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Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

January / February 2017



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Happy Two Year Anniversary to Our "WE DO!" Couples!

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Celebrating the Art of Community

FEBRUARY 14, 2015
Wilton Manors City Hall
2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors FL 33305

Welcoming the arrival of marriage equality to Florida



2016 Taste of the Island - a delicious success!!

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CALENDAR Items

Saturday, January 14
City Hall Yard Sale 8am-2pm

Friday, January 20
LIVE @ Mickel Park
Concert Series 7:30-9:30pm

Monday, January 23
Classical Concert @ Hagen
Park 7-9pm

Saturday/Sunday
February 4th & 5th—Island
City Tennis Tournament—
various times

Saturday, February 11
City Hall Yard Sale 8am-2pm

Tuesday, February 14
Valentine’s Day
Happy Anniversary to our
2015 We Do! couples!

Friday, February 17
LIVE @ Mickel Park
Concert Series 7:30-9:30pm

City Hall Closures:
Monday, January 16
MLK, Jr. Day
Monday, February 20
Presidents’ Day

Wilton Manors City Officials

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

City Commission and Board Meeting Dates

All City Commission and most board meetings are held in the Commission Chambers (2020 Wilton Drive). The public is always welcome to attend. Visit www.wiltonmanors.com for the most up to date meeting information.

Comm. Aff. Adv. Board 7pm	WDID 6:30pm	Historical Society 7pm	Pension Brd 5:30pm	P&Z Board 7pm	Rec. Adv. Brd 6:30pm
Wed Jan 4	Wed Jan 11	Thurs Jan 19	Tues 7-Mar	Mon Jan 9	Thurs Feb 16
Wed Feb 1	Wed Feb 8	Thurs Feb 16	Meets Quarterly	Mon Feb 13	Meets Every 2 Months
Wed Mar 1	Wed Mar 8	Thurs Mar 16		Mon Mar 13	

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 Chambers entrance or paid online by visiting www.wiltonmanors.com and following the “online services” link.



www.wiltonmanors.com

The City’s website has a new look! Please check it out at www.wiltonmanors.com and let us know your thoughts via email at community@wiltonmanors.com. While you’re there, be sure to sign up for our weekly enews or any desired notifications by visiting www.wiltonmanors.com/248/online-Services. You can also read the Town Crier on the website from the “Town Crier” option on the “News & Events” tab. If you would like to “go-green” and discontinue receipt of the paper copy just give us a call at (954) 390-2120.

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
Finance Department..... (954) 390-2141
Utilities Billing.....(954) 390-2145
Fire/EMS Administration..... (954) 390-2110
Fire Rescue*..... (954) 390-2110
(*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

Utilities/Emergency Management

SCHEDULE FOR BULK TRASH AND RECYCLING

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

Jan 19 Feb 23 Mar 23 Recycling Day: Thursday

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

Jan 17 Feb 21 Mar 21 Recycling Day: Friday

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

Jan 18 Feb 22 Mar 22 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”. NO lawn watering is allowed between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm any day of the week. Code Compliance is issuing citations for violations of the water usage schedule.

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

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

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

At Your Door—Household Hazardous Waste Pick-Up

Residents in single family homes can contact WM At Your Door (by phone: 1-800-449-7587 or by e-mail: atyourdoor@wm.com) to request a kit to package items for pickup. The At Your Door representative will ask about the quantity and types of materials you want collected, so be prepared with this information. The kit will be mailed to your home and, on the day of your scheduled collection, place the collection bag in the agreed-upon location before 7am on your collection date, and the materials will be picked up by 7pm. In order to have your HHW collected, you must contact At Your Door directly to schedule a pick-up.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP



The City of Wilton Manors will be offering free curbside pickup of Christmas trees during bulk pick-up in the month of January 2017. Please remove all lights, ornaments and tree stands before placing trees at the curb. The trees will be taken to the Waste-to-Energy Plant and burned to create energy.



Powerline Road Improvements Project From Sunrise Boulevard to NW 29th Street Set to Begin Construction on January 3, 2017

FDOT has announced that they have awarded a \$2 Million contract to Community Asphalt Corp. for the Powerline Road Improvements Project. Construction will begin January 3, 2017 and will be completed by Spring, 2017.

The project will include: removing old asphalt and resurfacing the roadway, constructing new sidewalks, upgrading crosswalk ramps to meet ADA requirements, upgrading drainage structures, upgrading existing pedestrian signals to countdown timers, and upgrading signs and pavement markings to reflect the new roadway configuration, which includes two 11-foot wide travel lanes and a 6-foot wide bike lane separated by a 3.5-foot wide buffer in each direction.

Traffic impacts will be: single lane closures Monday through Friday between 9am and 4pm, and up to two lanes closed overnight Sunday through Thursday between 9pm and 5am. A sidewalk will be maintained on at least one side of the road within the project limits at all times. Signage will be in place to guide pedestrians through the work zone.

The FDOT project team will be distributing periodic updates on the project. If you would like to receive these updates by e-mail, please contact Ms. Dayana Diaz, Public Information Officer for the project, by e-mail at ddiaz@corradino.com.

Secure Shredding Event

When: Saturday, January 21, 2017
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where: City Hall/Hagen Park Parking Lot
2020 Wilton Drive
Wilton Manors, FL 33305



Wilton Manors *residents*:

You will need to bring proof of residency (such as a driver's license or utility bill showing your Wilton Manors address).

Wilton Manors *business owners*:

You will need to bring a copy of your current Wilton Manors Business Tax Receipt.

For more information, contact the Emergency Management/Utilities Department at (954) 390-2190.

Message from the Mayor



Happy New Year and Thank You!

As an initial matter, I want to thank you for re-electing me as Mayor. Wilton Manors had the highest turnout percentage in the County with 78%. Apparently, with this election, I am now the longest serving Mayor in Wilton Manors. It is very

humbling to have such support. It remains a true honor and privilege to represent you as Mayor.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. 2016 went so quickly. While it was a great year for our City, it was a bit mixed for Eric and me. We had some great things to celebrate. I performed the marriage of my niece and we also have a new grandniece, Kendall born 6/6/16. However, we lost our beloved Golden, Gracie, and dealt with health issues of friends and family. But as we begin 2017, we feel a great sense of optimism about our City's future. It is appropriate to take a moment to review 2016, and to let you know what's ahead.

Review of 2016 and Some Plans for 2017

Property Values: First and foremost, once again we led Broward County among the highest increases in property values. We are one of the top 100 cities nationwide for increased property values over the past five years! In addition, we lowered the millage rate. Many homesteaded property owners will see a decrease of \$20 to \$100 or more on their City taxes. (Because of the tremendous increase in property values, many commercial and non-homesteaded property owners may see a slight increase in taxes). We anticipate strong property values again in 2017.

Communications: We improved communications between the City and residents and businesses. If you have not already done so, please sign up for our weekly emails that offer the latest City information, and "like" us on Facebook for updates. In addition, if you would prefer to view the Town Crier online and discontinue the paper copy, please notify the City. I will also be initiating efforts to create more opportunities for personal connections among neighbors so we maintain our small town friendly quality.

Mickel Park: The initial \$1.4 million renovation was accomplished ahead of schedule and on budget. Since the grand reopening, we have received about \$400,000 in grants to upgrade the lighting, install an EV charging station and improve the playground. For 2017, one of my priorities will be free Wi-Fi at Mickel and City Parks, allowing residents and visitors to do homework, research and apply for jobs, among other uses, to ensure better connectivity throughout the city

Island City University Class: We graduated our first class of 16 residents who learned over the six-week course about how we provide services. If you are interested in getting more involved, applications are currently being accepted for the Class of 2017.

