



# Town Crier

*Life's Just Better Here*

Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

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City Hall will be closed:  
 Monday, September 5, 2016  
 for Labor Day  
 Monday, October 10, 2016  
 for Columbus Day  
 Thursday, November 24, 2016  
 for Thanksgiving

## Wilton Manors City Officials

Mayor Gary Resnick • Vice Mayor Scott Newton  
 Commissioner Julie A. Carson • Commissioner Justin S. Flippen  
 Commissioner Tom Green • City Manager Leigh Ann Henderson  
 City Attorney Kerry Ezrol

## City Commission and Board Meeting Dates

All City Commission and most board meetings are held in the commission chambers (2020 Wilton Drive). The public is always welcome to attend. Visit [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) for the most up to date meeting info.

Comm. Aff. Adv Bd 7 p.m.	WDID 6:30 p.m.	Historical Society 7 p.m.	Pension Board 5:30 p.m.	Plan & Zone Bd 7 p.m.	Rec. Adv. Bd. 6:30 p.m.
Wed - Sept 7	Wed - Sept 14	Thurs - Sept 15	Tues - Sept 6	Mon - Sept 12	Thurs - Oct 13
Wed - Oct 5	Wed - Oct 12	Thurs - Oct 20	Meets Quarterly	Mon - Oct 19	Meets every two months
Wed - Nov 2	Wed - Nov 9	Thurs - Nov 17		Mon - Nov 7	

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

### Quick Tips for Parking on Wilton Drive:

- Parking Office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- Citations can be deposited at the "payment drop box" across from the commission chamber's entrance.
- Citations can be paid online by visiting [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) and following the "online services" link.

## Phone Numbers

City Hall.....	(954) 390-2100
City Clerk .....	(954) 390-2123
Mayor and City Commission .....	(954) 390-2123
City Manager.....	(954) 390-2120
Community Development .....	(954) 390-2180
Emergency Management.....	(954) 390-2133
Finance Dept. ....	(954) 390-2141
Utilities Billing.....	(954) 390-2145
Fire/EMS Administration.....	(954) 390-2110
Fire Prevention/Marshal.....	(954) 390-2110
Fire Rescue*.....	(954) 764-4357
(*Ft Lauderdale non-emergency)	
Human Resources.....	(954) 390-2125
Risk Management.....	(954) 390-2126
Leisure Services:	
Library.....	(954) 390-2195
Parks Division .....	(954) 390-2115
Recreation Division.....	(954) 390-2130
Police Department:	
Administration .....	(954) 390-2150
Code Enforcement .....	(954) 390-2151
Non-Emergency Dispatch.....	(954) 764-4357
Police/Fire/EMS Emergency .....	911
Utilities/Emergency Management.....	(954) 390-2190

## Hurricane Preparedness



**Much of the Florida Coastline is prone to flooding during hurricane season. Nearly 25% of flood insurance claims come from moderate to low risk areas.**

**Flood Watch:**

A “Flood Watch” means that conditions are favorable for heavy rain that could lead to flooding.

**Flood Warning:**

A “Flood Warning” means that flooding is imminent or occurring. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. Move to a safe area before access is cut off by flood water. Continue to closely monitor the situation.

**Flood Safety:**

- Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood related deaths, mostly during flash floods. Currents can be deceptive: six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you walk in standing water, use a pole or stick first to determine the depth of the water.
- Do not drive through a flooded area. Nearly half of all flood fatalities are vehicle related.
- Do not drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out. If your vehicle stalls, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground. Rapidly rising water may sweep the vehicle away.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The number two flood related killer, after drowning, is electrocution. Electric current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to Florida Power & Light (1-800-4-OUTAGE).
- Keep children away from culverts and storm drains.
- Don't use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.



**Property Protection:**

- Use sand bags to reduce erosion and scouring.
- Elevate furniture above flood protection levels.

**Flood Insurance:**

Most people learn too late that standard property insurance does not cover flood damage or that there's a 30 day waiting period before newly purchased coverage goes into effect. There's also about a 25% chance of experiencing a flood during the life of a 30-year mortgage. Please note that, even if flood insurance is not considered mandatory by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a particular address, a mortgage-holder may require it in order to meet the requirements for a mortgage on that property.

Call the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) at (888) 379-9531, or go to [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) to learn how to purchase flood insurance and become eligible for flood assistance through local programs. The NFIP Claims Department can be reached at (800) 767-4341.

**Before a Flood:**

- Make plans of what you will do and where you will go in a flood emergency.
- Know the elevation of your property in relation to nearby rivers and waterways.
- Go to [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) for Flood Preparedness information, including a link to your property's flood map information on FEMA's website. For more information, contact the FEMA Map Information exchange hotline at: 1-877-336-2627 Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 6:30pm.

**To report Flooding & Drainage Complaints, call the City's Emergency Management/Utilities Department at (954) 390-2190.** 



## Staying Informed: Zika



As the number of Mosquito-Borne Zika Virus cases continues to climb in South Florida, it is important to minimize the risk of mosquito bites. The City's website has a webpage that contains links to useful information on this subject – just go to [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) and type “Zika” in the search box.

If you'd like to request mosquito spraying in your area, please contact Broward County's Mosquito Control Division at (954) 765-4062. 

## Mosquito Prevention



# Protecting Your Health



Mosquitoes can affect the health, safety, and quality of life throughout our community. The best ways to control them is to prevent breeding of mosquitoes.

Mosquito eggs require water in order to hatch, so it is important to drain any water that has accumulated over a period of time. There are varying species of mosquitoes, and not all of them are capable of transmitting diseases. Different mosquitoes also prefer certain places to breed; the species that is capable of carrying the Zika virus for example, prefers to breed in dark places, and very seldom will breed in open lit waters such as swimming pools. The following are common places where water may accumulate and are attractive to all mosquitoes:

- Old tires • Bottles and Cans • Pots and Pans • Gutters • Garden equipment • Swimming Pools • Flowerpots and Saucers • Tarps • Buckets • Children's Toys

Any concerns of standing water may be reported by contacting Code Compliance at (954) 390-2151. For further information, including mosquito spray requests, Broward County Mosquito Control may be contacted at (954) 765-4062. 

## Did You Know?

Frank Stranahan, of Fort Lauderdale Stranahan House fame, and his wife Ivy Cromartie Stranahan owned land in the early 1900's at the eastern end of Wilton Manors in what is now the Coral Point subdivision. On trips to their farm by buggy or canoe, they would see tropical fish and alligators. At night, they carried a lantern to keep various larger wildlife at bay.



## Message from the Mayor



### **Moving Wilton Manors Forward: Substantial Projects Made Possible by Grants**

Our smart planning for many years is now paying off in a big way. Our City is now very busy with new projects. Many of our projects are focused on improving our major streets and roadways, and are made possible because of federal funds for such

projects and grants from state and county agencies. These projects will maintain the character of our community, and make it easier and safer for pedestrians and bicyclists to share the road with vehicles.

#### **NE 16th Avenue**

Our neighbors on NE 16th Avenue north of NE 26th Street have recently seen great improvements in slowing traffic. For many years, 16th Avenue was a favorite shortcut, disrupting the residential area and causing safety concerns. The construction of traffic improvements including speed bumps, new stop signs and landscaping has made a real difference. Feedback has been positive from residents who feel they have their neighborhood back.

#### **Dixie Highway**

Construction on Dixie Highway, from the Middle River to the Five Points intersection, should be completed by mid-September. This project cost \$1.2 million, paid largely with a grant from FDOT. The project narrows the travel lanes, and includes new bike lanes, curbs and landscaping. This improvement to Dixie will lead that area's renaissance.

#### **NE 26th Street from Federal Highway to Andrews Avenue**

Phase One of this project, currently in the predesign phase, will include a portion of 26th Street, from Wilton Drive to Andrews Avenue. This will reconfigure the existing roads, create bike lanes, and repair and connect sidewalks. FDOT will contribute approximately \$1 million towards the overall \$1.2 million budget. Construction should commence in late 2018.

Phase Two will construct similar changes to the remaining portion of NE 26th Street, from Five Points to Federal Highway, and will be a joint application with Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

#### **Andrews Avenue Redevelopment**

Our goal to improve Andrews Avenue/Oakland Park Blvd. is moving forward. The City has implemented the short-term recommendations of a Corridor Study, and has begun the first of the longer-term recommendations. This includes submitting an application for a land-use plan amendment with Broward County, which will allow Andrews to be a "context sensitive corridor" to encourage future investment and encourage economic development along Andrews Avenue. The Broward MPO 2019 Work Plan allocates funds for construction of this project, although a final budget has not yet been determined.

#### **Powerline Road (SR845)**

This project will narrow Powerline, from six to four lanes, eliminating

the outer two lanes from Sunrise to Oakland Park Boulevard, which will include construction of buffered bike lanes. Currently, this project is in the design phase. The Wilton Manors portion will be funded with federal funds through FDOT.

