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# 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



We are about to embark on a very exciting and meaningful strategic planning process with my hope that you will be part of it. Over time, cities evolve, external influences change, priorities change and new challenges and opportunities arise. For several years through the 2000's, we were very successful in steering our community toward the revitalization of our neighborhoods and downtown areas. We weathered the challenging economic times better than most communities because of good planning. The community in which we now live is quite different from the Wilton Manors of the past. We have been quite strategic in guiding those changes in a way that has been carefully considered and planned. We are now "on the map" as one of the communities most envied not only in south Florida but throughout the country. With many new and exciting opportunities, it is very important that we refine our vision and move forward strategically to realize where we want to be in the future.

**Existing Strategic Plan:** In 2001, the City created the strategic plan "Wilton Manors 2006 and Beyond." That plan laid out a destination for our City and the goals, objectives, policy and management agenda, and business strategies that would take us there. The goals established in that strategic plan were guideposts for action and resulted in the City working toward: a Sustainable Urban Village; Financially Sound City Government; Strong Community Identity and Pride; Wilton Drive: Destination Point; People Want to Live in Our Neighborhoods; and Quality City Services, Valued by Our Citizens. Each goal had specific objectives and benchmarks that served as criteria for measuring our success and desired outcomes. Since that plan was adopted, the City has accomplished many of the short and long-term objectives.

**Developing a New Strategic Plan:** As Wilton Manors

enters the next phase of potential growth and opportunities, it is an ideal time to revisit our organizational mission and values, and refine our strategies and goals. The City recently entered into an agreement with Dr. Leslie Leip, a professor at Florida Atlantic University experienced in facilitating the strategic planning process with cities and public organizations. With Dr. Leip, the City Commission, staff, residents, and stakeholders are going to engage in proactively creating new goals to be accomplished in the next five to ten years.

An important part of the process is going to be receiving your feedback and input. For the plan to be successful, the process must be **participatory and inclusive of our residents, businesses and stakeholders**. This summer, we will issue a Citizen Survey that will ask you to evaluate your level of satisfaction based on contact with the City; examine your perceptions about the quality of life and standard of living in Wilton Manors; and assess priorities and critical issues. The results from that survey will be used in assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the City's services and establishing priorities. When you receive the survey, please take a few moments to thoughtfully complete and return it. The final report will incorporate the results from the citizen survey along with the findings from sessions with staff and public planning meetings with the City Commission.

I will continue to keep you updated during this important process and thank you in advance for your participation. As always, I welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Please feel free to contact me at:

GResnick@wiltonmanors.com or (954)390-2123.

Thanks for your continued support!

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**CITY COMMISSION AND BOARD MEETING DATES**

**MAY – JUNE – JULY**

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

Comm Aff Adv Bd 7 PM

Wed - May 7  
Wed - June 4  
Wed - July - Break

Historical Society 7 PM

Thurs - May 15  
Thurs - June 19  
Thurs - July - Break

Pension Bd 5:30PM

Tues - June 3

Plan & Zone Bd 7PM

Mon - May 12  
Mon - June 9  
Mon - July 7

Rec Adv Bd 6:30PM

Thurs - June 19

**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**



**Quick Tips for Parking on Wilton Drive!**

- 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 newly designed city website at [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) and following the “online services” link.



**Wilton Manors City Officials**

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

**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



*The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated.* -Mahatma Gandhi

Remember the song *How much is that doggy in the window?* Throughout the United States these lyrics are being replaced by the new mantra of pet protectors - *Adopt Don't Shop*. With overwhelming public support, the City Commission recently passed an Ordinance that restricts the retail sale of dogs and cats in pet stores in the City.

According to the Humane Society of the United States, around 2.7 million dogs and cats are euthanized each year in the United States. Many people give up their pets; others fail to spay or neuter their animals; and too few adopt from shelters. Compounding the crisis of our animal friends is that hundreds of thousands of dogs and cats in the U.S. have been housed and bred at substandard breeding facilities known as "puppy mills" or "kitten factories" that mass produce animals for sale to the public. Because of improper animal husbandry practices, animals born and raised at these facilities are more likely to have genetic disorders and lack adequate socialization. They are often subjected to atrocious living conditions and are indiscriminately disposed

of when they reach the end of their profitable breeding cycle.

In 2013, Broward County Animal Care and Adoption (BCACA) found homes for more than 5,400 abandoned and stray dogs and cats. Another 1,600 pets were returned to their owners, and some 1,500 were placed with rescue groups for adoption. Today, pure breed and mixed breed dogs and cats of nearly every size and shape, color and combination fill the BCACA shelter. To help reduce the Broward pet population, hundreds of cats are sterilized through the Trap Neuter Release (TNR) Program and more than 2,000 dogs and cats are spayed and neutered at a reduced rate through the SPOT (Stop Pet Over Population) Program.



In partnership with actions by BCACA, the *Adopt Don't Shop* Ordinance will hopefully curb impulse pet purchases and help reduce the number of sick and genetically disordered pets that are sold. Most importantly, it should encourage pet consumers to adopt pets from approved shelters, rescue organizations, and legitimate breeders, thereby reducing the cost to the public of sheltering animals.

In Wilton Manors, along with meeting certain other requirements, the retail sale of cats and dogs by a pet store can continue as long as the animals are obtained from a legitimate breeder, humane society, non-profit rescue organization or shelter. Consumer protection remains a City priority, and the *Adopt Don't Shop* mantra is getting louder.

I welcome your comments on this or any City matter at 954-288-8174 or [jcarson@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:jcarson@wiltonmanors.com).

## From the Desk of Commissioner Ted Galatis



Welcome to the May/June 2014 Town Crier! Donna and I had a very small but intimate wedding ceremony at Richardson Park February 9<sup>th</sup>. Our appreciation goes out to Patrick Cann and the whole Leisure Services Department for making the facility rental go smoothly while we were busy coordinating with everyone who helped make our wedding a very special day. We have a jewel in Richardson Park and need to keep it shining.

We held our Goals and Objectives workshop last month. After going through each department's wish list, we heard from several of our Westside residents concerning crime prevention. As a result, our Chief of Police put several day shifts on bicycle patrol in an effort to increase visibility as a deterrent to would-be thieves.

Some of our Westside homeowners have fallen victim to a recent rash of car and home burglaries. I believe this rash of burglaries is due in part to an empty Mickel Field and also too many points of ingress/egress to our neighborhood. I have taken precautions at my home by purchasing a "monitored" alarm system and by placing signage on my gates warning of installed video surveillance. In addition, the use of "Smart Water" by residents on their personal belongings is being advertised on street signs around the Westside neighborhood. We need to study all points of ingress and egress to the Westside neighborhoods to determine if we can alter traffic patterns without overburdening one or more streets to the Westside's neighborhoods. The Police will tell you that the best deterrent to this type of crime is neighbors watching out for neighbors – know your neighbor, know your neighborhood! My goal is to get the Mickel Field repurposing started sooner rather than later, as neighbors outside and in the park will stop the thieves from victimizing our neighborhoods.

We recently enacted laws to prevent the proliferation of pawn shops in Wilton Manors. Pawnshops are now limited to the B-3 Zoning Districts, which are few and far between in Wilton Manors. Like any ordinance, there will be those who try to skirt the law by calling their business activity "consignment" rather than pawn. Rest assured that our Code Enforcement will be following up on the "consignment" shops to ensure compliance with our laws.