Water: The Utilities Department completed encoding water meters throughout the City and implemented an expedited meter reading system. This allowed for a reduction in monthly staff hours for meter reading from 90 to 7, freeing that staff person for other important tasks. This project was a real win, with substantial cost savings. For 2017, we are making it a priority to explore ways to lower water bills, and working with other cities to address Fort Lauderdale's charges.

Wilton Drive Improvement District (WDID): We created the WDID comprised of 56 properties fronting Wilton Drive. We have high hopes that the District will contribute to the economic development of our Arts and Entertainment District in 2017 and beyond.

Police: Our Police Department received reaccreditation by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA,) signifying compliance with 260 standards and best practices. The accreditation is for three years, and means a lot for our small force. My thanks to Chief O'Connell for his leadership. With full staffing, we are looking for additional ways to improve public safety in our City.

IT: The City's information technology infrastructure was assessed and inventoried for the first time, and a separate IT budget was created. This will allow the City to look for cost efficiencies and plan for long-term maintenance. IT is such an important component of our ability to provide services. The improvements to IT were long overdue and we will continue to leverage the efficiencies of technology in 2017.

Economic Development: Another priority of mine for 2017, we are working to implement an economic development plan that will ensure the City continues to thrive. Land use changes are coming to the Andrews Avenue/Oakland Park Boulevard corridors, incentives are available to businesses to improve their property, and we are collaborating with the Convention and Visitors Bureau to increase our tourism share. We have many private businesses looking to invest in our City and will continue to attract quality projects for such investment.

2017 will be a great year for our City. Again, I am deeply grateful for your continued support as your Mayor, and pledge to continue our community's progress while maintaining our small town sensibility.

As always, I welcome your feedback and comments. Please note that because of Florida Sunshine Law, it is better to reach me and City officials via email or telephone, or of course through letters and in-person meetings. Please feel free to contact me at gresnick@wiltonmanors.com or (954) 390-2123.



Vice Mayor Justin S. Flippen—New Year's Resolution



Each new year brings with it new beginnings and often a sense of renewal. As we start 2017, the city has a variety of opportunities for continued growth from our parks and green spaces to housekeeping and clean up of our city codes, and following up on the corridor study conducted along Oakland Park Boulevard and Andrews Avenue.

The commission has discussed working to provide public wifi in our city parks, which I believe is a worthwhile endeavor. In the 21st Century, we need to continue to keep up to date with our technology and services utilized remotely and online by our residents, neighbors, and visitors, especially in our public places. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars received by the city must be used to provide a service benefiting lower income families. Access to information via free public wifi is one service that would certainly address this requirement. As we encourage our families to use park facilities, buildings, and open spaces more, amenities like free wifi will be valuable to children, neighbors, and students who can benefit from being in our public and open green

spaces and use a city service to do homework, update fitness logs while working out, and promote our city and parks by their posts and check-ins on social media such as Facebook.

Commercial recycling in the city is something I feel should be looked at. While we are fortunate that our city service contract with Waste Management includes commercial recycling, the program is voluntary to our businesses. State law prohibits the city from mandating businesses use a particular company for recycling. However, in being good environmental stewards and policy makers, I believe the commission can and should seek ways to encourage and incentivize businesses to recycle. With my successful push to fund the green building incentive program and establish a city-wide green building program, keeping the Island City a greener city is something I believe we must responsibly do to preserve our quality of life.

Another responsibility we have is to the economic vitality of Wilton Manors. Our city code has a number of areas that require some clean up – particularly the code governing business signage. As the commission looks to revise the code, I believe we must enact laws that enable businesses to thrive, are not overly burdensome, or unfairly restrict a business to attract patrons.

As always, please feel free to contact me on any and all matters you deem important to the future of our Island City, where together we have come to know that 'Life's Just Better Here.'

New Year's blessings to you and yours,

In your service,

Justin S. Flippen, J.D.

"The People's Commissioner"/Vice Mayor

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Commissioner Scott Newton—Happy New Year



Happy New Year to All! January is a wonderful time to take stock, and to start anew. As I look back I am pleased with the work our City accomplished; I was proud to champion two key initiatives, and wanted to review our progress in these areas.

Originally donated by Perry and Dorothea Mickel in 1955 as a ball field, by 2013 Mickel Field was old and underutilized, with outdated facilities and equipment and frankly, a place where shady dudes did their business. Not a good place for kids, and a last resort for clubs needing a field. As a kid I played football and baseball there, and have many fond memories.

The City Commission made a commitment to a new vision for Mickel in 2014, allocating almost a million and a half dollars for a facelift. Upgrades to the multipurpose ballfield, construction of a stage and pavilion, a new playground and the installation of a walking track with lots of new trees and other vegetation gave Mickel a new lease on life, and the construction project came in on time and on budget. The grand reopening was a proud day for me, and Mickel is now a thriving regional park where people come to exercise, children use the playground, ballfield rentals are at an all-time high, and special events are held regularly.

The Concerts in the Park are a great addition to the new and improved Mickel. If you came out last year, you saw about 200 people grooving to the sounds of Ty Billings, Port Authority or Otis Cadillac and the El Dorados. Come out and have some fun, and say hello!

We are not done yet, and 2017 will see the completion of another round of improvements. I hope to see you at Mickel Park in 2017.

I also worked to ensure that the Florida Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE) was available to our residents and businesses. This program allows for energy efficient improvements to be made to properties with up front financing and repayment through a non-ad valorem assessment on the property.

Broward County adopted the PACE program in June 2016, and has agreements with three financing companies which provide the service. Approved improvements include rooftop solar panels, solar water heater, energy efficient air conditioning unit, cool roof, impact windows, insulation, and more. We expect to have a workshop on this program in Wilton Manors some time in 2017. In the meantime, for more information, check out [the PACE website](http://www.broward.org/GoGreen/EnergySense/pages/PACE.aspx) at <http://www.broward.org/GoGreen/EnergySense/pages/PACE.aspx>.

I want to know what you think! Please feel free to contact me at snewton@wiltonmanors.com or (954) 390-2123.

Commissioner Julie Carson—Renting in Wilton Manors



On the campaign trail, I heard talk about the importance being a homeowner in the City. This type of statement piqued my interest, particularly when nearly half of City residents are renters.

The 2010 Census reports 6,235 housing units in Wilton Manors. 3,331 of these housing units are owner occupied and 2,904 are renter occupied. Briefly, fifty three percent (53%) of housing units are owner occupied and forty seven percent (47%) are renter occupied. This mix of owners and renters provides for good community balance and diverse demographics. While there are advantages to being a homeowner, when the lure of travel, stress of health issues, or employment opportunities are presented, the flexibility of renting is a great option.

In a *Washington Post* Opinion piece, writer Catherine Rampell says:

“We as a society tend to overvalue homeownership, at least from a financial perspective. Were it not for the psychic and sentimental benefits of homeownership, it’s otherwise hard to imagine financial advisers counseling their clients to dump all their savings into a single, giant, highly illiquid asset.”

The Joint Center For Housing Studies of Harvard University reports households in all but the oldest age groups have joined in the shift toward renting. Plus, U.S. homeownership rate has fallen to its lowest level in more than five decades. Two demographic trends – aging of the population and increasing importance of minorities in household growth - will continue to drive demand for rental housing.

