



March - April 2014

Town Crier

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

Official Newsletter for
the City of Wilton Manors

A Message from Mayor Resnick



Enjoy Many Benefits By Getting Involved in Your Community

Wilton Manors has a long tradition of citizen engagement and activism. If you have been looking for a way to support your City or contribute your time and talents, please consider one of the many opportunities available right here in your own home town.

Police Department Volunteers

The Wilton Manors Police Department coordinates a Volunteers in Police Service (VIPs) program that assists the agency by providing services in the areas of fingerprinting, special events, children programs, records management, and much more. The active involvement of volunteers in the WMPD allows the officers to allocate more of their time to providing public safety services to our community. The Department is always looking for new volunteers. One of our volunteers, Betty Winslow, was recently honored by Broward County Crime Stoppers as the 2013 Crime Stoppers Volunteer of the Year. Our City is lucky to have residents like Ms. Winslow who dedicate themselves to serving our community. If you would like to become a member of the VIPs, contact Sergeant Chadwick at (954) 390-2160 or CChadwick@wmpd.org.

Library Volunteers

The Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors relies on a group of volunteers that play an important role as partners in delivering its array of programs and services. Our volunteers assist with computer support, shelving, programs, assisting patrons, and tutoring. For more information about becoming a volunteer in the Library, please contact Director Rick Sterling at (954) 390-2195 or R Sterling@wiltonmanors.com. The non-profit organization, the Friends of the Wilton Manors Library, supports the library and provides funding to support new services and programs, including the children's programs, the extensive audiobook and video collections, and the eBook program. If you would like to become a member of the Friends, you may contact the library, 954-390-2195.

Boards and Committees Volunteers

We continuously recruit residents interested in serving on one of our many boards and committees. These positions give Wilton Manors residents from a variety of backgrounds the chance to volunteer their skills and make decisions that affect their community. Volunteers on these boards make important recommendations to the City Commission on issues such as the annual budget, pension fund investments, zoning and land use, and parks development and programs. Our boards include the Budget Review Advisory Committee, the Library Advisory Board, Community Affairs Advisory Board, Recreation Advisory Board, and the Planning and Zoning Board, among others. If you are interested in serving on one of our boards or committees, please contact City Clerk Kathryn Sims at (943) 390-2123 or KSims@wiltonmanors.com.

Aside from these worthwhile volunteer opportunities, the City and our partner nonprofit agencies offer volunteers a chance to participate in waterway and street cleanups, supporting our many events and festivals, working with seniors and children, recreational and sporting events, and many other ways to get involved.

Recognizing our Dedicated Volunteers

What makes Wilton Manors so special is the people that live here. Our residents and businesses are always ready to support our community. On March 22, we will honor all the volunteers at a special luncheon to thank them for the time they give to benefit our community. This event was made possible through generous donations to our City's charitable foundation. We could not continue to deliver the high-level of services without the thousands of donated hours of our community volunteers. If you are looking for a meaningful way to give something back the community, meet new people, and become more involved, consider looking into one of these exciting opportunities and programs here in Wilton Manors.

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

CITY COMMISSION AND BOARD MEETING DATES

MARCH – APRIL– MAY

ALL CITY COMMISSION AND MOST BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE NEW COMMISSION CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 2020 WILTON DRIVE, WILTON MANORS THE PUBLIC IS ALWAYS WELCOME TO ATTEND

Comm Aff Adv Bd 7 PM

Wed—March 5
Wed - April 2
Wed - May 7

Historical Society 7 PM

Thurs - March 20
Thurs - April 17
Thurs - May 15

Pension Bd 5:30PM

Tues - March 4

Plan & Zone Bd 7PM

Mon - March 10
Mon - April 7
Mon - May 12

Recreation Advisory

Board 6:30PM
Thurs - April 17

DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THE CITY COMMISSION MEETS EVERY 2nd and 4th TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

CITY HALL WILL BE
CLOSED

Monday, May 26, 2014
in observance of Memorial Day



Parking Office/Citation Information:

- Parking Office hours are Monday through Friday from 10am until 6pm.
- Citations can be deposited at the “payment drop box” across from the Commission Chambers entrance.
- Citations can be paid online by visiting the City website at www.wiltonmanors.com and following the “online services” link.



Wilton Manors City Officials

Mayor Gary Resnick **Vice Mayor Julie A. Carson**
Commissioner Ted Galatis **Commissioner Tom Green**
Commissioner Scott Newton **City Manager Joseph L. Gallegos**
City Attorney Kerry Ezrol

IMPORTANT CITY DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall	(954) 390-2100	Human Resources	(954) 390-2125
City Clerk	(954) 390-2123	Risk Management	(954) 390-2126
Mayor and City Commission	(954) 390-2123	Leisure Services:	
City Manager	(954) 390-2120	Library	(954) 390-2195
Community Development	(954) 390-2180	Parks Division	(954) 390-2115
Emergency Management	(954) 390-2133	Recreation Division	(954) 390-2130
Finance Dept.	(954) 390-2141	Police Department:	
Utilities Billing	(954) 390-2145	Administration	(954) 390-2150
Fire/EMS Administration	(954) 390-2110	Code Enforcement	(954) 567-6062
Fire Prevention/Marshal	(954) 390-2110	Non-Emergency Dispatch	(954) 828-5700
Fire Rescue*	(954) 828-6800	Police/Fire/EMS Emergency	911
(*Ft Lauderdale non-emergency)		Utilities/Emergency Management	(954) 390-2190

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From the Desk of Vice Mayor Julie A. Carson



Spring cleaning, moving, or just too many *tchotchkes* around the house? You can always donate items to a non-profit and take a tax deduction. Or, you can have a yard, garage or rummage sale (“Yard Sale”) and earn extra cash. Yard Sales originated in US shipyards in the early 1800s and were called “rummage sales” because the yards would sell unclaimed cargo (rummage) at a discounted rate. Yard Sales later thrived at community centers and churches, and since the 1950s and 1960s, the Yard Sale is as we know it today. Today, E-Bay and Craig’s List are electronic retailing versions of Yard Sales that are a large part of our global economy.

In Wilton Manors, if you decide to have a Yard Sale, here are things to remember. Beginning at Chapter 10 – 81 of Article IV of the City Code, an applicant and the property owner (if different) must obtain a Permit from the City. The Permit costs \$10.00, and can be obtained online or at City Hall and must be completed and delivered to City Hall. The form is available on-line at the City’s website (www.wiltonmanors.com); under the “Residents” tab, select “Garage Sales” – then click on the “Garage Sale Permit Form” link.

The Code further provides “A garage sale permit shall be issued to any one (1) person no more than two (2) times within a period of twelve (12) consecutive months and no such license shall be issued for more than two (2) consecutive calendar days.” **Two Yard Sales per year per person/property, each lasting not more than two days in a row.** There are slightly different guidelines for non-profits.