We are meeting with the City's contracted Strategic Planning Consultant in coming weeks to review our mission statement as a City, as it has been nearly ten years since we last went through the process. My focus will be on celebrating our diversity and keeping the City's reputation as the most desirable place for all kind of families to live, work and play. 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.

## From the Desk of Commissioner Tom Green



Wilton Manors continues to plan for improvements in pedestrian and biker safety and to provide more access along our streets for these activities. Recently the city submitted a grant request to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization to overhaul Northeast 26<sup>th</sup> Street from Andrews Avenue to Five-Points. The proposal is to add bike lanes, widen sidewalks, and increase landscaping along the street. This is in addition to similar improvements already approved for future funding by the MPO for Northwest 29<sup>th</sup> street from Andrews Avenue to Powerline Road. The city has also been given nearly \$1 million for improvements to Dixie Highway south of Five-Points. Work should begin on this project during 2015.

The city “officially” opened a new parking lot on Northeast 8<sup>th</sup> Terrace on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The new lot has 40 metered (plus 2 non-metered handicap) parking spaces and will provide some parking relief for the northern part of the Drive. The beautifully landscaped lot is another example of the city commission’s commitment to expand parking in Wilton Manors.

Congratulations to Wilton Manors Police Chief Paul O’Connell for his recent award from the Florida Anti-Defamation League. The ADL Award was for Chief O’Connell’s work in changing the entire culture of the Wilton Manors Police Department to combat any form of prejudice or bigotry. The chief has made major improvements in his reorganization and operation of the department. The Wilton Manors Police Force now more appropriately reflects the community it serves.

I hope everyone has a chance to participate in one of the many activities associated with this year’s Stonewall Pride Wilton Manors along Wilton Drive. This year the celebration will be a one day event with activities beginning at noon on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and running until after midnight. The parade is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Pride South Florida has done a great job planning the event in partnership with the city. Improvements for this year include locating stages at N.E. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and each end of Wilton Drive. Tentative plans also include some dedicated handicapped parking. Check publications and online for more information.

As always please contact me with your concerns and ideas. You may reach me at [tgreen@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:tgreen@wiltonmanors.com) or 954-290-0561.

## Greetings from Commissioner Scott Newton



My parents used to tell me that time goes by faster as you age and it’s only recently that I truly understand what they meant. Now I find myself saying it to my own children. I remember their excitement as the school year got closer to an end and they were wishing away the last few weeks of classes. One of their favorite parts of summer was attending the Wilton Manors Sumer Camp program. When they were kids, it was held in the old Hagen Park community center where they played games, went on field trips, and participated in an end-of-summer talent show.

In Wilton Manors, we are very fortunate that the legacy of offering a high-quality, affordable summer program for our youth has continued. Under the direction of Leisure Services Program Supervisor Bridgette Pierce, the City’s Summer Camp program, now held at Wilton Manors Elementary School and Island City Park Preserve, continues to thrive and gets better every year! Kids have their pick of classes and activities from cheerleading to drama, arts and crafts, and sports. And, of course, there are a variety of adventurous field trips from which to choose. For more information about camp, contact (954) 390-2130.

There are lots of summer events and activities for us adults too. On May 17<sup>th</sup>, the City will celebrate its 67<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Annual Canoe Race. This is my favorite City event of the year. It combines a great party with a competition for the fastest relay canoe team. Many local residents and businesses put together teams of racers for a chance to win the coveted title. Don’t worry – you don’t have to canoe to come have a good time! Come by Richardson Historic Park at 1937 Wilton Drive and celebrate.

The annual Stonewall Parade and Street Festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 21 on Wilton Drive. This event continues to grow and attract over 25,000 visitors to our great city. Members of the City Commission have the unique opportunity to ride in the parade and, with that, a chance to get to see many of the participants having a great time celebrating with old and new friends.

I hope your summer is fun and that you have a chance to relax. Please send me an email [SNewton@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:SNewton@wiltonmanors.com) if you would like to share your thoughts or suggestions about the City.

## Wilton Manors' Boards & Committees NEWS

### Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB)

At the March meeting of CAAB, the City's advisory board approved a proposal to honor and recognize Wilton Manors residents and businesses who are unsung heroes and are making significant contributions to the Island City through their time, actions, talents and dedication (outside any volunteer work done for their employer). Wilton Manors residents are encouraged to nominate individuals for the specific categories that serve as a role model for compassion and service, strive to improve the quality of life in our Island City, and have a passion for helping others in our community.

To obtain a nomination form, individuals can contact CAAB by email at [community@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:community@wiltonmanors.com) or by calling John Goodnight, CAAB City Staff Liaison at (954) 390-2120.

Award categories include:

**Resident (Youth)** - Awarded to a Wilton Manors resident younger than 18 years of age and works at making positive change and a positive impact on our community and improves the quality of life for residents. Must have been a resident since January 1, 2013.

**Resident (Adult)** - Awarded to a Wilton Manors resident who is 18 years of age or older and works at making positive change and a positive impact on our community and improves the quality of life for residents. Must have been a resident since January 1, 2013.

**Business**—Awarded to a business, business association or non-profit located in Wilton Manors or serving Wilton Manors residents that works at making positive change and a positive impact in our community and improves the quality of life for residents. The business owner does not need to be a resident, however, they must demonstrate the benefit of doing business in the Island City. Business must have been operational since January 1, 2013.

Nominations received by Monday, May 5, 2014 for CAAB's consideration, will be reviewed at the Wednesday, May 7, 2014 meeting at 7:00 pm in the Wilton Manors City Commission Chambers.

Also at the March meeting, CAAB successfully launched its Civic Engagement Series and featured an informative presentation on the City's budget process by the City's Finance Director Bob Mays. During the April 2nd CAAB meeting, Dave Archacki, Director of Emergency Management/Utilities gave an outstanding presentation regarding the responsibilities of this department, covering the City's water, sewer, street maintenance, drainage, recycling, refuse collection, and emergency management. Future presentations include the City Website by Assistant City Manager Leigh Ann Henderson on May 7th, and the Wilton Manors Police Department Goals & Objectives on June 4th.

CAAB continues to invite the public to participate at our meetings and receive input from the public on how we can work together to help maintain a high quality of life in the Island City. CAAB provides funding opportunities for residents and organizations wishing to submit a proposal for consideration.

CAAB meetings are typically held the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the Wilton Manors City Commission Chambers, except in the month of July which has no meeting. This may vary due to holidays so always check the City calendar at [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com). Parking is free in the Hagen Park/City Hall parking lot from 1/2 hour before until 1/2 hour after all publicly noticed meetings.

### *A message from the Chair.....Budget Review Advisory Committee*

The Budget Review Advisory Committee (BRAC) serves in an advisory capacity to the City Manager and the City Commission, and is in essence the citizen "watch dog" for overseeing the City's budget affairs. BRAC strives to assist City stakeholders to develop a budget that balances the needs of the City and its residents. There is always a limited amount of funds that can be allocated for maximum impact.

BRAC's five members are residents who are appointed by the City Commission and who volunteer to serve a two-year term. The Finance Director serves as BRAC's liaison to City Hall.