Wilton Manors homeowners pay Broward County real property taxes, and a small part of these collected taxes is allocated to the City. Rental property owners (Landlords) also pay real property taxes (usually at a higher *commercial* rate). All or a portion of these taxes is generally passed on to the tenant through increased rent and assessments, and/or common area maintenance fees. Don’t believe it if you hear renters don’t contribute to the tax base of the City!

Whether you own or rent your home, you are an important stakeholder in our City. All City services and amenities are for the **equal benefit** of residents, and each resident is uniquely vital to the future of Wilton Manors.

Thank you for re-electing me to serve as your City Commissioner. My best wishes to you and your family for a happy and safe Holiday Season and New Year. I am always at your service and welcome your comments and concerns at JCarson@wiltonmanors.com or by phone at (954) 288-8174.

Commissioner Tom Green—The “Greening” of Wilton Manors



Happy New Year everyone! I am grateful for your support and reelection for another term of office. I have great hopes for the continued "smart" development of our city during the next four years, and will be doing everything in my power to make sure we are on the right path into the next decade.

I am happy to report that we now have a working electric vehicle charging station at City Hall, thanks to an agreement with EVGo. Whether or not you have an electric vehicle, stop by and check it out! I am convinced that in a few years these cars will become the norm, and am proud that my efforts and advocacy have finally bore fruit.

On a more serious note, our city and many others in South Florida and across the nation are facing a crisis with the proliferation of “sober homes” in our neighborhoods. These are ostensibly group homes, for recovering addicts transitioning into society. Addiction is considered a disability under federal law, and the

Americans with Disabilities Act and the Fair Housing Act protect these “homes.” The problem is aggravated by the drug treatment industry’s relationship with insurance companies and potential profits.

Because of the economic downturn of 2007 when many houses were foreclosed upon, the industry turned to single family homes as an affordable way to address this housing need, and so often these days, these facilities are plopped down in stable, well-established single family neighborhoods. When problems, ranging from noise to garbage arise, residents and local governments have very few tools to combat the blight. But thanks in large part to Congresswoman Lois Frankel and Congressman Ted Deutch, the federal government recently issued a statement that will give cities some legal clarity on the ability to “maintain the safety and character” of neighborhoods through zoning and land use decisions.

I expect city staff will be bringing an ordinance to the City Commission soon to take advantage of these additional resources.

As always, I love hearing from residents and business owners about their ideas and opinions. Please contact me at tgreen@wiltonmanors.com or call directly at (954) 290-0561.



Parkmobile

Parking Updates

21 More New Public Parking Spaces

In its continuing effort to provide additional public parking to serve the north end of Wilton Drive and Dixie Highway, the City Commission has entered into an agreement with the landowner at 2309 N Dixie Highway to put that property's 21-space parking lot into public use from 6pm until 3am daily.

While the entrance to the parking lot is on Dixie Highway, there is a pedestrian walkway from the back of the lot to NE 11th Avenue, just one block south of Wilton Drive. This will provide easy access to patrons of businesses on both Dixie Highway and Wilton Drive.

This new parking lot is a "ParkMobile-Only" or "Pay-By-App" lot, meaning that there are no parking meters. Payment for parking is made through ParkMobile - an easy and convenient way to pay for parking throughout Wilton Manors. Users may call the ParkMobile number posted on signs throughout the parking area, or even more conveniently may download the ParkMobile app to their smartphone and pay for parking through the app. Parkers paying by app receive the added benefit of getting a text message warning 15 minutes prior to the expiration of their parking session.

New Parking Lot Construction

The City has issued an Invitation to Bid, soliciting bids for the construction of a new parking lot on the corner of NE 11th Avenue and NE 23rd Drive. When complete in mid- to late-2017, the new lot will provide 23 additional parking spaces to serve the north end of Wilton Drive. Located just one block south of Wilton Drive, the new parking lot will be located on property that has been a vacant lot for over ten years.

The new parking lot design will include lush landscaping similar to that at the City's parking lot at the corner of NE 8th Terrace & NE 26th Street. All existing trees will be saved and incorporated into the landscaping of the new lot, and twenty additional trees will be added. Shrubbery, ground covers and turfgrass will round out the landscaping plan. An attractive patterned concrete wall will buffer the parking lot from surrounding residential properties.

The 23 new parking spaces will be served by a parking paystation similar to the ones in other City parking lots. Payment will also be accepted by ParkMobile, the easy and convenient pay-by-app service.



UTILITY BILLING NEWS

The City's Utility Billing staff is always glad to help you with any questions you have about your utility bill. Joy, Nidia, and Scott can be reached by calling the City's main phone number 954-390-2100 and press 1, or reach them by email at UB@wiltonmanors.com.

Some recent updates from the Utility Billing staff:

- You will have noticed that your utility bill has a new format. The new format lets us print much more information on the front of the bill, including all of the billing information as well as payment methods and the upcoming dates for bulk garbage pickup.
- We are saving money!
- We encourage all customers to sign up to receive their bills by email. This saves the City – and you - the cost of envelopes, paper, and postage. Now almost 25% of our customers receive their bills by email.
- In order to reduce waste due to a low return rate, we no longer provide return payment envelopes in utility bills. This saves over 50,000 envelopes a year.
- We are encouraging customers to pay by ACH debit from their bank accounts. This saves processing time, reduces the number of returned checks, and also saves the paper and postage used for mailed-in payments.

Plans for 2017:

For billing purposes the City is divided into three zones, or billing cycles. Cycle 1 bills are usually mailed to you the first week of the month. Cycle 2 bills are usually mailed the second week, and Cycle 3 bills are usually mailed the third week of each month. Up until now, the date of your meter reading was dependent on when the meter reader could be scheduled to physically read the meters. The technology of the new water meters that have been installed throughout the city now allows us to take radio readings as of the same date each month. Early in 2017 we will be transitioning our utility billing so that the cycles will be better aligned with the boundaries of the West Side, East Side, and Central sections of the City. We will also be using consistent meter reading dates: Cycle 1 meters will be read as of the 1st day of each month, Cycle 2 meters will be read as of the 8th day of each month, and Cycle 3 meters will be read as of the 15th day of each month. This will increase our billing efficiency and ensure that your billing cycles are more consistent from month to month. Even the radio-based meter reading is highly accurate, we will still be physically reading your meters once every year to confirm the readings.



From the Desk of Chief of O'Connell—Tax Time 2017!

NOTHING can be more distressing than filing your income tax return only to discover that someone else has stolen your identity and filed for and stolen your IRS refund money!

The Kiplinger Report (Sandra Block) has published some important information on this topic which we would like to share with you if you are a victim of such identity theft.

First step is to call the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at 800-908-4490. This will begin the process of locking down further damage and repairing the damage that has already been done.

Next, go to www.irs.gov and download Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit. You can use this form for two reasons: if you believe someone has filed a return in your name or if you were the victim of identity theft unrelated to your filing of your federal tax return. Mail or fax the completed form, along with a paper copy of your return, to the IRS.

When the case is resolved (yes, it will take time), you may receive an Identity Protection PIN to use in the future when you file your tax return. If someone tries to file a tax return using your Social Security number which does not include the PIN, the return will be rejected.

You can request a copy of the fraudulent return that was filed in your name. The bogus return may help you determine how much of your personal information was stolen and the best course of action to repair the damage. The IRS will acknowledge your request within 30 days, and it will either send you a copy of the fraudulent return or ask you for more information within 90 days. The IRS could deny your request if the address on your request does not match the address in your files. If you have moved, be sure to file Form 8822, Change of Address.