A Permit should be displayed in a manner that is visible to the public. If you operate a Yard Sale without a Permit, Code Enforcement Officers can *shut you down* and issue a Code Violation. If you advertise a Yard Sale, you can post signs on private property but not in public rights-of-way. Code Enforcement Officers can remove any signs in public rights-of-way, especially if signs pose a danger.

Residents have asked me to try and increase the number of Yard Sales allowed per year, but my efforts have received no Commission support. With this in mind, please remember to get a Permit for your Yard Sale and play by the rules so that our Code Officers can concentrate on issues of greater importance. Neighbors and friends of our Island City know that as a community, we strive for harmony within our borders.

I welcome your comments by phone at 954-288-8174 or via email at JCarson@wiltonmanors.com.

From the Desk of Commissioner Tom Green



A Federal Transportation Omnibus Funding Bill has just been approved by Congress. The two year budget will actually see a minor increase in funding for transportation. This includes money for new construction and grants for other projects that are important to Broward County. The funding will allow construction to begin on the light-rail project (the WAVE) that will be built in downtown Fort Lauderdale. This bill will also allow the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to apply for grants to create a “quiet zone” for all of Broward County. Improvements in railroad crossings will allow us to eliminate all train horn warnings throughout the county.

There is a growing belief in Washington that a Federal gas tax increase will be necessary in the near future. This money is used to fund transportation infrastructure and gasoline tax collections have been decreasing for the last four years. Greater fuel efficiency in newer cars, the greater use of electric cars and an increase in alternative methods of transportation have led to the decline in revenue.

The legislature in Tallahassee seems to spend much of their

time taking away our rights to make decisions on how we live our lives at the local level. State statutes preempt municipal ordinances on matters such as smoking, guns and vacation rental homes. Federal laws also limit local control of group or “sober” homes. We have very little authority to limit or regulate many of these matters at the local level. At least there is some chance at restoring rights to local governments to regulate short term rentals in residential neighborhoods. Bills have been filed in Tallahassee to repeal legislation passed in 2011 restricting local governments from regulating “vacation rentals”. The Senate bill, SB 356, has been approved by two committees and has a chance of approval. The companion bill in the House, HB 307, also has to be approved by legislative sub-committees. Please contact your local representatives if you want a change in this state law.

Don’t forget to be careful over the next few weeks as the repaving of the Five-Points intersection begins. The work should begin in March and will include repaving the intersection and northward on Dixie Highway into the city of Oakland Park. Some improvements to the crosswalks at Five-Points are included in the project.

As always contact me at tgreen@wiltonmanors.com or 954-290-0561 (cell).

From the Desk of Commissioner Ted Galatis



The holidays are over, winter is in full swing, and we are now in an election year. As I sit here today and write my March/April 2014 Town Crier article, I am also authoring my wedding vows (yes-that's right-**wedding vows**). By the time you read this article, Donna Marie Mulvey will be Donna Marie Galatis! Donna and I first met February 10, 2012; she accepted my proposal last October, and we are getting married February 9 (two years from the day we met and fell in love). After our honeymoon, we will be talking with many of you about my making a run for the City Commission and the issues that matter to you.

I have been honored to serve on your City Commission since 2002 (and on the Board of Adjustment and Planning and Zoning Board since 1998). Working with the mayor and my fellow commissioners over the past twelve years, we have orchestrated a renaissance of the Island City, making it an outstanding place to live, work and play. Some of our accomplishments: a new City Hall; we acquired Richardson Park; we expanded the Island City Park Preserve and Hagen Park; and we oversaw the development of Kids In Distress, Pace Center for Girls, Wilton Station, Island City Lofts, Belle Isle and Gables Residential. Through the persistence of the commission, the City generated nearly \$500,000 in code fines from the old trailer park on NE 24th Street, which is now being re-developed into an upscale residential rental community. We have broken ground and are near completion of a new public parking lot at NE 8th Avenue & 26th Street.

While much has been done, we need to consider new ways of saving taxpayer dollars through regionalization of services (as we have done with fire protection and 911 dispatching), we need to complete the re-purposing of Mickel Field, and plan the revitalization of the Andrews Avenue and Powerline Road corridors through the City. As always, I welcome your input and comments and invite you to call my office anytime at 954-522-6700, ext. 16 to discuss your concerns.

Greetings from Commissioner Scott Newton



Over the last several months, a group of volunteer residents have been meeting with city staff to plan for the future use of Mickel Field. The key areas the focus group have identified for the reuse of Mickel Field include the development of a fitness trail around the perimeter of the park, a pavilion and amphitheater, racquetball facilities, playground, volleyball and a special events area, among other amenities. City staff is evaluating funding sources for the implementation of the proposed conceptual site plan. The City Commission has already approved \$100,000 toward short-term phasing in of the park development. We will work to leverage every dollar of city funds to secure outside grant resources to support the park development plan.

This spring the City's Leisure Services Department will be leading a community effort to plan for the future expansion of Hagen Park. If you are interested in assisting with this project, I invite you to share your thoughts and sign up for this focus group as we pursue expanded programs and amenities at our flagship park. Please contact Patrick Cann, Director of the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-2130 if you would like to participate in this opportunity.

Wilton Manors offers one of the best parks systems in South Florida, with five of our parks offering access to the natural beauty of the Middle River. One of the greatest benefits of our parks is that they provide places for the people in our community to meet and connect. We have lots of events planned during the next few months that highlight our natural and recreational resources. The waterway cleanup, Eggstravaganza, and the annual canoe race are just a few and it's a great time to be outdoors and enjoying the company and friendship of our neighbors!

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions. Please email me at SNewton@wiltonmanors.com.

Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB)

CAAB Announces Launch of Civic Engagement Series

The Wilton Manors Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB) is tasked by the Wilton Manors City Commission with the responsibility to serve as “a vehicle to maintain a high quality of life through greater citizen participation by providing a conduit for cooperation and communication between the city commission and community.”

CAAB is proud to announce the launch of the Civic Engagement Series. The series will be hosted as a presentation at each of the regularly scheduled meetings of CAAB held on **the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Wilton Manors City Commission Chambers.**

As part of the series, city departments and advisory boards will have an opportunity to present on the important work for which each department and board is responsible. It will also be an opportunity for the community to learn and provide feedback. The series is intended to provide the community a constructive opportunity for civic engagement. Upcoming Presentations:

Date	Presentation
March 5th	City's Budget Process by Bob Mays, Finance Director
April 2nd	Emergency Management/Utilities Department by Dave Archacki, Director
May 7th	City's Website by Leigh Ann Henderson, Assist. City Manager

CAAB is also interested in hearing from the community on how we can help maintain a high quality of life in the city and will consider proposals to fund activities and events that help us achieve this goal. Parking is free in the Hagen Park/City Hall lot from ½ hour before until ½ hour after publicly-noticed meetings like CAAB meetings.

