



# Town Crier

Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

March / April 2016



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Monday, May 30, 2016 for  
 Memorial 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](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, Mar 2	Thurs, Mar 17	Tues, Mar 1	Mon, Mar 7	Thurs, Apr 21
Wed, Apr 6	Thurs, Apr 21		Mon, Apr 11	
Wed, May 4	Thurs, May 19		Mon, May 9	

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](http://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

# Prune Your Trees Before the Season

Feature 

It's time to think about pruning your trees. Although the City has not experienced an active hurricane season recently, it's still important to do some preparation at this time of year to minimize damage in the event of a storm during the 2016 hurricane season. Damage from trees becomes a major issue after a hurricane, so it is essential to make sure they're pruned before hurricane season begins.

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

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

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



remove all of the trimmings before they leave.

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

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

## Spring Ahead to Prepare for Disasters

Daylight Saving Time starts on the second Sunday in March each year (Sunday, March 13, 2016) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency encourages everyone to use the change to daylight saving time as a reminder to implement emergency preparedness measures that will keep you and your family safe. This is also a great opportunity to review disaster response plans and restock disaster kits.

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



# An Update from the EMU Director



Your Emergency Management/Utilities Department has several major projects planned for this fiscal year, namely:

### **NE 16th Avenue Roadway Improvements**

**Estimated End Date:** May 2016

This project has just started and consists of adding sidewalks, bike paths and traffic calming installations on NE 16th Avenue, from NE 26th Street north to the bridge. It is anticipated that this will assist in making the neighborhood pedestrian-friendly and alleviate residents' traffic concerns.

### **N Dixie Highway Roadway Improvements**

**Estimated Start Date:** February 2016

This project will take place on N Dixie Highway, from 5-Points south to the City limit, and will include roadway resurfacing, new sidewalks, adjustments to existing sidewalks, crosswalks, bike paths, landscaping, drainage improvements and raised intersections.

### **Completion of Encoded Water Meter Project**

**Estimated End Date:** May 2016

This final phase is underway and will convert all of the City's water meters to encoded water meters. Encoded meters can be read by radio transmission; a

method that is much more efficient and eliminates the possibility of human error causing inaccurate meter readings.

### **Water Main Replacements – NE 2nd Avenue and NE 3rd Avenue**

**Estimated End Date:** April 2016

The existing 6" water mains on NE 3rd Avenue, from NE 21st Street to NE 26th Street, and NE 2nd Avenue, from NE 21st Street to NE 28th Street, are in dire need of replacement. The City has contracted with Murphy Pipeline Contracts Inc. to complete the necessary replacements using a pipe-bursting system.

All of these projects may involve roadway lane closures or detours during construction, and we would appreciate your caution and patience during this process. We will be sending updates and traffic alerts on these projects to the relevant neighborhood associations. So, if you live in an area that might be affected, we would encourage you to ensure you're on the distribution list of your neighborhood association in order to receive these updates. And, as always, if you have questions about any of these projects, please feel free to contact the City's Emergency Management/Utilities Department Director, David J. Archacki at (954) 390-2190 or [darchacki@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:darchacki@wiltonmanors.com). 

# Message from the Mayor



Spring has come to Wilton Manors! Traditionally a time of renewal in the natural world, with azaleas, mangoes and lemon trees in full bloom, spring has sprung in our City. Similarly, it is an exhilarating time of year as our staff and the Commission work to

make life better for all our residents. In January, the City was recognized by the Florida Department of Health as a 2016 State Surgeon General Healthy Weight Community Champion for all our efforts in positively impacting the health of our community. We are creating opportunities year-round for you to improve your physical fitness. I invite you to take a walk on the path at Mickel Park, join the Island City Fitness Center, play a round of tennis, or sign up for the 5K Race on April 10th that will be taking place on Wilton Drive.

We are incredibly fortunate to have so many residents and business owners who are actively engaged in the effort to make our little patch of paradise an even better place. Wilton Manors has a long tradition of volunteerism and civic engagement and we would not be where we are today without each of you. Our

Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB) will be awarding our first ever Community Spirit Awards. Nominations are due March 21. Wilton Manors has long been a leader in protecting our environment. Did you know that Wilton Manors offers a Carbon Calculator online to allow you to determine CO2 emissions that contribute to global warming? In January, the Commission adopted a Green Building Code to create incentives for residents and businesses to create buildings that are more environmentally friendly.

Have some time? Attend one of our many social events, sign up for a class, visit our library or volunteer a few hours a week. The City could use your help, and recent studies have proven that volunteering for a good cause improves our happiness quotient. We also have more than a dozen nonprofit organizations based in Wilton Manors that would welcome your involvement. Check out the calendar on [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com), or call (954) 390-2120 for more information.

As always, I welcome your feedback and comments. Please feel free to contact me at [GResnick@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:GResnick@wiltonmanors.com) or (954) 390-2123, and thanks for your continued support! 



## Submit Your Nominations TODAY!

The Community Affairs Advisory Board is still accepting nominations for its first-ever Community Spirit Awards, which will recognize outstanding resident and business volunteerism in our City. Nominations are due by March 21st. More information and a nomination form can be found on the City's website at [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) by selecting the "Community Spirit Awards" button (bottom left-hand column) on the home page.

# Free Services from the City

## FREE EVENT SHRED YOUR DOCUMENTS HERE

Sponsored by:



WILTON MANORS RESIDENTS ONLY

Saturday, April 16th from 9-11am  
Hagen Park on Wilton Drive

[WiltonManorsHomesForSale.com](http://WiltonManorsHomesForSale.com)

Adrienne Foland, MBA, GRI, Realtor®



### Free Smoke Alarms for Wilton Manors Residents!



**American Red Cross**

Seven times a day, someone in this country dies in a home fire. The American Red Cross is launching a nationwide campaign to reduce the number of home fire deaths and injuries by 25 percent over the next five years. We're joining with fire departments and community groups nationwide to canvass neighborhoods, install smoke alarms and deliver fire prevention information in places we know have high numbers of fires. The Red Cross is also asking every household in America to join us in taking the two simple steps that can save lives: checking their existing smoke alarms and practicing fire drills at home.

If you want a free smoke alarm, register with Karon today by calling (954) 797-3803 or by emailing [Karon.Davis@redcross.org](mailto:Karon.Davis@redcross.org)

You must be a Wilton Manors resident to qualify. First come, first served. Installations will be conducted Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Once you register, you will be informed of the exact day and time that the Red Cross will come to your neighborhood to install your free fire alarm.



Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB)

Invites You to Save the Date for:

### BIKE/GENERAL SAFETY DAY

Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Hagen Park Parking Lot

Event activities include:

- Bike/Safety Giveaways\*\* | Bike Safety Obstacle Course
- WMPD Bike Registration | Bike Safety Inspection and Presentations



\*\* Limited to residents while supplies last. Proof of residency required.