Finally, if you have been a victim of tax fraud and/or identity theft, contact one of the three main credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian or TransUnion) and have a fraud alert placed on your account. The one you contact will contact the other two credit bureaus. Another great source of ideas to protect your identity is Denise Richardson (www.givemebackmycredit.com).

As always, the Wilton Manors Police Department is at your service day or night, 24/7. Feel free to visit us in person at City Hall, 2020 Wilton Drive (the hours are M – F, 7AM to 10PM and Saturday, 9AM to 5PM, closed on Sunday) or our website at www.wmpd.org for all the information you need to contact us.

PREVENT POST-HOLIDAY HOME BURGLARIES

Use the Recycling Drop-off Center



The City of Wilton Manors Police Department reminds residents that unscrupulous criminals often drive around neighborhoods during and after the holidays looking for evidence of recently purchased gift items such as televisions, gaming systems, computers, etc.

In an effort to prevent burglars from “casing” your home, the City of Wilton Manors encourages residents to take the cardboard packaging from electronics and appliances to the City’s Recycling Drop-off Center at 2200 NE 12th Avenue. Please remove all non-recyclable packaging materials, such as Styrofoam and bubble wrap, before placing the flattened cardboard box in one of the containers at the Recycling Drop-off Center.

To prevent burglaries, police also remind you:

- If you are traveling for the holidays (for more than 5 days and less than 30); sign up for the Property Check Program by calling our non-emergency number, (954) 390-2150, at least 24-hours prior to your departure.
- If burglars can tell that someone is home, there is a greater chance they will not attempt to break in, so create an illusion that someone is home (car in the driveway, lights on, blinds open).
- Keep your shrubs and trees trimmed, especially near windows and doors. Well-manicured homes provide natural surveillance.
- Get to know your neighbors and always call our non-emergency number, (954) 764-4357, if you see something or someone suspicious (an unfamiliar car, or door-to-door solicitors).

If you see suspicious activity, please call Wilton Manors Police Dispatch at (954) 764-4357, or dial 911 in case of an emergency.

IRS—SCAM ALERT!



As tax season nears, we will start to see the influx of many IRS scams. Crime trends have shown criminals are now obtaining your personal identification information (PII) during burglaries. PII located in your home or automobile is photographed and later sold; they do not take the instrument they photographed to lower suspicion. The criminals purchasing your PII from the burglar utilize this information to defraud you or the government.

One of the newer IRS scam involves fake IRS CP2000 tax notices that indicate you owe money as a result of the Affordable Care Act. The IRS issues a CP2000 notice to you when the information it receives about your income doesn't match the information on your tax return. The fake notices are designed to look exactly like the real IRS CP2000 notices and many people have gotten the bogus notices. These fraudulent CP2000 forms usually claim you owe money from the previous tax year under the Affordable Care Act.

When you receive any tax information there are several "red-flag warnings" that can help you avoid becoming a victim. Take the appropriate steps to contact the IRS from a legitimate website and telephone number before providing anyone any PII. Some examples, the IRS will NEVER:

- Initiate contact with you by email or through social media.
- Ask you to pay using a gift card, pre-paid debit card, or wire transfer.
- Request personal or financial information by phone, email, texts, or social media.
- Threaten to immediately have you arrested or deported for not paying.

The fake CP2000 notices often arrive as an attachment to an email, "a red-flag", or by U.S. mail. Other telltale signs of this fraud:

- There may be a "payment" link within the email. Scam emails can link you to sites that steal your personal information, take your money, or infect your computer with malware. Don't click on the link.
 - You can see an image of a real CP2000 notice on the IRS link below.
- These fake notices request that a check be made out to "I.R.S." Real CP2000 forms ask taxpayers to make their checks out to "United States Treasury" if it is agreed that taxes are owed.

In one version, a payment voucher refers to letter number LTR0105C, and requests that checks be sent to the "Austin Processing Center" in Texas. Remember, these scammers are crafty. They could send messages with a variety of return addresses. Additionally, these false notices may include a fake website and/or telephone number to call to verify your notice you receive.

Unfortunately local police departments have no jurisdiction with IRS frauds. You must contact the IRS and they will advise you on what procedure to follow. If you do get a scam IRS notice, forward it to phishing@irs.gov and then delete it from your email account. Also file a report with the FTC at www.ic3.gov. Below are some useful links from the IRS.

<https://www.irs.gov/uac/irs-and-security-summit-partners-warn-of-fake-tax-bill-emails>

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/understanding-your-cp2000-notice>

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/identity-protection>



CHANGES TO YOUR DRIVER LICENSE

The Wilton Manors Police Department would like to remind its residents of the following State Statute requirement (FSS 322.19) as it pertains to driver licenses:

Whenever any person changes his or her legal name, or changes his or her residence or mailing address, the person **must**, within 10 days, obtain a replacement license that reflects the change.

TRAFFIC TO STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES



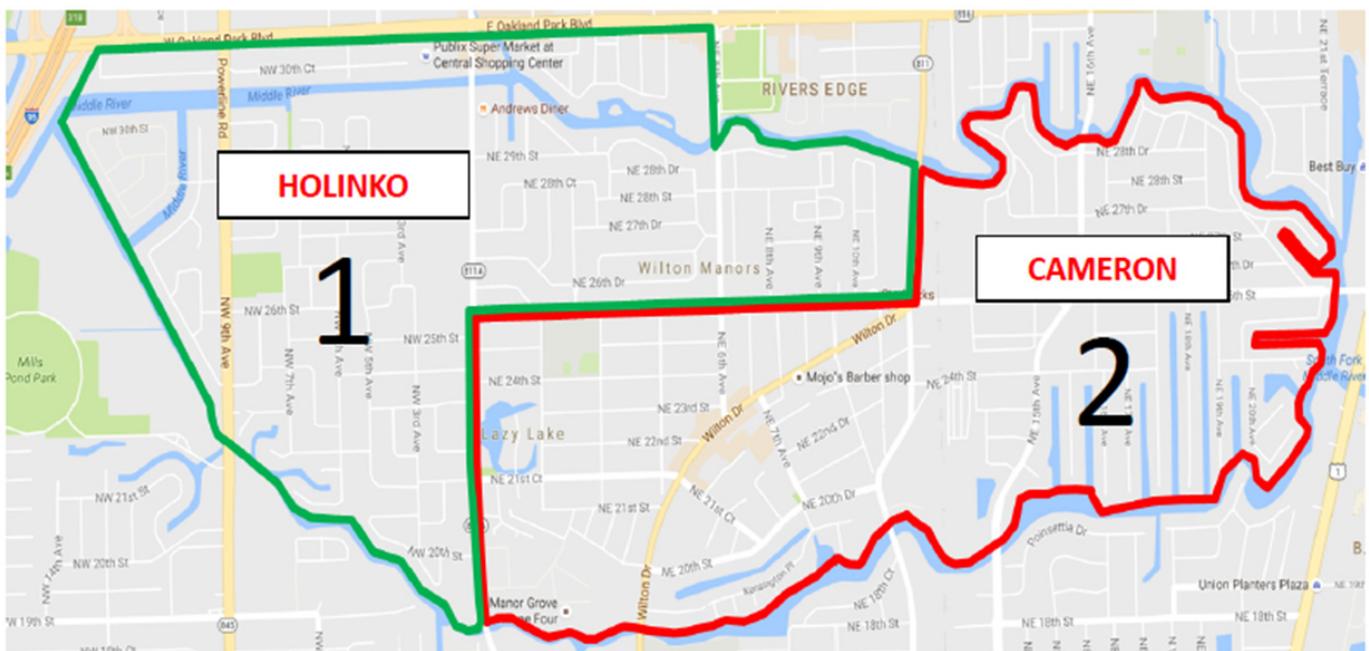
The Wilton Manors Police Department would like to remind its residents that traffic is required to stop upon approaching any school bus which displays a stop signal. Bring your vehicle to a full stop while the bus is stopped, and do not pass the school bus until the signal has been withdrawn.