BRAC was established in May 1994 by Resolution 1744 for the purpose of considering substantive policy issues related to both the current and proposed operating budgets and the Seven Year Expenditure Project.

Recently, BRAC participated in the City's Goals and Objectives Workshop in March. This meeting kicked off the budget planning process for the 2014/2015 fiscal year. City Department Directors present their needs as the first step in drafting the initial overall budget. Throughout the spring, the Department Directors and the City Manager develop a budget for the upcoming year. When the budget planning process nears completion, BRAC will meet with each Department Director on their respective budget, and then will make final overall recommendations to the City Commission.

This process is quite intense, the majority of the work carried out in a compressed time period in June and July with one week containing three consecutive nightly budget meetings.

In addition to preparing a new budget, BRAC also attends the City's quarterly budget review meetings where Directors report on their Department's progress on the current year's budget. Current BRAC members come from a wide range of backgrounds and experience, including government, corporate, not for profit and small business. Many of the members participate in other City events, programs and committees and this helps them keep up to date on their budget perspective.

Paul J. Rolli, Chairperson

## City News, Happenings, and FYI

### *"New City Hall Residents"*



In early February 2014 employees at Wilton Manors City Hall noticed some new wildlife in residence – the rare Atala butterfly. The Atala was thought to be extinct in south Florida until the late 1900s, but is slowly making a comeback. Like most butterflies, the female Atala will only lay her eggs on one single plant species. For Atalas this species is the Florida Coontie (*Zamia integrifolia*). The Coontie is the only plant that the Atala caterpillars will eat once they hatch from the tiny eggs, so without Coonties, Atalas cannot grow and develop.

The Coontie is a cycad that is native to much of Florida. It has a thick, starchy root that was used by the early Native Americans - the Tequesta and Calusa groups - as a food staple. The Seminoles later also used the Coontie. Overharvesting became a threat to the plant's existence, and as with many native south Florida plants, the Coontie became a rarity as much of its native habitat was lost to residential and commercial development. As a result the Atala butterfly also became a rarity. It was plentiful throughout Florida until the early 1900's, already becoming rare by 1930, and assumed to be extinct by the mid-1960s.

As environmental awareness grew in the late 1900s, the importance of preserving native plants became a priority in south Florida. Local governments now require the landscaping in new developments to include native species. The City of Wilton Manors has been a leader in wildlife habitat restoration, and in fact was the 17th city in the nation to be named a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation, due largely to the efforts of Wilton Manors resident M.E. DePalma, a vocal advocate of "butterfly gardening" and wildlife habitat restoration. The City's M.E. DePalma Park ([www.medepalmapark.com](http://www.medepalmapark.com)) on the corner of NE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NE 20<sup>th</sup> Drive is dedicated to native Florida plants, and the City regularly hosts NatureScape classes at the City Library led by Ms. DePalma. In addition, several City employees are certified National Wildlife Habitat Stewards.

Coonties have been re-introduced as a landscape plant and their popularity has grown in recent years. When the new Wilton Manors City Hall was built in 2010, a planting of approximately 100 of the low-growing Coonties became a prominent feature of the City Hall landscaping.

If you plant it, they will come – and the Coonties planted at City Hall were eventually discovered by Atala butterflies scouting for suitable places to lay eggs. In early February 2014 City Hall employees noticed 15 to 20 of the small, colorful Atalas flying around the Coonties. Closer inspection revealed that the Atalas had established a sustaining colony complete with the Atalas in all stages of their life cycle – egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, and adult butterfly. The adult butterflies flutter around the Coonties, occasionally coming to rest in groups on the Firebush (*Hamelia patens*) nearby. At night, the butterflies roost singly or in groups of 2, 3, or more in a nearby Gumbo Limbo tree (*Bursera simaruba*).

Take a moment as you walk by the north side of City Hall to look for the small, colorful, fluttering butterflies which have a wingspan of only about 1.5 inches. They are quick and can easily escape your view, so be patient.

*Article courtesy of Bob Mays, City Finance Director; Photograph courtesy of John Goodnight*

## Come Make a Difference! City Board/Committee Volunteers Needed!



The City of Wilton Manors periodically has openings on City Boards and Committees. These include many exciting opportunities, ranging from the fun (the Community Affairs Advisory Board and the Recreation Advisory Board) to the serious (the Budget Review Advisory Committee and the Planning and Zoning Board) in City Government. For additional information regarding Board & Committee opportunities please visit our website at [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) or contact the City Clerk at 954-390-2123 or 954-390-2128. Interested parties must meet certain criteria (which can be found on the City's website) to be considered to serve on a City Board or Committee.

## Parking Update from Lanier Parking Solutions

- ◆ 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.

The City of Wilton Manors and Lanier Parking were excited to participate in testing new parking meters that accept credit cards as a form of payment. The City contracts with Lanier Parking Solutions to manage the City's parking program, and we strive to provide outstanding customer service regarding your parking experience. You can contact Lanier at (954) 566-3204.

## Utility Billing

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](http://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 to **receive 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](mailto: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](http://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.



**Chief of Police  
Paul O'Connell**



## From the Desk of Chief of O'Connell

The Wilton Manors Police Department is very proud to announce the successful graduation of 16 individuals from our second **Citizens Police Academy**. Over the course of 8 weeks and many hours these special people took time out of their very busy lives to spend time with the members of our Police Department. They saw the work we do in Law Enforcement, why we do that work in a particular way and, most importantly, how we do it. In a way, WMPD "pulled back the veil" of our profession and gave these good people a sneak peek of the many challenges police officers face on a daily basis. The classes were great fun and it was a learning experience for both the students and instructors alike!

### Congratulations to:

<i>Joan Baumet</i>	<i>Bruce Bogen</i>	<i>Anthony Cure</i>
<i>Nicole Killmer</i>	<i>Joseph Knox</i>	<i>Barbara Levine</i>
<i>David Palmer</i>	<i>Krystal Peguero</i>	<i>Glen Perez</i>
<i>Bennett Quade</i>	<i>Gabriel Roura</i>	<i>Wayne Schotanus</i>
<i>Michael Shaffer</i>	<i>Barbara Smith</i>	<i>Mary Ulm</i>
<i>Michael Weitzman</i>		

Here is a quick follow-up regarding a disturbing trend in Suicide that we have discussed in the past. You will recall in past columns we wrote that Wilton Manors has a suicide rate two times higher than the national rate (per capita). In April, 2012 **Mayor Resnick** held a Town Hall meeting in partnership with the Florida Initiative for the Prevention of Suicide (F.I.S.P. [www.fisponline.org](http://www.fisponline.org)). What a great experience that was when a room filled with heroes gathered together to listen, learn and help.

In 2013, **Jackie Rosen** (Director of F.I.S.P.) followed up that Town Hall meeting with a series of performances entitled, "Not Alone! Expressions of Hope Project." Those performances, done in partnership with the **Pride Center**, were the culmination of a year long project funded by The Community Foundation of Broward and designed to engage in a meaningful dialogue the entire **LGBT Community of Wilton Manors**. What a great success that was!

In addition, the City of Wilton Manors and the Wilton Man-

ors Police Department was a main sponsor in a fund raising event held just this past February at which our own **Howard Cohen, MS LMHC, NCC** was honored for his work in the community. Also acknowledged was the continuing partnership between the Wilton Manors Police Department and FISP which is critical to reducing the incidents of suicide.

