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Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

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Wilton Manors City Officials

Mayor Gary Resnick • Vice Mayor Scott Newton
 Commissioner Julie A. Carson • Commissioner Justin S. Flippen
 Commissioner Tom Green • City Manager 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.
Tues, May 3	Thurs, May 19	Tues, June 7	Mon, May 9	Thurs, Jun 16
Wed, Jun 1	Thurs, Jun 16		Mon, Jun 13	
No July Meeting	No July or Aug Meeting	(Meets Quarterly)	Mon, July 11	(Meets every two months)

The City Commission meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

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

Hurricane Season Starts June 1st!

Feature



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

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

Subscribe to the City's E-mail News Service

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

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

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

Notifications of Emergency Situations

The City of Wilton Manors expects to launch a new emergency notification system soon, so keep an eye out for program announcements and registration information, which will be publicized in various media,



such as the City's website, the back of your water bills and the e-news service.

City Emergency Radio Station

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

Quick Tip:

Prepare ahead for your medical needs such as dialysis, insulin, oxygen, and any prescription drugs. The emergency refill law now allows you to obtain a 30-day supply of medications when an emergency is declared.



Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

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

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

- Protective, waterproof storage area for important documents (insurance, property deed, etc.)
- Learn how to turn off electricity, gas and water, if advised to do so

SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS

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

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

If you are elderly, frail, disabled or have a special medical need and are concerned about your sheltering plan, or if you want the latest information on shelter modifications for individuals with disabilities or special needs, contact Broward Emergency Management Division at (954) 831-3902; TTY (954) 831-3940.

SPECIAL NEEDS DATABASE

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

Message from the Mayor

City Hall



Big Changes Coming to Improve Wilton Manors Roadways and Parks – At No Expense to Residents!

Over the years, we have been fortunate to be able to make significant improvements to our roadways and parks, often using State and grant funds. We are pleased to report that we will be pursuing significant changes to major roadways throughout our City generally without using residents' tax dollars.

Wilton Drive – Major Renovations Approved by FDOT

Wilton Drive is owned and controlled by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Wilton Drive has become the hub of our entertainment district. The usage has changed from being a roadway primarily for vehicles to travel through the City, to being used for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists to do business in and around the Drive. Over the years, we have worked with FDOT to make many positive improvements to the Drive, including: new parking, new crosswalks, new streetlights, lowered speed limit, better signage, new traffic control devices and traffic lights, improved medians, added bike lanes, added landscaping, added sidewalk amenities, and improvements to the bridge and Five Points. Since FDOT owns Wilton Drive, the major expenses have been paid for by FDOT.

We have always considered narrowing Wilton Drive to make it one lane in each direction. While originally FDOT said “h--- no,” since it was primarily a thoroughfare, FDOT’s attitude over the years changed, and FDOT began considering that the City may take over Wilton Drive and implement changes. There were always difficult catches to this: 1) the price tag was in excess of \$5 million, and millions more would be needed for ongoing maintenance of the road and bridge and 2) we would need approvals from Oakland Park and Fort Lauderdale.

Well, the stars are aligning on this effort. Fort Lauderdale applied to FDOT to narrow NE 4th Ave., which goes into

Wilton Drive. FDOT has consented to Fort Lauderdale’s request. For continuity of the roadway, FDOT indicated that it would consent to narrowing Wilton Drive. What’s more, it would pay for the design and engineering.

In a lining up of the stars, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has indicated, preliminarily, that it would fund the millions of dollars needed for the construction to narrow Wilton Drive to one lane in each direction, add bike lanes and expand the sidewalks. We have had a very good relationship for many years with MPO staff and the City/County officials who make up its Board. The MPO has funded many projects in Wilton Manors over the years. FDOT and MPO recognize that the character of Wilton Drive has changed, and it is appropriate now to invest to support the business use of the Drive and alter the road from being primarily a thoroughfare for traffic to a more business-friendly district that is conducive to parking, traffic, pedestrians and bicycles.

The project is expected to commence with design in 2016, with construction budgeted for 2018. Of course, we will be conducting public meetings to obtain input on this project. The City’s Wilton Drive Business Improvement District will also have an important role in supporting the improvements that will be taking place along the Drive. However, the millions of dollars for design, engineering and construction of Wilton Drive narrowing and improvements will not be paid by our residents!

Dixie Highway

The engineering and design phases for this project have been completed. Construction began in April on the \$1 million improvement project along Dixie, south of Five Points. The City is installing pedestrian and bicycle improvements, including crosswalks, sidewalks, lighting and bike lanes. This project should be complete this fall. Again, this project was paid for by the MPO, with no expense to City residents!

NE 16th Avenue

The NE 16th Avenue Roadway Improvements project is making excellent progress. This project is bordered



by NE 26th Street to the south and the North Fork of the Middle River to the north. When completed, the roadway will be much more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. We are adding bicycle lanes, a new continuous sidewalk along the west side of 16th Avenue, a raised intersection, two speed humps, and additional safety signage and pavement markings. Work on this project is expected to be complete by the publication date of this issue!

Park Funding: \$356,000 County Grant

In case you missed the emails or stories in the press, we were able to obtain a grant in the amount of \$356,751 for additional features at Mickel Park from the County. I learned that there were unused funds available from the County from the 2000 Parks Trust. We were able to convince our County Commissioner, Tim Ryan, to sponsor this item and to obtain the support of all County Commissioners to fund new features in this park. We will be enhancing the children’s play area by

adding a splash pad/water feature, adding improved and efficient lighting that will save our taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in FPL costs and reduce our carbon footprint, and adding an electric vehicle charging station.

ICPP, Hagen, Richardson and Colohatchee parks are also targets for improvements. We are looking into state and other grants that may be available to fund improvements to our other parks and recreational facilities.

These projects and improvements would not be possible without the collective work of our City staff and our City Commission. We have a great team supporting improvements to our City. Our efforts to continue to improve our City would not be possible without our collective efforts and the positive support of members of our community. Feel free to contact me on these or any City issue, and as always, thanks for your continued support! 🌍

Apply for the City’s Ultra-Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program

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



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

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

Brains and Balance Past 60™

Feature



In March, the Wilton Manors Brains and Balance Past 60™ program celebrated its second anniversary. In the first week, there were eight participants, but by the fifth week, there were more than 30. The program is designed for folks “over 60.” Occasionally, participants will show up with their children, who are not carded. They are also not harassed for not being able to keep up.

There are all sorts of fitness programs for various age groups. Brains and Balance addresses the two major threats to older folks – the risk of falling and breaking bones and the risk of the mind turning to mush. Don’t expect ooh’s and aah’s at the beach, but the odds of doing a “half gainer” at Publix and breaking a bone are greatly diminished. About two thirds of each class is devoted to exercise and a third is devoted to brain games.