The only exception is on a divided highway with an unpaved space of at least 5 feet, a raised median, or a physical barrier when the vehicle is traveling in the opposite direction of the school bus.

Code Compliance—New Zone Configuration

In order to place full-time officers in zones which require higher attention, and allow our part-time officer to specialize in commercial properties and special projects, Code Compliance has reconfigured our zones and assignments. Officers Kim Holinko and David Cameron will primarily focus on residential properties within zones 1 and 2 respectively, and Officer Wolf is assigned to the enforcement of commercial properties, bulk waste, residential rentals, vacation rentals, and Business Tax Receipts throughout the City. Please contact Code Compliance at (954) 390-2151 with any questions or concerns.

Code Compliance Residential Zone Map





Message from CANA

The Heart of Wilton Manors Beats Here ...

CANA WISHES EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Let's make this the best year ever by supporting and participating in events that help make the City better.

THANK YOU FROM PAUL ROLLI, PRESIDENT

I just want to thank everyone for the overwhelming support provided to me during my recent campaign for City Commissioner. While my first time run was unsuccessful by 117 votes, the experience and insight I gained by knocking on doors and conversing with residents is invaluable. I will continue to work for the benefit of CANA and all the residents of the City for the greater good of all of us.

DEVELOPMENT – January 17 Meeting – Andrews Ave. and Oakland Park Blvd. Update

The City of Wilton Manors has tentatively scheduled a meeting on January 17 on the current status of this long range project. It is important for residents, particularly those who live near properties located on Andrews Ave. and Oakland Park Blvd., to attend this meeting. It is always better to be informed earlier on major projects than to be in the “I wish I knew about this earlier” category late in the game.

UPCOMING 2017 CANA MEETINGS ARE: February 1, May 10, July 26 and October 25, 2017. Members are encouraged to provide input on topics of interest. Please email them to: membership@canawm.org.

WANTED: DOCENTS FOR “THE WAY WE WORKED”

Art Gallery 21 will be a host site for Museum on Main Street (MoMOS), a one-of-a-kind small town cultural project, in concert with the Smithsonian Institution. “The Way We Worked” exhibit will be located at Art Gallery 21 (Woman’s Club building) March 24-May 5, 2017 and individuals are needed to serve as Docents for the exhibition. If you are interested in serving as a docent for this exhibit, please contact Constance Ruppender at (954) 661-4740 or Todd DeJesus at (954) 390-2105 by March 1, 2017.

Docents are tour guides who conduct observations-based and inquiry-led tours. No formal training or experience is required to become a docent for a MoMS exhibition. Enthusiasm and commitment are the main qualifications needed. Each docent will be provided with a comprehensive docent guide and a 2-hour training workshop during the week ending March 24, after the exhibit is installed. We will explore the exhibit together, share question-and-answer time and, of course, have some refreshments!

Art Gallery 21 is a community service project of CANA and has partnered with the City of Wilton Manors, The Pride Center at Equality Park, Stonewall National Museum & Archives Gallery and The Humanity Project to bring this exhibit to Wilton Manors.

COMINGS AND GOINGS – CANA welcomes GoHealthyPet to their new home on Dixie Highway and EAT Italian American Restaurant and Deli on Wilton Drive. CANA is sorry to see Thirteen Restaurant and Humpy’s Pizza leave us and wishes their owners well in future endeavors.



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

CANA MEETINGS: Next meetings are scheduled for February 1, May 10, July 26 and Oct. 25, 2017

Contact us: membership@canawm.org or visit us: www.canawm.org

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



WESTSIDE ASSOCIATION OF WILTON MANORS

General Membership Meeting

Please join us for our General Membership meeting which will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 starting at 7:00pm in Hagen Park Community Center. Guest speakers will include a Consumer Advocate for the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Affairs who will speak on ID/Consumer Fraud and Do Not Call List.

Dave Archacki from the City Emergency Management/Utilities Department will also speak on the newly implemented Hazardous Waste Program. Parking is free at Hagan Park during the meeting.

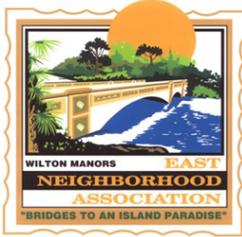
Beautification Projects

The Association continues to identify and work on beautification projects. Snook Creek Boat Ramp and Park continues to be an ongoing project that has proven successful. If residents have suggestions for a beautification project please contact us at wawm.org@gmail.com.

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. If anyone is interested in serving on the Board or as an area representative please contact us.

The Westside Association of Wilton Manors (WAWM) 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.

WILTON MANORS EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



ENA is comprised of concerned residents who live east of the Florida East Cost Railroad tracks in Wilton Manors. Quarterly meetings are held to inform members of important municipal issues that affect their neighborhood and city. ENA has been active in promoting quality redevelopment to protect our neighborhoods and our quality of life as well as public safety and code enforcement. ENA is an active participant in the Adopt-A-Street Program and cleans NE 26th Street on a quarterly basis as well as the annual county wide Waterway Cleanup coming up on Saturday, March 4th, 9am—12noon at Colohatchee Park. More information on ENA can be found on their website at www.wiltonmanors-ena.org.



WILTON DRIVE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

The Wilton Drive Improvement District Board (WDID) completed its first year of business with plans in the works for the upcoming year.

The WDID was created by the City Commission (Ordinance 2014-011) to create a cleaner, safer, more attractive and economically viable Wilton Drive. The Improvement District is a special dependent district under Florida Statute, and is comprised of 56 properties from the Middle River to Five Points. The Board is comprised of seven members appointed by the City Commission – three property owners, two business owners, a (business) tenant and a resident. The board members are:

Doug Blevins, Chair

Jason Johnson

Daniel Keester, Vice Chair

Anthony Logrande

James Govin

Greg Phelps

Paul Hugo

The City Commission authorized the WDID Board to assess property owners up to \$100,000, to fund activities that will benefit all 56 properties. In their first year of business the Board had many statutory requirements to accomplish, but late in the year authorized and funded their first project.

As its inaugural project, the WDID chose the power-washing of both sides of Wilton Drive from the CVS to the River. The project was just in time for the holidays and the vendor, Sunshine Cleaning Service, worked long and hard to clean the sidewalks, taking special care to remove the huge amount of gum.

As the WDID board turns their attention to evaluating possible activities for 2017, they will be considering a marketing campaign to bring more daytime traffic to the Drive, as well as funding amenities as part of the Wilton Drive Lane Elimination project.