**Our job is not done!!** In a recent article in *Time Magazine*, written by Josh Sanburn, (11/25/13) statistics showed a disturbing upward trend in the number of suicides nationwide. Suicide rates have been climbing since 2005. In 2009 the number of suicides surpassed deaths from motor vehicle accidents for the very first time. In 2010, 38,368 Americans killed themselves. More disturbing, the rate of suicides for men ages 50 – 54 has increased 49.4% between 1999 and 2010.

When in need for a shoulder to lean on, please reach out to **F.I.S.P.** for help either for yourself or for a friend who is in need. We are in this together!

## Bus Safety Tips: Be Alert!



Be sure to have your fare out and ready before you leave home, office, or store prior to getting on the bus. Plan your route to use the busiest, most well lit

route possible.

Keep your purse, shopping bag, backpack, packages, etc... on your lap; do not put them on an empty seat. This is too tempting for a criminal.

Sit near the driver if you can and don't sit next to the doors. Have your cell phone charged up in the event you need to call the Police.

Most importantly stay alert, and do not doze off on a bus. Sleeping on the bus can make you a very easy target for criminals to prey on.

**Utilities/Emergency Management Department**

**SCHEDULE FOR BULK TRASH AND RECYCLING**

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

May 22                  June 19                          July 24                          Recycling Day: Thursday

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

May 20                  June 17                          July 22                          Recycling Day: Friday

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

May 21                  June 18                          July 23                          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"**

<b>ODD street addresses:</b>	<b>Wednesdays &amp; Saturdays</b>	<b>12:00am-10:00am and/or 4:00pm-11:59pm</b>
<b>EVEN street addresses:</b>	<b>Thursdays &amp; Sundays</b>	<b>12:00am-10:00am and/or 4:00pm-11:59pm</b>

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

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



**BROWARD COUNTY ASSISTANCE**



Information on services provided by Broward County can be obtained by calling 2-1-1 or accessing their website at [www.211-broward.org](http://www.211-broward.org). Broward 2-1-1 serves the entire population of our region, and connects people with community, health and disaster services through a free, 24/7 stigma-free phone service and searchable online database. 2-1-1 Broward connects people to the help they need in services involving Children with Special Needs, Homelessness, Senior Citizens, Teens, Behavioral Health, Disaster-related Services, Healthcare, Suicide Prevention, Financial Assistance, Military & Veteran Services, Mental Health Services, and Children Services.

## HURRICANE SEASON STARTS JUNE 1ST!

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 in this newsletter to assist you in getting your supplies ready.

For additional information and ideas, please go online to [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) and click on "Departments" at the top of the page, then choose "Emergency Management".



### ***Subscribe to the City's E-mail List Service***

Also, don't forget to sign up for the City of Wilton Manors E-mail List service to begin receiving important City information. The City sends bi-weekly e-mail updates and reminders to members of the list service. Subscribe at [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://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](http://www.broward.org/hurricane) and click on "Subscribe to Emergency Updates" on the right 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 encourages residents to sign up to receive emergency notifications through the City of Fort Lauderdale's CodeRED and e-mail news alerts. To register, go to [www.fortlauderdale.gov/code\\_red.htm](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/code_red.htm).

People who have previously registered for the service but would like to update their phone number or add a cell-phone number can re-register.



Please note that automated messages can't be delivered to cell numbers with a privacy lock feature. In order to receive messages, either turn off the privacy lock feature during emergencies, or enter 954-828-8000 on your "safe list" of phone numbers.

### ***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.

## STAY CONNECTED!

As noted above, be sure to sign up on the City's website for our "new and improved" e-News! This way you're sure to be up to date on City news and events. Also, if you are not receiving the Town Crier at your residence please let us know (at (954) 390-2120 or [community@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:community@wiltonmanors.com)) and we will be happy to address this concern.

# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

**Hurricane Season starts June 1st and it's time to ... Be Prepared!**

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 2 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



Hurricane Wilma – November 2005



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## SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS

*(excerpted from <http://www.broward.org/Hurricane/AtoZ/Pages/SpecialNeedsBeforeEvent.aspx>)*

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 County Human Services Division at 954-357-6385 or TTY 954-357-5608.

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## 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](http://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.

**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.

**Broward County Florida** **2014** **Emergency Hotline: 311 or 954-831-4000**  
**EMERGENCY SHELTER MAP**

**Emergency Management Division**  
 Environmental Protection  
 and Growth Management Department  
 201 N.W. 84th Avenue, Plantation, FL 33324  
 Telephone: 954-831-3900  
**Emergency Hotline: 311 or 954-831-4000**

Not all shelters may be open during a state of emergency. In the event of an evacuation order, monitor news reports or call the Broward County Emergency Hotline, 311 or 954-831-4000, for specific shelter openings.

**Pet-Friendly Shelter**

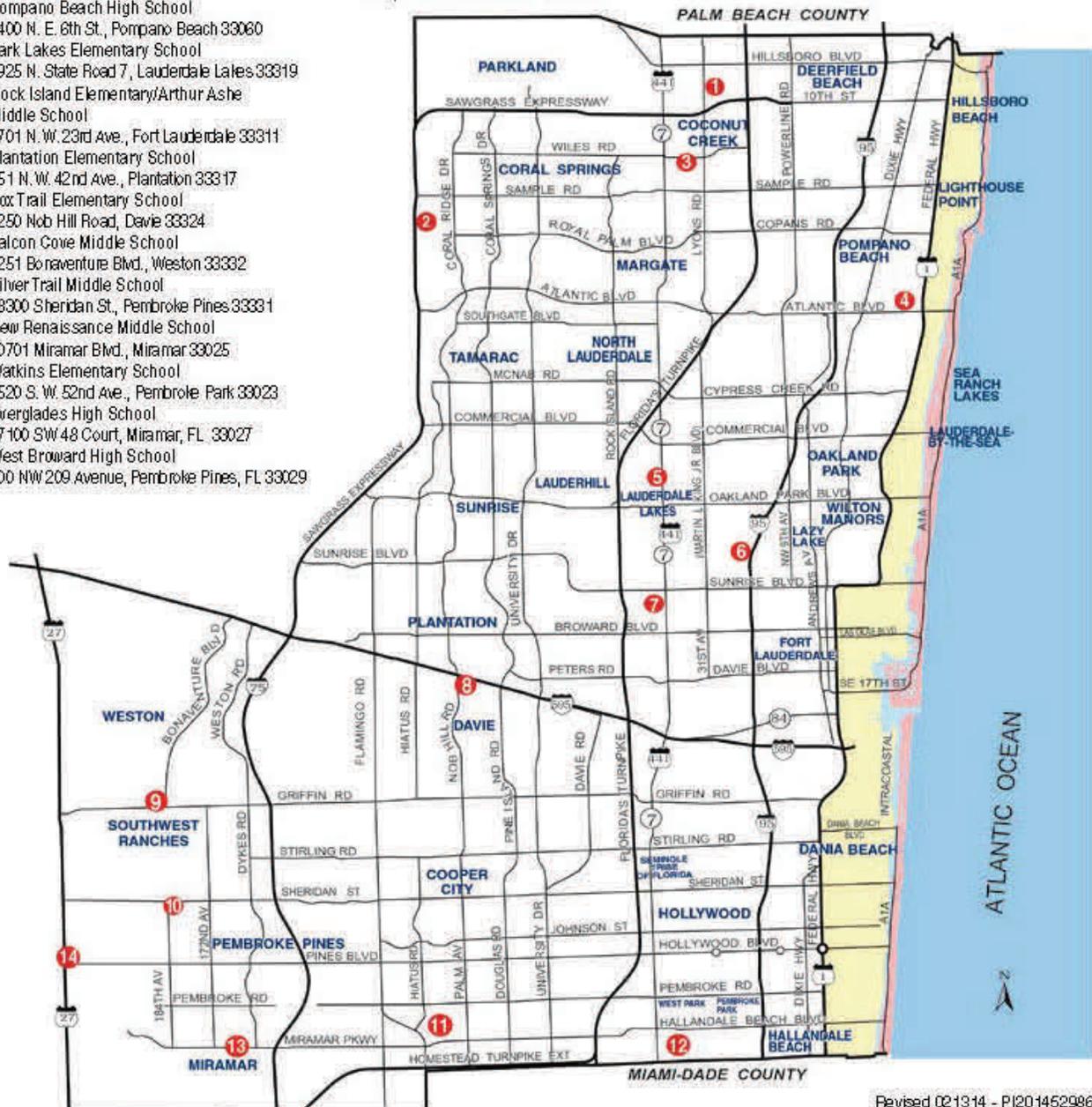
A pet-friendly shelter operated by the American Red Cross and the Broward County Humane Society is available to residents with pets who either live in an evacuation area, or a mobile home anywhere in Broward County. Pre-registration is required. Call the Humane Society at 954-989-3977.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS**  
**Operated Regional Emergency Shelters**