The program was created by Guy Andrews, who is the Executive Director of Exercise ETC. Inc. The exercise portion often includes navigating an obstacle course. This gets more interesting when the participants are carrying a three-foot plastic pipe half filled with water, which shifts its weight. Variations on this exercise include carrying a bucket half filled with water to throw off balance. Exercises with tennis balls, exercise

balls, ping-pong balls, balloons, ping-pong paddles, hands and feet sharpen reaction times and the need to shift one’s weight quickly.

Guy, and his frequent helpers Paulo Andalaft and Lou Collazo have a near supernatural ability to read their audience. They carefully position some people near a wall or table so they can get some additional support. Guy and his helpers are right there if someone starts to “lose it.” A member of the Leisure Services staff, who should understand that children are to be seen and not heard, walked into one of the exercises and announced, “They’re playing Beer Pong.”

Guy is genius with the Brain Games. These are primarily driven by PowerPoint slides. The word “eight” will appear and the question will be “How many letters?” or “What is the number?” The questions are fast, one after another. The word “blue” will appear in a green font, and the question will be “What is the word?” or “What color is the word?” Fast. These are exercises designed to force quick adaptations on how information needs to be processed. There are word games and arithmetic games. This is just like high school. Some people are better at some exercises than others. There are loud complaints, particularly by the math challenged. The good news is that the girl star athlete we all hated in high school turns out to be a really nice adult.

Oddly, the group, which meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m., has turned into the best reincarnation of your high school experience you could imagine. There are lots of new friends, people looking after people they have just met, and crowds hanging out in the parking lot after class.

Exercise ETC. is one of the country’s largest providers of fitness education programs. Based in Fort Lauderdale, they offer education, training and certification programs throughout the USA. Students who become Certified Brains and Balance Past 60™ instructors may offer the program as a Silver Sneakers approved class, which is Medicare eligible – a big deal. 



Message from the Vice Mayor



Vice Mayor Scott Newton

I was born and raised in Wilton Manors, and summer was my favorite season. I was happy to grow up in a sleepier, less complicated world where we were “free range kids” who could

ride around the City on our bikes and had to be home by dark.

The City Commission and staff work hard to maintain that same sort of small-town feeling I grew up with, although Wilton Manors has progressed in so many good ways. One great tradition will continue on May 21 as we celebrate the 25th Annual Island City Canoe Race. This relay race takes part on the Middle River beginning at Colohatchee Boat Ramp with exchange points throughout the river, ending at Richardson Historic Park. I love this event, and this year it will be followed by the Wilton Manors 69th Birthday

Celebration! Don't we look good for our age? The party will feature a BBQ, live band, and the presentation of trophies and certificates of the canoe race winners.

Also a summer tradition, this year's Stonewall Street Festival and Parade is shaping up to be the best ever. Scheduled for Saturday June 18 on Wilton Drive, the event will commemorate the history and sacrifice associated with the Gay Pride movement and provide the City with a great opportunity to showcase our downtown to thousands of new visitors.

Finally, we will begin consideration of the City's 2016-2017 budget, with many hearings scheduled to consider priorities for the coming year. I encourage you to reach out me or city staff with your ideas.

I am proud to be your homegrown commissioner, and I hope you will let me know if you have concerns or ideas. You can reach me at snewton@wiltonmanors.com or (954) 390-2120. 

Message from the Commissioner



Commissioner Julie A. Carson

No Morality Police Here

In late 2015, after convening several focus groups, Wilton Manors, along with Conceptual Communications, launched the *Life's Just Better Here* tagline. For

the first time, the Island City formalized its special brand seeking to honor the diverse tapestry of our community and richness of our natural landscape. In concert with identified goals, more than a million dollars was invested in Mickel Field, transforming it from derelict playground to a family park with music, exercise stations and a jogging path. At Colohatchee Park, efforts to reduce illicit activity resulted in numerous arrests and hastened the public's reclamation of the park, especially the dog play areas!

When a recent advertisement appeared on City Eco

Trash containers, it was understandable that residents and City Staff quickly voiced concern about the ad's content and whether it was consistent with our inclusive and progressive community. The advertisement stated, “Real Guys, Real Hookups..... Squirt.org.” One ad was placed at the gateway to our City and particularly visible to children in route to nearby schools. Had the same ad content been on a private billboard, I and others would be somewhat less concerned. This particular ad, however, was on public property, placed by a vendor pursuant to a City contract, and, I believe, inconsistent with the City's message of inclusiveness.

I recognize the role of the internet in society and dating, but the ad message conflicts with two important pillars of our City ethos – inclusiveness (Real guys could imply that only masculine, biological men are real thus excluding transgender men and those that might not fit neatly into the gender binary) and celebration of diversity – which asserts that we are entitled to a bit of



self-determination when deciding the appropriate time to talk about “squirt,” “hookups,” or any other topic with children, friends and family.

One resident who feels the ads do not deserve public sponsorship has sadly been dubbed the Morality Police. As Commissioner, my responsibility is to be sensitive to the image of our community and to ensure our

tone is civil, respectful and inclusive. In the absence of input from community stakeholders to the contrary, I don't feel our City should promote the Squirt.org advertisement. This is not akin to Morality Policing, but rather guarding the good name and embracing the kind nature of the Island City. I welcome and appreciate your comments at JCarsonwmfl@gmail.com or (954) 288-8174. 

Message from the Commissioner



Commissioner Tom Green

Improving Wilton Drive

Progress for improvements on Wilton Drive continues to move forward. In March, the Wilton Manors City Commission voted to support Fort Lauderdale's application for lane reduction of Northeast 4th Ave. from Sunrise Blvd. to the Wilton Manors city limits. The Metropolitan Planning Organization approved this application, and now Wilton Manors has applied to amend this request to extend the lane reduction northward to Five Points. It will eliminate one lane in each direction. The MPO technical committee approved the extension in March, and the full MPO Board voted on the proposal at its April meeting. We will need evidence of community support to go to the Florida Department of Transportation, which must give its approval. This project is slated to be funded for the 2017-18 fiscal year. This rapid funding (by government standards) is because it is an amendment to Fort Lauderdale's application. I did not support the lane reduction until we found the money to pay for it. We have now found the money. As a member of the MPO, I will continue to monitor the progress of this project.

This project will improve pedestrian safety on Wilton Drive and show our commitment to the Complete Streets program of Broward County and the MPO. Wilton Manors also adopted the Complete Streets guidelines. The goal is to install pedestrian and sidewalk improvements, protected bicycle lanes and increased parking. The additional space will allow a greatly

increased area of landscaping and provide a tree canopy for shading much of the Drive. The city held a town meeting in April to gather additional public input on the project.

Other improvements for the Drive include the installation of a regular signalized crosswalk at N.E. 20th St. similar to the one in front of city hall. The crosswalk was originally supposed to be installed by August of this year, but because of issues related to the drainage system, it will be delayed until December. In addition, the speed limit for Wilton Drive will be painted on the street at the entrance to the city. I have been asking for this for many, many months, and the state has finally agreed!