#### **Wilton Drive/NE 4th Avenue Lane Elimination**

This project has been discussed for years as the cornerstone of the redevelopment of our Arts and Entertainment District. The changes to Wilton Drive are expected to result in increased safety for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists as well as opportunities for economic development. The issue with this project has always been the funding. We are now able to take advantage of FDOT's "road diet" policy to create room for all road users. The City of Fort Lauderdale will be going forward with narrowing NE 4th Ave., from Wilton Manors Drive to Sunrise Blvd. We are in the process of completing the design concept for Wilton Drive. We have been advised that FDOT will invest \$2.7 million towards the corridor improvements. In addition to eliminating one lane in each direction, this project will add bike lanes and about 6 1/2 feet of sidewalk to each side of Wilton Drive. Construction is expected in late 2017 or early 2018.

#### **Mickel Park**

We were able to obtain both state and county funding for improvements to Mickel Park, with more than \$412,000 being awarded for a playground, an electric car charging station, and lighting upgrades that will conserve energy and save the City about \$10,000 annually. Mickel is becoming a beautiful, vibrant park with a robust growth in usage, and once the improvements are completed, we expect that trend to continue.

#### **Colohatchee Park**

Colohatchee Park will undergo a metamorphosis in the coming year, in part, due to a \$50,000 state grant award. We created a focus group to help determine how to repurpose the park to best serve the community.

It is important to note that all these improvements were not random, but part of our long range and Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan provides the vision and road map for our City's future, and I am proud to be your Mayor as we achieve the goals and objectives of the plan and continue to make Wilton Manors a great place to live, work and play.

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



# Message from the Vice Mayor



### **Vice Mayor Scott Newton**

Summer fun is ending, and the kids are headed back to school. I hope you will join me in slowing down as you drive about town, and especially in school zones. The Wilton Manors Police Department has created a Back

To School Safety Tips video. Please take a minute to review it, and please slow down for our kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fbZyuZ7-E0>.

The Zika virus continues to be a concern, with recent cases pointing to mosquitos in South Florida carrying the virus. We need to protect ourselves and our families by using insect repellent, covering up, and discouraging mosquitos from breeding. I was amazed to learn recently that mosquitos can breed in as little as a teaspoon of water, so take a look around your yard and be sure to turn things that can hold water over. You can request the Broward County Mosquito Control Division to come out and spray in your area by going to their webpage at <http://www.broward.org/Streets/Mosquito/Pages/Default.aspx>, or by calling 954-765-4062.

The 2016-2017 Wilton Manors' budget process is just about to wrap up. After eleven public hearings and a lot of hard work by staff and the Budget Review Advisory Committee (BRAC), I am pleased to report that the Commission lowered the millage rate to below six mills. This decrease in taxation came after an 8 percent increase in our City's property values, and three years of keeping the millage rate flat at 6.0836 percent. It was time to take this step. I want to sincerely thank the members of BRAC for their many hours of hard work and thoughtful consideration of the issues, and to let you know that the Commission accepted and adopted many of BRAC's recommendations.

Our City's budget is driven by the services we offer as well as the goals and objectives of our Strategic Plan,

and any new funding should always be in working to achieve the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan. Of course, costs rise every year, especially in the area of water and health insurance for our employees. In addition, as you will see in other articles, we have many projects in progress to maintain our infrastructure, improve our roads, increase services to residents, and work to encourage economic growth and development. I think the 2016-2017 budget will be a balanced reflection of these priorities.

**I'm interested in your thoughts, ideas and opinions. You can reach me at [snewton@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:snewton@wiltonmanors.com) or 954-390-2120.**



# Calling All Volunteers!



As part of its five-year strategic plan, the City is examining ways to support and make use of resources in the community. One very important resource for Wilton Manors is its people! With this in mind, the City is looking to augment its current pool of dedicated volunteers. In addition to providing support to City staff in the areas of office assistance, City beautification, and special events, the vision for the volunteer program is to extend into the larger Wilton Manors community including coordination with local non-profit agencies and assistance for residents in need. As the volunteer program grows, the City will look to designate a Volunteer Coordinator from its pool of volunteers who will assist in the administration of the program. **If you would like to become a City of Wilton Manors volunteer or have ideas on how to enhance the volunteer program, please visit [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) to download and complete an application or send an e-mail to [volunteer@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:volunteer@wiltonmanors.com).** 



# Facility Rentals

## Make Your Next Event Memorable

Whether you are planning a meeting, wedding, reception or party, make it special. Make it an unforgettable event. The City of Wilton Manors has more than eight indoor and outdoor venues to rent that offer:

- Affordable rental rates
- Full service kitchen space
- Stages
- Tables and chairs
- Professional sound system
- Pavilions
- Gazebos
- Grills
- Parking
- And more!

For more information call (954) 390-2130 or visit [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com)

### Rental Venues

#### Colohatchee Park & Boat Ramp

1975 NE 15th Ave. Wilton Manors, 33305  
 Rental hours: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm  
 Capacity: Up to 75 people  
 Features: 35' x 24' (840 sq. ft.) Pavilion with eight picnic tables and large grill. Outdoor space includes, playground, volleyball and basketball court, dog park and boat ramp

#### Hagen Park Community Center

2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors 33305  
 Rental hours: Fri & Sat 8am-12am, Mon- Thurs 8am-11pm  
 Capacity: 160 people  
 Features: Room space: 48' x 67' multipurpose room that can be divided (and rented) into two separate rooms. Full service kitchen: with ice maker, counter space, microwave, large refrigerator/freezer, and sink. Includes: Tables & Chairs (15 round and/or 16 rectangle tables); Large screen TV; VCR; DVD player; Piano

#### Pavilion at Hagen Park

Rental hours: 8am-Sundown  
 Capacity: 60 people  
 Features: 31' x 21' (651 sq. ft.) Pavilion with five picnic tables and large grill. Outdoor space includes, playground, restrooms, gazebo, sand volleyball, basketball and tennis courts

#### Island City Park Preserve

823 NE 28th Street in Wilton Manors, FL 33305  
 Rental hours: 8am-11pm  
 Capacity: 100 people  
 Features: Main Room with full kitchen with ice

maker, counter space, microwave and commercial warmer. Includes tables & chairs (10 round and/or 10 rectangular tables) and sound system

### Outside Space

Rental hours: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Monday through Friday) / 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday)  
 One 31' x 20' pavilion with picnic tables and grill and two pavilions with picnic tables available.  
 Capacity: 25 people (per pavilion). Features: Outdoor space includes playground and basketball court

### Richardson Historic Park & Nature Preserve

1937 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305  
 Rental hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.  
 Capacity: 50 people  
 Features: Manor House with kitchen area (refrigerator, counter space, ice machine, warming oven and microwave). Includes: Tables & Chairs (10 round and/or 7 rectangular tables); Television; Sound System. Outdoor space includes 16 picnic tables, nature trail & kayak rentals available.  
**20' x 60' Courtyard** / Capacity: Up to 75 people / Rental hours: 8 a.m.–11 p.m.  
**30' x 64' Pavilion** with water access and large grill / Capacity: 100 people / Rental hours: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

### Woman's Club

600 NE 21st Court, Wilton Manors, FL 33305  
 Rental hours: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
 Capacity: 75 people  
 Features: Tables & Chairs (10 round and/or 10 rectangular tables) 🍷

## THANK YOU!

We want to thank you and other City staff very much for the excellent service we received for our wedding on March 12th, 2016. In particular, we would like to thank you for your assistance and follow-up during the several months run up to the wedding.

We received many complimentary comments from our guests during and after the wedding about the courtesy of the City staff on the wedding day, as well as the beauty of the Richardson site.

So, all in all, excellent job and thank you! All the Very Best,  
 Paul & Chris



*Hurricane Preparedness*

# Consider Your Pets



The Humane Society of Broward County has prepared an online guide to inform pet owners of the most humane way to deal with pets in the face of disaster. This information can be found on their website at: [www.humanebroward.com/hurricane-news](http://www.humanebroward.com/hurricane-news).

The website contains useful lists of county-wide resources, such as:

- 1) Pet boarding facilities.
- 2) Hotels that will allow pets.
- 3) Horse boarding facilities.
- 4) Important contact phone numbers and websites.

There is also a “Plan Ahead” section that includes a checklist of pet supplies and needs.

Although Broward County has now set up a “Pet-Friendly Shelter”, you **MUST** be pre-registered before a Hurricane is approaching and you can only pre-register if you have proof that you live in an emergency evacuation zone (in other words, east of US1) or in a mobile home.

**Humane Society of Broward County’s Pet Hurricane Hotline: (954) 266-6871** 

## *Did You Know?*

Did you know that Wilton Manors offers an array of classes and activities for all ages? Find out more about yoga, kayaking, & dog obedience classes offered at Wilton Manors parks & recreation centers! Check it out at [www.wiltonmanors.com/index.aspx?nid=153](http://www.wiltonmanors.com/index.aspx?nid=153).