Any person requiring auxiliary aids and/or services for the meeting may contact the ADA coordinator at 954-390-2120 at least 2 working days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by using the following phone numbers: 1-800-955-8779 (voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

If you are not able to attend a CAAB meeting, you can always share your thoughts with us by emailing us at: community@wiltonmanors.com or by contacting John Goodnight, the CAAB City Liaison at 954-390-2120.

Come Make a Difference! City Board Volunteers Needed!

Listed below are City Boards/Committees that will have available positions between now and the end of the year:

Community Affairs Advisory Board: 1 position available immediately

Economic Development Task Force: 1 position available immediately

Board of Adjustment: 3 positions in June 2014

Budget Review Advisory Committee: 3 positions in June 2014

Planning and Zoning Board: 3 positions in June 2014

Recreation Advisory Board: 3 positions in July 2014



For additional information or an application, please visit our website at www.wiltonmanors.com or contact the City Clerk's office at 954-390-2123 or 954-390-2128.

Interested parties must meet certain criteria to be considered to serve on City Boards and Committees.

This information can also be found on the City's website or by calling the City Clerk's Office at the numbers above.



**Chief of Police
Paul O'Connell**



From the Desk of Chief O'Connell

Broward County Crime Stoppers 2013 Citizen Volunteer of the Year

VOLUNTEER BETTY WINSLOW WILTON MANORS POLICE DEPARTMENT



The City of Wilton Manors Police Department would like to congratulate Betty Winslow who was selected as the 2013 Crime Stoppers Volunteer of the Year Award.

City of Wilton Manors resident Betty Winslow is well known around our Island City and the law enforcement community. Ms. Winslow is a retired member of the Broward County Public Schools system. She retired in 2003 after a successful and fulfilling 15 year career there as a Records Custodian. Thankfully for the Wilton Manors Police Department, Ms. Winslow decided to commit herself to a retirement career

of volunteerism. Ten (10) years ago Ms. Winslow joined the Fraternal Order of Police Association Lodge #47 that is directly associated with the Wilton Manors Police Department. Ms. Winslow also assisted the F.O.P.A. by assisting the Wilton Manors Kiwanis Club with their annual Kiwanis Kids Day events, fingerprinting and photographing children for their parents and she coordinated many other events the F.O.P.A. helped design, coordinate and facilitate. Ms. Winslow has devoted in excess of 1,000 volunteer hours to the F.O.P.A. over her term.

In addition to this, Ms. Winslow is a very active member of the Wilton Manors Police Department's Volunteers in Police Service Program (V.I.P.s) and has done many good deeds over the last seven (7) years for our Agency. Ms. Winslow is our lead volunteer and she proudly accepts many responsibilities she is asked to complete. Part of her responsibilities include fingerprinting members of the public, fulfilling records requests from insurance companies and assisting the various units of our Agency with much needed tasks.

In all Ms. Winslow has selflessly devoted more than 5,000 hours to making a positive difference in our community. Regarding her commitment to volunteering in our community Ms. Winslow said, "Being a volunteer is very rewarding and you feel a sense of accomplishment". Ms. Winslow added she enjoys being a volunteer because it is an opportunity to "give back to [her] community" and she truly enjoys "being part of the law enforcement family".

The Wilton Manors Police Department is extremely lucky to have Ms. Winslow as a member of our V.I.P.'s program and the positive impact she has had on the community and our Agency is truly priceless. The many members of the Wilton Manors Police Department and the other organizations she volunteers for have tremendous respect and admiration for her tireless commitment to making our cities, our county and the United States of America a better place for everyone.

I would also like to share information with you regarding our outstanding employees honored during 2013. Read on to learn about these outstanding individuals.

WMPD Shining Stars of 2013

2013 1st Quarter – Paula Walls: was selected for her great work in organizing the 2013 Citizens Police Academy. She was instrumental in coordinating the schedule, the speakers, the trips and, most importantly, keeping our attendees focused and on point. The results were spectacular as 15 citizens graduated and got a sneak peek into the world of Law Enforcement.

2013 2nd Quarter – Lee Zahuranec: was selected by her peers for her outstanding work in the area of Accreditation. The Wilton Manors Police Department was going through Re-Accreditation for the very first time in its history and the cards were stacked against us. The position of Accreditation Coordinator was vacant for many months prior to Lee's arrival in late 2012. When Lee came on board, the Accreditation process was in a deep hole from neglect and she had less than six (6) months to "connect the dots" and prepare the Department for the in-depth review. Lee was the guiding hand that led us through the "mine field." WMPD received Re-Accreditation in April 2013.

2013 3rd Quarter – Sgt. Christopher Chadwick: in the summer of 2013 he was honored by the United States Attorney's Office for his work in the arrest of a serial bank robber in 2012. The successful 2013 Federal prosecution was based on Sgt. Chadwick's capture of the suspect as he was exiting the bank parking lot. In addition, Sgt. Chadwick came to the rescue of a distraught mother desperately trying to get to the scene of an accident on I-595 in which her son was involved. Off duty and on his way home, Sgt. Chadwick rose to the occasion and safely transported the mother to her son. In the life of a police officer there is no such thing as "off-duty."

2013 4th Quarter – Detective Bonnie Owens: Bonnie was selected based on her ability to "hit the ground running" when she was assigned to the Detective Bureau in August 2013. Det. Owens grabbed the reins and took charge of an extensive case load. In one particular case Det. Owens worked with a victim of identity theft. As you know, these cases are difficult to resolve but that did not deter Det. Owens. Through hard work she was able to identify the suspect (the victim's former roommate) and build probable cause for an arrest. If the case load was not enough, Det. Owens also took the entire Field Training Officer program and created a new, more comprehensive data base that made the training reporting system easier to complete.

2013 Employee of the Year – K-9 Officer Kevin Loughran (& his partner, Diego): this special team of crime fighters took Wilton Manors by storm during the year. Here are some impressive totals: they were responsible for the seizure of over \$28,000 in cash; the confiscation of illegal narcotics with a street value of over \$200,000 and they led the agency in arrests with 98 during 2013. All the while, K-9 Officer Loughran was also performing as a training officer teaching our new recruits the techniques of a professional law enforcement officer. Needless to say, WMPD is very proud of Kevin and his partner, Diego!

Congratulations to all of these outstanding employees and to our VIP Betty Winslow. Betty was recently honored at a Crime Stoppers gala dinner event at the famous Pier 66 in Fort Lauderdale. It was a great evening for a great person who has given so much to our community. Betty does not work alone; there are many other volunteers who help our Police Department along the way and their work is critical to us! They give selflessly to the Wilton Manors Police Department and the entire community of Wilton Manors. To say "thank you" falls far short of the praise they all deserve.