The budget planning for the City for fiscal year 2016-17 is well underway. City departments have submitted their requests and met with the city commission to discuss the budget in several workshops. The newly appointed Budget Review Advisory Committee has already met to begin their budget review and to make recommendations to the city commission for changes. I would like to give a special thanks to the new BRAC committee members for agreeing to serve the residents of our city on this important and time-consuming job. The new BRAC committee consists of Sal Torre (chair), Mark Freeman, Van Gosselin, Meyer Persow, and Jon O'Conner. Public hearings on the proposed budget will be held in September. Check the City website for dates and times.

As always, contact me with your comments and suggestions at Tgreen@wiltonmanors.com or call me directly at (954) 290-0561. 



Message from the Commissioner



Commissioner Justin S. Flippen

Island City Pride

In June, we celebrate LGBT Pride Month with the Stonewall Festival and Parade and commemorate the birth of the modern LGBT civil rights movement, which began in New York in 1969 at the Stonewall Inn. I've worked hard in whatever station I am privileged to serve others to advance pro-equality policies, because building a community of equals is the right thing to do and makes "dollars and sense." This has included working with the county commission to remove former Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jim Naugle from the Tourist Development Council after his anti-gay comments wronged the LGBT community, causing economic loss to our tourism industry, which receives over \$1 billion in annual spending from the LGBT community. In 2008, Florida passed the anti-gay Amendment 2 banning marriage equality. After Election Day, I spoke at a demonstration telling the crowd that equality and the right to marry would come so long as we remained vigilant. Last year marriage equality became legal, and, on Valentine's Day at City Hall, I was honored to officiate the marriages of dozens of couples. Despite this victory, our vigilance remains, with Wilton Manors adopting resolutions I have been proud to sponsor in support of employment nondiscrimination, most notably the Federal Employment Nondiscrimination Act (ENDA) in Congress and the Florida Competitive Workforce Act (FCWA) in the state legislature. As we have asserted in Wilton Manors, discrimination has no place in government and those with whom we do business, which is why I support banning government paid travel to places that legalize discrimination against the LGBT community.

Last Pride Month, at my urging, we became the first Broward city to raise the LGBT pride flag outside city hall. Yet a single month-long acknowledgment seemed inadequate for a community contributing year-long to our quality of life. Something more lasting was appropriate. The LGBT community and allies have positively shaped our city's identity by attracting new residents to our neighborhoods and visitors to spend

time and money in our local economy, creating a quality of life that fosters community pride. So last October, with support from residents, local activists, and businesses, I led the initiative before the city commission for approval of the permanent placement of the LGBT pride flag, and the city made history, becoming the first local government to vote to establish a permanent memorial commemorating the contribution of the LGBT community and supporters of equality. This June, we will celebrate National LGBT Pride Month by raising the pride flag permanently in the heart of the Island City at Jaycee Park along the business artery of Wilton Drive – for our city's heart is one that beats with equality for all. And that is certainly something to permanently wave our colors and be proud about!



As always, I invite you to voice your comments to me on any and all matters you deem important to the future of our Island City, where together we have come to know, "Life's Just Better Here."

In your service,

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

From the National League of Cities

Feature



Cities Stand United in Support of Local Authority and Inclusiveness in Face of State Actions to Preempt Local Control

North Carolina House Bill 2 Latest in Series of State Actions to Limit Local Decision-Making

WASHINGTON—April 4, 2016—Recent actions taken by states to limit or preempt local authority— including the recently-passed North Carolina House Bill 2 (HB2)— present a dangerous challenge to the principle of local control and run counter to the notion that inclusiveness is a fundamental pillar of strong cities. The National League of Cities (NLC), representing the collective voice of 19,000 cities, towns and villages, condemns HB2 and similar actions taken by state governments in Indiana, Alabama and others that restrict local authority to protect residents from discrimination, establish minimum wages, build and operate broadband networks and promote immigrant inclusion, among others.

“The nation’s cities are united in the fight for the principles of local authority. Local authority embodies the idea that local elected leaders have the responsibility—and are in the best position—to make decisions that affect their residents and communities,” said National League of Cities (NLC) CEO and Executive Director Clarence E. Anthony. “Whether it’s standing by our values of inclusiveness, setting wage levels that actually match the costs of living, or affirming the importance of immigrants in the fabric of our communities, local governments play a critical role in creating an environment where cities—

including all of our residents, and the businesses they use and own—are able to thrive. That’s the reason why local governments are the most trusted level of government— because we know our residents best, and they depend and rely on us in our fight toward progress.”

“Cities will not stand down as states aggressively seek to undermine the fundamental rights of localities to determine their own destinies,” added Anthony. “North Carolina’s HB2 is the latest in a deeply disturbing series of actions taken by states to preempt local control in favor of partisanship and politics. As a nation founded on the principles of equality, we have proven time and again that unity—not division—makes our nation stronger.”

HB2 was passed in reaction to the City of Charlotte’s expanding its anti-discrimination ordinance to include members of the LGBT community and others. On Friday, NLC’s Executive Committee of the Board affirmed the organization’s commitment to Charlotte as the host city for the 2017 City Summit, NLC’s annual fall conference. NLC stands united with the city in its commitment to inclusion.

About the National League of Cities

The National League of Cities (NLC) is dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans. Visit www.nlc.org for more information. 



William G. Miller, Jr. – City Attorney

By Benjamin B. Little, Wilton Manors Historical Society

William “Bill” Miller was Wilton Manors’ founding father who was an exception. He was the City Attorney while the other founders were mostly businessmen and developers. Two years out of law school, Miller was hired by the Village of Wilton Manors. He drafted a charter to make Wilton Manors a city and with Village Council President James Dean carried the Articles of Incorporation to Tallahassee in 1953. They successfully lobbied the state legislature, and Wilton Manors became a “city” on June 4, 1953. There was interest at the time in both Fort Lauderdale and Oakland Park in annexing Wilton Manors. This stopped that.



Miller guided the new city through the intricacies of securing the first bond issue for sewers, imposing the first ad valorem real estate taxes in 1957, and preparing numerous ordinances and land annexation documents. During his 30 years as City Attorney, Miller witnessed the city’s population grow from 1,500 to 12,000.