For more information, please contact Johnnie Goodnight at (954) 390-2120

or [jgoodnight@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:jgoodnight@wiltonmanors.com)

# Register Your Residential Property

Feature



Are you currently renting your home or considering placing it for rent? If so, are you aware that you are required to register your rental property with the City of Wilton Manors prior to having tenants? Residential Rental applications can be found on the Community Development Services Department's web page or by visiting the Department on the second floor of Wilton Manors' City Hall. The fee is \$50 per rental unit and the rental license must be renewed every year prior to January 1. Prior to the issuance of a Residential Rental License, each residential rental property must be inspected and found in compliance with all City of Wilton Manors' Code of Ordinances and any applicable codes that provide for the safety, health and general welfare of the occupants of the property. 



## You're Invited to the Kiwanis Chili Cook Off

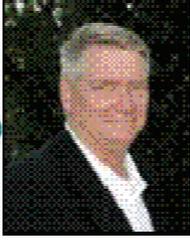
Get your chili spoons ready for the Kiwanis Club of Wilton Manors' Chili Cook-Off.

**When:** Saturday, April 2 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**Where:** Kiwanis Clubhouse, 2749 NE 14 Ave., Wilton Manors.

Tickets are \$10 per person before the event and \$15 at the door. Chili cooks can enter up to three chilies in the cook-off contest for a fee of \$20. To sign up or for more information, email [Chili@wiltonmanorskiwanis.org](mailto:Chili@wiltonmanorskiwanis.org) or call (954) 561-9785 extension 702. Money raised from the event will be used to fund Kiwanis programs, including the backpack program which provides weekend meals to needy children. For more information about the Kiwanis Club of Wilton Manors, visit [www.wiltonmanorskiwanis.org](http://www.wiltonmanorskiwanis.org).

# Message from the Vice Mayor



## **Vice Mayor Scott Newton**

Did you join us at Mickel Field Park to get your free trees? The first, hopefully annual, Wilton Manors Tree Giveaway on January 23<sup>rd</sup> was a big success, with almost 300 trees being provided to residents of the city. It was a beautiful, if blustery day, and it was terrific to see so many residents come out. As everyone knows, trees reduce carbon dioxide, increase shade, provide habitat to the birds and the bees and increase the value of our property. Big thanks to Waste Management, Keep America Beautiful, and all the volunteers who made the event go smoothly.

Mickel Park is just one of several beautiful parks and green spaces in Wilton Manors. You can walk, run, cycle or paddle to your hearts content here in the Island City, and again, entrance and most uses are free. For more information about the City's park system, check out Wilton Manors' Parks on the City's

website (at [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) and select Parks & Facilities from the Residents menu).

While we are on the subject of Mickel Park, check out the City sponsored Live Music at Mickel scheduled for March 18, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Otis Cadillac and the El Dorados will be playing Classic R&B, Root Rock & Roll and Blues. Mickel is such a great place to relax and listen to music – bring your lawn chairs, blankets and picnic dinners. And by the way, it's free!

On March 13 we will "spring forward" and daylight savings time will begin once again. Longer days and balmy temperatures mean more time spent outside and Wilton Manors has many outdoor leisure activities. Come out to the Island City Yard Sale March 12 or April 18, the last of the season.

I would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me at [snewton@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:snewton@wiltonmanors.com) with your thoughts, concerns or ideas.

# Message from the Commissioner



## **Commissioner Julie A. Carson**

### **Dog Park—Yes!**

Wilton Manors boasts year-round good weather and world class amenities in City Parks – more reasons why "Life's Just Better Here."

Colohatchee Park is an 8.5 acre community park and mangrove preserve. An elevated nature walkway winds through the preserve and opens to expansive greenspace, basketball and volleyball courts, and the City's only Dog Park!

According to American Pet Products Association, in 2014 pet owners spent an estimated \$58.5 billion on their pets. Owning a dog can be expensive, but because pooches are considered members of the family, modern quality of life necessities like a first-class Dog Park can't be overlooked in the Island City! As your Commissioner, I work to ensure Colohatchee Park remains open, clean, safe, and a vibrant community

gathering place for canines and their companions. I dedicate several hours each week to visiting the park, talking with users and fielding questions about Dog Park operations and protocols. In part response to this outreach, some of the recent improvements include sod installation (23 pallets); tree trimming; playground mulching; removal of damaged fencing; creation of temporary dog play area; park signage; and larger trash bins. These investments alone cost in excess of \$6,500.00.

Results of a recent Park Survey indicate desired park improvements are:

1. Dog Play Area Expansion;
2. Kayak and SUP Programs;
3. Outdoor Fitness/Jogging Path;
4. Pavilion Improvements; and
5. Security Enhancements.

To supplement these suggestions, Leisure Services Department is hosting a series of focus group meetings



to get additional public input on future enhancements. Your input is critical, so please communicate your ideas during an upcoming focus group meeting or to a City Commissioner.

To ensure public health and safety, a Resident Dog Park Permit Fee is \$30 and a Non-Resident Permit Fee is \$60. I encourage ALL users to obtain a Permit

to demonstrate consistent use of the Dog Park and the need for continued focus on its infrastructure. I aspire to make our entire Island City “dog friendly” and want to ensure that pet owners have easy access to dog friendly parks close to home. I need your help. Share concerns with me at (954) 288-8174 or by email at JCarson@wiltonmanors.com. 

## Message from the Commissioner



**Commissioner Tom Green**  
**Wilton Manors Going Green(er)**

The City of Wilton Manors now has a new and improved Green Building Code for new development in our city. Ordinance No. 2016-001 now requires new development to include improvements in energy efficiency and sustainability. The new requirements were added to incorporate concerns pertaining to climate change and sea level rise. These improvements in our building code make Wilton Manors a municipal leader in efforts to improve environmental protection while eventually saving a great deal of money for our residents. New changes will require installation of charging stations for electric and hybrid vehicles, certain blueprint and wiring installations that relate to solar panels, and retaining a LEED, or similar, professional on the design team. There will also be requirements providing for energy and water efficiency, addressing air quality, and recycling. Any existing residential property that wishes to voluntarily participate in this program by retrofitting or remodeling their property will have access to fee reductions and other incentives. Special thanks to the members of the Planning and Zoning Board that agreed with and recommended changes to these improvements.

In January, the City of Wilton Manors held a Free Tree Giveaway in Mickel Park. Residents who attended received two trees for their yard along with advice on the planting and care of the plants. I really enjoyed helping with the distribution of approximately 300 trees of six different species. The event was well attended and the supply was pretty well exhausted before the event ended at noon. The event was planned and coordinated by

Todd DeJesus who serves as our city Capital Projects and Grants Manager. Todd even found outside funding for the event. I hope this will be an annual event in Wilton Manors and will lead to an even greater expansion of the city’s tree canopy.