- 1) Lyons Creek Middle School  
4333 SoI Press Blvd., Coconut Creek 33073
- 2) Coral Glades High School  
2700 Sportsplex Dr, Coral Springs 33065
- 3) Monarch High School  
5050 Wiles Road, Coconut Creek 33073
- 4) Pompano Beach High School  
1400 N. E. 6th St., Pompano Beach 33060
- 5) Park Lakes Elementary School  
3925 N. State Road 7, Lauderdale Lakes 33319
- 6) Rock Island Elementary/Arthur Ashe Middle School  
1701 N. W. 23rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale 33311
- 7) Plantation Elementary School  
651 N. W. 42nd Ave., Plantation 33317
- 8) Fox Trail Elementary School  
1250 Nob Hill Road, Davie 33324
- 9) Falcon Cove Middle School  
4251 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston 33332
- 10) Silver Trail Middle School  
18300 Sheridan St., Pembroke Pines 33331
- 11) New Renaissance Middle School  
10701 Miramar Blvd., Miramar 33025
- 12) Watkins Elementary School  
3520 S. W. 52nd Ave., Pembroke Park 33023
- 13) Everglades High School  
17100 SW 48 Court, Miramar, FL 33027
- 14) West Broward High School  
500 NW 209 Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL 33029

**PLAN A Evacuation** Typically a Category 1-2 hurricane.  
**PLAN B Evacuation** Typically a Category 3 or higher hurricane

Those persons located in low lying areas or beside tidal bodies of water should seek shelter elsewhere if conditions warrant. ALL mobile home residents must evacuate in PLAN A and PLAN B. In addition, mobile home residents may be ordered to evacuate if tropical storm conditions warrant.





## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE TO CHLORINATE WATER SYSTEM



*Water Treatment Scheduled for May 6th to May 27th, 2014*

- WHAT:** The City of Fort Lauderdale Public Works Department will temporarily return to using free chlorine in its drinking water system. Free chlorination is a routine practice for water systems using combined chlorine disinfection. The chlorination period is anticipated to be transparent; however, there may be a slight change in the taste or smell of tap water.
- WHEN:** This preventive maintenance procedure will begin at 9:00am Tuesday, May 6, 2014 and will end at 9:00am Tuesday, May 27, 2014.
- 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 or find it online at [http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/h2o/water\\_report.pdf](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/h2o/water_report.pdf). The City of Wilton Manors Emergency Management/Utilities Department can be reached at 954-390-2190 and our 2012 Water Quality Report can be found on the City's website at [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com), in the Utilities Department section.

Flushing fire hydrants is 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.





# THE LIBRARY CORNER

The Library's 2014 summer programs are ready to begin! The programs, paid for by the Friends of the Wilton Manors Library, will cover a range of subjects, including science, dance, magic, and wild animals, while a variety of energetic artists and performers will keep everyone's attention.

- ◆ On June 11, Michael Winters will conduct a "Magic Workshop." Space is limited, so register early. Registrants must be at least 9 years old. Storyteller Katie Adams will share her tales of "Rainforest Animals" on June 18. "Earthscapades Science Lab" will intrigue kids ages 5 to 12 with the wonders of science on June 25. Pre-registration is also required for this program, since the number of young scientists who can be accommodated is limited.



- ◆ The most popular program each summer is the visit from Vanishing Species. Stop by on July 9 for this interactive, hands-on experience. Creatures of all sizes, from those that fit in the palm of your hand to large, exotic animals will be shown in a safe, professional, and entertaining manner, to give participants a new sense of responsibility for protecting the environment and the world's vanishing species.

- ◆ On July 16, Geddy the Gecko will lead the kids in dances from Latin America and Europe. Steadfast Steel will present "Nightfall's Gothic Side Show Extravaganza" on

July 23. Finally, on July 30, "Shoot for the Stars Science Lab" will get kids searching the heavens for new discoveries. The annual ice cream party for summer reading program participants will be held on Aug. 6 and will be a delicious way to end the summer. All summer programs will begin at 4 PM.



## Ongoing Children's Programs

**Family Story Time – Wednesday evenings @ 6:30. Children ages 3 and up are welcome (and may come in pajamas if desired).**

**Preschool Story Time – Monday mornings @ 10:30. The programs are suitable for kids aged 2 – 5. Caregivers must remain with the children and are encouraged to have fun too! After all, you're never too old to be read to. Age-appropriate books will be available for check-out.**

**If you have any questions or suggestions, please call 954-390-2195 and ask for Jill or Sherry.**

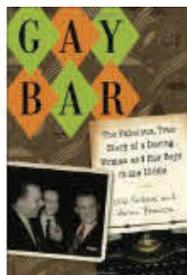


## E-BOOK SUGGESTIONS FOR GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE MONTH



A June 1969 riot at the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan is often considered to be the beginning of the gay liberation movement in the United States. Launched in 2000, Gay and Lesbian Pride Month is held in June to commemorate this important event in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered history.

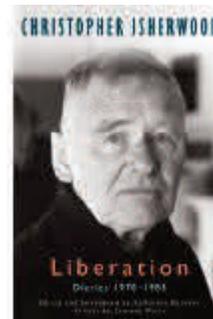
The National Women’s History Project said, “June is now the month of acceptance and the month to welcome diversity in communities regardless of sexual orientation.” Check out these titles from our e-book collection that recognize the impact gay, lesbian, and transgender individuals have had on the world.