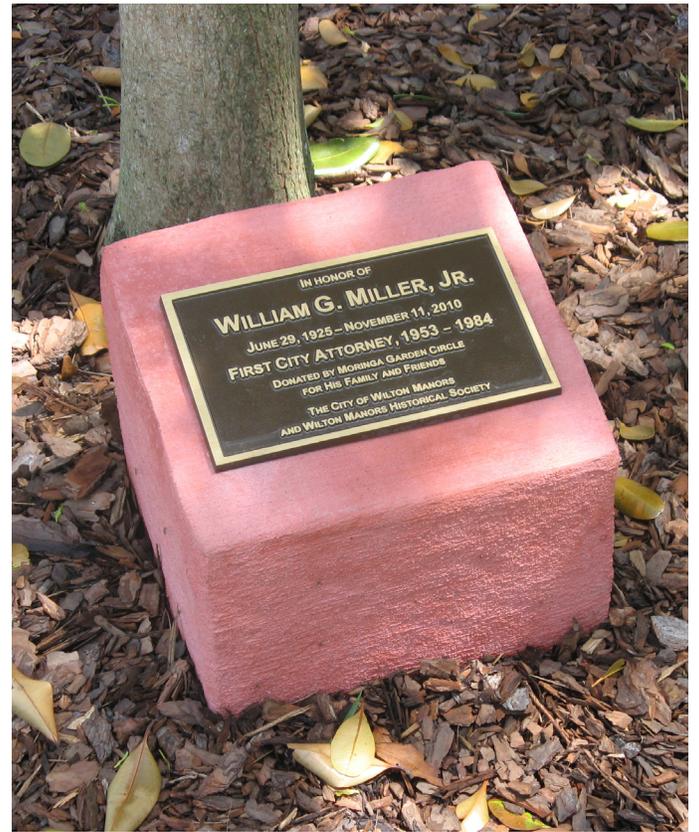
Miller served as President of the Wilton Manors Elementary School PTA, Friends of the Wilton Manors Library, Wilton Manors Jaycees, Broward Bar Association, Broward League of Cities, and the Rotary Club of Ft. Lauderdale. He served on the Board of the Broward Historical Commission for more than twenty years. Parties at the Millers’ were legendary. He was much loved and an important mentor to many, including

Sandra Jedlicka Steen during her time as City Council Member and Mayor.

Bill had served as the City Attorney for 30 years when his role ended in 1982 as power on the City Council shifted from the “Old Guard” to the “New Guard.” He went on to practice law full-time as a private attorney in Fort Lauderdale. He passed away in 2010 at age 85.

On February 22, 2011, the Moringa Garden Circle and Mr. Miller’s family planted a Bald Cypress Tree at Hagen Park in his honor. The City and the Wilton Manors Historical Society are pleased that we have placed a bronze marker acknowledging the tree and honoring Mr. Miller.

There is more information on Mr. Miller at www.WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org. 



Message from Leisure Services



"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

This year is really moving fast. Isn't it hard to believe that we are already preparing for the summer activities and events? Hopefully you have been able to use your leisure time to experience memorable and enjoyable opportunities. March and April 2016 provided unique activities to enhance quality of life. The waterway cleanup was another spirited event of community resolve to enhance the cleanliness of the waterways. The Yard Sale and Book Fair attracted many visitors to enjoy bargain deals while spending time with family and friends. The Music at Mickel concert series featured Otis Cadillac and the El Dorados. These talented bands truly provided excellent performances and entertained the diverse music interests.

The Annual Eggstravaganza Spring Festival was held at Mickel Park for the first time since the repurposing of the park and provided a very festive opportunity to explore the park with live entertainment, bounce houses, an egg hunt, pony rides and many more surprises. More than 600 participants shared in a day of fun at the park. The Mayor's Chess Challenge certainly brought out chess experts from around Broward County to showcase their skills and prepare for a challenging day.

Bunnies on the Drive, which was a unique Garden Party Fundraiser, hosted by the Renand Foundation, was held on Saturday, March 26 at Richardson Historic Park. The City also held its final Yard Sale of the Season on April 9, which ended with a sponsored Shred Event.

Kiwanis continued their considerate tradition of

By Department Director Patrick Cann, CPRP

serving the members in the U.S. Navy during Fleet Week. The Community Affairs Advisory Board will continue their outreach with a Bicycle Safety event on May 7. A Volunteer Appreciation lunch will be hosted on May 14 at noon as the City thanks the many volunteers that dedicate their time, talent and resources to support the City mission. The Annual Canoe Race and City Celebration will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2016. SunServe will provide a Caribbean Pride event hosted at Richardson Historic Park on Saturday, May 28. The Stonewall Street Festival and Parade is also quickly approaching on Saturday, June 18. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.

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 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 

Try a Featured Class Today!

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, 6 to 7 p.m., and \$1 for residents and \$3 for non-residents on Friday mornings, 10 to 11 a.m. This program is held at the Woman's Club building at Hagen Park.



FITNESS BOOT CAMP

Mickel Park's Fitness Boot Camp is becoming more and more popular as word spreads around town. The time is now to tighten up that summer body so come out to the park today! Boot Camp is offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7 to 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 contact him at www.facebook.com/LucksFitness, [instagram.com/lucksfitness/](https://www.instagram.com/lucksfitness/) or @LucksFitness on Twitter.

START SMART SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

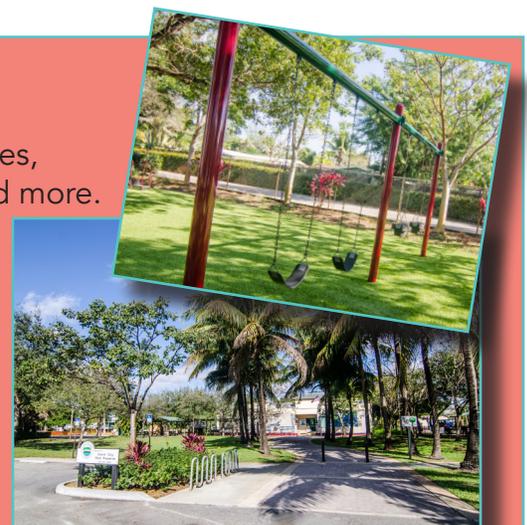
Start Smart Sports Development prepares children (ages 3-5) for organized sports in a FUN, non-threatening environment. This program allows children to work one-on-one with a parent to learn a variety of sports skills including: throwing, catching, kicking and running/agility. Start Smart Sports Development offers exercises that become increasingly more challenging as the class progresses and children show improvement. The Start Smart Sports Development program is only \$20 per 4 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 teaching them the basics first. Class space is limited, so sign up today. For more information, please call the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-3120.

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. 

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, and more. The park, which offers a 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.



Save the Date!

25TH ANNUAL ISLAND CITY CANOE RACE

Grab your life vest and meet us at the river. It's time for the annual Island City Canoe Race. This year we are celebrating 25 years so please come out and show your support for the 250 participants battling around the Middle River in a seven-mile relay race. This year's event takes place on May 21 at 10 a.m. The race starts at the Colohatchee Boat Ramp and finishes at Richardson Historic Park. We would love to see everyone out there. For more information on this event, please call the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-2130. If you want to participate, grab your team of 10 and come over to Hagen Park to register. The cost is \$200 per team.