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. **Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!!**

- **Police Chief Paul O'Connell**

Robocalls

Robocalls are hard to stop. Despite the Do Not Call registry, the robocalls keep coming because they are cheap to set up and easy to disconnect once the spotlight hits.

And now robot callers can closely mimic human tones and responses. Many of us don't like to rudely hang up on a real person, so we engage.

But there's hope. The FCC issued new rules last fall designed to make sure you get only the calls you actually want. But they are getting a lot of pushback from industry. Tell them you want the right to stop the robocalls!

Tell the FCC to enforce your new robocall rights!

Go to: **<http://tinyurl.com/FCCcomplaint>**

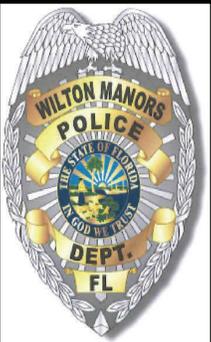
New rules from the FCC will put you in better control over who can call you, on both your landline and your wireless device.

Among your new rights:

- **A telemarketer will have to get your written consent** to receive a call or message. You can give your OK for them to call through paper or electronic means — web forms, a telephone keypress, or email.
- **Robocalls to your home landline are no longer allowed based solely on an 'established business relationship' with you.** Simply buying a product, or contacting a business with a question, no longer gives them permission to call you.
- **Telemarketers who call will now have to let you immediately opt out of receiving additional calls** through an automated menu.

NOTE: Information herein is credited to: **Consumer Reports**

SMARTWATER CSI CRIME FIGHTING PROGRAM LAUNCHED



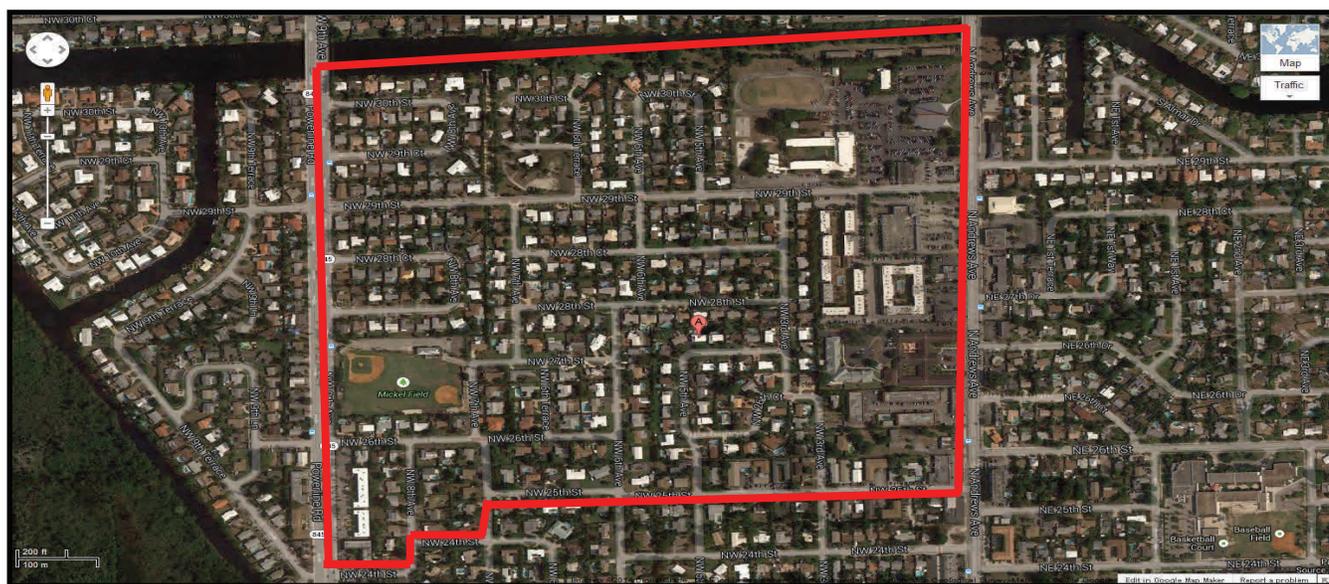
The Wilton Manors Police Department in cooperation with Broward County Crime Stoppers and SmartWater CSI have launched a FREE and innovative crime fighting program called SmartWater CSI. SmartWater is a harmless liquid that contains a unique forensic signature, like DNA but tougher. It is invisible to the naked eye but glows yellow under a standard black (UV) light. The liquid is placed on valuables and if stolen can be identified by law enforcement as stolen property and then traced back to its rightful owner. We recently deployed this crime fighting initiative at a February 6th Westside Association of



Wilton Manors (W.A.W.M.) neighborhood meeting. This gathering saw three (3) public safety organizations come together with our residents to empower them to further protect their valuables. In addition to us providing our residents with an added layer of protection at their home for free, our residents gave law enforcement another avenue in which to improve the safety of their neighborhood by providing us the opportunity to track down stolen property and criminals. At this meeting residents who lived in the "Target Boundaries" were provided SmartWater kits free of charge. This area was selected due to the high number of residential burglaries that occurred there in 2013. If you were unable to attend this meeting and live in the target boundaries below, you still have an opportunity to get your free kit. If you do not live in the target boundaries you also can be involved in this initiative. Interested residents are encouraged to contact Sgt. Biagio Balistreri at (954) 390-2161 or bbalistreri@wmpd.org for further information. For additional information about our initiative you can visit <http://www.wiltonmanors.com/index.aspx?nid=324>. The Wilton Manors Police Department, Crime Stoppers and SmartWater CSI are dedicated to enhancing public safety in your area and we believe our continuing efforts to improve the extremely important partnership with all of our residents assists us with making our City a safer place to live.

TARGET BOUNDARIES IN RED

East = Andrews Avenue **South** = N.W. 24 Street west of 7 Ave./25 St. east of 7 Ave. (north side of street)
West = N.W. 9 Avenue **North** = Canal (residents on the south side of the canal)



UTILITIES/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Schedule FOR BULK TRASH AND RECYCLING

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

March 20 April 24 May 22 Recycling Day: Thursday

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

March 18 April 22 May 20 Recycling Day: Friday

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

March 19 April 23 May 21 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	12:00am-10:00am and/or 4:00pm-11:59pm
EVEN street addresses:	Thursdays & Sundays	12:00am-10:00am and/or 4:00pm-11:59pm

For additional information on the water shortage, irrigation restrictions or water conservation, call the South Florida Water Management District's toll-free **Water Conservation Hotline** at 1-800-662-8876 or visit www.sfwmd.org.

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

Remember, NO lawn watering is allowed between 10:00am and 4:00pm any day of the week!

The Code Compliance Unit is issuing citations for violations of the water usage schedule!



Spring Ahead!