## Schedule for Bulk Trash & Recycling

### Bulk Trash and Recycling Schedule:

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

**September 22      October 20      November 17      Recycling Day: Thursday**

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

**September 20      October 18      November 15      Recycling Day: Friday**

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

**September 21      October 19      November 16      Recycling Day: Wednesday**

### PLEASE NOTE:

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



## Watering Schedule

Residents and businesses are limited to a two-day-per-week landscape irrigation schedule with two “watering windows.”

ODD Street Addresses	Wednesdays & Saturdays	12 a.m. - 10 a.m. and/or 4 p.m. - 11:59 p.m.
EVEN Street Addresses	Thursdays & Sundays	12 a.m. - 10 a.m. and/or 4 p.m. - 11:59 p.m.

**REMEMBER: NO lawn watering is allowed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. any day of the week!**  
The Code Compliance Unit is issuing citations for violations of the water usage schedule!

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

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

## Message from the Commissioner

City Hall



### Commissioner Julie A. Carson - Managing a Future With Less Regulation

I see our City Charter as providing an expanding framework for reasonable governance. Certain Sections of the Charter are intentionally vague while others set forth extensive restrictions and limitations on residents and businesses. A challenge that I face as your Commissioner is how best to balance individual rights with public good and a tendency among the elected to over regulate otherwise simple matters thereby making municipal enforcement of the regulations nearly impossible.

Henry David Thoreau once said, "Since regulations disallow certain actions, it is impossible to tell what damage the regulations cause." Over the last years, the Commission has passed rules for neighborhood yards, roofs, and house paint. We have laws for trash container placement, noise, dogs and cats, boat maintenance, panhandling, and alcohol service hours. Plus, there are pages of regulations for signage; parking, valet services, window coverage, pawn and check cashing stores, and, recently - medical marijuana facilities. City Staff and Commission have spent hours researching, drafting and publishing new ordinances for the good of the City. However, as I mature in my service to the City, like Thoreau, I am becoming more resistant to passing ordinances that have little chance of being enforced or those that are too cumbersome

to measure the damage or good that they may create.

Through our thoughtful legislation, your Commission has successfully solved and mitigated some serious community problems. We continue to infuse our Charter and public policies with provisions that are equality-minded, fiscally responsible, and provide a foundation on which to build our future. In the next years, I pledge to do better by continuing my push for a Charter Review Board and the implementation of ordinances that expand, rather than constrict the freedoms of our residents, business owners and stakeholders.

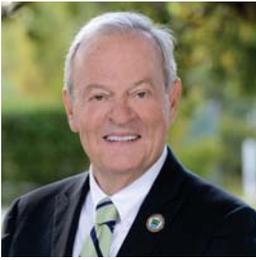
**I welcome your thoughts and concerns by email at [JCarson@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:JCarson@wiltonmanors.com) or by phone at 954-288-8174.** 🌐



## *Life's Just Better Here*



## Message from the Commissioner



### Commissioner Tom Green

2016 was a year of great accomplishments in Wilton Manors. Improvements were made in our City parks, roadways, City “Green” building codes, and public safety. And this was

accomplished within budget along with future plans to lower property millage tax rates for fiscal 2016-17.

I was pleased to help bring home funds from the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization for roadway improvements, as well as more pedestrian crossings, and better lighting along several streets in Wilton Manors. Over 2.5 million dollars was approved for Wilton Drive construction from federal funds by the MPO. This money is not from local tax sources. The project will include lane reduction, new LED lighting, more pedestrian crossings, wider sidewalks, and more landscaping and shade. It will also increase public safety and slow the speeding along Wilton Drive. We will finally change a state highway into a city street. The money approved this year is in addition to two million dollars in funds already approved for Dixie Highway (currently under construction), and N.E. 26th Street, just west of Five Points. Improvements will soon be made to Powerline Road and Andrews Avenue, of which is also the subject of a study for improvements in both highway and land-use.

Wilton Manors saw a significant decrease in crime this year. There was a decrease in most crime categories throughout the City, with the largest decreases seen in incidents of robbery (-39%) and larceny (-24%). Chief Paul O’Connell and the men and women of our police department have done an outstanding job in employing proactive public safety tactics to decrease incidents of crime and to improve the quality of life for our residents. For up-to-date information concerning our police department, visit their website at [www.wmpd.org](http://www.wmpd.org).

The City expanded its green building code this year by requiring builders to pay greater attention to environmental issues related to their projects.

New residential construction will have to provide for renewable energy readiness, including solar energy and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Incentives will be provided for residential retrofitting. All new development will have to emphasize water and energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality and recycling. Projects that require site plan approval will require a LEED accredited professional within their planning team or certification through groups such as the U.S. Green Building Council or the Florida Green Building Coalition.

The City Commission demonstrated its commitment this year to improving the City park system by beginning the programming of events at Mickel Park. This year, the City landed over \$400,000 in grant money from county and state resources. This money will be available in 2017 for expanding playground facilities including a “splash” feature for kids. The City also began work to repurpose Colohatchee Park with a focus group planning the direction of the park’s development. Much of the future use will be for a large dog park area as well as an improved children’s playground. I hope that in the future, a greater emphasis will also be placed on the ecological significance of the wetland mangrove area of the park.

The City Commission has shown its commitment to fiscal responsibility by developing a budget that holds down spending for the next fiscal year. Public workshops, valuable input from the Budget Review Advisory Committee, and comments from residents have convinced me that the millage rate for city taxes should be lowered. Increased property values for the City for the last several years has meant higher taxes, even with no increase in the millage rate. I believe that after our September public hearings take place, city millage rates will be lowered significantly.

**As always, please contact me with your suggestions and comments at [tgreen@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:tgreen@wiltonmanors.com) or 954-290-0561.** 

## Message from the Commissioner

City Hall



### Commissioner Justin S. Flippen

#### **City Budget, Vision, and Voting**

The process of reviewing and adopting the City's budget for next year has been in full swing. Once again, City staff has done a phenomenal job with their proposed budget, and the Budget Review Advisory Committee (BRAC) has made some important recommendations. To staff, especially Finance Director Bob Mays, and the members of BRAC, I extend my gratitude for all the work that has been done to prepare the City's budget.

The Island City has enjoyed consistent annual increases in our property values. As such, in early July, I publicly stated that since you have been paying more out of pocket each year due to those increases in property values, it is time the Commission decreases the City's millage tax rate to minimize any increase to out of pocket city tax payments paid by those of us owning property. This is consistent with my philosophy of fiscal responsibility. You elected me to balance the amount of what you pay with the quality of services received. To this end, I strongly advocated for a lowered tax rate. As a steward and trustee of your financial interests and obligations to our City, I am pleased that the Commission has adopted a millage rate lower than last fiscal year's rate.

When I ran for office, I pledged a commitment to public safety, improvements to our parks, the narrowing of Wilton Drive, and improvements to other corridors. In almost 2 years of being back on the Commission, I am pleased to report that while more work can, should, and will be done; we are enjoying a lower crime rate, a stronger police force, more park programming, and progress in the effort to narrow Wilton Drive. This

is part of the vision I and so many in our City have had for Wilton Manors' future. But, let me be clear, as corridors are redesigned, protecting our neighborhoods and preserving the smaller town charm of Wilton Manors is also important.

This Halloween, I hope you and your little ghouls and goblins will come out to enjoy the Spooktacular at Wilton Manors Elementary School. And folks far and wide will not want to miss Wicked Manors.

The privilege I have of serving you is something I take seriously. With elections in November, be sure to vote for candidates who share your vision and values. Wilton Manors City Hall is an early voting location, but whether you are voting by absentee ballot, at an early voting location, or on Election Day, the future of our nation and our City is on the ballot. So vote, and let your voice be heard. Our Island City enjoys higher voter turnout than other communities, and your participation in democracy is just one of the reasons why "Life's Just Better Here."

As always, please feel free to contact me on any matter you deem important.

In your service,

Justin S. Flippen, J.D.

"The People's Commissioner"

954-390-2123

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# Message from Leisure Services



**A Message Patrick Cann, Director of Leisure Services**

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

The 2016-2017 budget process is almost complete! The City will continue to offer meaningful activities and events while ensuring that library and park facilities meet the needs of our community. As we start a new fiscal year, we will continue to rely on our dedicated community volunteers at the Friends of the Library, Historical Society, Kiwanis Club, Library and Recreation Advisory Board, Community Affairs Advisory Board and many enthusiastic others who collaborate and assist with delivery of our programs, amenities and services.

Thanks to all who attended festivities during July as we celebrated Parks and Recreation Month. The City held well attended events such as the Book Fair at Hagen Park on July 9th and the July 22nd Music at Mickel Concert.