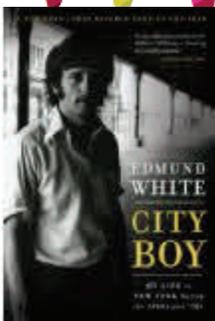
*Gay Bar* by Will Fellows and Helen P. Branson is the firsthand, contemporary account by a straight woman, Branson, who owned a gay bar in 1950s Los Angeles. The book provides a rare primary source of gay life in an era from which such information is hard to obtain. Readers will find information on the relationships between gay women and men, what gay parties were like, and the distinct house rules that Branson set up for patronage of her bar, among other topics. According to *Library Journal*, “general readers of memoir or LGBT lit, as well as historians, will find *Gay Bar* to be a charming, informative read.”

The 44 profiles in *Travels in a Gay Nation* are of artists, writers, activists, politicians, and intellectuals. Philip Gambone’s interviewees are diverse in many ways (age, gender, race, background), but they are all people of noted accomplishment, the best known including Dorothy Allison, Tammy Baldwin, Kate Clinton, Barney Frank, and George Takei, but at least half the names should be familiar to most LGBT readers. Gambone is a smart interviewer with a laid-back, engaging style, and he knows how to bring out the most interesting qualities of his subjects.

*Liberation* is the third and final volume of Christopher Isherwood’s diaries and concludes with a 136-page “glossary” of names. As the 1970s commence, partner Don Bachardy has just had his screenplay for *Cabaret* (based on the musical drawn from Isherwood’s *Goodbye to Berlin*) rejected, and the two have begun an unsuccessful stage adaptation of Isherwood’s novel, *A Meeting by the River*. The last diary entry dates to July 4, 1983, exactly two and a half years before Isherwood’s death from cancer. In between he regales readers with accounts of his collaboration with Bachardy on the screenplay for *Frankenstein: The True Story*, the 1976 publication of *Christopher and His Kind*, and nonstop dinners, parties, and foreign travels.



*Is It a Choice?* by Eric Marcus provides straightforward answers for both straight and lesbian/gay readers to fundamental questions about definitions and origins of homosexuality and bisexuality, lesbian and gay life, and lesbians and gay men in American culture. *Library Journal* called it “highly useful.”



In *City Boy*, Edmund White “weaves erotic encounters and long-ago literati into a vast tapestry of Manhattan memories. This is a brilliant recreation of an era, rich in revels, revolutions, and ‘leather boys leading the human tidal wave,’” according to *Publishers Weekly*.

A book like no other in its weaving of social significance and athletic spectacle, Marshall Fisher’s soul-stirring *A Terrible Splendor* is ultimately a tribute to the strength of the human spirit. The deciding 1937 Davis Cup tennis match pitted an American versus a German in a spellbinding battle.

## a LEISURE SERVICES overview

It is easy to lose sight of what our Leisure Services Department offers residents. They are all announced here in the Town Crier, but we thought an overview would be helpful.

If you are between the ages of two and the other side of 60, the Wilton Manors Leisure Services department has something for you.

We have parks where you can sit and enjoy nature, or go for a nice walk and enjoy nature. You can play baseball, basketball, tennis, volley ball, launch your canoe or your motor boat, have a wedding or birthday, or put on a corporate event to impress your boss from Chicago in February! Don't have a kayak? You can rent one to circumnavigate the Island City. Leisure Services provides services, like After School Care and vacation and summer camps for children, transport for Seniors to get to doctor appointments, and a gym.

Classes? How about Yoga, All Breed Obedience Training, Arts and Crafts (for the 2 to 4 year old set), Wing Chun Kuen Class, Painting, Piano, Square Dancing, and Brains and Balance Past 60.

We sponsor recurring and one time "special events." The monthly City Yard Sale is well attended. The weekly Farmer's Market is full of local fruits and vegetables. There are periodic "Movies Under the Stars." The annual Taste of the Island, Eggstravaganza, Spooktacular, Santa by Sea, Holiday Lighting Ceremony, and Veteran's Day breakfast events are recurring favorites.

Leisure Services staff manage the parks, teach many of the classes, and provide tremendous support to the many citizen volunteer groups. Most of the enhancements to the parks are funded from grants secured by Leisure Services.

Take a look at our recently revised and expanded web page on [www.WiltonManors.com](http://www.WiltonManors.com) for details on all our programs!

*Submitted by Benjamin B. Little, a Wilton Manors' resident since 1998, tireless City Volunteer, member of the Wilton Manors' Historical Society and author of "Wilton Manors: From Farming Community to Urban Village" among other publications.*

## Senior Transportation



Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department, offers transportation to and from doctor's appointments within a five-mile radius on Tuesday between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm. Transportation is also available on Wednesdays to and from Publix Supermarket for grocery shopping.

There is a \$2.00 round trip fee for all transportation services. To be eligible you must be a resident of Wilton Manors, over the age of 60 and have no other means of transportation. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call (954) 390-2130.

## Island City Fitness Center @ Hagen Park

Looking for a great workout facility to get you back into shape for the summer time? Look no further than your very own Island City Fitness Center located inside Hagen Park. This fitness center, while small in size, provides all the great workout machines you would find in a larger gym including elliptical machines, treadmills, bikes and weight lifting machines. Package the equipment, along with the cleanliness of the facility and the most affordable memberships in town and you have your new workout facility! All memberships are pro-rated throughout the year and expire December 31<sup>st</sup>, if you sign up in May or June, you pay a one-time fee of \$84. So stop putting it off, the time for health & fitness is now, sign up today!

## 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*

March and April provided many unique opportunities that I hope you participated in such as our Waterway Cleanup, Yard Sales, Gilda's Club, Spring Festival Eggstravaganza, Pooch Pics with Peter Cottontail, Spring Camp, Gallery 21, Nature-scape Program at Library, Story Time, Brains and Balance Past 60, Arts and Crafts ages 2 to 4, Ballet and Hip Hop Dance, Table Tennis, Wing Chun Kuen, Yoga, Kayaking, Line Dance, Zumba, Green Market, and so much more.

May and June will continue to offer many exciting opportunities to meet new friends, get to know your neighbors, and participate in fun leisure experiences with family and friends. In addition to the many programs and services, I hope you will consider joining us at the Annual Canoe Race and City Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, May 17, 2014, Summer and Adventure Camps, Tennis, Volleyball and Fitness Center. Also, this year Stonewall Summer Pride Street Festival will be a great way to start off summer festivities on Saturday, June 21, 2014.

Again, I would like to thank the efforts of our volunteers that assisted with the Mickel Park Repurposing Project. Their contributions were instrumental in developing a Site Master Plan for Mickel Park. The plan along with the estimated costs for the new vision will be presented at a future public meeting for any final input and to identify the most efficient approach to fund the construction of new amenities.

The City also has a dedicated group of volunteers ready to assist with an initiative to expand Hagen Park to further enhance the quality of life. Construction is also in progress for the Island City Park Preserve Expansion adding fourteen (14) parking spaces, solar lighting, a walking trail, estate style fencing, a well with irrigation and landscaping. The funding for this project was provided under the Community Development Block Grant program. For more information, please don't hesitate to contact the Leisure Services Department.

I would like to thank the Kiwanis Club for their continued quality tradition with hosting the ever popular Fleet Week for our visiting military. 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 visit our local library, parks and waterways. We have programs, amenities and services available just for you.