CARIBBEAN PRIDE FESTIVAL

This unique celebration of Caribbean culture will be hosted by SunServe and will be held at Richardson Historic Park on Saturday May 28, 2016 from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunserve is a nonprofit group that supports the LGBTQ community. This event will feature a variety of vendors, food, and refreshments. There will also be music, demonstrations and an assortment of entertainment for all those who attend to enjoy. Please contact SunServe at (954) 764-5150 for more specific event information. 



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

Colohatchee Park for Nature Enthusiasts

Colohatchee Park is a mangrove preserve which is home to many types of plant, animal, and bird life that can be viewed as you walk through the elevated walkways and green spaces of the park. It is an excellent setting for nature enthusiasts to enjoy some of the best environmental sights that Wilton Manors has to offer including native mangroves, which are home to a variety of bird and animal life. Wilton Manors, in partnership with the Wilton Manors Sustainability Committee (ESC) and the South Florida Audubon Society, will be conducting tours in the near future, so stay tuned for information regarding these exciting opportunities. Colohatchee Park is located at 1975 NE 15th Avenue and is open for viewing from 8 a.m. to dusk, Thursday through Monday (closed Tuesday and Wednesday).





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.

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 3rd 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.

Registration Fee: \$10 per child, \$15 per family (one time non-refundable registration fee). Receive a free T-Shirt if registered by May 6, 2016.

Discount Package: Entire seven weeks \$490.00, second child \$420, third child \$350

Weekly Fee: \$80, second child \$70, third child \$60

Daily Fee: \$30

ADVENTUROUS ADVENTURE CAMP 2016

The Summer Adventure Camp is designed as a highly structured three-week program with the ultimate fun plan before school starts. The camp, located at Island City Park Preserve, 823 N.E. 28th St., 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 pre-kindergarten through eighth grade may participate. The camp features many special activities and planned fieldtrips, including trips to the movies, Funderdome, Rapids, Miami Seaquarium, Zoo Miami, Kabooms, Roller Skating, Bowling and much more.

Days: Monday – Friday

Week #1: August 1-August 5, 2016

Week #2: August 8-August 12, 2016

Week #3: August 15-August 19, 2016

Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$40 (one time non-refundable registration fee required if you did not attend the first seven weeks)

Resident Fees:

1st Child - \$115 per week, \$30 per day

2nd Child - \$88 per week, \$30 per day

3rd Child - \$80 per week, \$30 per day

Non Resident Fees:

1st Child - \$145 per week, \$35 per day

2nd Child - \$120 per week, \$35 per day

3rd Child - \$80 per week, \$35 per day

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

Ongoing Capital Projects & Grants

Old Dixie Highway

Roadwork has started on Old Dixie Highway between NE 26th Street and the City limits to the southeast at approximately the 1900 block. This area has been significantly redeveloped in recent years, with the addition of a number of nearby residences and businesses. The project will include sidewalks, dedicated bicycle lanes, roadway resurfacing, signage, guardrails, landscaping, irrigation and decorative pedestrian safety lighting. The work will occur on one side of the road at a time and only one travel lane in one direction will be closed at any given time. The project should be completed by early fall. The majority of this project is being financed through a grant received by the City. Almost \$1,000,000 was awarded through the MPO's competitive Transportation Alternatives Program. If you have any questions about the project, please contact any of the following:

- Robert Brinkman, Weekley Asphalt - (954) 444-1040
- Azita Behmardi, City's Construction and Engineering Inspection Manager - (954) 599-3726
- Todd DeJesus, City's Capital Projects and Grants Manager - (954) 390-2105

Community Development Block Grant Projects

If you have been to Island City Park Preserve recently,

you might have seen the reconstructed basketball court and improvements to the adjacent pavilion. This project was funded through Broward County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program (40th year). The city went out to bid for the 41st Year CDBG project, which will consist of shade canopies over the existing fitness stations and main building entrance. The fitness stations were constructed using CDBG funds as well (39th Year). Construction of the shade structures should commence in late spring.

Richardson Carriage House Courtyard and Canopy

Construction of a new courtyard on the north side of the Carriage House at Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve has begun. The courtyard will be covered by a new canopy structure. These amenities will be available as part of the rental package for the Carriage House. Any questions related to the rental of either the Manor House, Carriage House or Pavilion at the park may be addressed to Michael Herman at mherman@wiltonmanors.com.

If you have questions regarding these or any other capital projects in the City, please contact Todd DeJesus, Capital Projects and Grants Manager at (954) 390-2105 or tdejesus@wiltonmanors.com. 

RICHARDSON HISTORIC PARK & NATURE PRESERVE RENTALS



Richardson Historic Park & Nature Preserve is now available to host your next event! The Manor House offers an excellent venue for your special event or meeting, featuring a food preparation area with refrigerator, ice machine, warming oven and microwave. The facility is available for rental seven days a week from 8 a.m. to midnight. We also offer the newly completed Carriage House and attached bar prep area. Rental of either the manor or Carriage Houses includes use of the parking lot, courtyards and gazebo for your event. Also located on the premises and available for rental is the 30'X64' pavilion, which is ideal for reunions, birthday parties, corporate events and more. The pavilion has a capacity of 150 and offers water, electric and a large grill. For more information or to schedule a tour of these facilities to see how we can meet your event needs, please call us at (954) 630-3118.

New Books on CD @ Your Library

Among the Ten Thousand Things
by Julia Pierpont

(Unabridged; read by Hillary Huber)

Jack Shanley is a well-known New York artist, charming and vain, who doesn't mean to plunge his family into crisis. But then an anonymously sent package arrives in the mail: a cardboard box containing sheaves of printed emails chronicling Jack's secret life. The package is addressed to Jack's wife, but it's delivered into the wrong hands: her children's.



outspoken, and he's imaginary. He has come back into Jackson's life to help him. But is an imaginary friend enough to save this family from losing everything?

Depraved heart by Patricia Cornwell

(Unabridged; read by Susan Ericksen)

Scarpetta's working a suspicious death scene in Cambridge, Massachusetts, when an emergency alert sounds on her phone. A video link lands in her text messages and seems to be from her computer genius niece Lucy. It's clearly a surveillance film of Lucy taken almost twenty years ago. That film clip and then others sent soon after raise dangerous legal implications that increasingly isolate Scarpetta and leave her confused, worried, and not knowing where to turn.

Beach Town by Mary Kay Andrews

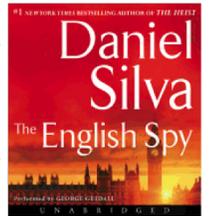
(Unabridged; read by Kathleen McInerney)

Greer Hennessy is a struggling movie location scout, but her last location shoot ended in disaster. Now Greer has been given one more chance. She zeroes in on a sleepy Florida Panhandle town. However, she finds a formidable obstacle in the town mayor, Eben Thinadeaux. Eben has no intention of letting anybody screw with his town again. The only problem is that he finds Greer way too attractive for his own good.