Interested in the WDID? The Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month in the Commission Chambers at 6:30pm. 2017 meeting dates are:

January 11, 2017

May 10, 2017

September 13, 2017

February 8, 2017

June 14, 2017

October 11, 2017

March 8, 2017

July 12, 2017

November 8, 2017

April 12, 2017

August 9, 2017

December 13, 2017

If you have questions or would like more information, visit www.wiltonmanors.com or call 954-390-2103.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (CDS)



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

Address

1008 West Oakland Park Boulevard
 2201 Wilton Drive
 300 East Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 375
 2409 NE 11 Avenue
 1881 NE 26 Street, Suite 200A
 404 East Oakland Park Boulevard
 2201 Wilton Drive
 120 East Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 207
 800 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 212
 2503 North Andrews Avenue
 1600 NE 26 Street, Suite A
 2150 Wilton Drive

Name of Business

Cricket Wireless
 Da Fonseca Contemporanea, LLC
 Emerald Isle Landscape Management, LLC
 Nessa's Shop, LLC
 Lilia Parks
 MASC Medical Recruitment Firm
 Grand Properties LLC
 Florida Bankruptcy Advisors PL
 New Vibration Media Inc.
 Al Unisex Beauty Salon Inc.
 Robert Vick Architect PA
 EAT



Thinking about renting your property as a **VACATION** rental?

Do you have a vacation rental property that you are renting out? If so, are you aware that you are required to register the property as a Vacation Rental with the City of Wilton Manors? The City Commission adopted Vacation Rental regulations on February 23, 2016 which became effective on May 23, 2016. These regulations can be found on the City's website at www.wiltonmanors.com. Vacation Rentals are defined as "any unit or group of units in a condominium or cooperative or any individually or collectively owned Residential property, house or dwelling unit that is rented to guests more than three times in a calendar year for periods of less than thirty (30) days or one (1) calendar month, whichever is less, or which is advertised or held out to the public as a place regularly rented to guests, but that is not a timeshare project". If you have a Bed & Breakfast that has been granted conditional use approval from the City or if you reside on the property as your permanent residence you are exempt from the Vacation Rental regulations.

Contact Community Development Services with any questions you have regarding the requirements for registering your property as a vacation rental at (954) 390-2180.



CDS would like to provide a reminder to when a building permit is required to be obtained. A building permit is required for work on your property involving physical changes to an existing structure, or the addition of a new structure. Some examples are: new construction, building alterations, room additions, sheds, driveways, pools, screen enclosures, fences, pavers, re-roofing work, garage conversions, air conditioning unit replacement, new electrical service, rewiring, replacement of exterior doors and windows, hot water heater replacement, tub/shower pan change out, replacement of fixtures, change of use or occupancy, structural repairs, any repair due to a fire, and the demolition or removal of structures including pools, screen enclosures and fences in

accordance with the Florida Building Code. This listing is not meant to be complete; if you are unsure whether or not a permit is required for your project, please call the Department at (954) 390-2180. Forms can be found on the Department's webpage. Staff is available to assist and guide property owners and contractors through the building permit process.

A few things to remember when having construction work done in or around your home or business:

- Hire licensed, insured and reputable contractors.
- Get a minimum of three (3) quotes before signing a contract.
- Request references, licenses and insurance information for each contractor. Verify licenses with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations.

Please remember that a building permit, where required, must be applied for and acquired before any such work may commence.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Programs



Wilton Manors CERT members attend Universal Studios Disaster Drill

The Wilton Manors CERT team along with their Fort Lauderdale partners attended and participated in a Mass Casualty Disaster Drill at Universal Studios in Orlando. The drill took place on Saturday, November 12, 2016. Universal Studios closed off the New York section of the park to create a realistic training exercise. This training exercise gave our CERT members a chance to practice the skills they train on all year long. To learn more about the CERT program visit the Broward Fire Chiefs Association's website at: <http://fcabc.com/US/index.php/cert-overview> or contact Wilton Manors Fire Rescue Administration at (954) 390-2110.

Business and Economic Development in Wilton Manors

Several components of the city’s efforts to spur redevelopment have been in the works this past year and are now coming to fruition.

The largest of these is the completion of the Citywide Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP). The goal of the EDSP is to increase the City’s tax base by enhancing the business climate, creating jobs and improving the attractiveness of the City for redevelopment and business location and expansion.

The plan sets out a key set of strategies, with action items, that build upon the City’s current economic asset base, identify how to overcome its challenges, facilitate the growth and expansion of existing commercial and business sectors, and promote key redevelopment corridors as integral to the City’s economic future. The strategies in the EDSP address both the needs and impediments for existing business, while defining methods for attracting and growing new business areas of opportunity.

The Plan was presented to the City Commission in December, with implementation set to begin in early 2017. Initial steps have already been taken, including the marketing of the City as a tourism destination and offering financial incentives for businesses to improve their property. Additional measures include engaging the Broward Alliance, developing a plan to compete for a Coastal Link Train Station, and exploring opportunities for hotel properties.

Interested in more information? Visit wiltonmanors.com or call (954) 390-2103.

Historical Society Annual Meeting

You are invited to the Wilton Manors Historical Society Annual Meeting on **Thursday, January 19, 2017** in the Manor House at Richardson Historic Park. **Refreshments at the Carriage House will begin at 6:30pm with the business meeting to begin at 7:00pm.** Parking is free for attendees.

The Board of Directors has put together an interesting program.

- Unveiling of a newly restored model of the Willingham/Abreu entry towers at Five Points.
- Presentation on Trailer Haven, a long time landmark on Wilton Drive and now the site of Belle Isle.
- Awarding of historic house plaques to current owners of several houses owned by Arthur Chabot. Chabot was elected to the first Village of Wilton Manors Village Council.
- Naming former 70 year resident Nancy Sawallis as a posthumous “Wilton Manors Pioneer.”

Please join us for an informative and entertaining evening!

Support your Wilton Manors Historical Society, Inc. by becoming a member. Membership forms are available on our web site (and you may pay with PayPal), fill out the form below, or pick up our brochure at City Hall, Hagen Park, or the Wilton Manors Library. **The Wilton Manors Historical Society is an IRS 501(c)(3) approved tax exempt not-for-profit corporation.**

Mary G. Ulm, President



WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2020 WILTON DRIVE, WILTON MANORS, FL 33305

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WMHS@WILTONMANORSHISTORICALSOCIETY.ORG

Support the Historical Society

Annual Dues - \$25.00

(per household, organization, or business)

To join, or renew and pay for your membership online go to:
WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org then click on Membership
or Join Us.

Or, complete the form below, attach a check made payable to **WMHS**, and mail to us at:

2020 Wilton Drive ■ Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail Address(es): _____ Phone Number(s): _____

LEISURE SERVICES

Message from the Leisure Services Department Director, Patrick Cann



As a student of leadership, I'm contemplating: starting anew in 2017, how can I become the best version of myself and reach my full potential? Reflecting on key fundamentals is a good start.

Begin with the right attitude and end with growth, expansion and contribution—these are the keys to unlock the hidden treasure inside each of us, as everyday habits. These habits when developed and nurtured, can change a life. With a positive attitude and the three keys, you can experience the joy of life.

The Right Attitude

What would you consider essential to developing, nurturing and sustaining a positive or winning attitude? Dr. J. was asked about this, and said he always demanded more from himself than others. That phrase became a mantra for many leadership books and is still good advice today.

Every day our actions tell a story about what we value. What behaviors demonstrate your values? Begin by taking inventory of what you value and observe if your actions support that value. Ken Blanchard and Sheldon Bowles, authors of Gung Ho, described values as the framework for all plans, decisions and actions. Goals are the future, values are now. Goals are set and values are lived. Goals may change but values don't. Values become real only when demonstrated in action.

Grow, Expand, Contribute

Consider having a growth plan that builds on existing strengths. If you play the piano well, it serves you to improve your piano skills and not dwell on being unable to play the violin. If a person spends just one hour per day on a subject, they will become an expert eventually.