### Brains & Balance Past 60

If you haven't taken advantage of the FREE "Brains & Balance Past 60" program offered at Hagen Park you are missing out on a great program. This program is designed for the unique needs of active older adults who know the importance of staying mentally sharp and physically stable. Researchers no longer believe that falling or losing your mental capacity are inevitable parts of the aging process, and this fascinating class series operates based on the premise that specific exercises will decrease the risk of falling while increasing mental activity. This innovative program is a clever combination of specific activities designed to improve your memory, reasoning, conceptualization, language and problem solving skills along with age appropriate exercise to improve stability. Attendance is growing each week and if you haven't checked this program out, now is the time. "Brains & Balance Past 60" is offered on Wednesday mornings 10:00a.m.-11:00a.m. at Hagen Park 2020 Wilton Drive and is FREE to all Wilton Manors Residents (Non-Residents \$3 per class)!

## 4th Annual Island City Tennis Tournament

The 4th Annual Island City Tennis Tournament was held at Hagen Park Tennis Center on February 1<sup>st</sup>. We had over 50 participants enter the tournament and there was more spectators than ever before. Over the weekend participants competed in an elimination tournament Men's Doubles, Singles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. To celebrate the champions of the tournament, all participants were treated to a cook out and presented their prizes. The prizes were sponsored by Alibi, Dapur, J'Marks, Rumors, Storcks, 13 Even, Le Patio, Oriental Rugs, 7-11 Wilton Manors, Tropics, Rosie's, Match Point, Water Mill, The Best Cellar and B. Mosquera Acupuncture.

## 23rd Annual Island City Canoe Race: Saturday, May 17, 2014

Register  
Today!

The 23rd Annual Island City Canoe Race will be held on Saturday, May 17th, beginning at 10:00am followed by the Wilton Manors 67th Birthday Celebration. The relay race is made up of men's, women's and co-ed teams of 10 members each. Teams paddle around the Island City, starting at Colohatchee Park Boat Ramp (1975 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.) and continue around the City with exchange points along the Middle River. The finish of the race is at Richardson Historic Park (1937 Wilton Drive). Immediately after the race we will celebrate the City's 67th Birthday with food, music, drinks, and the presentation of trophies to the winning teams.



For more information or to register please call 954-390-2130 or email [sholloway@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:sholloway@wiltonmanors.com). Registration forms can also be downloaded on our website at [wiltonmanors.com/parks](http://wiltonmanors.com/parks). Completed registration packs are due to the Leisure Services Department no later than May 4th along with the \$150 registration fee.

## Reserve ISLAND CITY PARK PRESERVE for your next party!

Island City Park Preserve is available to rent for birthday parties, baby showers, weddings, family get-togethers, cookouts, etc. The scenic view of the Middle River is a great place to get away, relax and unwind. ICCPP 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.



### 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. Held at Island City Park Preserve 823 NE 28TH Street, 7pm—8pm, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

## Wilton Manors After School Program



Where is the “BEST” place to send your children after school? The best place is B.A.S.H. (BEST After School Hours), License #45455, where your child will be cared for by year-round certified staff. B.A.S.H. offers each child a 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

## Adventurous Adventure Camp 2014

The Summer Adventure Camp is designed as a highly-structured three week (Monday-Friday) program with the ultimate fun plan before school starts. 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. The highly structured camp consists of many special activities and planned fieldtrips including movies, Jungle Island, Metro Zoo, roller skating, bowling, and much more.

Days: Monday –Friday  
 Week #1 July 28-August 1, 2014  
 Week #2 August 4-August 8, 2014  
 Week #3 August 11-August 15, 2014

Hours: 7:30am-6:00pm

Fees: Registration Fee: \$40.00 (one time non-refundable registration fee)



**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

(Lunch, Snack and Trips Daily included)

Location: Island City Park Preserve, 823 N.E. 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilton Manors.

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



## SCHOOL'S DAY OUT PROGRAM: Friday, May 23, 2014

The School's Day-Out Program is offered on teacher 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.

DATE	ACTIVITY	DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION (SEE BELOW)	BASH PARTICIPANT COST	RESIDENT OF Wilton Manors	NON RESIDENT OF Wilton Manors
Friday, May 23, 2014	Galaxy Skate Center-Lunch Provided	Friday, May 9, 2014	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00

Trip subject to change. There will be a \$10 per child late charge after the May 9th deadline.

## Register Now: Island City Summer Camp Program 2014!

This will be a seven week program from June 9<sup>th</sup> –July 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30am to 6:00pm, for ages 4 – 14 years, held at the Wilton Manors Elementary School, 2401 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: \$10per child /\$15per family.

Receive a **free** T-Shirt if registered by May 10, 2014.

Additional T-Shirts \$10.00

<p><b>Discount Package</b> (7 weeks - paid in full) \$490.00 (1st Child) \$420.00 (2nd Child) \$350.00 (3rd Child)</p>
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<b>Weekly Rate Payments</b>	
First Child	\$80.00 per week
Second Child	\$70.00 per week
Third Child	\$60.00 per week

**Daily Rate is \$30.00**



### Summer School Program Rates—July 9—July 25, 2014 ONLY 1pm—6pm

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

**Space is limited! For more info call 954-390-2130 or 954-390-2115**



## 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 beginner's class is held every Thursday from 7:00pm – 9:30pm at Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28<sup>th</sup> Street in Wilton Manors. The cost is only \$5.00 per class. For more information call 954-390-2115.

*A message from the President.....*



## CENTRAL AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF WILTON MANORS

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

The Central Area Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors, Inc. is a Florida registered not for profit organization. CANA exists for the purpose of providing a forum for the residents of the central area of Wilton Manors to meet, discuss and solve issues that impact the well-being of the neighbors in this area.

As the voice of the community, CANA serves as a conduit for information to and from the City Commission and staff. These issues may include, but are not limited to zoning, city ordinances, crime, traffic patterns, beautification, special events and the overall welfare of the neighborhood residents.

CANA's membership continues to grow and we encourage residents to attend our meetings. At our February general meeting, Board Members were elected and new Officers were elected at the March Board meeting.

### Board of Directors

Paul J. Rolli, President  
Fred Caplan, Vice President  
Don D'Arminio, Treasurer

Brent White, Secretary  
Constance Ruppender, Director  
James Cromar, Director

In March, we sent a letter to the City Manager's office expressing our support for a grant application to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for federal funds to provide improvements to sidewalks and the addition of bike paths on NE 26<sup>th</sup> St. between North Andrews Avenue and Dixie Highway. These additions would augment part of the overall plan for a walkable city, connectivity and safety.

In April, Mayor Resnick made a presentation on the "State of the City" at our quarterly meeting. Representatives from the Police Department provide updates at each CANA meeting.

The July meeting agenda is being formulated. If you have suggestions for this agenda, please share them with us.

Contact us - [membership@canawm.org](mailto:membership@canawm.org)

Visit us - [www.canawm.org](http://www.canawm.org)

### Upcoming General Meetings

July 16, Nov 12, 2014 and Feb 4, 2015  
Held at Hagen Park Community Center @ 7pm  
Free parking at Hagen Park from ½ hr before until ½ after meeting ends



**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes provide training on two Saturdays for two weeks by City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue personnel—ALL AT NO CHARGE**

As a volunteer CERT member, you will learn life-saving skills for major emergencies including hurricanes, floods, and/or fires. You will also learn fire suppression and injury care for everyday situations. As a CERT graduate, your skills will be valuable to you, your family and your community in the event of a major disaster. CERT members may be assigned to a team in their neighborhood where they will play an important community safety role, as well as assist Fire-Rescue professionals in the event of an emergency.