The English Spy by Daniel Silva

(Unabridged; read by George Guidall)

The English Spy is a powerhouse novel that showcases Silva's outstanding skill and brilliant imagination, and is sure to be a must-listen for both his multitudes of fans and growing legions of converts.



The Bourbon Kings by J. R. Ward

(Unabridged; read by Alexander Cendese)

Falling in love with Tulane Bradford, the prodigal son of the bourbon dynasty, nearly ruined Lizzie King's life. It was nothing that Lizzie, head gardener at the Bradford family estate, Easterly, intended or wanted, and their bitter breakup only served to prove her instincts were right. Now, after two years of staying away, Tulane is finally coming home again, and he is bringing the past with him.

Lose the Clutter. Lose the Weight by Peter Walsh

(Unabridged; narrated by Shaun Grindell)

With a room-by room organizing guide, plus super simple recipes and an easy exercise plan, Lose the Clutter, Lose the Weight is the only book to help listeners clear the clutter while they zap the pounds all at the same time.

Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate

(Unabridged; read by Kirby Heyborne)

Jackson and his family have fallen on hard times. There's no more money for rent. And not much for food, either. His parents, his little sister, and their dog may have to live in their minivan. Crenshaw is a cat. He's large, he's



Twain & Stanley Enter Paradise by Oscar Hijuelos

(Unabridged; read by Robert Petkoff and James Langton)

This novel follows famed 19th-century journalist-explorer Henry Stanley, his wife, the painter Dorothy Tennant, and Stanley's long friendship with Mark Twain as they venture to Cuba in search of Stanley's father. Hijuelos tells the story through a fictitious manuscript and imagined correspondence between Stanley, Tennant, and Twain.



How to Avoid Overdue Fees

If you love using the Library, overdue fees can be an expensive reminder of the materials you forgot to return. Avoid spending more on fees than you should by following these simple steps.

The easiest, and most appropriate, way to avoid overdue fees is to return your materials on time. Here are some tips from organizing.yourway.net to help you.

- Keep a detailed list of the items you borrow
- Create a home for your Library items
- Go to the Library regularly
- Return your items early
- Get techy with it -- set up reminders on your online calendar, cell phone, etc.

What happens though, if you need more time to finish reading that book or watching that DVD? You can renew! Renewing is simple.

Stop by the Library at 500 NE 26th St. or call us at (954)390-2195. Be sure you have your Library card handy – it's the best way for us to access your account information. You can also renew online.

You can renew an item once. However, if the item's on hold for another user, you will not be able to renew it. And remember that if your fees total more than \$5 you will not be allowed to borrow any additional Library materials.

Following these steps to avoid fees can be an important part of using the Library and saving money. 

FUN @ YOUR LIBRARY

The Wilton Manors Library has programs and activities for the whole family.



BILINGUAL STORY TIME: Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 p.m. Children ages 3 and up are welcome for stories in English and Spanish.

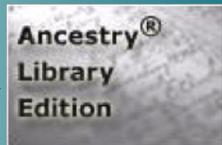
TODDLER STORY TIME: Monday mornings @ 10:30 a.m. The program is suitable for kids through 4 years old. Caregivers must remain with the children and are encouraged to have fun too! Relevant age-appropriate books will be offered for check-out.

LEGO CLUB: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 pm.

If you have any questions or suggestions about children's services, please call (954)390-2195 and ask for Jill.

Ancestry.com @ Your Library

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



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

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

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

When: May 26, 2016

Where: The Library, 500 NE 26th St. Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. The business meeting starts at 7 p.m. The Friends of the Library is a volunteer group, which exists to enrich the cultural and education opportunities within our community. The Friends provide funding for the Library's extensive DVD and audio book collections and sponsor Library programs throughout the year.

At the Annual Meeting, we will:

- Recap last year's activities
- Review our Strategic Plan
 - Review our Budget
- Vote on changes to the By-Laws
 - Elect Officers and Directors
- Take suggestions on how we can improve

We have changed our membership year to end at the end of May.

Renew your membership now on our website, or at the Library.

500 NE 26th Street, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

www.FriendsoftheWiltonManorsLibrary.org

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP THE LIBRARY?



Join the Friends! The Friends of the Wilton Manors Library is a volunteer group that exists to enrich the cultural and educational opportunities within our community. The Friends provide funding for the Library's extensive

DVD and audio book collections. They also sponsor Library programs and online resources, such as Ancestry.com and our ebooks and digital magazines. Membership applications are available at the Library.

The Friends will host their Summer Book Fair inside the Hagen Park Community Center on Saturday, July 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations received are an important source of revenue, allowing the Friends to underwrite the cost of Library programming, the purchase of audio and video materials, and the acquisition of computers and other equipment.

Pedestrian Safety

Public Safety



It Does Not Happen by Accident

No doubt, you are very much aware of the ongoing initiative being taken by the City of Wilton Manors and the Wilton Manors Police Department to raise awareness of pedestrian and cyclist safety. There is no better way to put it than simply reminding everyone that traffic safety is a two-way street. In other words, the responsibility of traveling safely on our roadways lies with the motorist, the cyclist and the pedestrian.

Did you know that Wilton Manors is not alone as it battles for safer streets? It is a nationwide fight to make travel on our streets safer. In fact, in a recent article written by AP reporter John Locher, it is reported that “pedestrians now account for about 15% of motor vehicle crash deaths, versus 11% a decade ago.”

In the first six months of 2015, there were 2,368 pedestrian deaths compared with the first six months of 2014 when there was 2,232 pedestrian deaths. That represented an increase of 6%. Four states – California, Florida, Texas and New York – accounted for 42% of all pedestrian deaths during that same time frame. By comparison, these four states represent approximately 33 percent of the U.S. population according to the 2015 U.S. Census. **For all of 2015, there was an estimated 10% increase in pedestrian deaths!** This represented the **highest increase** in these types of fatalities in 25 years. Unfortunately, Florida ranked #1 in pedestrian deaths during that same time frame. Go to the Governors Highway Safety Association website at www.ghsa.org for more information.

Why the increase? One theory is that there are more

people on the roadways because of the increase in our population who have overburdened our existing roadways, which have not been upgraded in decades. Some theorize that social media (the cell phone or the iPod for music) has left motorists, cyclists and pedestrians distracted. In fact, just recently on March 9, 2016, I stopped a pedestrian who crossed NE 26 Street at Five Points. He crossed in the crosswalk, but did so against the light. He walked right into westbound traffic! Fortunately, the motorist was paying attention. The pedestrian was not. He had earplugs listening to music and was focused on his iPhone not on his own safety.

Rule #1 - STAY ALERT. Yes, that means your focus must be on your personal safety and your surroundings; not on your phone. For our young people, that may be the hardest rule of all!