The 2016 Wilton Manors Summer Camp boasted record participation, with more than 300 young people attending, and at the traditional end of summer Parents Night on July 28th more than 650 family and friends turned out to observe the talents of our future leaders. At the showcase, camp participants read poetry, acted, danced, and sang.

Woof and Wine on August 4th at Colohatchee Park, and Songs and Stories on August 5th at Mickel Park were both resounding successes.

The City of Wilton Manors’ award-winning 2016 Youth After School program is underway, enhancing education and supporting the growth and development of our young people.

*By Department Director Patrick Cann, CPRP*

The 2016-2017 budget will allow Leisure Services to continue to focus on park redevelopment, and we expect to complete an enhancement project at Mickel Park and initiate an expansion and repurposing effort at Colohatchee Park. These projects are made possible primarily through state and county grants. Sincere gratitude is due to many volunteers that served on the Colohatchee Park Focus Group to determine the best uses for Colohatchee Park. A Park Site Master Plan was created from all of the input of participating stakeholders. City Team members also received input during Public Hearings regarding the most appropriate use of the CDBG funding in the amount of \$64,000. The final project will be proposed during September 2016.

Don’t miss these coming events: Halloween Spooktacular will be held at Mickel Park on Thursday, October 27th, and the Wicked Manors Street Festival will be held on Wilton Drive, on Monday, October 31st. The Taste of the Island event will be held again at Richardson Historic Park on Monday, November 14th, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Please visit us online at [wiltonmanors.com/parks](http://wiltonmanors.com/parks) for more details regarding our activities, events, park hours, fees, volunteer opportunities, etc. You may also contact one of our Guest Services Team members at 954-390-2130. We have programs, amenities and services available just for you.

**“Q: What can we actually do to be helpful to the world? A: Make a gift of your life and lift all mankind by being kind, considerate, forgiving, and compassionate at all times, in all places, and under all conditions, with everyone as well as yourself. That is the greatest gift anyone can give.”**  
**David Hawkins** 🌍

## Capital Projects & Grants



### WILTON MANORS ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

The newly formed Wilton Manors Environmental and Sustainability Committee has had its first meetings this year. This group has taken over the responsibilities of promoting the NatureScape program and encouraging sustainable practices and environmental stewardship in the City. The following are two new programs the committee would like to introduce:

#### NATURE-IN- ART CONTEST

We are accepting photographs for the City's first 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. Email (jpeg) photos to [naturephotos@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:naturephotos@wiltonmanors.com) or mail them to Todd DeJesus, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305.

#### BIRDING FOR NON-BIRDERS – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AT 8:00 AM

Come join the Wilton Manors Environmental & Sustainability Committee at Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve on Saturday, September 24 at 8:00 am for Birding for Non-Birders. Richardson is one of the best spots in Broward County for seeing migrating birds and is well known among birders from all of South Florida. We will see and identify birds known as neotropical migrants which will be making



Hooded Warbler

their way south to the Caribbean, Central America, and South America for the winter. As these birds fly hundreds or even thousands of miles south (some come from as far north as Canada), they stop each year at Richardson to rest and refuel by eating berries and insects. To date, over 170 species of birds have been identified at Richardson. Anyone interested in coming should bring binoculars if they have them (although not required).

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



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## Programs & Classes

### FITNESS BOOT CAMP

Mickel Park Fitness Boot Camp is gaining in popularity! Get in shape for the upcoming holiday season. Boot Camp is instructed by Lucky Pericles and is offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7-8pm and Saturday and Sundays at 8am. The cost is \$10 @ class or \$50 for 6 classes. For more information call (954)931-8711 or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LucksFitness](http://www.facebook.com/LucksFitness), [instagram.com/lucksfitness/](https://www.instagram.com/lucksfitness/) or tweet at him, @LucksFitness on Twitter.

### START SMART SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Get ready for the new season of Start Smart Sports at Mickel Park on Wednesdays 6-7pm for kids ages 3-5. Start Smart Sports Development prepares children for organized sports in a FUN, non-threatening environment. This program allows children to work one on one with a parent to learn a variety of sports skills including throwing, catching, kicking, and running/agility. The program offers exercises that become increasingly more challenging, and is only \$20 per 4 week session. Class space is limited; sign up or get more information at (954)390-2130.

### EMPOWER HOUR- ACTIVE MOVEMENT AND POSITIVE THINKING CLASS

Reduce stress and anxiety and focus your energy on the most important aspects of living! This program will provide movement, music, visualization, yoga, meditation, and aromatherapy. Cost is \$3 for residents and \$4 for non-residents on Wednesday evenings 6-7pm, \$1 for residents and \$3 for non-residents on Friday mornings 10-11am. This program is held at the Woman's Club building at Hagen Park.

### MENTORING YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM

The Mentoring Young Leaders program is held after school for grades 9-12., and is designed to assist teens in reaching their full potential as students and citizens. The program offers trainings, fun outings, games, lectures, and community service hours. Held from 3-5pm at Hagen Park, throughout the school year. For more information call (954)390- 2130. We also need speakers for this program!

### NFL FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Are you ready for some football? The NFL Youth Flag

Football League at Mickel Park for kids 4-14 is back for a bigger and better season. This season begins October 16th and ends December 11th. For more information or to register please visit [www.nationalflagfootball.com](http://www.nationalflagfootball.com)

### YOGA CLASSES

Yoga is for everyone and offers increased health and wellness, a clear mind, a focused emotions and mental clarity. Yoga can help achieve increased muscle tone, balance, strength, and improve your mood as well. Come see what yoga can do for you!! Classes are being offered at Richardson Historic Park in the Manor House twice a week, Tuesday nights from 6:00pm-7:30pm and Saturday mornings from 9:30am-11:00am. Cost per class session is \$8, please call instructor Peter Multach at (305) 607-3520 or email him at [pmultach@gmail.com](mailto:pmultach@gmail.com) for more specific program information.

### COUNTRY LINE DANCE

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

### BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES

Wanna dance? With over 38 years of teaching experience, Dance Instructor Lee Fox will teach you a variety of dance moves that will keep you moving all night long. Grab a partner and register today! Singles welcomed too! Classes are held at the Island City Park Preserve on Tuesday at 8pm. The cost is \$39 for a 4 week session. For more information please call Lee Fox at (561) 702-3699 or email [foxtrotcdc@aol.com](mailto:foxtrotcdc@aol.com).

### OPEN TABLE TENNIS FOR SENIORS

Come out to Hagen Park and enjoy free Table Tennis play on Tuesday 10am-12pm. Playing table tennis is a great way to stimulate the brain, promote quick thinking while improving hand-eye coordination, and is a low-risk sport that keeps one fit and flexible, without putting severe stress on joints.. Tuesdays 10am Hagen Park 2020 Wilton Drive. 

## Wacky Winter Camp



**Island City Park Preserve  
823 NE 28th Street, Wilton Manors  
7:30am - 6:00pm**

This Winter Camp is a highly structured day camp with the fun planned for the holiday vacation. The program is sponsored by the City of Wilton Manors and is planned and supervised by “seasoned” and certified recreation and child care professionals from our after school program.

Registration Deadline: Friday, December 2, 2016.  
After registration deadline \$10.00 extra per child fee will be charged.

Bring or mail completed form with payment to Hagen Park,  
2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors between 8:00am-9:00pm Monday-Thursday 8:00am-6:00pm  
Friday; Saturday 8:00am-12:00pm.

Participants: Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade may participate.

Wilton Manors resident fee: \$160.00/\$130.00 second child  
Non-resident fee: \$200.00/\$160.00 second child  
Single day fee: Resident -\$25.00/ Non-Resident- \$30.00  
T-Shirts: Child -\$10.00/ Adult -\$12.00 (Child must wear T-Shirt)  
Fees include all trips, activities, daily lunch and afternoon snack. 

## Child Care

### Wilton Manors Before & 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 healthy snack, assistance with completing homework and an opportunity to develop positive social interactions. Your child will engage in challenging educational and recreational activities, arts & crafts, and much more. Most importantly, B.A.S.H. is a place for children to have fun after a long school day. Before Care: 6:45am – 7:45am. After Care: 2:30pm-6:00pm.

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

## School Days Program



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 \$15.00 to \$28.00 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 NE 28th Street.

For more information please call the Leisure Services Department at 954-390-2130.

## Facilities

### COLOHATCHEE PARK FOR NATURE ENTHUSIASTS

Colohatchee Park is a mangrove preserve which is home to many types of birds, plants, animals, easily seen as you walk through the elevated walkways and green spaces of the park. It is an excellent setting for nature enthusiasts to enjoy some of the best environmental sights that Wilton Manors has to offer. Come explore Colohatchee Park at 1975 NE 15th Avenue. Open 8:00am-Dusk, Thursday through Monday and closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



## Special Events



### HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR 2015

The City of Wilton Manors will host the Annual Halloween Spooktacular on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at Mickel Park (2675 NW 7th Avenue) beginning at 6:00pm. This year's event will include photos with the Great Pumpkin (bring your own camera), costume contests, food, games, cake walk, and hay rides. Shuttle parking is available at St. Clement Church (2975 N Andrews Avenue). For more information, contact the Leisure Services Department at 954-390-2130.

### VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

The City of Wilton Manors cordially invites you to join us in honoring the men and women who serve our country. Our Annual Veterans' Day Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 11, 2016 promptly at 11:00am inside Hagen Park Community Center. It is a day to be grateful for the members of our armed forces who risk their lives for our liberties. Join us to hear stories and letters home from soldiers in each of the U.S. wars.

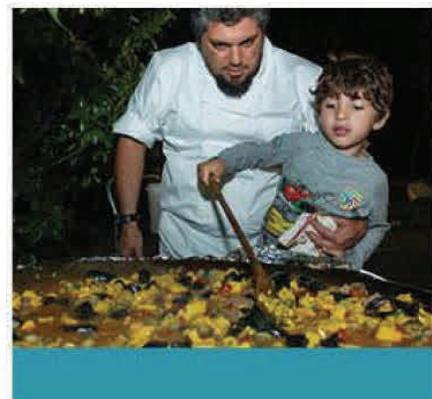
### ISLAND CITY YARD SALES

The City of Wilton Manors sponsors six Yard Sales each year at Hagen Park / City Hall, 2020 Wilton Drive, on the second Saturday of November 2016 – March 2016. The City Yard Sales will be open from

8:00am to 2:00pm. Spaces are available to purchase for the December 10th is on a first come first serve basis. Registration begins September 6th. Each Yard Sale attracts 70 to 90 vendors and over 1,000 participants. Tents, Chairs and Tables are also available for rental through the City. Yard Sales are free to the public. Concessions will be available for purchase, so you can eat while you shop. Vendors sell everything from linens and clothes, plants to furniture, and home decorative items. Many vendors specialize in antiques, plants and collectables. For more information please contact the Leisure Services Department at 954-390-2115 or 954-390-2130.

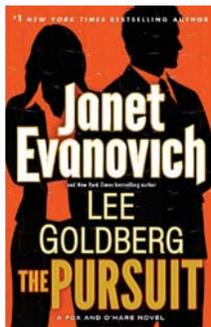
### 11th ANNUAL TASTE OF THE ISLAND MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14th

Join us for an evening of food and libation featuring local area restaurants and drinking establishments! The event is held at the beautiful Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve, 1937 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, 33305. Taste of the Island is a rain or shine event. For more information or to purchase a ticket, visit: [www.tasteoftheisland.org](http://www.tasteoftheisland.org).



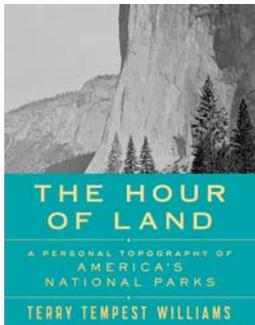
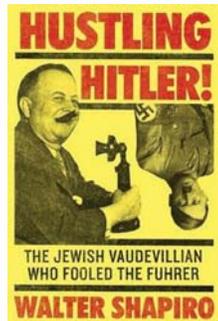
# New E-Books @ your library

In **The Pursuit**, Janet Evanovich, author of the blockbuster Stephanie Plum novels, and Lee Goldberg, writer for the Monk television show, team up once again in their rollicking, New York Times bestselling Fox and O'Hare series! Nicolas Fox, international con man, thief, and one of the top ten fugitives on the FBI's most-wanted list, has been kidnapped from a beachfront retreat in Hawaii. What the kidnapper doesn't know is that Nick Fox has been secretly working for the FBI. It isn't long before Nick's covert partner, Special Agent Kate O'Hare, is in hot pursuit of the crook who stole her con man. The trail leads to Belgium, France, and Italy, and pits Nick and Kate against their deadliest adversary yet: Dragan Kovic, an ex-Serbian military officer. He's plotting a crime that will net him billions. And cost thousands of American lives.



-- disappeared without a trace. Within days of Nic's return, they are plunged into a shocking drama when Nic's neighbor Annaleise, who is dating Tyler and was the group's alibi ten years previously, goes missing. Told backwards from the time Annaleise disappears, **All the Missing Girls** by Megan Miranda follows Nic as she works to unravel the truth and, in the process, reveals shocking realities about her friends, her family, and what really happened to Corinne that night ten years ago.

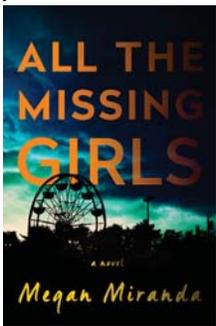
In **Hustling Hitler**, Walter Shapiro explores the story of his great-uncle, vaudeville manager, boxing promoter, stock swindler, card shark, and self-proclaimed "Jade King of China," Freeman Bernstein, who was a master of exuberant excess and no stranger to the hard-hand of the law. But the charges he was arrested for on the evening of February 18, 1937, outside of a Hollywood starlet's home, were more serious than those he had ever encountered before. The most powerful and feared man in the world -- Adolf Hitler -- claimed that Bernstein had committed fraud against the German government.



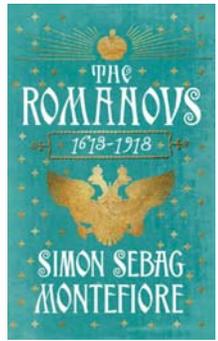
America's national parks are breathing spaces in a world, in which such spaces are steadily disappearing, which is why more than 300 million people visit the parks each year. Now Terry Tempest Williams, the author of the environmental classic *Refuge*, and the beloved memoir

*When Women Were Birds*, returns with **The Hour of Land**, a literary celebration of our national parks, an exploration of what they mean to us and what we mean to them.

Ten years after leaving Cooley Ridge, Nicolette Farrell returns to care for her ailing father. A decade ago, she, her brother Daniel, her boyfriend Tyler, and Corinne's boyfriend Jackson were suspects when Corinne -- Nic's best friend



Simon Sebag Montefiore's **The Romanovs** is epic history on the grandest scale. A story of conspiracy, drunken coups, assassination, torture, impaling, breaking on the wheel, lethal floggings with the knout, sexual and alcoholic excess, charlatans and pretenders, flamboyant wealth based on a grinding serfdom, and, not surprisingly, a vicious cycle of repression and revolt. Game of Thrones seems like the proverbial vicar's tea party in comparison. Reading Montefiore's excellent account, it is hard to imagine how the monarchy could ever have survived under their catastrophic leadership.



*The Hidden Web**Your Library**Where to Go When Google Doesn't Know***Tapping into the “Hidden Web” @ your library reveals a wealth of answers...**

With the help of Web engines such as Google and ask.com, Americans have become savvy online searchers. But even the most agile Internet searchers find that some questions just don't produce the right results, leaving them to feel like the answer just isn't out there.

The problem may not be that the answer isn't out there, but that the usual search engines just can't get at it. General search engines search what's free on the Web, but often the most accurate (and verified) information resides in what insiders call the “Hidden Web” - expensive password-protected databases typically consulted by professional researchers. More important is that general search engines don't distinguish between sources, so you don't know what you're getting.

Free search engines are great for finding simple answers to simple questions, but when the answers really matter -- your child's homework or business information or health issues -- we recommend using something more authoritative. When you search the free Web you have no idea whether you're getting accurate information or not.

Consulting more authoritative resources doesn't mean leaving your computer or pulling out your credit card, you just need to add the Richard C. Sullivan Public Library's homepage (<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/library>) to your “Favorites”

list. The Library has dozens of professional researchers' most sought-after Internet resources -- information sources that would typically cost thousands -- available for free to anyone with a library card. Tapping in through the Library's website (just click on INFO HERE) means finding information that can help with homework at any grade level (including college), health issues, and accessing leading business sources -- the ones where Harvard, Stanford, and dozens of other top-tier business schools do their research.

A good way to get started is to tape your library card number to the edge of your computer screen so you have it handy when you need to do some research. Once on the homepage, click on INFO HERE, choose the resource you need, and then follow the directions to log in. Each of the resources will be listed and will have a brief description of what you can do there. Short tutorials are also available, if you want some guidance.

While used by professional researchers, these Internet sources are easy to use, but it may take a visit or two to learn the ropes. It's like going to a grocery store. If you've only shopped at the gas station's food market, it might take a few minutes to understand the layout. You wouldn't entrust the gas station with your dinner party, so don't entrust your child's homework to the free Web. 🌐



# Children's Programs

## Children's Programs @ your library



Toddler Story Time – Monday mornings @ 10:30 am. The programs are suitable for kids, ages 4 and under. Caregivers must remain with the children and are encouraged to have fun too! Relevant age-appropriate books will be offered for check-out.

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

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	12 noon – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Friday	9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

For further information, please call (954)390-2195.