Daylight Savings Time starts the 2nd Sunday in March each year (Sunday, March 9th in 2014) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency encourages all to use the change to daylight savings time as a reminder to implement emergency preparedness measures that will keep you and your family safe. Fire departments and safety officials work to remind citizens as they move their clocks ahead, to also change those smoke alarm batteries throughout their homes. This is also a great opportunity to review disaster response plans and restock disaster kits.

For more information, go to www.fema.gov, then click on "Plan & Prepare".

IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT PRUNING YOUR TREES!

The 2013 hurricane season may be over and, although the City has experienced several calm seasons 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 2014 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.

Please note also that 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.

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 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 to try to minimize damage caused by tree debris. For further information, please contact the Emergency Management/Utilities Department at (954)-390-2190.



Recycled Paint

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





THE LIBRARY CORNER

Youth Services @ your library

FAMILY STORY TIME – WEDNESDAY EVENINGS @ 6:30. Children ages 3 and up are welcome.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME – MONDAY MORNINGS @ 10:30. AGES 2-5.

CELEBRATE THE JOY OF READING WITH STORIES, PUPPETS, MUSIC, AND MORE.

FOR DETAILS, VISIT THE YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT OR CALL 954-390-2195



Friends of the Library

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

Join the Friends on Tuesday, April 15, for their semi-annual membership meeting. Peter and Janis Colon will present a program about the American Civil War. The program is free and begins at 7 PM at the Library.

The Friends of the Library will once again erect their Book Tent at the City Yard Sale on Saturday, March 8, and Saturday, April 12, from 8 am to 2 pm at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Dr. You will find used books, CDs, audio books, DVDs, and videos in exchange for a small donation. Top sellers range from books on tape to children's DVDs, from cookbooks to gardening manuals. All donations benefit the Library. The Friends will also take your donations of books and audio and video materials at the Book Tent, or you may drop them off at the Library, at 500 NE 26th Street.

NatureScape Classes @ your library

Please join us as we conclude this fun, informative, and fascinating series of classes that provide the keys for you to enjoy your very own **NatureScape** at home. If you've already become a regular visitor, we hope you'll be back with us as we close out the year. If you've not yet tried a class, join us. Come and learn of more ways in which to enjoy and develop your own backyard habitat.

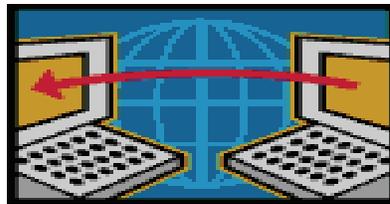
The FREE programs take place at the Library -- 500 NE 26th Street -- on the second Wednesday of each month through April. All classes begin at 7 PM.

If you have any requests for topics for next year's classes, please call M.E. DePalma at 954-563-2148 with your suggestions.

On Mar. 12, Dr. Renata Schneider, from the South Florida Wildlife Center, will talk about the importance of bats, the impact humans are having on their habitat in South Florida, and how the Wildlife Center is learning to successfully rehabilitate them. On Apr. 9 Hadny Fayyaz, past president of the Moringa Garden Circle, will talk about the moringa tree. Virtually every part of it is edible and Ms Fayyaz will show you how to plant and care for the tree and how to prepare your harvest.



Didn't find what you were looking for?



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www.wiltonmanors.com

Remember, computers with the internet are available for your use at the Wilton Manors Public Library. Copies of the Town Crier are also available at the Library BUT if you reside in Wilton Manors and are NOT receiving the Town Crier at your residence please let us know at 954-390-2120 or by emailing:
community@wiltonmanors.com

NEW eBooks @ YOUR LIBRARY



Chloe's had the best six months of her entire life. It's too bad she can't remember anything about them in *Six Months Later* by Natalie D. Richards. Chloe didn't think about it much when she nodded off in study hall on that sleepy summer day. But when she wakes up, snow is on the ground and she can't remember the last six months of her life. Before, she'd been a mediocre student. Now, she's on track for valedictorian. What happened to her? And why can't she remember?

In *The Plateau Effect* by Bob Sullivan and Hugh Thompson, readers will learn to identify plateaus and break through any stagnancy in their lives -- from diet and exercise, to work, to relationships. It shows how to turn off the forces that cause people to "get used to" things -- and turn on human potential and happiness.

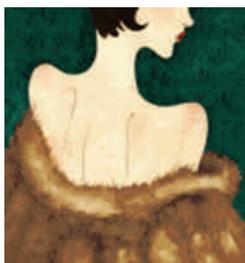
#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Kelley Armstrong introduces a chilling new world with her Cainsville series. Armstrong has been a dominant presence on the *New York Times* bestseller lists for more than a decade. And while her devoted fans flock to each new book, the Cainsville series is sure to attract an even broader readership. In *Omens*, Olivia Taylor-Jones is shattered to learn that she's adopted. Her biological parents? Notorious serial killers. On a quest to learn more about her past, Olivia lands in the small town of Cainsville, Illinois. As she draws on long-hidden abilities, Olivia begins to realize that there are dark secrets in Cainsville -- and powers lurking in the shadows.

For more than twenty-five years and counting, Rebecca Eaton has presided over PBS's *Masterpiece Theatre*, the longest running weekly prime time drama series in American history. From the runaway hits *Upstairs, Downstairs* and *The Buccaneers*, to the hugely popular *Inspector Morse*, *Prime Suspect*, and *Poirot*, *Masterpiece Theatre* and its sibling series *Mystery!* have been required viewing for fans of quality drama. In *Making Masterpiece*, Eaton interviews many of the writers, directors, producers, and other contributors and shares personal anecdotes -- including photos taken with her own camera -- about her decades-spanning career. She reveals what went on behind the scenes during such triumphs as *Cranford* and the multiple, highly-rated programs made from Jane Austen's novels, as well as her aggressive campaign to attract younger viewers via social media and online streaming. Along the way she shares stories about actors and other luminaries such as Alistair Cooke, Maggie Smith, Diana Rigg, Benedict Cumberbatch, and Daniel Radcliffe, whose first TV role was as the title character in *David Copperfield*.



Luanne Rice is the beloved author of twenty-two *New York Times* bestsellers. In *The Lemon Orchard*, one of her most moving and accomplished works yet, Rice gives us an affirming story about the redemptive power of compassion, set in the sea- and citrus-scented air of the breathtaking Santa Monica Mountains. It's been five years since Julia's daughter died. When she arrives to house-sit at her uncle's home in Malibu, she longs only for peace. But to her surprise, Julia becomes drawn to Roberto, the handsome man from Mexico who oversees the lemon orchard. When Roberto reveals his own heartbreak, Julia recognizes his pain, but their stories have one striking difference: Roberto's daughter was lost -- and never found. What ensues is a page-turning search across the U.S. and Mexican border and a captivating novel of love, both enduring and unexpected.

While taking his final course at Harvard, John Frame stepped outside the walls of academia and onto the streets, pursuing a different kind of education with his homeless friends. Combining the author's story with the stories of those who've been on the streets, *Homeless at Harvard* tells an unforgettable story of life together on the streets of Harvard Square.