Recently I attended the Safe Streets Summit for Broward County. This workshop was largely sponsored by the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and featured nationally known speakers whose expertise centers upon street safety, the environment, and the importance of the pedestrian in street design. In the past, highway design was merely to move cars as rapidly as possible from point A to point B. Now the emphasis is finally shifting to the Complete Streets philosophy of designing roadways by including safety and comfort for pedestrians and deemphasizing the automobile. The featured speaker was Barbara McCann who serves as Director of the Office of Safety, Energy and the Environment, U.S. Department of Transportation. I hope we can utilize several suggested strategies for pedestrian safety, ADA compliance, and capturing the true value of our streets in new street design as we move forward in the redevelopment of N.E. 26th Street, Powerline Road, Andrews Avenue, and Wilton Drive. We need to make pedestrians our number one priority for our roadways. Walking allows a visitor or resident to see our attractions and commercial properties better than just speeding through the city. And remember that walking is the “greenest” form of transportation. Let’s make it easier to do so.

Please contact me with your comments at tgreen@wiltonmanors.com or by calling me directly at (954) 290-0561. 



# Message from the Commissioner



## Commissioner Justin S. Flippen

### Island City Trailblazing and Traditions

Those who know me best can easily attest to my appreciation and love of nature, parks, green space, and history. They are not just MY values, but are shared by a great many of us in Wilton Manors and are part of our community identity. So it should come as no surprise that these characteristics are evident in the policies and actions I take as your commissioner. Sometimes they even show up in the ways I push hard to get our city to trail blaze on matters of civic leadership. And other times they show up when we create new traditions designed to build up and honor the best of who we are as a community.

An important and recent move by the city was to revisit and rewrite the entire Green Building Program code. I successfully advocated for funding for our green building incentive program in last year's budget, a first despite the program being on the books for years. This year, consistent with our city's adopted strategic plan, I wanted to demonstrate my commitment to Wilton Manors' environmental stewardship and leadership. After a lot of work by city staff and passage by the city commission, I'm pleased to share that our city now has a new green building program that includes incentives for new construction or remodeling of homes. The highlights of the program include decreased permitting fees, fast-tracking for building permits, cash renovation, and solar water heater incentives. Requirements of the program include retaining a LEED professional, creating a sustainable site plan, providing for water and energy efficiency, addressing indoor air quality, and providing for materials and recycling. Electric vehicle charging infrastructure was also part of what was adopted. The impact and concerns of climate change and sea level rise cannot be ignored, and wherever possible, we owe it to

ourselves and our posterity to adopt environmentally-friendly policies, practices, and programs like this. I am truly thankful to city staff and my commission colleagues for their support of our trailblazing Green Building Program.

When first elected to the commission in 2008, I moved the city to create the Women's History Month recognition program whereby we selected women of distinction in our community whom we honored by city proclamation during the month of March. As a tradition worth keeping, I'm pleased to have renewed our city's participation in this program since my return to the commission and honor those who will join the ranks of Diane Cline, Celeste Ellich, M.E. DePalma, Poco French, Rita Silverman, Sandy Steen, Sherrill McCarthy, Virginia Flaherty, Ilene Schall, Constance Ruppender, Mary Kalis, Mary Ulm, Laura Burke, Marcia Stafford, Arlene Lancaster, Merrie Myers, Sherri Miller, Roxanne Isaacs, Shirley Nolan and Betty Winslow. Wilton Manors has benefited from the positive contributions of these women, and it is altogether fitting and proper that we acknowledge them for it.

From our city's traditions to trailblazing (and everything in between), I invite you to voice your comments to me on any matter you deem important to the future of our Island City. Please feel free to contact me by email at [JFlippen@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:JFlippen@wiltonmanors.com) or by phone at (954) 390-2123.

In your service,

Justin S. Flippen, J.D.  
"The People's Commissioner"  
City of Wilton Manors



### 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!

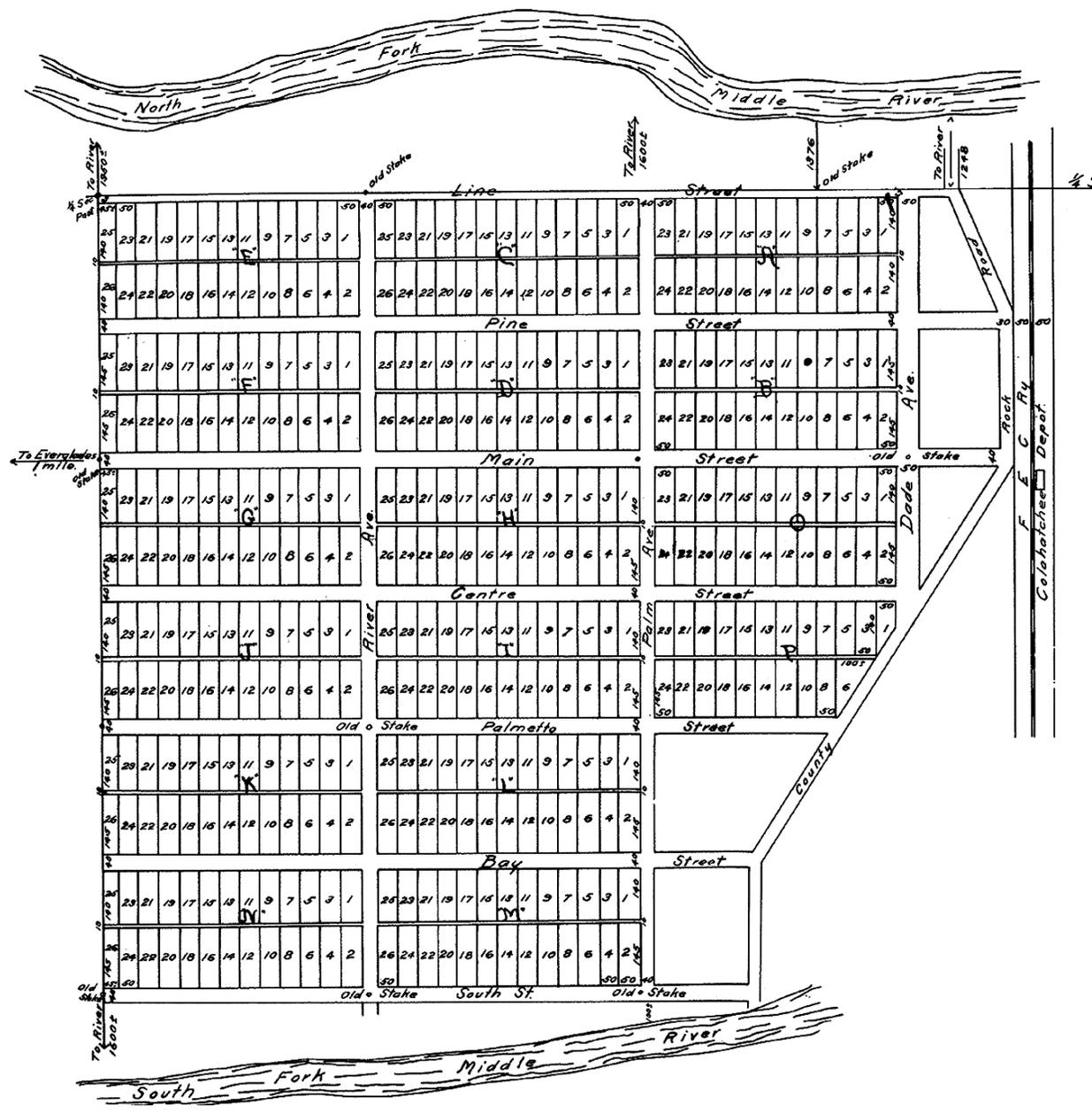
# So, What IS Your Address?