**June 7 & 14, 2014**

**(both Saturdays)**

**From 8am to 5pm**

**At Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Station 53**

**2200 Executive Airport Way**

**Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309**

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

Register by contacting: Carladean Ferguson at (954) 828-6700 or via email at [carladeanf@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:carladeanf@fortlauderdale.gov)

If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in these courses, please contact the Public Information Office at 954-828-4PIO or email [webmaster@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:webmaster@fortlauderdale.gov)



Stray Aid & Rescue, Inc. is a 501(C)3, no-kill, not for profit rescue organization and provider of affordable spay/neuter services, dedicated to pet overpopulation prevention in South Florida since 2003.

**FREE TNR (trap/neuter & release) for zip codes 33309, 33311, 33312, 33019 & 33320. Stray Aid & Rescue will spay or neuter, ear notch and vaccinate for rabies, cats that live outside, in these zip codes with grant money provided by Broward County Animal Care & Adoption Center.**

**\$2.00 Co-pay—Spay/Neuter for zip codes 33315, 33334 & 33064. Stray Aid & Rescue will spay/neuter, ear notch and vaccinate for rabies, free roaming cats in these zip codes with grant money provided by FLORIDA ANIMAL FRIEND, INC.**

**Under both programs, photo ID is required to prove residency. Cats will be taken on a first come-first served basis on any surgery day, with a maximum of 2 cats per person per surgery day. Line the bottoms of appropriately sized carriers (no taller than 14") or humane traps with newspaper. Both services will be provided until the grant money is exhausted. Call Stray Aid & Recue at (954)816-0799 or visit [www.strayaid.org](http://www.strayaid.org) for more information.**



**AROUND THE ISLAND...**



**STONEWALL PRIDE  
WILTON MANORS**

produced by Pride South Florida  
**SATURDAY JUNE 21, 2014**

This year's Stonewall Pride, taking place on Wilton Drive, Saturday, June 21st, celebrates the 45th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and their impact on the LGBT community, and honors the accomplishments of those before us who fought for the freedoms and rights that we enjoy today. For more information check out [www.stonewallpridewiltonmanors.com](http://www.stonewallpridewiltonmanors.com) or on Facebook at: Stonewall Pride Wilton Manors.

**CELEBRATING THE ARTS**



"Panama Sailing" - Oil by Mary Watkinson

**Art Gallery 21**

at the  
Woman's Club of Wilton Manors

PRESENTS A SUMMER SHOW OF ART

**Girl Play**

A FEMININE VIEW

**June 13-August 23**

Meet the Artists during an Art Social, 7 PM on Friday, June 13th

Art Gallery 21, 600 NE 21 Court, Wilton Manors • 954-661-4740

**Open Friday 7-9 PM & Saturday 10 AM-2 PM**

A project of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department & Central Area Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors



Mark your calendars for the July 1st opening reception of "Memories" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender seniors will exhibit artwork promoting equality, health and love at the Pride Center's Main Hall in the Schubert Building from July 1st through July 31st, 2014 (closed July 5th). The exhibit is free and open to the public, including the July 1st wine & cheese reception.

The Pride Center is located at Equality Park, 2040 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors, FL 33305 For more information contact The Pride Center by telephone at (954) 463-9005 or by e-mail to: [galleries@pridecenterflorida.org](mailto:galleries@pridecenterflorida.org)

## Celebrating the City's Birthday and Remembering Our Roots

by Mary Ulm, Wilton Manors Historical Society

On May 17, 2014 Wilton Manors celebrates its 67<sup>th</sup> year with the Annual Canoe Race and Birthday Bash. It's an appropriate time to reflect, with gratitude, on how much our cherished City owes its success to the care, commitment, and vision of those who shaped its early years. Four such pioneering residents died this past year. Three lived in homes they personally built or designed. Three resided in the City for 60 years or more. All were passionate about serving the community and took an active interest in government. None sat idly by, content to let others determine their quality of life. They made things happen and you knew who they were. The Wilton Manors Historical Society wants you to know them, too.

### Jean Walker French (1920 - 2013)



As a young woman, an industrious Jean Walker split her time between high school studies and a work study program in nursing at Broward General Hospital. By age 19 she had saved enough to purchase her own car. (*The tire cover says Ft Lauderdale.*) A City

resident for 67 years, Jean and husband Ed French moved to Highland Estates in 1946 when the area was "a very small town with unpaved roads, rural mailboxes, and chicken farms." The young couple built their own home on NE 25<sup>th</sup> Street in 1953. Mother of two, Jean helped lobby the School Board to build an elementary school in Wilton Manors. When she noted that Wilton Manors children had no organized summer recreation program, she started one as a volunteer. Her community service led to a career in recreation. She served several cities and was Asst. Recreation Director for the City of Plantation at the time of her retirement.

### Bea Thompson Holland (1926 - 2013)

Bea lived in Wilton Manors for 64 years. At age 18 she came to Fort Lauderdale determined to make a better



life for herself. She was hired by Western Union, where she worked for 35 years. She married Chester Holland in 1949 and moved to Wilton Manors. A finish carpenter, Chester built the couple's home on NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street "with his hands and her eyes", according to grandson, Phil Letizia. Bea

cared deeply for others. She and Chester opened their

home to countless in need. She loved politics and making things better within her community, which led her to serve on the Board of Directors of the Wilton Manors Civic Association for many years. The couple had one child, a daughter.

### Paul Mayberry Bradley, Jr. (1922 - 2014)



A 60-year resident of Wilton Manors, Paul served in the Army during WWII and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania before moving to the City in the early 1950s with his wife Barbara. A prominent local architect, Bradley designed the Commission Chambers at the old Wilton Manors City Hall. The Jenada Isle subdivision of Wilton Manors boasts 26 homes designed by Bradley, including his own house. There he and Barbara raised a family of five. In the 1970s he developed a fascination with lighthouses and captured their beauty in his art and illustrations. In 2003 the Postal Service memorialized his work with a commemorative stamp of the Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse, shown here, using the rendition Bradley created.

### Diane Renollet Cline (1933 - 2013)

Diane is remembered as a moving force in the cultural, civic, and political life of Wilton Manors and as someone who always had a joke to tell. She resided in the City for 36 years, having moved here in 1977 with her husband Earle and five children. She took an early interest in fighting the "status quo" and was elected in 1982 to the City Commission on a message of change. She remained a Commissioner until 1986. Often called "Mrs. Wilton Manors," she never tired of promoting the city and working to make it better. She chaired the Community Affairs Advisory Board from 1994 to 2000. She restarted the Historical Society in 2002 and served as its President for over a decade. She was a founding member of the Board of Directors of Wilton Manors Main Street and then the Wilton Manors Development Alliance. Of Irish heritage, her family held a large party at Richardson Historic Park to celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. *She is pictured wearing a celebratory tiara and feather boa.*



**Support the Wilton Manors Historical Society.  
Become a member at  
[WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org](http://WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org)**

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