Growth takes time and is a journey more than a destination. Develop your own personal growth plan by asking yourself: What makes me happy? How can I add value to someone else's life? Where do I see myself ten years from now, 25 years from now? If I won the lottery and no longer had to work, what would I do each day? What phrase or word would I want on my tombstone?

Growth is specific to each individual, but there is one universal truth - real happiness comes from helping others. As we turn the page to a whole new year, I invite you to join me in service.

When you think about the endless opportunities that exist in your Wilton Manors parks and libraries-- volunteering to help with a project or program, learning a hobby like chess or music, improving your brain capacity through meditation, just to name a few—ask yourself, how do I want to grow in 2017?

Happy New Year from the Leisure Services Team!

"The sage remains a servant so the world never tires of making him its king."
Experiencing the Tao Te Ching, Dr. Wayne Dyer.

FACILITY RENTALS

Whether you are planning a meeting, wedding, reception or party, make it special, unforgettable and right here in the Island City! The City of Wilton Manors has several indoor and outdoor venues to rent that offer:

- Affordable rental rates • Full service kitchen space • Stages • Tables & Chairs • Professional sound systems
- Pavilions • Gazebos • Grills • Parking

For more information call (954) 390-2130 or visit www.wiltonmanors.com

Our rental venues include:

Colohatchee Park & Boat Ramp
Hagen Park Community Center
Pavilion @ Hagen Park
Richardson Historic Park & Nature Preserve
Island City Park Preserve
Woman's Club



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wilton Manors Art Expo

Wilton Manors will be partnering with the Wilton Manors Entertainment Group to bring an Art Expo to our community. This event will be held once a month for three months; Saturday January 21st, Saturday February 18th, and Saturday March 18th, each date from 5pm-9pm. A variety of artists will be on display for everyone to enjoy. Artists will be displaying their works and creations throughout the community on Wilton Drive. For further information please contact vpo@wmeg.org.



Live Music @ Mickel Park

Come enjoy a night of live music in the park with your community. Concerts are held monthly from January through April and include a variety of sounds. Jamport Authority will be bringing the funk, rock and jazz on Friday January 20th. Grindstone performs Acoustic rock and alternative on Friday, February 17th, Lifeline, A Tribute to Heart will be here Friday, March 24th, and The New Planets will close our concert series out on Friday, April 21, 2017. All concerts will be held at Mickel Park from 7:30pm-9:30pm.



Annual Classical Concert

Join us for a Classical Concert at Hagen Park Community Center on Monday, January 23, 2017. The concert begins at 7:00pm and there is no charge for the event. Leisure Services annually collaborates with the Piatigorsky Foundation and this year we will hear the musical talents of Jack Sanders. Mr. Sanders is an internationally acclaimed solo guitarist, adept at playing music of all periods and varieties. For further information please contact (954) 390-2130.

Spring Eggstravaganza



The Leisure Services Department will be hosting the Annual Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2017 10am - 12pm at St. Clements Church, 225 NW 29th Street. This event will be for children aged 0-13. Mr. Cottontail will be busy filling thousands of eggs with goodies and hiding those eggs throughout the Field area. This will be fun filled event for whole family. There will be entertainment, concession, pictures with Mr. Cottontail, and much more! It just wouldn't be spring without it.

Waterway Cleanup

This year's Waterway Cleanup will be Saturday, March 4th from 9:00am until 12:00pm at Colohatchee Park (1975 NE 15th Ave.). Wilton Manors is proud to continually participate in every year of this Broward County tradition.



Volunteers will receive refreshments and cleaning supplies (while supplies last). Participating in the Annual Waterway Cleanup is a great way to give back to your community For more information or to volunteer please call (954) 390-2130 or email at ccooper@wiltonmanors.com.

Smithsonian Exhibit & Poetry Slam @ the Woman's Club

Art Gallery 21 (@ the Woman's Club) has been selected by the Florida Humanities Council as a 2017 host site for "The Way We Worked," a traveling Smithsonian Institution exhibition that uses historical photographs, archival accounts and interactive components to trace the nation's changing workforce and work environments over the last 150 years. Art Gallery 21 has partnered with the City of Wilton Manors, the Central Area Neighborhood Association, The Pride Center at Equality Park, Stonewall National Museum and Archives Gallery, and the Humanity Project to present this exhibition. The exhibit will run from March 24 – May 6. On Friday, March 17th, Art Gallery 21 will present "Wilton Manors Works," an interactive event to increase awareness of the LGBT work experience. At 7 PM we will unveil an exhibit of photographs that reflect the LGBT work experience. At 7:30 PM a Story Slam, hosted by Carbonell Award Winning Playwright Michael McKeever, will take place. Rules and entry form for the photo exhibit and a description of how the story slam works are available at www.artgallery21.org.

We want your photos so please check out the web site or call Constance Ruppender at (954) 661-4740 or Todd DeJesus at (954) 390-2105.

Nature in Art Contest



We are still 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. Deadline is **January 15**. Email photos (jpeg) to naturephotos@wiltonmanors.com or mail them to Todd DeJesus, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Island City Yard Sales

The City of Wilton Manors sponsors seven City Yard Sales each year at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, on the second Saturday of January 2017– March 2017. The City Yard Sales will be open from 8:00am to 2:00pm and spaces are available for purchase for the January 14th, February 11th and March 11th. Each yard sale hosts 70 to 90 vendors, so register early while there is still space. Tables, Tents and chairs are available for rental. For space reservations at Hagen Park and information, please call the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-2115 or (954) 390-2130.

Yard sales are free to the public. There will be a concession stand, so you can eat while you shop. Come join us and find value items at low cost. Vendors sell everything from linens and clothes to furniture and home decorative items. Some vendors specialize in antiques, plants and collectables.

Second Annual Tree Giveaway



The second annual Free Tree Giveaway will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Mickel Park. The event will start at **9 AM**. Supplies are limited and will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Residents will be able to choose from 6 different tree species and several different kinds of shrubs. Each household will be allocated at least two trees and one shrub and proof of residency is required. Prior to receiving plant material, residents will be required to visit educational stations related to the National Wildlife Federation, proper planting and pruning, tree selection, and "right plant – right place".

CHILD CARE**(954) 390-2130****School Day's Out**

The School Day's 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 \$12.00 to \$30.00 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.

Spring Camp

The Leisure Services Department will offer a five (5) day Spring Camp for children ages 4 – 13, April 10- April 14, 2017 from 7:30am-6:00pm. at Island City Park Preserve, 823 N.E. 28th Street.

All trips, lunches and afternoon snacks are provided in the camp fee:

Resident:	\$100.00 for all 5 days	\$25.00 per day
2nd Child	\$85.00 for all 5 days	\$25.00 per day
Non Resident:	\$125.00 for all 5 days	\$30.00 per day
2nd Child	\$100.00 for all 5 days	\$30.00 per day



The registration deadline is Friday, March 24, 2017.

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

Wilton Manors Before and 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(ren) 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 for any of these programs, please come by Hagen Park Community Center, at 2020 Wilton Drive or call (954) 390-2130 or (954) 390-2115.



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Did you know that the Library offers you best-selling and classic eBooks available 24/7?

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This service, powered by OverDrive, is free with your library card and is made possible by a generous donation by the Friends of the Wilton Manors Library. To get started, visit the Library web site at <http://www.wiltonmanors.com/library>.

Children's Programs at your Library

Wednesday Evening Fun – Come to the Library every Wednesday evening for Lego fun or a chance to Read with Dogs (on alternate Wednesdays). Call the Library at 954-390-2195, visit us at 500 NE 26th St., or check the City Calendar at www.wiltonmanors.com. to find out more.