By Benjamin B. Little, Wilton Manors Historical Society

Street names? If you live where something important happened, streets will be named for winning generals, politicians, or Indian chiefs. If it is a "planned" endeavor, there may be logic. They may be alphabetical, or named for local trees, flowers, or animals. Big sprawling grids get numbers, usually starting from a "ground zero," to establish what are northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast. (Note to locals challenged by GPS, remember TWA - Terraces, Ways, and Avenues run north/south.

Everything else runs east/west.)

Even using a very loose definition of "street" or "road," there was not much going on in what is now Wilton Manors prior to about 1910. There were Seminole and Tequesta Indians, who would have had paths. In the early 1890's, there were farms. More settlers arrived in 1892 when the county road from Lantana, on the shore of Lake Worth to Lemon City on the shore of Biscayne Bay, was completed.



History



There were bigger farms in Pompano, and by 1910, there was a railway station at Mahannah Road (Northeast 24th Street). There had to have been roads from the farms to the train station. In 1913, the Dixie Highway, running roughly parallel to the Florida East Coast Railroad tracks, was completed through Broward County, linking the area to the northern states. Described as “rocky, rough, full of potholes, narrow,” it was the first major road opening up the southeast coast to the new automobile.

In October 1910, Frank Oliver, T.C. Moody and S.H. Weaver of Fort Lauderdale laid out a plat for a subdivision they also called Colahatchee (with an “A,” not an O), lying between the South and North forks of the Middle River, and which ran west from the Florida East Coast Railway tracks to about NE 6th Avenue. Among the names of the east-west streets were Bay, Palmetto, Centre, Main, Pine and Lime. One of the north-south thoroughfares was Dade Avenue. A note on the plat indicates that the Everglades were a mile west.

Edward J. “Ned” Willingham created his Wilton Manors plat in 1925. Most of the streets had Indian names but not those of Florida Indians. Willingham named other

streets for rivers near Macon. The logic of his naming rational has been lost. Wilton Boulevard, from Five Points to the South Fork of the Middle River, was to be lined with expensive houses.

Wilton Manors failed in 1926 when the housing market crashed. Willingham’s son replatted the subdivision in 1928 to make the land easier to sell to subsequent developers. Most of his father’s names were changed to numbers. Wilton Boulevard became Wilton Drive.

By 1954, most of what is now Wilton Manors was platted, but there were all sorts of disconnects with street names changing from one sub-division to another. Resolution Number 11 of the City Council, in July 1954 fixed this. The fix was not perfect. Willingham Junior had changed Choctaw to NE 21st Court. The Council changed it to NE 6th Avenue. With great commotion, a new City Hall was built on NE 6th Ave. For the grand opening in 1957, it was back to NE 21st Court.

Visit the Historical Society’s website, [www.WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org), and take a look at the article “Street Names” for all the details. 



# SAVE THE DATE



## EQUALITY PARK TROPICAL PLANT FAIR

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2016 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
& SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH, 2016 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

TROPICALS \* ORCHIDS \* BROMELIADS \* PALMS \* AEROIDS\* HELICONIAS \* CYCADS \* EXOTICS AND MANY OTHER PLANTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE. EXPERTS WILL BE THERE TO ANSWER YOUR HORTICULTURAL AND LANDSCAPE QUESTIONS.

2040 North Dixie Highway (6 blocks South of Five Points)  
Wilton Manors, FL 33305

CONTACT RICHARD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION INCLUDING SPACE AVAILABLE FOR VENDORS:  
PLANTFAIR2016@AOL.COM OR 954 257 2317  
[HTTP://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ATROPICALPLANTFAIR](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ATROPICALPLANTFAIR)



**FREE ADMISSION**



## HELP WANTED

**Bibliophile to process donated books at the Wilton Manors Library**

The Friends of the Wilton Manors Library is looking for volunteers to help sort the hundreds of books donated every month. Volunteers are needed for two or three hours a week to sort by category, condition, general interest. This is a great opportunity to get a first look at the hundreds of books donated to the Friends of the Wilton Manors Library for resale.

**Email:**

[Info@FriendsoftheWMLibrary.org](mailto:Info@FriendsoftheWMLibrary.org)

# Message from Leisure Services

By Department Director Patrick Cann, CPRP



*“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*

I hope you are enjoying the many library, parks and recreational activities and

events in 2016. The Music at Mickel Park Concerts Series, Classical Concert, Tennis Tournament, Book Fair, Yard Sales and festive art exhibits are just some of the events to go along with the many activities available to add value to your day. Coming up in March and April are the Waterway Cleanup, Yard Sale, Concerts in the Park, Eggstravaganza Spring Festival and the Mayor’s Chess Challenge.

You can also participate in Brains and Balance, Boot Camp, toddler development programs, kayak and waterway programs and table tennis, and make use of the asphalt and hydro-grid tennis courts, indoor fitness center, outdoor fitness zones and walking trails, nature walking trails and so much more.

Additionally, the City is working toward being more pet friendly by increasing park spaces where pets are permitted. Your support in assisting as

responsible pet owners is truly appreciated.

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. If you would like to share any ideas that would add to your park and library visiting experience, please feel free to contact me directly. I would greatly appreciate your input.

A Focus Group has formed to evaluate the current amenities at Colohatchee Park and consider any new programs and amenities for the future. If you would like to assist or provide your ideas, please contact me at (954) 390-2130.

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 Guest Services 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 **



## 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, which is ideal for reunions, birthday parties, corporate events and more, 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.



# Capital Projects & Grants Update

## THE FIRST ANNUAL WILTON MANORS FREE TREE GIVEAWAY

The City of Wilton Manors conducted its first annual Free Tree Giveaway on January 23, 2016 at Mickel Park. Funding for this program was obtained through a “Keep America Beautiful” grant. Almost 300 trees were given away to more than 125 residents. The program was a success, and the result is new canopy added to the City’s landscape. The tree species were Live Oak, Gumbo Limbo, Jamaica Caper, Fiddlewood, Avocado, and Mango. Thank you to everyone who came out, and we hope to continue the program next year!

## ISLAND CITY PARK PRESERVE BASKETBALL COURT & FITNESS STATION IMPROVEMENTS

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. The city will be going out to bid for the next CDBG project which will consist of a shade canopy over the existing fitness stations. It is anticipated that construction for that project will

commence in the summer.

## NATURESCAPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The City’s new NatureScape Environmental Committee had its first meeting on January 14, 2016. The group is dedicated to protecting our environment and encouraging residents to conserve natural resources and certify their homes or businesses as NatureScape habitats. This will also be a project-oriented committee, and new programs are being developed and will be starting soon. If you are interested in being a part of Wilton Manors’ environmental group, please contact the Capital Projects and Grants Manager Todd DeJesus at (954) 630-3101 or [tdejesus@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:tdejesus@wiltonmanors.com).