Rule #2 - Use the crosswalk! Yes, even if it means you have to walk a little further.

Rule #3 - WAIT! People do not seem to have much patience these days. Wait for the crosswalk signal to change; it will stop traffic and will allow you to cross safely.

Please go to our website at www.wmpd.org or the city’s website at www.wiltonmanors.com to view the video, which we produced in our continuing effort to raise awareness.

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, during our business hours, posted on our website at www.wmpd.org. As always, be careful out there! 🚶



How do I report roadkill on a City street?

Call (954) 390-2190.



Congratulations!

WMPD Commander Blocker Graduates from FBI Academy



On March 18, 2016, Commander Gary Blocker graduated from the 263rd session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy. Commander Blocker spent 10 weeks at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, with 230 other law

enforcement executives from around the world, where he expanded his knowledge in the various aspects of law enforcement to include leadership, management, community policing, 21st -century policing methods and much more.

Upon his return, Commander Blocker said, "I am very grateful and humbled to have had the opportunity to spend 10 weeks learning from prestigious law enforcement executives from around the U.S. and foreign countries. This training was without a doubt priceless, and I look forward to implementing and distributing this newly found knowledge to the members of our community and our Agency". Commander Blocker's successful graduation from the FBI NA allows him to join a select group of leaders that continue to strive toward improving the law enforcement profession and how we serve our communities. 

Did You Know?

You have to register your alarm with the Wilton Manors Police Department?

Some residents and business owners may not be aware, but alarms need to be registered with our Police Department. This is to preserve the quality of life throughout the City of Wilton Manors, as well as the safety and welfare of our residents. The registration of alarms provides the Police Department with contacts including emergency contacts when alarms are set off due to a threat or if the panic button is pressed for any reason. With summer right around the corner, there are a lot of homes that will be vacant due to vacationing homeowners, and this information provides us with the right persons to contact and gain access to the property in the event of an emergency. The following City Code explains that registration through a permit is required:

Section 7-2 – Alarm Permit

(a) Permit required. No person shall use an alarm system without first obtaining a permit for such alarm system from the City. A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) is required for the initial registration. A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) is required for annual renewals, by the day and month on which the alarm permit was issued to be paid to the City through the Police Department. The renewal fee shall be waived if there are no reports of a false alarm for the alarm user during the preceding permit year; however, the alarm user shall be responsible for submitting updated registration information. Each alarm permit shall be assigned a unique permit number, and the user shall provide the permit number to the alarm company to facilitate law enforcement dispatch.

Please contact us at (954) 390-2150 to register your alarm. The entire Code and its requirements can be found by visiting www.municode.com/library/fl/wilton_manors . 

Right of Way

Public Safety



By definition, right of way means the right of one vehicle or pedestrian to proceed in a lawful manner in preference to another vehicle or pedestrian approaching under such circumstances of direction, speed, and proximity as to give rise to danger of collision unless one grants precedence to the other.

Everyone knows that South Florida is nationally known for vehicles striking pedestrians and bike riders. Have you ever stopped to wonder why this happens? Simply stated, this is often a result of a misunderstanding as to who has the right of way while traveling and those who break the rules by not stopping or allowing vehicles and pedestrians to go unimpeded.

Examples of when you have to yield the right of way are:

1. When pedestrians are in a crosswalk.
2. When emergency vehicles (lights and sirens activated) approach.
3. When you encounter anyone using a Seeing Eye dog or with a white cane.
4. For stopped school buses with flashing lights.
5. When approaching intersections with inoperable traffic signals.
6. To oncoming traffic during a left turn.
7. When approaching any emergency vehicle with lights activated and stopped on the road. Move

over one lane or slow down (20 miles per hour under the posted speed limit).

Never assume others will yield even if they should. Use defensive driving techniques. When a driver is legally required to yield the right of way and fails to do so, other drivers are required to stop or yield as necessary for safety. So, if another driver does not yield to you when he or she should, forget it. Let the other driver go first. This might lead to a road rage incident.

Drivers should yield to bicyclists in all situations where you would yield to a vehicle. Bicyclists are supposed to be treated as another vehicle, but must be passed at a safe distance. Yield to bicyclists when turning left; let them pass before you make the turn.

Remember, when you yield the right of way to pedestrians, you are ensuring their safe passage (hopefully in a crosswalk) to make it across the street. Law Enforcement Agencies across the country have taken many steps to educate the general public to ensure safety while driving, walking and riding. When these laws are broken, people are usually injured or properties are damaged. Other simple rules include:

- First to stop-first to go.
- Farthest right goes first, and
- Straight traffic goes first. 

Protect Yourself from Ransomware

The ransomware scam is back and more vicious than ever. Ransomware is a virus that freezes your computer, holding it ransom until you pay to unlock it. Victims are reporting losing up to \$10,000 in a new version of this scam that encrypts your files.

How the Scam Works:

You click on an infected advertisement, link or email attachment. Suddenly, a pop up appears. The screen tells you that all the files on your computer have been encrypted, making them useless unless you have a key to decode them. This new version of ransomware is appropriately named CryptoWall. Of course, decoding your files doesn't come free. Different versions charge anywhere from \$200 to \$10,000.

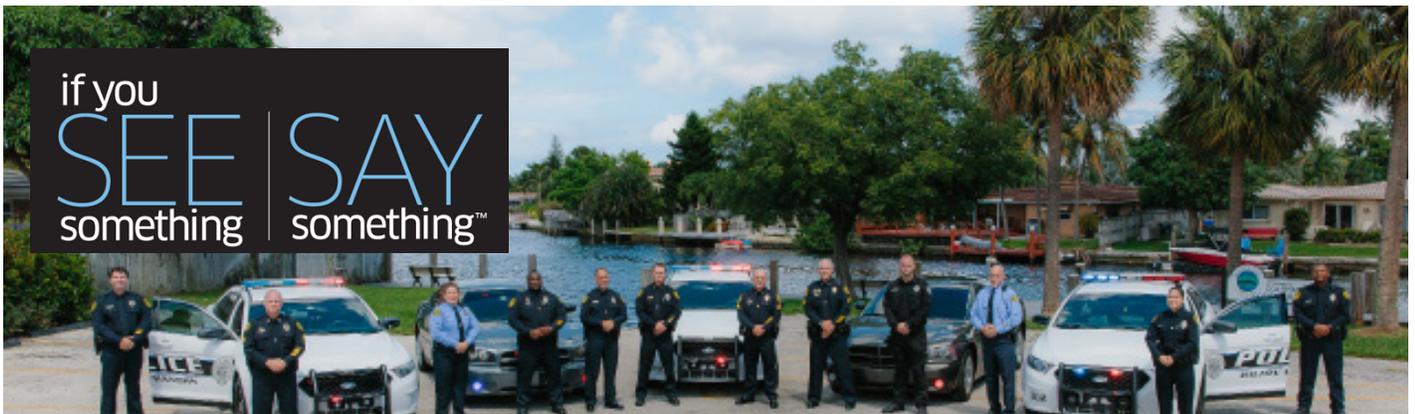
Most versions of this scam demand payment in Bitcoin. The online currency is decentralized and anonymous, making it a new favorite method of payment for scammers. Like pre-paid debit cards and wire transfers, if you pay with Bitcoin, it's like paying in cash.