### BE A FRIEND

Want to help the Library? Join the Friends! The Friends of the Wilton Manors Library is a private volunteer group that exists to enrich the cultural and educational opportunities within our community. The Friends provide funding for our extensive audio book and video collections, and for our e-books and digital magazines. They also sponsor Library programs throughout the year. Membership applications are available at the Library.



## Friends of the Library

## Culture Series

### Local Author

## Laura Burke

Laura Burke, novelist and Wilton Manors resident, will appear at the Friends of the Library Cultural Series event, which will occur on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Burke is a multiple recipient of the “Readers’ Favorite Five Star” award. A review by Anne Boling of *Black Orchid* says: “The tale begins in a low keyed suspenseful manner and continues thus until about midway when suddenly the action explodes...murders, kidnapping, poison, vandalism, a mysterious stranger, romance, and betrayal.”

Her last four books feature the same protagonist, New York City Detective Eric Masson. All her books are exciting with twists and turns, and interesting, well-drawn characters. She will tell us about her inspirations, techniques, and tricks. After a 20 year career as a nurse, she retired to become a private investigator. She worked on unsolved closed cases. Six years ago, she decided that she wanted to write novels. She is now on her ninth! As a private investigator, she worked in close contact with police officers

and detectives on several closed-case files, with amazing results, and draws on her experiences in her writing. Although her works are fiction, she draws on true cases.

She lives in Wilton Manors with her husband. She has two children, five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Her novels are *Rendezvous Key* (2013), *If Walls could Scream* (2013), *Black Orchid* (2013), and *End of the Trail* (2014). The Masson Murder Mystery Series novels are *Tears in the Sand* (2014), *Rose Petals* (2014), *Murder with No Passion* (2015), and *Frozen in Time* (2016).

**Join us for the Happy Half-Hour at 6:30 p.m. There will be light refreshments, and the program starts at 7:00 p.m. It is free and open to all at the Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors, 500 NE 26 St., Wilton Manors.**

**For info, call Friends of the Library member Virginia Flaherty at 954-566-8957.** 

# Our Journey For Justice



In early July, in a stunning 96-hour period there was the Imperfect Storm. The officer involved shootings in Baton Rouge and St. Paul, followed by the massacre of police officers in Dallas. Those killings were followed up with three more police officers being killed in Baton Rouge two weeks later. Those deaths brought to light, not for the first time or the last time, the gulf between law enforcement and the communities we serve.

It is important that we acknowledge two critical failures. First, we have a broken society where those who feel left behind are frustrated to the point of violence. This violence is not just on “the system” but on each other as verified by the overwhelming number of crime victims being African-American or “black on black” crime. Every year, approximately 6,000 African-Americans are homicide victims, mostly by other African-Americans. This is an ugly statistic, but it is one that must be acknowledged and part of our discussion.

As an important note, 12% of all white and Hispanic homicide victims are killed by police officers compared to 4% of African-American homicide victims being killed by a police officer. But, the advent of video identifying bad judgment and even criminality on the part of police officers has led to this boiling point.

Second, our law enforcement system is under debilitating stress. Poor hiring practices, inadequate training, and the inability to cleanse our profession of those who do not deserve to wear our badge of honor have combined to fuel this atmosphere of mistrust and a strong belief that there is a lack of accountability.

Together, these failures have led to a crisis of confidence and trust in each other. Locally, it is important to know that the Broward County Chiefs of Police Association (BCCPA)

*By WMPD Chief Paul O'Connell*

has been working with Congressman Alcee Hastings and Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz on the Taskforce for Strengthening Police Community Relations. It has been and continues to be a work in progress and clearly more work is needed.

The Urban League of Broward County has been a vital partner in this dialogue, as has our State Attorney, Michael Satz. The Taskforce has reached out to our schools, churches, community leaders and elected officials to find more partners. We hope others will join us!

The goal of the Taskforce is simple: Repair the damage and restore the trust. The solution is more complex as there is no modest formula or magic potion to apply. Too much time is being wasted on “fixing the blame,” and too little time is being spent on “fixing the problem.” The Taskforce has the correct focus on building bridges of trust and confidence.

Here, is what I know to be the very core of my being: The police profession is a noble profession made up of imperfect men and women who simply want to serve and who want to make tomorrow better than today. Our daily tasks continue to be challenging and perfection is not always attainable, despite our best efforts. But we will adjust. We will adapt, and we will move forward. We hope that you will join us on this journey for justice.

**Halloween:** Monday October 31st – **Wicked Manors** will be back and in “full bloom.” You should expect a full night of festivities along the Drive, which will be closed all day, Monday, October 31 until 4 a.m. on Tuesday morning. Please plan your travels accordingly.

**Finally,** September is prime hurricane season!! Are you ready? You must still be prepared as the season does not end until November 30th! Take the time to ensure that you are prepared, that your family is prepared and that your property is prepared for the storm. Waiting until the storm approaches simply sets you up for failure and frustration.

## Citizens Police Academy

Public Safety



The Wilton Manors Police Department is offering a 10-week Citizens Police Academy on Thursdays from January 26, 2017 through March 30, 2017, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. This program is open to residents, civic and government organization members, and non-residents (on a space available basis). The Citizens Police Academy is designed to foster an active partnership with the community. Well-informed citizens, who have an awareness of the mission, resources, policies and services of their Police Department, are critical to the success of this partnership.

Many topics will be addressed in the academy and will include: Code and Compliance, Drug Enforcement / K9, Detective Bureau / Special Investigations, Accident Investigations, Road Patrol, and much more. In addition to scheduled classes, a "ride along" with our Patrol Officers will be made available to the attendees who are interested.

All applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. Selection preferences will be given to Wilton Manors residents and those who work or own a business or property within the City. This is your opportunity to become involved in a dynamic, rewarding partnership with your Police Department. We need your participation to ensure the success of the Citizens Police Academy. Don't hesitate! Complete your application today. Applications are available on the CPA website: [www.wiltonmanors.com/cpa](http://www.wiltonmanors.com/cpa), and at the Wilton Manors Police Department lobby.

Please attach a valid and legible copy of your driver's license or passport along with your application. You may EMAIL, MAIL or FAX your completed application to:

Wilton Manors Police Department  
ATTN: Citizens Police Academy  
2020 Wilton Drive  
Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Email: [Info@wmpd.org](mailto:Info@wmpd.org)

Phone: (954) 390-2162

Fax: (954) 390-2189

Web: [www.wiltonmanors.com/cpa](http://www.wiltonmanors.com/cpa) 



# POLICE

## WILTON MANORS

# Fighting Internet Crime



## Federal Bureau of Investigation Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)

The Internet Crime Complaint Center ([www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov)) receives, develops, and refers complaints regarding the rapidly expanding area of cyber-crime. For law enforcement and regulatory agencies at the federal, state, local and international levels, IC3 is the central clearinghouse for complaints on internet related crimes. The IC3 complaint process provides victims of cyber-crimes a convenient, easily accessible, online reporting mechanism to alert law enforcement of suspected criminal and civil violations.

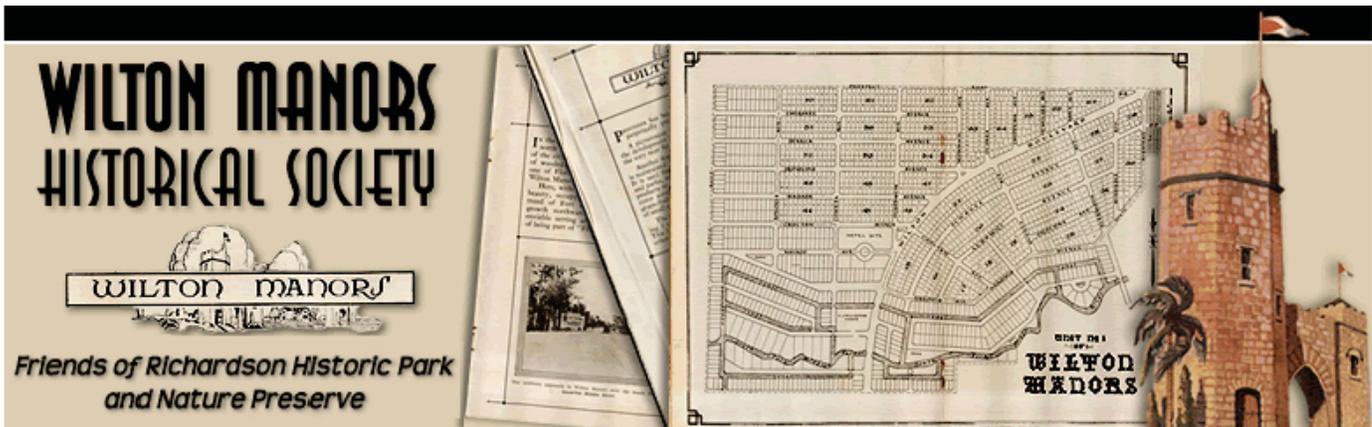
IC3's purpose is to serve as a central hub to receive, develop, and refer criminal complaints regarding the rapidly expanding occurrences of cyber-crime. The IC3 gives the victims of cyber-crimes a convenient and easy-to-use reporting mechanism that alerts authorities of suspected criminal or civil violations on the internet. IC3 develops leads and notifies law enforcement and regulatory agencies at the federal, state, local and international level, and acts as a central

referral mechanism for complaints involving internet related crimes.