## TREE TRUST FUND

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 in this or have questions regarding City capital projects or grants, please contact our Capital Projects and Grants Manager Todd DeJesus at (954) 630-3101 or [tdejesus@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:tdejesus@wiltonmanors.com).

### ISLAND CITY PARK PRESERVE IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR NEXT PARTY!

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

## Upcoming Events



### ISLAND CITY YARD SALE

The City of Wilton Manors sponsors seven Yard Sales each year at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, on the second Saturday of the month from November 2015 to April 2016. The City Yard Sales at 2020 Wilton Drive will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and spaces will be available to purchase for the March 12 and April 9 dates starting today. Last year, the yard sales hosted from 60 to 90 vendors, so register early while there is still space. Tables, tents and chairs are available for rental. For space reservations at Hagen Park and information, please call the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-2115 or (954) 390-2130.

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

### SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA 2016

The Leisure Services Department will be hosting our Annual Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Mickel Park, 2675 NW 7th Avenue, Wilton Manors. This event will be for children, from newborns to age 13. Mr. Cottontail will be busy filling thousand of eggs with goodies

and hiding those eggs throughout Mickel Park. This will be a fun-filled event for the whole family. There will be entertainment, concession, pictures with Mr. Cottontail and much more! It just wouldn't be spring without it.

### LIVE MUSIC AT MICKEL

Live Music at Mickel still has two more live shows for the public to enjoy. 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. Our final concert date for the year will be April 15, and we will bring back The Ty Billings Band who will be bringing the fun with some rock and roll and classic rock tunes. This is our rescheduled show from the January 15 rain out. All concerts will be from 7.p.m. to 9 p.m. and are free to the public. Food truck and cash bar will be available. For more information, please call (954) 390-2130.

### MAYOR'S CHESS CHALLENGE

Whether you know how to play chess or are still learning, come out to the Mayor's Chess Challenge on Saturday, March 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive. This event is FREE for all ages and all skill levels are welcome. We are looking forward to seeing you all there. 



## Sign Up for a Class Today!



### **CHAIR YOGA**

Scared you will fall over and lose your balance trying yoga? Seniors find they can balance, strengthen and stretch more when using a chair for support. That's why Chair Yoga has become so popular for seniors and people with physical limitations. Chair Yoga stretches are also great for computer workers. It is an easy and effective way to get all the benefits from yoga without leaving your seat or comfortable chair. Chair Yoga is held every Monday and Thursday at 10 a.m. inside the Womans Club building at Hagen Park. The cost is \$1 for residents and \$3 for non-residents.

### **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**

Fitness Boot Camp is still motivating groups of people out at Mickel Park. If you haven't tried a class yet, what are you waiting for? The time is now! Get that summer body beach ready. 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](http://www.facebook.com/LucksFitness), [instagram.com/lucksfitness/](https://www.instagram.com/lucksfitness/) or [@LucksFitness](https://twitter.com/LucksFitness) on Twitter.

### **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 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](http://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

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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. 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! 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. 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 from 7 - 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information, call (954) 661-9127. 

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

### SCHOOL'S DAY-OUT PROGRAM 2016

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



## Featured Children's Programs Cont'd.

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. For more information, please call the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-2130. Upcoming School's Day Out dates and activities include:

**Friday, March 18, 2016 – Dave & Buster's (lunch provided)**

- Registration deadline – Tuesday, March 8, 2016
- Costs - BASH participants \$17, residents \$23, non-residents \$27

**Friday, May 27, 2016 – Movie Theater (lunch provided)**

- Registration deadline – Tuesday, May 17, 2016
- Costs - BASH participants \$17, residents \$23, non-residents \$27

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

**ADVENTUROUS ADVENTURE CAMP 2016**

The Spring Adventure Camp is designed as a highly structured five-day program with the ultimate fun plan during Spring Break. The camp is sponsored by the City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department and is organized and supervised by our certified Recreation and Childcare Professional. Any child in Kindergarten through Eighth grade may participate. This is a highly structured camp with many special activities and planned field trips. Some of these trips include: Roller Skating, Boomers, Kabooms, Movies and much more. The camp will be held from **March 21 to March 25, 2016**, from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Island City Park Preserve. 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 March 11, 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.

**ISLAND CITY SUMMER CAMP 2016**

This will be a seven-week program from June 13 to July 29 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., for ages 4 – 15 years, held at the Wilton Manors Elementary School, 2401 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.. Lunch and a snack will be offered daily. All children will participate in a program divided into age groups, which will rotate through various activity areas. These areas include activities in arts and crafts, outdoor group games, dance, modeling, free play, board games, story time and reading, science fun, contests, and special events on Fridays. Each week, several trips will be offered for additional fees if you choose to participate. The trips will include: Kabooms, roller skating, ice skating, bowling, Boomers, cultural art performances, movies, and more. Register today. Participants must be age 4 or older on or before September 1, 2016.

**The fees are as follows:**

**Registration Fee:** \$40 (one time non-refundable registration fee). Receive a free T-Shirt if registered by May 13, 2016.

**Adventure Camp Program, August 1-August 19**

**Resident:** \$115 per week, \$88 second child, \$80 third child; or \$30 per day

**Non Resident:** \$145 per week, \$120 second child, \$80 third child; or \$35 per day

**Summer School Program Week 1- 7 ONLY, 2 p.m.-6 p.m.**

**Resident:** \$35 per week, \$32 second child, \$30 third child

**Non Resident:** \$35 per week, \$32 second child, \$30 third child 

# Youth Services @ Your Library

Your Library

**Preschool Storytime** - every Monday at 10:30 AM. Songs and stories for children ages 2-5 and their parents and caregivers.

**Bilingual Family Storytime** - Stories, songs, and more in English and Spanish every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. For ages 3 and older. 



## Florida Electronic Library



You know the Library offers books and videos, but did you know that you can also get access to dozens of databases? The Florida Electronic Library is a gateway to select Internet resources that offer access to comprehensive,

accurate, and reliable information. Available resources include electronic magazines, newspapers, almanacs, encyclopedias and books, providing information on topics such as current events, education, business, technology, and health issues. 

### FEATURED DATABASE:



The Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Collection provides access to academic journals and magazines

covering the fields of fitness and sports. The database offers a wide spectrum of information, including proven treatment techniques, experimental research, and more. This is only one of dozens of databases available through the Florida Electronic Library. Go to [flelibrary.org](http://flelibrary.org) to access these online databases and services. They are free to any Florida resident and can be accessed from any home, workplace, public school, or public library in Florida, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### JOIN THE FRIENDS!



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

The Friends of the Library will erect their Book Tent at the Island City Yard Sale on the second Saturday of each month through April. You'll find used books, CDs, audio books, DVDs, and videos available in exchange for a small donation. Popular items range from books on tape to children's DVDs, from cookbooks to gardening manuals. All donations benefit the Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors. The Friends will also take your donations of books and audio and video materials at the Book Tent, or you may drop them off at the Library, at 500 NE 26th Street.