A masterpiece of American fiction and a bestseller upon its publication in 1935, John O'Hara's *Butterfield 8* lays bare, with brash honesty, the unspoken and often shocking truths that lurked beneath the surface of a society still reeling from the effects of the Great Depression. One Sunday morning, Gloria wakes up in a stranger's apartment with nothing but a torn evening dress, stockings, and panties. When she steals a fur coat from the wardrobe to wear home, she unleashes a series of events that can only end in tragedy. Inspired by true events, this novel caused a sensation on its publication for its frank depiction of the relationship between a wild and beautiful young woman and a respectable, married man.

Lady Margaret Chattan, one of the most desirable women in all of England, has no interest whatsoever in marriage. When her brothers' lives are put in danger, she travels to the Scottish Highlands, intent on saving them. There she meets Heath Macnachten, who is trying to find out who murdered his own brother in *The Devil's Heart* by Cathy Maxwell.

Want to read ebooks, but need help learning about ereaders or the features of your reader? Contact the Library at 954-390-2195 to find out how you can get personalized assistance.

LEISURE SERVICES

Message from the Leisure Services Department Director, Patrick Cann



"You can dream, create, design and build the most wonderful place in the world but it requires people to make the dream a reality." --Walt Disney

I would like to commend the members of the Mickel Park Repurpose Group for their dedication, hard work, courage and support. Their contributions included community outreach, talking to residents seeking input related to future programs, amenities and services and presenting their findings to the group and City staff. Additionally, through their coordinated efforts and collaboration, the City developed a Mickel Park Site Master Plan.

Also, I want to express my appreciation to The Recreation Advisory Board for their diligence and attention to detail as they provided their input and analysis of the ideas and concepts presented.

The City is also in the process of establishing a Hagen Park Expansion Focus Group to consider community input toward to park expansion so we are positioned to enhance the quality of life for our residents, attract new business interests and additional residents. The City is also improving 811 NE 28th Street adjacent to Island City Park Preserve, which will include a walking trail with park benches, landscaping and irrigation, solar lighting and parking. For more information, please don't hesitate to contact the Leisure Services Department.

We hope you enjoyed the Miami Heat Community Outing in January, which was a great game with our home team winning. The Yard Sales, Movie Nights, Adult Community Outings and park amenities continue to serve as the catalyst for building community support, embracing diversity, improving health and fostering growth.

The Kiwanis Club continued their quality tradition with hosting the ever popular Kids Day event and did a commendable job as always. The Annual Classical Concert in February is always a special evening and I appreciate all of the community support to host this event. The Pride Center hosted Evening in Paradise event on Saturday, February 22, 2014, which is truly an evening packed with excitement and fun. Also, Movie Nights are happening each month so bring your blanket or lounge chair .

I invite you to participate in our Annual Waterway Cleanup on Saturday, March 1st and our Eggstravaganza Spring Festival on Saturday, April 5th. Please visit our website for more details regarding our activities, events, park hours, fees, volunteer opportunities, etc. You may also contact one of our Team members at 954-390-2130 and inform us of your leisure service's needs. Please plan to visit our local library, parks and waterways. We have programs, amenities and services available just for you.

ISLAND CITY-WIDE YARD SALES

The City of Wilton Manors sponsors seven Yard Sales each year at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, on the second Saturday of November 2013 – April 2014. The City Yard Sales open from 8:00am to 2:00pm and spaces are be available to purchase for March 8 and April 12. Each yard sale hosts 60 to 90 vendors each month, 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.

Yard Sales are free to the public. There will be concessions, 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.



Leisure Services Seeks Input on Hagen Park

Dear Community Partners:

I am truly excited to inform you that the City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department will be leading a community effort related to the expansion of Hagen Park to ensure the most efficient programs, amenities and services at Hagen Park. If you are interested in assisting with this project, I invite you to share your input by serving on a community focus group as we pursue implementing the most appropriate choices in expanding the programs, amenities and services to improve the quality of life.

The City adopted a parks system master plan in 2010 to use as a guide to ensure city parks meet the needs of the City residents. The benefits of providing adequate parks and recreation programs, amenities and services have been proven to be significant in many areas. Such as stimulates creativity, fosters improved communication, enhances health and wellness, spiritual growth, intellectual and emotional intelligence, and provides a compounding benefit of a more virtuous society. Our Leisure Services team offers many opportunities that teach life-affirming skills, supports family unity, creates positive memories and establishes the forum for resolving social challenges and building community loyalty.

I look forward to your assistance as we develop imaginative ideas that will ensure Hagen Park serves the diverse leisure service's needs, wants and interests. We are limited only by our imagination. If you are interested in serving on the Hagen Park Expansion Focus Group, please contact me directly. If you would like additional information, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely yours,



Patrick Cann, CPRP
Director

SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA 2014



The Leisure Services Department will be hosting our Annual Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 10am to 12pm at St. Clements, 225 Northwest 29th Street in Wilton Manors. This event will be for children newborn through age 13. Mr. Cottontail will be busy filling thousand of eggs with goodies and hiding those eggs throughout the track area at the church. 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.

SQUARE DANCING



Yee Haa!!! Come on out and kick up your heels for a stomping good time and learn to Circle Left/Right, Do Sa Do, Forward This is a great way to meet new people, exercise, and have a lot of fun. This is a beginner's class held every Thursday from 7:00pm – 9:30pm at Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28th Street in Wilton Manors. The cost is only \$5.00 per class. For more information call 954-390-2115.

Adventure Adventure Camp 2014

The Spring Adventure Camp is designed as a highly-structured five-day program with the ultimate fun 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 Professionals. Any child in Kindergarten through Eighth grade may participate. This highly-structured camp offers many special activities and planned fieldtrips. Some of these trips include: Roller Skating, Boomers, Kabooms, Movies and much more.

Days: March 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 2014

Hours: 7:30am-6:00pm

Fees:

Resident:	\$100.00 for all 5 days	\$25.00 per day
	2 nd Child	\$75.00 for all 5 days \$25.00 per day
Non Resident:	\$125.00 for all 5 days	\$30.00 per day
	2 nd Child	\$100.00 for all 5 days \$30.00 per day

(Lunch, Snack and Trips Daily included)

Registration Date: January 6 – March 7, 2014
 After March 7, 2014 -\$10.00 Late Fee per Child

Location: Island City Park Preserve - 823 N.E. 28th Street, Wilton Manors.

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

Island City Summer Camp Program 2014!