The complaints submitted to the IC3 cover an array of cyber-crimes including theft of intellectual property rights, computer intrusion, economic espionage, online extortion, and international money laundering. Numerous fraud schemes such as identity theft, phishing, spam, reshipping, auction fraud, payment fraud, counterfeit goods, romance scams, and non-delivery of goods are reported to the IC3.

The IC3 prepares public service announcements on the latest cyber trends to alert consumers on Internet fraud. These announcements are posted on their web sites.

If you feel you have been a victim of Charitable Contributions Fraud, Counterfeit Check Fraud, Identity Theft, International Fraud, Investment Fraud, Online Pharmaceutical Fraud, Phishing, Work-at-home scams, or computer scams please visit their website at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov) to file a report with the FBI. 



## *Keeping our City's History Front and Center*

By Benjamin B. Little –  
 Wilton Manors Historical Society  
[www.WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org)

George Santayana once said, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” Wilton Manors is a good example of a city which does remember the past, and learns from it. Wilton Manors managed to build a third City Hall in 2010 with a little less excitement than the second one, in the mid 1950s. The City is about to “fix” Wilton Drive, again.

Having an appreciation of our past gives us a sense of place. We are a community with a culture that goes back 70 years. We are a great deal more than just something Siri can find on GPS.

The Wilton Manors Historical Society has been documenting our history since the Society was founded in 1975 (with a short break in the 1990s). In the 1970s, the Society recognized the importance of oral history, and recorded interviews with founding fathers and mothers

which are available today to all. When Luoma Leavor, wife of Al Hagen’s builder died and her office was being emptied, we discovered that all sorts of historical documents had been thrown out. We went “dumpster diving.” We have participated in Broward County Pioneer Days which honored “movers and shakers” in Broward County. We had a photo contest, which unearthed important old photos and provided the Historical Society with contemporary views, which will be important in 50 years. We had Scavenger Hunts, which got folks walking around really looking at things. We have given “talks” to numerous organizations. We can be counted on to put things into historical perspective for the City Commission.

The Society’s biggest project to date is the restoration and repurposing of the Carriage House at Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve in partnership with the City. It was built by Edward J. Willingham, founder of Wilton Manors, and was an integral part of George Richardson, Sr.’s golf course. The Historical Society is ensuring that all the “restoration” is in compliance with the standards required



for potential future designation by the Federal Government as a “historic” structure. The “repurposing” makes it a spectacularly attractive rental venue for the City.

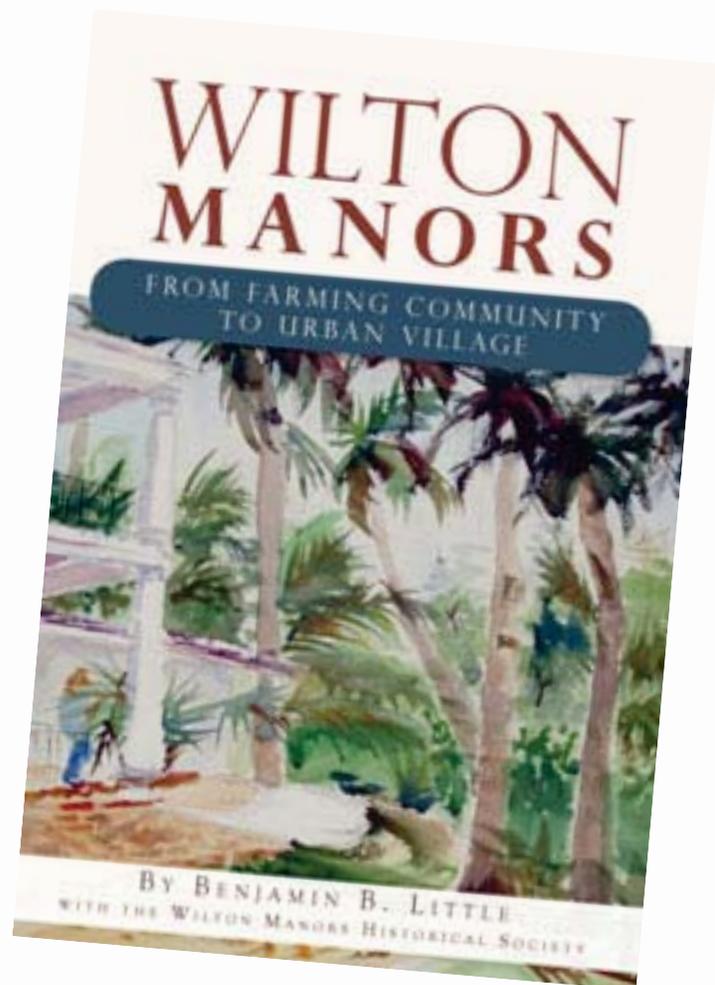
But, what has the Historical Society done for you? You will find a wealth of information at our website, [www.WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org) and check out the History/Articles page. There are, as of this writing, 48 articles on the history of Wilton Manors.

The articles range from a little silly, “Fins and Tapes,” to informative, “What’s in a Name,” to scholarly, “First Village Meeting.” There are biographies, obituaries, and contributions by important influences to our “Wilton Manors Culture.” The Broward County Historical Commission sponsored “Pioneer Day,” now defunct, to honor people who have contributed to the preservation of local history.

There are “histories” of Wilton Manors. The most recently added is an article by Mayor Harold Price (Mayor from January 12, 1960 to January 31, 1968) published in the Fort Lauderdale News, May 27, 1965). It is an interesting perspective. We also have a history written by James C. Dean. This is more of a history of Dean than of the City, and is listed in the “People” section.

The Wilton Manors Historical Society website gives both the Society and the City national and international exposure. The Society has been contacted for information from as far away as Poland! A survey of other historical society websites will turn up very few with the breadth and depth of local history documented on ours.

This Historical Society is embarking on an effort to restore and display a model of the Willingham/Abreu Gateway Towers. We are also determined to catalogue our collections of photos and documents. We published *Wilton Manors – From Farming Community to Urban Village* in 2011, available on Amazon.com and at the Wilton Manors Library. “History” is relative. If you are from New England, anything after the Civil War is “new.” In spite of our “youth,” the history of Wilton Manors is important. The Wilton Manors Historical Society is up to the challenge to celebrate events, buildings, and the people who make us special and ensure that “Life’s Just Better Here.” 🌍





**CONGRATULATIONS** to new CANA officers: Ray Carrier, Vice President; Matthew Gill, Secretary; and Fred Caplan, Treasurer.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** - We thank the CANA hosts of National Night Out, Randall Alan, River Manor Condo and the Church of the Holy Spirit Song. We also thank those on the west and east sides for hosting these events. They provided an invaluable opportunity for neighbors to meet neighbors and our police officers.

**MUSEUM ON MAIN STREET: "THE WAY WE WORKED"** - CANA sent a letter in support of Art Gallery 21's proposal to host this Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit:



**VOTING** - August 30th was Primary election day. Early voting in person was August 20 - 27. Wilton Manors City Hall is an early voting site. You can vote early at an early voting site. On Election Day, you must vote at your assigned polling place. The next early voting will be October 24 - November 6 for the November 8th General Election.

**WILTON MANORS WELCOME CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** - Art Gallery 21, originally a neighborhood project of CANA, is seeking individuals who are interested in serving as volunteer staff for the "official"

Wilton Manors Welcome Center, slated to open in early October 2016. It will be housed in the Woman's Club of Wilton Manors, located at 600 NE 21 Court, at the NE corner of Hagen Park. The planned hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, from noon to 8 p.m., and Thursday, from noon to 6 p.m. Volunteer staff will consist of two (2) individuals per shift and this 'working pair' will contribute one 4-hour shifts no more than once a week. The ultimate goal is to have enough volunteers that each working pair of individuals will serve no more than one or two shifts each month. Local businesses have expressed enthusiasm and support for the Welcome Center. Volunteer applications are available online at [www.artgallery21.org](http://www.artgallery21.org) or you can request one by email at [artgallery21wcwm@gmail.com](mailto:artgallery21wcwm@gmail.com). Please put "Volunteer Application" in the subject line. If you

have any questions, please submit them by email and we will respond as quickly as possible. - Constance Ruppender, Founder & President, Art Gallery 21, Inc.