# Books You May Have Missed @ Your Library

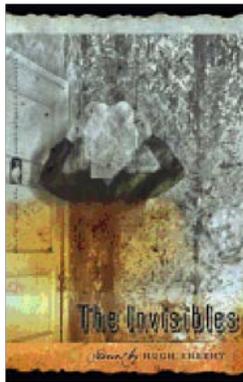
Some books are too good to just sit on the shelf. These titles have not been checked out lately, but should be. From 1500s England to the early 20th-century Alaskan frontier, these stories will intrigue, inspire, and entertain.

## Imperial Bedrooms

In *Imperial Bedrooms*, Clay, a successful screenwriter, returns from New York to Los Angeles to help cast his new movie, and he's soon drifting through a familiar circle that will leave him no choice but to plumb the darkest recesses of his character and come to terms with his proclivity for betrayal.

## The Invisibles

Though Hugh Sheehy's often tragic, sometimes gruesome stories feature bloodied knives and mysterious disappearances, at the heart of the thoughtful thrillers in *The Invisibles* are finely crafted character studies of people who wrestle with the darker aspects of human nature.



## Speaking from Among the Bones

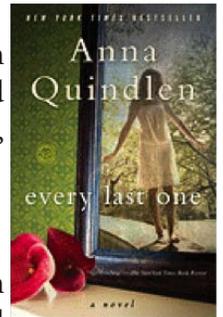
When the tomb of St. Tancred is opened at a village church in Bishop's Lacey, its shocking contents lead to another case for 11-year-old amateur detective and ardent chemist Flavia de Luce, in which greed, pride, and murder result in old secrets coming to light.

## Sacré Bleu

In this novel, an aspiring painter and unabashed romantic joins the greatest artists of the age in chasing his muse across fin de siècle-era France. The story involves the mysterious suicide of Vincent van Gogh, who famously shot himself in a French wheat field only to walk a mile to a doctor's house. After van Gogh's death, Lucien joins up with the diminutive force of nature Henri Toulouse-Lautrec to track down the inspiration behind the *Sacré Bleu*.

## Every Last One

*Every Last One* follows a suburban family and the disastrous, unintended consequences of what seem like small, casual actions.



## The Book of Lost Things

*The Book of Lost Things* is John Connolly's novel about a 12-year-old English boy, David. In his attic bedroom, he mourns the death of his mother. His father remarries, and soon his stepmother is pregnant with yet another interloper. Angry and alone, he has only the books on his shelf for company. But those books have begun to whisper to him in the darkness.

## The Other Boleyn Girl

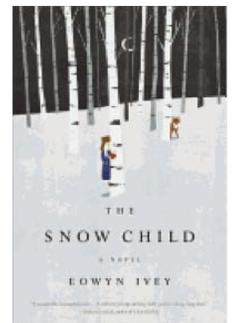
*The Other Boleyn Girl* is as much a tale of love and lust as it is a saga about an ambitious family who used their kin as negotiable assets. Philippa Gregory's story is an absorbing tale of a Renaissance family determined to climb as high as they can.

## Darker than Any Shadow

This is the second of Tina Whittle's Tai Randolph mysteries. Tai pushes up her sleeves and comes to her best friend Rico's defense after one of his fellow poets is murdered. Every poet in Atlanta has a secret, it seems, and one of them is willing to kill to keep it quiet.

## The Snow Child

Alaska, 1920: a brutal place to homestead -- and especially tough for recent arrivals Jack and Mabel. Childless, they are drifting apart. In a moment of levity during the season's first snowfall, they build a child out of snow. The next morning the snow child is gone -- but they glimpse a young, blond-haired girl running through the trees who comes to play a crucial role in Jack and Mabel's lives.



# Our Shining Stars!

Public Safety



I would like to share with you information on some outstanding employees honored during 2015.

**2015 Employee of the Year – Sgt. Rick Shawver:**

Not only was Sgt. Shawver our Employee of the Year, but he was also honored as the Broward County Chiefs of Police Association as the Officer of the Year for all of Broward County!!



in an attempt to deescalate the situation. The armed subject subsequently made a decision that compelled officers to discharge their firearms to stop the threat. Sergeant Shawver’s actions and leadership exhibited throughout this “active shooter” incident enabled our personnel to address this violent and intense situation without physical harm to themselves or to members of our community.

**2015 1st Quarter – Officer Jennifer Bickhardt:**

Bickhardt was selected for her great work in organizing the 2015 Law Enforcement Torch Run on behalf of Special Olympics. Not only did she gather runners for the run, but she also solicited local businesses to host a “Tip a Cop” evening where WMPD Officers served dinner and all the tips were donated to Special Olympics. Because of Jennifer’s hard work, we raised thousands of dollars to donate to this worthy cause!

**2015 2nd Quarter – Officer Greg Gardner:**

Gardner was selected for his outstanding work as an acting supervisor for the past year. As WMPD transitioned into a new work schedule, a need developed for an additional road patrol supervisor. That void could only be filled through the promotional process. To bridge the gap, Officer Gardner stepped up, and with his 40+ years of police experience, he led his patrol squad and he led by example. His oversight entailed mentoring less experienced officers and providing them with a foundation for continued development. Officer Gardner efficiently and effectively assigned his troops to conduct directed patrols related to traffic safety, property crime suppression and community policing.

**2015 3rd Quarter – Officer Tim Lee:**

During the early morning hours of August 13th our Agency received distress calls that a boating accident occurred at the bridge at 1800 South Dixie Hwy. Officer Lee was the first person to arrive at the scene, and without hesitation, he waded into the dark waters in full uniform. He quickly assessed that a boat containing six

On the afternoon of Sunday, September 7, 2014, road patrol officers responded to the 2900 block of NW 9th Ter. in reference to a report of an individual armed with a firearm who was threatening to commit suicide. The individual had already fired into an occupied home. As officers responded to the area, they were informed by the frightened caller that the subject had fired gunshots into his home and that he was fearful that the subject would shoot him so he had barricaded himself and his roommate in the bathroom of their home. In a nutshell, this was an “active shooter” call.

Sergeant Shawver immediately understood the severity of this incident, the tactical challenges this location presented (a dead end street) and the fact he was leading less experienced officers into the “line of fire” (of the five officers responding, only two had more than two years on the job and one was in his first month). Without hesitation and with a calm presence, Sergeant Shawver delivered direction to responding units; a well-choreographed plan to approach the target location in a tactically safe manner.

Once all officers were strategically positioned and on foot, Sergeant Shawver led his officers into the “hot zone” where they were confronted by the armed suicidal subject. It was “follow me;” the very essence of leadership on the line. Sergeant Shawver attempted to establish verbal dialogue with the armed subject

teenagers had struck a bridge embankment. He began rescue efforts by bringing victims to the shoreline and assisting Ft. Lauderdale Fire in bringing the victims up the steep embankment to waiting rescue units for treatment and transport. Unfortunately, one victim was deceased on Officer Lee's arrival, while three victims were critically injured. There is no doubt that Officer Lee's quick action saved lives that morning.



