

Fifth Annual Free Tree Giveaway

The fifth annual Free Tree Giveaway will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at Mickel Park. The event will start at 9 a.m. Supplies are limited and will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Residents will be able to choose from several different tree species and several different kinds of shrubs. Each household will be allocated at least two trees and one shrub (more if possible) and proof of residency is required. Prior to receiving plant material, residents will be required to visit educational stations such as National Wildlife Federation, proper planting and pruning, tree selection, and “right plant – right place”. This year’s program is being almost entirely funded by Waste Management and a Waste Management “Think Green” Grant.

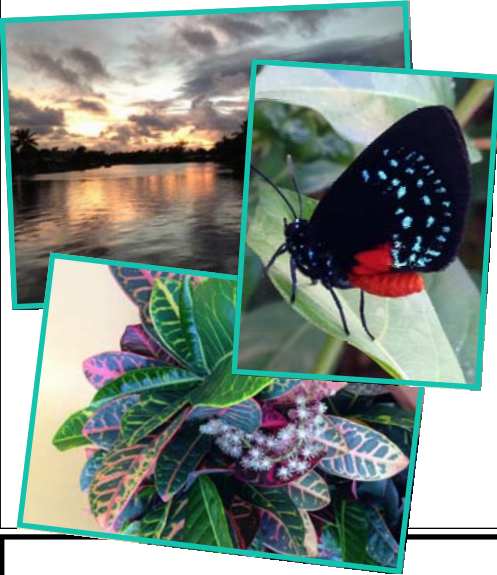
Nature-In-Art Photography Contest

We are accepting photographs for the City’s fourth Nature-In-Art Contest. The photos must be taken within the city limits of Wilton Manors. Suggested subjects include birds, butterflies, water, plants, or animals. With your submission include the photo date, location, a description, and your name and contact information. Please note that photos may be edited and used in social media and/or displayed at Art Gallery 21 (Woman’s Club) in the future. Up to 5 photos per person may be submitted. The deadline for submittals is March 15. Please email (jpeg) photo files to: naturephotos@wiltonmanors.com or mail them to Todd DeJesus, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305.

There will be an exhibit showcasing the entries at Art Gallery 21 (Woman’s Club) from April 18 – May 9, 2020.

For more detailed information, please contact: Todd DeJesus, Capital Projects and Grants Manager by telephone at (954) 390-2105 or email at:

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Update from the Charter Review Board

By: Michael Rajner, Chair

Since the Charter Review Board’s organizational meeting on May 20, 2019, the Board has continued to meet monthly on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm in the Commission Chambers. The Board’s recommendations must be submitted to the City Commission by March 1, 2020.

The Board has completed its review of the Charter and is now in the process to finalizing its draft recommendations for the Commission’s consideration. The Charter Review Board’s recommendations are advisory, and the City Commission may accept, reject, or modify our proposals. For some of our proposals, such as using gender neutral language, the Commission can be acted on them by adoption of an ordinance. Action for other proposals such as the implementation of term limits and designation of commission seats for our city’s elected officials, would be required to be approved by voters, providing the Commission supports these recommendations to move forward.

Below is a listing of some of the drafted proposals the Charter Review Board is in the process to finalize:

- **Term Limits:** Mayor and commissioners would be limited to serve up to 12-consecutive years, regardless of office. After a 2 year recess from the Commission, an individual may run again for office.
- **Designation of Seat:** The mayor and commissioners would continue to be elected at-large (citywide), however, commissioners would be elected by seat numbers one to four. Election of commissioners would continue to be staggered every other election.
- **Appointments and Term Limits for Advisory:** A recommendation the City Commission amend its ordinance on advisory boards to limit individuals to serving on no more than 2 advisory boards, limiting an individual to be an officer of only 1 board at time, and establishing term limits for advisory boards to a maximum of 3 consecutive terms per advisory board. After 3 consecutive terms of service, an individual would be required to step off that specific advisory board to be eligible for appointment to that board.
- **General Municipal Powers and Enumeration of Powers:** Updating these provisions to remove obsolete language and for the Article to be consistent with Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida.
- **Housekeeping:** A recommendation to repeal obsolete language in the City Charter.

Public comment is welcome at every meeting, and you can also share your comments with the Board via email to:

CharterReview@WiltonManors.com. The City Commission also requires the Charter Review Board hold two public hearings on our recommendations prior to the March 1, 2020 deadline. At this time, we have not identified the dates of those public hearings, but you can monitor our webpage for meeting dates, agenda materials, meeting minutes and achieved videos of our meetings at <http://www.wiltonmanors.com/683/Charter-Review-Board>.