and inspecting parking areas accordingly, and we will continue to do so, to keep beautifying our City. 



How do I report an abandoned vehicle?

Call (954) 764-4357 (HELP)



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

Photos of event at Richardson Historic Park by Michael Murphy Photographic Studio & Gallery, Inc.





Rental Venues in the City



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) 

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

CANA'S Corner

The Heart of Wilton Manors Beats Here ...



INTERESTED, INVOLVED, INVESTED

- CANA President attended a meeting with Commissioner Flippen and other association Presidents. He solicited input from members and discussed the issues brought forward including: balancing development with neighborhood zoning and land use, vacation rentals, crime, traffic safety issues, code issues and corridor improvement along Andrews Ave. and Oakland Park Blvd., impact of Walmart on residents, etc.
- CANA President keeps active at City Commission and other City Meetings for the benefit of the residents and recently attended meetings of the BID Board and the Parking Workshop

A BIG CANA WELCOME.....

- CANA Board presented a welcome letter to City Manager Leigh Ann Henderson at its October meeting
- Pamela Landi, Assistant City Manager
- Julio Davila, Code Compliance Supervisor
- Island City Stage to their Dixie Highway location bringing theater to Wilton Manors
- Daniel Keester, resident representative appointed to BID Board, a position requested by CANA



ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

- The lighted crosswalk sign at NE 20th and Wilton Drive was installed in late October as initially requested by CANA in April

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

- Join or pay membership dues by using PayPal via the CANA website
- Changes proposed to Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws will be voted upon at February meeting

CANA MEETINGS:

CANA meetings are held at 7 p.m. at Hagen Park. Parking is FREE. The next meeting is February 3, 2016. Next meetings are on:

- February 3, 2016
- April 13, 2016
- July 13, 2016
- October 19, 2016



CANA CAN!

Contact us: membership@canawm.org or visit us: www.canawm.org.

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

Westside Association of Wilton Manors

Updates



Best Wishes for the New Year

WAWM is looking forward to another great year for the Westside and for our city!

We are looking to continue the momentum on the following projects by working together with city staff and our elected officials:

- Andrews Avenue Redevelopment Initiative
- Seeking grant funding for the Mickel Field playground
- Powerline Road Resurfacing Complete Streets Project
- NW 29th Street Complete Streets Project
- 33305 Zip Code Project
- Improved Public Safety and Code Enforcement



2016 MEETING DATES

- January 14 – General Membership Meeting
- April 7 – Annual Meeting

The 2016 Annual Meeting will be the election of WAWM’s Board of Directors. We encourage members to become more involved! For more information about serving on the Board of Directors or as Area Representative, please contact Sal Torre at salmtorre@gmail.com.

All meetings are held at Hagen Park Community Center, starting at 7 pm. Parking is free during the meeting.

Why Join WAWM?

New to the Westside? Not yet a member of your neighborhood association? Here are some of the benefits of joining WAWM and participating in your community:

- Promote & support ideas and projects that will directly impact your neighborhood.
- Be informed about neighborhood activities including crime prevention, code enforcement, and local government.
- Bring neighbors within the community together to support cultural, economic, educational, and recreational activities.
- Keep the community informed on the Association’s position on relevant issues and on the City’s plans and activities.
- Aid government officials in the diligent pursuit of their duties & obligation to all people and businesses of WAWM

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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:

Jan 21 Feb 18 Mar 17
 Recycling Day: **Thursday**

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

Jan 19 Feb 16 Mar 15
 Recycling Day: **Friday**

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

Jan 20 Feb 17 Mar 16
 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.



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 a.m. - 10 a.m. and/or 4 p.m. - 11:59 p.m.
EVEN Street Addresses	Thursdays & Sundays	12 a.m. - 10 a.m. and/or 4 p.m. - 11:59 p.m.

REMEMBER: NO lawn watering is allowed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. 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.

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



AROUND TOWN

1 & 2. Mayor Resnick and Commissioner Flippen interviewed for a documentary on the American LGBT experience by a film crew from Venezuela as part of a State Department supported documentary on LGBT life in the US. The film will offer insights into life in the Island City and air March 2016.

3. Mayor and City Commissioners attend the grand re-opening of Island City Stage

4. Participants at Taste of the Island 2015





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JANUARY 8-29, 2016

6 Hands Collaborative Exhibit

The Artists:

Janet Gold, Deborah Gregg and Andrea Huffman



Saturday, January 23 from 11 AM to 1 PM: An Affirmation Banner Workshop for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers, courtesy of Broward County Creative Investment Program Grant. Presented in partnership with Gilda's Club of Fort Lauderdale.



Meet the Artists Friday, January 8 from 7 to 9 PM

CALL FOR ART!

for the 4th annual

Island City Juried Art Exhibition

Art Intake: Saturday, February 6 from 10:30 AM to 2 PM

Cash Prizes, Ribbons and Special Exhibit for the Winners!

Complete Rules & Entry Form available at www.artgallery21.org

Awards Ceremony: Friday, February 12 at 7 PM

Art Gallery 21

at the

Woman's Club of Wilton Manors

600 NE 21 Court, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Gallery Open Fridays 7-9 PM and during Wilton Manors Art Expo