**2015 4th Quarter – Alberto Carrillo:** Carrillo was selected as our Employee of the Quarter for the 4th Quarter of 2015. Alberto is currently assigned to our Detective Bureau as our Crime Analyst. However, this does not begin to accurately describe all the work that he has done. In addition to this role, he serves as Victim Advocate for our Police Department. Training for this new task is a work in progress, but he has embraced these new duties with enthusiasm.



Carrillo is also the primary point person for the Wilton Manors Citizens Police Academy. 2016 will mark the

4th Edition of this academy, which is designed to expose our citizens to the work WMPD does, how it does this work and, most importantly, the purpose we serve. Above and beyond these many tasks, during the last three months of 2015, Carrillo truly stepped up by taking over our Evidence Control and Police Service Aide duties. These additional duties were compelled by the newly assigned Police Service Aides attending an eight-week training session at the Police Aide Academy in Davie. During their absence, he filled in and absorbed these duties. Then, upon their graduation, Carrillo took them under his tutelage and trained them for a period of several months.

Alberto's personal sacrifice did not go unnoticed by his peers as they selected him for this award.

In closing, let me state categorically that it is my honor to serve this community shoulder to shoulder with the men and women of the Wilton Manors Police Department. The above are just a few examples of the quality work we do.

**Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!** 🍀

## *Bike Safely in the City*

National Bike Safety Month is quickly approaching! Bicycle riding is fun, healthy and a great way to be independent. But it is important to remember that a bicycle is not a toy; it's a vehicle! Over the past few months, we have had several traffic crashes involving vehicles and bicycles. These accidents could have been avoided if traffic laws were followed. Bicycle riders on public roads have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists, and are subject to the same rules and regulations. For example, bicyclists must: yield to pedestrians, stop for stop signs, signal turns, and travel with the flow of traffic.

Most accidents involving vehicles and bicycles occurred in crosswalks. If you ride your bike in a crosswalk, you are considered a vehicle, not a pedestrian. For safety reasons it's better to dismount your bike and walk in the crosswalk.

According to Florida State Statute 316.2065 (7), every bicycle in use between sunset and sunrise shall be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a white light and a lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light.

Even if you obey all traffic laws, there is always a risk of being involved in an accident with a motorist who isn't obeying the laws, or who simply doesn't see you. Ride carefully – vehicles may suddenly pull out in front of you. Watch for vehicles that have just passed you and may turn right or vehicles coming the opposite way that may turn left in front of you. Be prepared to stop or take evasive action.

Watch for bicycle safety events coming in May. Be Safe and Happy Riding! For more information on bicycle safety and laws, visit the Florida Department of Motor Vehicle's website at [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov). 🍀

# Sometimes You Need a Helping Hand

Public Safety



While our Code Compliance Unit prides itself on obtaining compliance and making sure all of the City Codes are adhered to, there are often times when residents do not have the ability to comply. The reasons may vary from being physically unable to perform the work themselves, or not being able to afford the cost of materials or services required. For instances such as these, we always work with our residents by giving extensions and continuances for violations, but help to cure these issues is what is often needed. Since our goal is ultimately to improve the quality of life for everyone who resides within our community, we have generated the following list of available resources that can assist in times of need:

## CITY OF WILTON MANORS

**Community Affairs Advisory Board** – Currently sponsors several programs within the City, and is a great resource to help organize assistance programs for our residents and businesses. The CAAB meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers.

**Contact:** (954) 390-2120 | [community@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:community@wiltonmanors.com)

**Emergency Management/Utilities Department** – Offers free paint through the Broward County Free Recycled Paint program. They have several colors to choose from and also provide delivery. In addition to that program, there is also an Ultra-Low Flow Toilet Rebate program, where applicants may be eligible to receive \$50 towards the purchase of up to 2 WaterSense® certified toilets per residence.

**Contact:** (954) 390 -2190

## BROWARD COUNTY

**Broward 2-1-1** – Provides an unlimited amount of resources for Broward County residents. These resources are for all demographics whether it's Senior citizens, Veterans, low income residents, etc. Some of the provided services deal with financial assistance, special needs, legal issues, and others.

**Contact:** Dial 2-1-1 | (954) 537 - 0211 | [www.resourcehouse.com/211-broward/](http://www.resourcehouse.com/211-broward/)



if you  
**SEE** | **SAY**  
something | something™

WMPD reminds everyone that we should not assume someone else will call the authorities when something just doesn't look right. If you see suspicious activity, call the police to report it. Call (954) 764-4357 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

Together we can help keep our community safe.



# Move Over - It's the Law!



January was Move Over Awareness Month. The “Move Over, America” Campaign is the first coordinated national effort to educate Americans about Move Over laws and how they help protect the law enforcement officers who risk their lives protecting the public. Florida’s Move Over Law was enacted in 2002 in an effort to curb the number of accidents caused by motorists against law enforcement officers, first responders and other emergency officials who are injured or killed during stops on Florida’s highways and roads. The Wilton Manors Police Department wants to take this opportunity to educate our community on the parameters of this important law. We encourage each of you to Move Over when you see the protected person’s roadside as you may just save a life.

## What is the Law?

- On a two-lane roadway, you are required to slow to a speed 20 MPH less than the posted speed limit.
- If the speed limit is 20 MPH or less, you must slow down to 5 MPH.
- If you are driving on an interstate or roadway with multiple lanes of travel in the same direction, and you approach an emergency or law enforcement vehicle parked along the roadway, you must vacate the lane closest to that vehicle as soon as it is safe to do so. If you aren’t able to safely move over, you must slow down to 20 MPH below the posted speed limit unless directed otherwise by a law enforcement officer.
- Violating the Move Over law puts you and the public safety professional at risk.
- Violating the Move Over law can result in a fine and points on your license.
- Effective July 1, 2014, the law was changed to include sanitation vehicles and utility service vehicles.

For additional information, refer to Florida State Statute 316.126.

## FAQ’s

**What should I do if I see an emergency vehicle parked on the side of the road with lights flashing?**

### Multi-Lane:

When approaching an emergency vehicle with lights flashing parked on the side of a multi-lane road, you MUST move over by changing lanes away from the vehicle as soon as it is safe to do so. Motorists must vacate the lane closest to emergency vehicles to prevent crashing into the vehicle or emergency workers performing their jobs.

### Two-Lane:

When approaching an emergency vehicle with lights flashing parked on the side of a two-lane road, you MUST slow down to 20 MPH BELOW the posted speed limit, approaching with caution unless otherwise directed by a worker on scene.

### What if I’m unable to move over or change lanes away from the emergency vehicle?

If you’re unable to move over or change lanes, you MUST slow down to at least 20 MPH below the posted speed limit.

### If I cannot change lanes safely should I stop my vehicle in the roadway?

No, you must slow down while maintaining a safe speed. You cannot stop in the roadway or block the flow of traffic.

### What can I do to prevent an accident when approaching an emergency vehicle, traffic congestion, a crash scene, or a construction area?

Stay alert! It’s the most important thing you can do to protect yourself and others. Keep your eyes ahead on the road, pay attention to the activity around you (other vehicles, signs, etc.) and you’ll be able to anticipate problems and react more quickly to potential danger.