This will be a seven (7) week program from June 9th –July 25th 7:30am to 6:00pm, for ages 4 – 15 years, held at the Wilton Manors Elementary School, 2401 NE 3rd Ave., Wilton Manors. Lunch and snack will be offered daily. All children will participate in a program divided into age groups which will rotate through various activity areas. These areas include activities in arts and crafts, outdoor group games, dance, modeling, free play, board games, story time and reading, science fun, contests, and special events on each Friday. Each week several trips will be offered for additional fees if you choose to participate. The trips will include: Kabooms, roller skating, ice skating, bowling, Boomers, cultural art performances, movies, and more.

Register today! Participants must be age 4 or older on or before September 1, 2014.

Registration Fee: \$40 (one time non-refundable registration fee)

Receive a free T-Shirt if registered by May 16, 2014.

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM Week #1-Week #7 ONLY 2pm-6pm

Resident __\$35.00 Per Week (\$32.00 Second Child) (\$30.00Third Child)

Non Res. __\$35.00 Per Week (\$32.00 Second Child) (\$30.00Third Child)



ADVENTURE CAMP PROGRAM – Includes Trips

Resident _____\$115.00 Per Week (\$88.00 Second Child) (\$80.00 Third Child)

Non Res. _____\$145.00 Per Week (\$120.00 Second Child) (\$80.00 Third Child)

Resident _____\$30 Daily

Non Res. _____\$35 Daily

Ballet & Hip Hop Dance Classes

Who is ready to put on their dancing shoes? The Island City Park Preserve is now offering Ballet classes for 4-7 year olds and Hip Hop Dance & Cheerleading classes for 6-10 year olds. Ballet students will learn various ballet positions, terminology, creative movements, dances, jazz routines and more. All students are encouraged to wear a pink leotard, skirt & ballet shoes. The cost for Ballet is \$45 per month and classes are held on Saturday mornings from 10:00a.m.-10:50a.m. Participants in Hip Hop & Cheerleading class will learn dances to kids favorite hip hop songs, improve their coordination, various hip hop dance moves, cheers, pom pom routines and more. Hip Hop & Cheerleading class is for kids 6-10 years old and costs \$45 per month. This class runs from 11:00a.m.-11:50a.m. on Saturday mornings. Please visit joydecoenterprises.com to register.

Wilton Manors After School Program



Where is the "BEST" place to send your children after school? The best place is BASH (Best After School Hours) License #45455, where your child will be cared for by year round certified staff. B.A.S.H. offers each child a nutritious healthy snack, assistance with completing homework and an opportunity to develop positive social interactions. The youth engage in challenging educational and recreational activities, arts & crafts, and dramatics. But, most importantly, B.A.S.H. is a place for children to have fun after a long school day.

To register, please come by Hagen Park Community Center,
2020 Wilton Drive Wilton Manors.

For more information please call (954)390-2130 or (954)390-2115

SCHOOL'S DAY-OUT PROGRAMS 2014

The School's Day-Out Program is open on teachers' workdays and closed on legal holidays. On non-school weekdays when the City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department is open, the program hours are 7:30 am ~ 6:00 pm. A field trip or special activity will be a part of the day. The cost of the program ranges from \$14.00 to \$25.00 per day/child, which includes the field trip or activity of the day. Children must bring a brown bag lunch unless otherwise instructed. This program will be held at Island City Park Preserve in Wilton Manors at 823 Northeast 28 Street. For more information please call the Leisure Services Department at 954-390-2130. ****ALL CAMPERS MUST WEAR WILTON MANORS RED CAMP T-SHIRTS*** Trips are subject to Change.

After registration deadline, a \$10.00 fee per child will be charged.

Date	Activity	Deadline for Registration	BASH Participant Price	Resident of Wilton Manors Price	Non-Resident of Wilton Manors
Friday, March 21, 2014	Galazy Skating (Lunch Provided)	Friday, March 7, 2014	\$15	\$20	\$25



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! For more information call 954-661-9127. Location-Island City Park Preserve 823 NE 28TH Street
Time-7:00pm-8:00pm Days-Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Messy Hands

Messy Hands, arts and crafts for tots ages 2-4, is now offered at Richardson Historic Park. This class allows your child to explore the world of art at their own pace. Each week children will have the opportunity to complete three art projects. All students will work at their own pace, moving from station to station once a project is completed. Class space is limited to 12 children per class so participants must register in advance. Advance registration begins on the 15th of every month. Get your tot excited about art and sign up today!



FREE EVENT SHRED YOUR DOCUMENTS HERE



Sponsored by:
Saturday, April 19th from 9-11am
Hagen Park on Wilton Drive
WiltonManorsHomesForSale.com
 Adrienne Foland, MBA, GRI, Realtor®



Concerned about identity theft and what to do with all those old tax returns?

On Saturday April 19th from 9am until 11am Wilton Manors residents can bring their confidential information to Hagen Park 2020 Wilton Drive, and have it shred for free.

Every day, millions of individuals and small businesses discard valuable information that can be used to steal people's identity. Identity thieves often called "Dumpster Divers" comb through consumer and business trash in search of their ill gotten treasure. The cost of identity theft is in the billions and is the nation's fastest growing crime.

For more information, please contact event sponsor Adrienne Foland at 954-205-6594, or go to WiltonManorsHomesForSale.com. Co-sponsored by the City of Wilton Manors with on-site shredding services provided by UNISHRED. Visit unishred.com to see all types of materials accepted for shredding, disposal, and recycling.

NEWS FROM WILTON MANORS ELEMENTARY IB WORLD SCHOOL

Being of Service to Others

One of the big goals here at Wilton Manors Elementary is learning and raising our awareness as global citizens. Doing service learning projects here at WME gives us the ability to raise awareness and emphasize of the importance of peace and tolerance amongst our children, families and the communities in which we live. International Solidarity for Human Rights. The articles of Human Rights were also integrated into the curriculum and understanding was gained by creating art works and projects.

As part of this commitment we had a delegation of 42 students, teachers and parents travel to Cuba Mexico to our sister school. School supplies and books were collected by our students and brought to our sister school.

Our next event will be our **annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction** on February 21st.

On **Saturday March 15th** the whole community is invited to help us celebrate diversity and our heritages with our **Annual International Festival**. We invite the community to join us for this great annual event. There will be foods to sample from countries around the world, as well as fun entertainment.

To find out how you can help or be a volunteer at Wilton Manors Elementary please contact Anja Weinberg at 954-629-9256 anja@thrivefromhome.com.

Anja is the founder at Thrive from Home, LLC -creating solutions for healthy, well living and working environments. She is the PTA President at Wilton Manors IB World School.



Wilton Manors IB World

Many students became Youth Ambassadors for the

Lanier Parking honors Nick Melle



The City of Wilton Manors contracts with a private company, Lanier Parking Solutions, to provide day-to-day management of its parking program. In January, Lanier honored the local Wilton Manors project manager Nick Melle with its Shining Star Award, the highest honor bestowed by the nationwide corporation with over 2,000 employees. Nick was nominated and awarded not only for his dedication to his job, but his sense of community. "Nick is a resident of Wilton Manors and his perspective on how his job can affect his community in a positive way has been the true definition of the Lanier Difference", says Kevin Brady, General Manager of Lanier's South Florida Operations. "He is always thinking about and executing new ways to assist the daily operations and

increase the positive experience for the city's many festivals and events".