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

**CANA MEETINGS:** Next meeting is October 19, 2016 @ 7 p.m. at Hagen Park. Parking is FREE. 🇺🇸



**CANA CAN!**

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

*Paul J. Rolli, President • Fred Caplan, Vice President • Brent White, Secretary  
• Constance Ruppender, Ron Poskus, Matthew Gill & Ray Carrier, Directors*

## ENA Insights



### EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Collectively, we can accomplish more for our Neighborhood!

Contact us: [wiltonmanorsena@gmail.com](mailto:wiltonmanorsena@gmail.com) or visit us: [www.wiltonmanors-ena.org](http://www.wiltonmanors-ena.org)

### ENA Summer Picnic

The ENA Summer picnic took place on Saturday August 6th at the Colohatchee Park Pavilion. Over 25 members enjoyed burgers and hot dogs with delicious sides and desserts prepared by ENA neighbors. A fun time was had by all! Thank you to everyone who contributed to make the event such a success.

### Future Wilton Manors Development

ENA attended an Economic Development Strategic Plan Update. A consultant to the City, Strategic Planning Group (SPG), presented a number of findings and recommendations. Given the limited significant development plots available within the City and in order to maintain the Urban Village charm and character of Wilton Manors, SPG proposed that future projects should be “Mixed Developments” combining retail and residential elements.

### Old Florida Seafood House

The retail area containing the Old Florida Seafood House is now owned by a single entity. This will now pave the way to the future redevelopment of the complete site.

### Colohatchee Park

ENA participated in the second Colohatchee Park Focus Group meeting. Plans for the future remodeling of the park continue to be developed. Having reviewed input from prior meetings and local surveys, items being considered include the provision of a new waterside pavilion and boardwalk to the east side of the park; a new walkway around the perimeter of the park; and an enlargement of the dog park section. Further work on the potential new design is being carried out by the City Leisure Services Department. We will continue to bring you updates as they become available.

### Upcoming Events

- ENA General Members Meeting, October 13th, 7 p.m. at Independence Hall NE 26th Street. 

*News From The Westside*

Updates

**WESTSIDE ASSOCIATION OF WILTON MANORS****Wilton Manors Candidates' Forum**

Join us on Wednesday, September 28th, starting at 7 p.m.

Hagen Park Community Center

Hosted by all three neighborhood associations.

Great opportunity to meet and hear from candidates running in our local Wilton Manors election.

Parking is free at Hagen Park during the meeting.

**WAWM UPDATES**

- Andrews Avenue Redevelopment Initiative-

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

- Westside Beautification Project-

WAWM has established Snook Creek Boat Ramp and Park as an ongoing clean-up project. First identified during the Waterway Clean-up in March as having specific issues, WAWM has begun a monthly clean-up of the facility. Join us for our next clean-up on Saturday, September 17th, at 9 am.

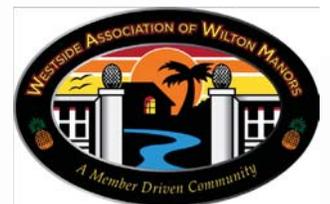
- City Code and Compliance-

WAWM has compiled a 'Top Ten' list of code issues here on the Westside. We are working with Code Supervisor Julio Davila to review each case, and then are looking for follow-up and compliance. This list will be updated periodically and residents should contact WAWM at [wawm.org@gmail.com](mailto:wawm.org@gmail.com) with any suggestions, questions or concerns regarding code issues on the Westside.

The Westside Association holds monthly Board of Directors meetings. If you would like to bring concerns, share ideas, or bring neighborhood issues to our attention, please contact us at [wawm.org@gmail.com](mailto:wawm.org@gmail.com) . 

**For additional information on the Westside Association of Wilton Manors, please email [info@wawm.org](mailto:info@wawm.org).**

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



## Walk-Through Tuesdays



### “WALK-THROUGH TUESDAYS” SAME DAY PERMITTING

The City of Wilton Manors Community Development Services Department staff devotes every Tuesday to assisting residents and contractors to “Walk-In” with complete building permit applications with the following types of building permits.

#### HOURS:

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

#### STRUCTURAL & ZONING

RE-ROOFS, FENCES, VINYL COATED FENCES, CONCRETE PATIOS,  
SHUTTERS, WINDOW REPLACEMENTS, SCREEN ENCLOSURES, SHEDS

#### ELECTRICAL

SERVICE CHANGES, LOW VOLTAGE PERMITS, BURGLAR ALARMS  
(NO FIRE ALARMS)

#### PLUMBING

SEWER, WATER SERVICE, PLUMBING FIXTURE, WATER HEATER,  
RESIDENTIAL IRRIGATION SYSTEMS, POOL HEATER REPLACEMENTS

#### MECHANICAL

AIR CONDITIONING UNIT REPLACEMENTS

Walk-through Tuesdays is subject to submission of all required properly completed paperwork. A building permit application may be dropped off in the morning between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Approved permits are picked up in the afternoon.

For more information, please contact the Community Development Services Department at (954) 390-2180.

Please note that there is a maximum of five (5) walk-through permits per day per customer. 🌐

## Welcome New Businesses!

Please join the City of Wilton Manors in welcoming new businesses that opened in June and July 2016.

Address	Name of Business
1881 NE 26th Street, Unit 40	Be Well Med Spa
2449 NE 13th Avenue	Desafinado, LLC
2449 NE 13th Avenue	The Way of Wellness
1220 NE 24th Street	Metropolitan
2312 Wilton Drive, Unit 16	Helping Hand Counseling Center
2248 Wilton Drive	Ocean Liquor & Fine Wine
2101 N Andrews Avenue, Unit 300	Elevate Building Technologies
2037 Wilton Drive	Bubbles & Pearls
2300 NE 7th Avenue	Al & Chuck Travel
2730 N Andrews Avenue	4 Vets Training Center, Inc.
2209 N Dixie Highway	Go Healthy Pet
1881 NE 26th Street, Unit 102	Nikis Spa Services, LLC
2403 N Dixie Highway	Arkitektur & Dezin
2403 N Dixie Highway	CIBA International Electrical Supply & Distribution, Inc.
1881 NE 26th Street, Unit 102	Wendy Wennberg Professional Coaching, Inc.



## Did You Know?

### Where does Colohatchee Park get its name from?

The area to the north, now Fort Lauderdale High School and Commercial Boulevard was called Colohatchee, or Colahatchee around the turn of the 20th century. Most probably, it is a name given the area by the Seminole Indians. William C. Collier, who had moved here from Texas, had a big orange grove in the early 1890's. One story has it that the Indians liked Collier and his oranges so much that they named the area after him: "Collier at the River." 





## Did You Know?



### Do you know why Wilton Manors is The Island City?

Bounded by the North and South forks of the Middle River. Almost. The border extends up the west side of NE 6th Avenue to Oakland Park Boulevard and then along the south side of Oakland Park Blvd to I 95. To add confusion, the western ends of the Middle River were not always where they are now. 🌿



# Around Town



#1 - Ruth Greenspan speaks about her life, career, and son, Jason Alexander, at the Richard C. Sullivan Library on July 19, 2016 #2 - Officer Joseph Pein is presented with the Officer of the Quarter award by Police Chief Paul O'Connell #3 - Mayor Resnick welcomed students, principals and teachers back to school at Somerset Academy and Wilton Manors Elementary School on August 22, 2016 #4 - Songs and Stories of Our National Parks on August 5, 2016 #5 - Commissioner Flippen is honored at SAVE's 2016 Young Guardians Awards on August 18, 2016





**The City of Wilton Manors**

*2020 Wilton Drive*

*Wilton Manors, FL 33305*

*Life's Just Better Here*

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



## **CALL FOR ARTISTS!**

### ***Fifth Annual Island City Juried Art Exhibition***

All fine art media, including oil, watercolor, pastel, and acrylic painting, mixed media, pen & ink, photography, and collage will be accepted. Maximum size of two-dimensional art is 30-inches in either direction (not including frame). Maximum weight 20 pounds. Work must be clean and wired for hanging (No Saw-tooth Hangers). All protected artwork must use Plexiglas, NOT glass. Unframed works on canvas must be finished on sides with no staples showing. Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded to 3 winners and includes an art exhibit in January 2017. Rules & Entry Form available for download at [www.artgallery21.org](http://www.artgallery21.org).

**ART INTAKE: Saturday, September 24 | 12-3 PM**

### ***Art Opening & Presentation of Awards***

**Friday, September 30 – 7 to 9 PM**

***Art Gallery 21***  
600 NE 21 Court, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

All Broward County artists are invited to participate. Art must be original, not a copy of another artist's work. No nudes, please. ENTRY FEE: \$20 per entry, maximum of 2 entries per artist. We accept cash or checks payable to Art Gallery 21, Inc. All proceeds go to support the gallery's programs.

Art Gallery 21 is a nonprofit organization and is located in the Woman's Club of Wilton Manors  
Email: [artgallery21wcwm@gmail.com](mailto:artgallery21wcwm@gmail.com) | Call: 954-661-4740