### What can happen if I break Florida’s Move Over Law?

If you’re caught, you’ll be issued a ticket and have to pay a fine.

More seriously, you could crash into an emergency vehicle or strike an emergency worker, causing injury or death to them or you. 



# 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



# 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)

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



# CANA's Corner

Updates



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

### BUILDING COALITIONS AT THE FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- The Bake Shop, JP Chocolates, Dolce Salato and We Florida Financial provided information and “tastes”
- The League of Women’s Voters provided voter education and registration assistance
- City Clerk Kathryn Sims spoke about the Island City University and City Board opportunities
- Wilton Drive Improvement District resident representative Daniel Keester provided an update of activities
- Economic Development Task Force Chairman Nick Berry provided an update of activities
- Stonewall Festival CEO Jeff Sterling discussed the event and opportunities for input

### CANA UPDATES

- Congratulations to reelected Directors: Paul Rolli, Fred Caplan, Brent White and Constance Ruppender and to Ronald Poskus, our newest Board member
- The membership voted in favor of changes to the CANA corporate documents
- The City installed sidewalks on NE 20th Street
- CANA is planning a forum to meet the Judges running for office – Stay Tuned!
- Join or pay membership dues by using PayPal via the CANA website

### CANA EXPANDS

- The area east of Dixie Hwy to the west side of the FEC tracks is now part of CANA giving everyone an opportunity to belong to a neighborhood association. That area was not previously part of any neighborhood association.

### CANA MEETINGS:

CANA meetings are held at 7 p.m. at Hagen Park. Parking is FREE. The next meetings are:

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



### CANA CAN!

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

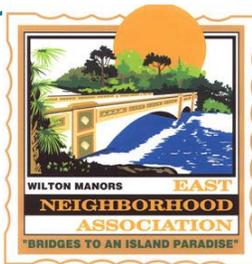
Paul J. Rolli, President • Fred Caplan, Vice President • Don D’Arminio, Treasurer • Brent White, Secretary • Constance Ruppender & James Cromar, Directors



### 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.

# East Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors



*“Collectively, we can accomplish more for our neighborhood than separately.”*

**The last few months have been busy for ENA.**

• NE 16th Avenue Roadway Improvement and Traffic Calming. Though rain delays in late January slowed progress, changes are already being seen on NE 16th Avenue north of 26th Street. A sidewalk has been added for pedestrian safety on the west side of the street, and there will be bicycle paths on both sides of 16th Avenue as well as two speed bumps, four way stop signs and a raised intersection and pedestrian crossing at 27th Drive. Thank you City Commission, City Manager Leigh Ann Henderson and Utilities Director Dave Archacki, for all your hard work and dedication to this project. Work is scheduled to be finished by late March.

• Center for Spiritual Living Redevelopment. The ENA Board met with the architect and developer of the site in November. A conceptual design and model was presented for a combination of green-space, ample off-street parking, Townhouses and Condominiums. The Board expressed concern as to the design and traffic flow, which the developer and architect promised to review and would come back to the Board with its recommendations and changes. Though many years away, and still in development, the re-development of this site will set the tone for future redevelopment on the East Side.



• Other Real Estate re-developments in ENA. The property where the Old Florida Seafood restaurant is located has been sold and will be redeveloped. ENA will continue to keep its members informed as information becomes available.

• 26th Street Road Improvement east of Dixie Highway. The ENA Board will continue to work with the City and County officials for street improvements.

## Membership Meeting and Board Election

The ENA General Membership meeting was held on February 25th. Results will be available in the next issue of the Town Crier. For information on how to become a member, please e-mail [wiltonmanorsena@gmail.com](mailto:wiltonmanorsena@gmail.com). Membership is \$25 per year per household.

## Your help is needed

If you have knowledge of website design and maintenance and would be willing to donate your time to help improve ENA's website, please contact us at [wiltonmanorsena@gmail.com](mailto:wiltonmanorsena@gmail.com).

ENA – Accomplishing more collectively. 

# Westside Association of Wilton Manors

Updates

## JOIN US FOR THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 7, p.m.

**WHERE:** Hagen Park Community Center

Parking is free during the meeting. The 2016 Annual Meeting will be the election of WAWM's Board of Directors.



## WAWM WANTS YOU TO SERVE ON THE BOARD!

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.

## IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

You can renew your membership:

- **By Mail** - Send \$25 check to PO BOX 100845, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33310
- **Online** at WAWM.org , Paypal
- At the annual meeting on *April 7*

## JOIN THE WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

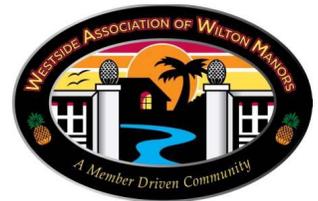
New to the Westside? Have not yet joined your neighborhood association? Here are some of the benefits of joining WAWM and participating in your community:

- 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

*For information on joining WAWM, please contact Sal Torre at salmtorre@gmail.com, or visit our website at wawm.org. Contact us at wawm.org@gmail.com or visit our website at www.wawm.org.*

*Sal Torre, President • Rick Ellison, Vice President • Kate Donohue, Secretary •*

*Van Gosselin, Treasurer • Directors - Juan Carlos Cortes, Matt Ferrelli, Jake Valentine*



Help your community and be rewarded for anonymous tips! Call (954) 493-8477 (TIPS). You can also submit a tip anonymously online at <http://www.browardcrimestoppers.org/>.



# Schedule for Bulk Trash & Recycling

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

Mar 17      Apr 21      May 19  
 Recycling Day: **Thursday**

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

Mar 16      Apr 20      May 18  
 Recycling Day: **Wednesday**

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

Mar 15      Apr 19      May 17  
 Recycling Day: **Friday**

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

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



## AROUND TOWN

- 1. Aerial View of Ongoing Construction of the Metropolitan.*
- 2. Mayor Resnick and Commissioner Flippen attended the City's free tree giveaway.*
- 3. At the January 26th City Commission meeting, Mayor Resnick presented a proclamation declaring Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the Island City. The proclamation was accepted by students from Somerset Academy.*





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2020 Wilton Drive  
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*Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City.*

## Spring has sprung at Art Gallery 21!



Art Gallery 21 is a nonprofit organization working in partnership with Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department to bring more art to the Art & Entertainment District. Visit [artgallery21.org](http://artgallery21.org) to learn more!

**March 18-April 8**

### **The Winners Show!**

The winners of the fourth annual Island City Juried Art Exhibition will fill the gallery with their work! As this issue of Town Crier goes to press, we don't yet know who the winners are, so you'll just have to come see for yourself.

*Meet the artists at an art social on Friday, March 18!*

**April 15-May 6**

### **The Art of Tyce Marshall**

with

Mark Baker | Patti Maceri | Pamela Moloboado  
Carl Phillips | Pat Wahl

*Meet the artists at an art social on Friday, April 15!*

## **Art Gallery 21**

at the

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

**GALLERY OPEN FRIDAY 7-9 PM**

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