A native of Pittsburgh, PA, Nick has been a Florida resident for four years and a resident of Wilton Manors for the last 2-½ years. He began work in his current position in Wilton Manors in August 2011. Nick has a strong background in customer service which has proven invaluable as he helps resolve customers' issues on a daily basis. "I really enjoy working with people, and helping to solve problems," Melle stated.

PARKING TIPS

Nick Melle with Lanier Parking (profiled above) provided the following tips when parking in the City:



- ◆ Be safe, remove items of value from your vehicle.
- ◆ Parking in the Arts and Entertainment District is permitted in designated spaces only.
- ◆ Always park in the same direction as the flow of traffic.
- ◆ Do not block any handicap access aisles. Violation will result in a \$250.00 fine.
- ◆ Use the Parkmobile App on your smart phone. Receiving a reminder text when your parking session is about to expire may save you from a citation.
- ◆ Be kind to your neighbors, uninvited parking on private property is prohibited.

Utility Billing Division

The Finance Department's Utility Billing Division is dedicated to providing the community with excellent customer service. The Utility Billing Division's customer service representatives offer one-stop assistance with all inquiries on city services for water, sewer, garbage, recycling, and stormwater. Below are some of the convenient services that we provide:

- View and pay your utility bill online. On the home page of the City's website, www.wiltonmanors.com, click on "Online Bill Pay" to view and pay your utility bill. Read through the instructions or click through to "View or Pay a Utility Bill." On the next page enter your utility account number, complete with the hyphens, and click on "Search" (example: 00-0000-00). When your account number comes up, click on the bold account number on the left to access your information.
- To view your utility account history, complete with a graph showing your water consumption, click on the blue "View Additional Account Information" in the center of the page.
- Email Bills: You now have the option of receiving your monthly utility bills by email. To sign up for this service, call us at 954-390-2100, or email us at UB@wiltonmanors.com with your name, account number, utility service address, and email address.
- Pay your utility bill automatically each month by ACH Debit. Due to popular demand, the City now offers you the ability to pay your utility bill each month with an automatic deduction from your checking or savings account. The form for enrolling is on the City's website: www.wiltonmanors.com > Departments > Finance > Utilities and Billing. Fill out the form and fax, mail, or email it to us. We must have your signature on file to start this service.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCAVENGER HUNT

Saturday, January 25th, saw scores of scavengers blanketing central Wilton Manors, participating in the Second Annual Wilton Manors Scavenger Hunt. The weather was perfect; the clues were well thought out; the participants were enthusiastic; and the refreshments at the end were well earned.

The 45 participants, ranging in age from 14 to 67, were organized into 13 teams,. Kickoff was at 9:30 a.m. from the pavilion at Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve. "Red's Clue Busters" and the "Island Sands Inn" teams both wore uniforms to identify themselves.

The scores of the top four finishers were remarkably close. The top two teams both answered 33 clues correctly and third and fourth place both answered 32 correctly.

"Law & Disorderly," comprised of Denise Melanson, Mo Durden, and Stacey Norcross finished in 99 minutes to take first place and a \$100 gift certificate to Rosie's Bar and Grill (pictured above, with event organizer



Adrienne Foland). The Scavenger Hunt is not only a good time, it is a fund raising opportunity to support the Historical Society's efforts to renovate and re-purpose the Willingham Carriage House at Richardson Park. The organizers are grateful to the many local businesses which sponsored the event.

Retired Basketball Coach Recalls Early Fort Lauderdale/Wilton Manors

By Mary Ulm, Wilton Manors Historical Society



Coach Bill Huegele at Everglades Junior High

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Bill Huegele, one of Broward's most successful coaches, fondly remembers riding his bicycle at age 12 to play golf at Richardson Public Golf Course on Wilton Drive. "The course was mucky and I'd hit the ball and duck when the mosquitos got stirred up," laughs Huegele. The year was 1946. A year later the Village of Wilton Manors was formed.

"With a population of less than 30,000, Fort Lauderdale was one big community," says Huegele. "If my buddies and I decided to go horsing around downtown, my mother knew about it before I got home."

Bill explains that social activities revolved around the old Fort Lauderdale Central High School that spanned the area between NE 3rd and S. Federal Avenues and Broward and Las Olas Boulevards. The Friday night ritual was to go out to dinner and then the football game. Often a bonfire would be built at the High School and someone would start a "snake dance" that wound around for several blocks. The school was built in 1915 in the Mediterranean Revival style by famous South Florida architect, August Geiger. Dances were often held outdoors in the elaborately arched courtyard.

Other memories include time spent at the popular Casino Pool, the first Olympic-sized pool in Florida. Bill says that in 1946 A1A ended at the pool site, as shown in the photo at right. Another memory is of the bunkers from World War II located where Harbor Beach is now. And, he tells of watching in fascination as the New River Tunnel was built in the late 1950s. "It is really not a tunnel, but a tube, because the engineers building it never found the river bottom and water flows under the structure." Some long-time residents continue the tradition that started in the 1960s of honking their car horns as they go through the tunnel

Attending movie theatres on Saturday mornings was a popular past-time. Bill recalls how the Duncan yo-yo

company held contests at the Rialto theatre. Yo-yo salesmen dressed in colorful Hawaiian shirts would carve a beach scene on the freshly-sold yo-yos.

Bill grew up in the era before automated home washing machines and dryers were common. One of Bill's chores was doing the family's laundry at the "Helpy-Selfy" Laundromat on State Road 84. The women in the Laundromat were quick to offer him advice. A "Helpy-Selfy" Laundromat opened in Wilton Manors on Wilton Drive in 1949. A Laundromat remains in business on the site today as "Laundry Lounge".

Bill is a 1954 graduate of Fort Lauderdale High. He was a member of the "Flying L's" team that won the 1953 state basketball championship.

Upon graduation from High Point College in North Carolina, Bill returned to Fort Lauderdale as coach at the newly opened Everglades Junior High School (now W.C. Dandy Middle School). A year later he moved to Fort Lauderdale High where he served as Junior Varsity Basketball coach until he was named head basketball coach for the 1965/66 season, a post he held for 596 games. His teams won four district titles.

And what was his favorite pre-game meal? "A chili-dog and blizzard from the Dairy Queen on Wilton Drive, of course," he says with a chuckle.

Huegele retired from the Broward County School System in 1995. An avid tennis player, he continues to play to this day, and he taught tennis for almost two decades at Holiday Park with Jimmy Evert, father of Chris Evert.



Highway A1A ended at the Casino Pool and Beachfront.
Photo is circa late 1930s.

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