To remove the virus without paying the scammers,

try running a scan on your computer to identify and delete the malicious files. If you are unable to remove the malware, you may need to wipe your machine's hard drive and reinstall files and software.

Avoid ransomware scams by not downloading one. Here are some suggestions:

- Always use antivirus software and a firewall. Protect your computer (and your cell phone) by using antivirus software and a firewall from a reputable company.
- Update your software regularly. The regular reminders to update your browsers and other software are annoying, but they are for a good reason. These updates protect against the constantly evolving viruses and system vulnerabilities.
- Enable popup blockers. Popups are regularly used by scammers to spread malware. Prevent them from appearing in the first place by adjusting your browser settings.
- Be skeptical. Don't click on emails or attachments you don't recognize, and avoid suspicious websites.



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.





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

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 ...

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. The State of Florida has accepted the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and issued the relevant certification. Updated documents are posted on the CANA website.



PRESERVING AND PROTECTING NEIGHBORHOODS

CANA President Paul Rolli attended the City parking workshop on March 24. The meeting sought public input aimed at finding parking solutions in the Arts and Entertainment district (Wilton Drive).

CANA asked the City to consider the impact of any A & E parking solutions on the neighborhoods close to Wilton Drive. CANA would like to avoid business "parking creep" into residential neighborhoods.

We are hopeful that by working together as a community, we can find acceptable solutions for all stakeholders.

WILTON DRIVE SAFETY UPDATE

Great News!! – FDOT has advised that construction on the permanent signal and additional crosswalk

on the north side of the intersection at 20 St. and Wilton Drive will commence in August. We look forward to this improvement on the Drive.



ASSOCIATIONS

WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE BETTER

On April 13, 2016, the three neighborhood associations co-sponsored a forum to learn about proposed changes to the City Code of Ordinances. Community Development Services Director Robert Moore explained the proposed changes and sought public input. Code Enforcement Supervisor Julio Davila also participated to field questions about code enforcement.

On July 20, 2016, the three neighborhood associations will be co-sponsoring a forum to meet the Judges running for offices in our districts. The League of Women Voters will moderate this forum. Please join us to learn about the judicial candidates.

JOIN CANA or pay membership dues by using PayPal via the CANA website

CANA MEETINGS:

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

- 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 • Brent White, Secretary • Constance Ruppender & Ron Poskus, Directors

News from the Westside

WESTSIDE ASSOCIATION OF WILTON MANORS



The Westside Association welcomes our new Board of Directors elected last month at our Annual Meeting and also thanks those who have served this association in the past.

WAWM UPDATES

• Andrews Avenue Redevelopment Initiative -

The city is currently in the process of having an Economic Development Strategic Plan completed. Once completed, WAWM believes that the plan will validate what our association has long advocated, that Andrews Avenue and its redevelopment should be the main priority and focus for the future growth and sustainability of our city.

• Westside Beautification Project -

WAWM has established Snook Creek Boat Ramp and Park as an ongoing clean-up project. First identified during the Waterway Clean-up in March as having specific issues, WAWM has begun a monthly clean-up of the facility. Join us for our next clean-up on Saturday, May 14, at 9 a.m.

• 33311 Zip Code Change -

WAWM looks forward to restarting the push to have the Westside of Wilton Manors be included in the 33305 Zip Code, rather than the current 33311.

• City Code and Compliance -

WAWM joined our fellow neighborhood associations in hosting a workshop to assist city staff with identifying specific areas of our Code that need

revision, changing and addition.

WAWM continues to work with our Code Enforcement officers to identify issues needing attention throughout the Westside.

MICKEL PARK UPDATES

• The Mickel Park concert series has been a huge success. Many city residents turned out to enjoy some good music, food and beverage, and the opportunity to greet neighbors. Plan on seeing more concert dates in the future.

• Phase II Funding - WAWM thanked our County Commissioner Tim Ryan for all his efforts and show of support when securing county funding for our park facility. Commissioner Ryan was the invited Guest Speaker at our Annual Meeting held last month in April.

• WAWM informed our city officials that upgrades to the existing Children's Playground are a very high priority for our community, specifically when it comes to the Phase II funding plan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• CAAB's Bicycle Safety Event, May 7, at 9 a.m., Hagen Park Lot

• Snook Creek Clean-up – Saturday, May 14, at 9 a.m.

• Annual Canoe Race – Saturday, May 21; If you are interested in participating on WAWM's team, email salmtorre@gmail.com

• Stonewall Parade & Street Festival, Saturday, June 18, Wilton Drive

For additional information on the Westside Association of Wilton Manors, please email info@wawm.org.

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





CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE TO CHLORINATE WATER SYSTEM

Water Treatment Scheduled for May 10, 2016 through June 14, 2016

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



WHEN: This preventive maintenance procedure will begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2016 and will end at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

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

CONTACT: For more information regarding the free chlorination of the City of Fort Lauderdale's water treatment system or to request a copy of that City's annual Water Quality Report, please call Fort Lauderdale's 24 hour Customer Service Center at (954) 828-8000. The City of Wilton Manors Emergency Management/Utilities Department can be reached at (954) 390 2190, and our current Water Quality Report can be found on the City's website at www.wiltonmanors.com in the Utilities Department section.

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



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:

May 19 Jun 23 July 21
 Recycling Day: **Thursday**

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

May 17 Jun 21 July 19
 Recycling Day: **Friday**

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

May 18 Jun 22 July 20
 Recycling Day: **Wednesday**

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



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. 



Wilton Manors Annual Eggstravaganza - Saturday, March 19 @ Mickel Park
More than 600 guests gathered for the City's Annual Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt, which featured more than 6,000 eggs, a magician, pony rides for the children and numerous concessions for all to enjoy.





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

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

An abstract painting with vibrant colors including pink, red, orange, yellow, green, and blue, with white highlights. The brushstrokes are thick and expressive, creating a sense of movement and energy.

We will be closed during the summer months as the City provides capital improvements to the Woman's Club. We are super excited to announce that when we reopen in the fall, we will add a new role to our cultural mission as the "official" Wilton Manors Visitor's Center! Folks will be welcomed to our little island city and provided with information about the businesses and activities that are offered, including art! Stay tuned for the grand opening date!

Art Gallery 21
at the
Woman's Club of Wilton Manors
600 NE 21 Court, Wilton Manors, FL 33305
Call or text 954-661-4740
www.artgallery21.org

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.