Preschool Story Time -- Monday mornings @ 10:30. The programs are suitable for kids aged 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.

Celebrate the joy of reading with stories, music, puppets, and more. For more information about the Library's youth programs, please call (954) 390-2195 and ask for Jill.

Be a FRIEND



Want to help the Library? Join the Friends! The Friends of the 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. They also sponsor Library programs throughout the year. Membership applications are available at the Library and online. Go to www.FriendsOfTheWiltonManorsLibrary.org to find out more about the Friends and the Library.

The Friends will erect their Book Tent at the City Yard Sale at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, on Saturday, January 14th, from 8 am till 2 pm. On February 11th they will host their Winter Book Fair inside the Hagen Park Community Center, also from 8 till 2. Donations received at these events are an important source of revenue, allowing the Friends to underwrite the cost of Library programming, the purchase of audio and video materials, and the acquisition of computers and other equipment.

Audiovisual Treats

Have you sampled our collection of books-on-CD? These are great for commuters and travelers or to listen to when exercising or working around the house.

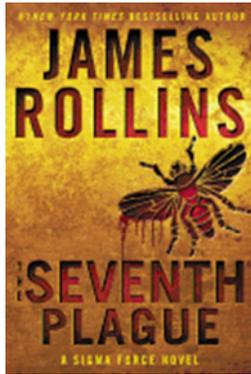
In addition to our collection of books-on-CD, we also have DVDs, both new releases and classics. Books-on-CD and DVDs are available thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Wilton Manors Library.



New Books @ Your Library

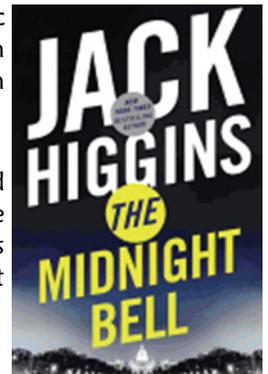
Jack Ryan deals with the worst breach U.S. Intelligence has ever suffered in *True Faith and Allegiance* by Mark Greaney, a continuation of Tom Clancy's #1 *New York Times*-bestselling series.

From #1 *New York Times*-bestselling author W.E.B. Griffin, comes *Curtain of Death*, the dramatic third novel in the Clandestine Operations series about the Cold War, the fledgling Central Intelligence Agency, and a new breed of warrior.



A combination of historical mystery blends together with scientific exploration in James Rollins' *The Seventh Plague*, a thrilling adventure tale in which Sigma Force must stop an ancient plague from decimating the modern world.

In Washington, D.C., on a night full of rain, a woman is struck down and killed by a hit-and-run driver. But she is not just any woman – she is the assistant to the head of the secret White House department known only as the Basement. And she had secrets of her own in Jack Higgins' *The Midnight Bell*.



In the heart of the holiday season, priceless paintings have vanished from a Park Avenue murder scene. Now dashing French detective Luc Moncrief must become a quick study in the art of the steal – before a coldblooded killer paints the town red in *The Christmas Mystery* by James Patterson with Richard DiLallo.

In *Zero Sugar Diet*, David Zincenko, *Good Morning America*'s health and wellness editor and bestselling author of *Eat This, Not That!* and *Zero Belly Diet* delivers an easy-to-follow, science-based regimen designed to retrain taste buds, curb cravings, and set hormones back in balance while paving the way for rapid weight loss.

In *The Whole30 Cookbook*, Melissa Hartwig presents the groundbreaking Whole30 program that has helped countless people transform their lives by bringing them better sleep, more energy, fewer cravings, weight loss, and new healthy habits that last a lifetime. Readers will be inspired to change their lives in 30 days.

Dog Man, the newest hero from Dav Pilkey, the creator of *Captain Underpants*, is still learning a few tricks of the trade. Petey the cat is out of the bag, and his criminal curiosity is taking the city by storm. Something fishy is going on! Can Dog Man unleash justice on this ruffian in time to save the city, or will Petey get away with the purr-fect crime in *Dog Man Unleashed*?



Ken Kaneki is an ordinary college student until a violent encounter turns him into the first half-human half-ghoul hybrid. Trapped between two worlds, he must survive Ghoul turf wars, learn more about Ghoul society, and master his new powers. Meanwhile, the Commission of Counter Ghoul's ongoing investigations bring them dangerously close to discovering Kaneki's secret in Sui Ishida's *Tokyo Ghoul* series.

The Rise of Athens is a magisterial account of how a tiny city-state in ancient Greece became history's most influential civilization, from Anthony Everitt, the bestselling author of acclaimed biographies of Cicero, Augustus, and Hadrian and *The Rise of Rome*.

Book Donations to the Library

The Library accepts donations of new or gently used books and media materials (VHS tapes, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks) in good condition. Please bring your donations in small boxes or bags that can be easily carried to the front desk inside the Library. Donations are tax deductible, and the Library staff will provide you with a letter of receipt that you may fill out for tax purposes. The Library staff is not qualified to determine the value of your donation, so it will be up to you to assign a value for tax purposes. If you have a large amount of material to donate please contact the Library at (954) 390-2195.

The Birds of Wilton Manors

A Friends of the Library Cultural Event

We have “snow birds.” They come for the winter and are generally benign. We have a lot of “feathered birds” hanging out in Wilton Manors. Some of them live here year round. Some come for the summer or the winter, while some just stop for a bite to eat on their way north or south.

John Strohsahl will speak at the Friends of the Library Cultural event about our birds on January 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors at 500 NE 26th Street. Mr. Strohsahl is an avid birder, frequently hanging out at Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve with a camera. He will be joined by David Walker who is President of the South Florida Audubon Society.



“Who is that in the tree who just dropped a loquat on my head as I worked in the yard?” “Who are those tall white things with long beaks, apparently devouring a scary number of bugs in my lawn?” There are little birds which seem to have more energy than a nuclear power plant. There are big birds which hang in the sky as if suspended with a string. Who are these creatures and what is their story? Mr. Strohsahl, who sits on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Mr. Walker, who sits on the Community Affairs Advisory Board, will tell us.

In 1964, the City Council declared Wilton Manors a “Bird Sanctuary.” This was in reaction to tearing down a pair of the stone entrance towers at Five Points. The major objections to tearing down the towers were not that we were destroying an historical artifact but rather that we were about to make a lot of birds nesting in the towers homeless! Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve is a registered “Birding Hotspot” and National Wildlife Federation certified Wildlife Habitat. It is also a regular stop for the Connecticut Warbler (pictured) in its northern migration the first week of May each year. “Life’s Just Better Here” because we know our neighbors. This is your opportunity to get to know your feathered neighbors better.



Join us January 26th at the Library. There will be a social half hour at 6:30. The Wilton Manors Friends of the Library is a nonprofit 501(c)3 which supports our independent local public library.



Did you know.....?



- *Parking the wrong way (opposing traffic movement) is considered a safety hazard. It is also a violation of City Code and may result in a parking citation.*
- *No change for the meters? All City parking meters now accept payment by credit card!*
- *Pay-By-App—Download the ParkMobile app and use ParkMobile to easily and conveniently pay for parking. ParkMobile helps avoid parking citations by sending users a text message warning 15 minutes prior to expiration of the parking session.*



Check out a typical BUSY week in Leisure Services!

Call (954) 390-2130 for more information

Sunday		
Tennis	7:30am – 9:30pm	Hagen Park Tennis Center
Kayak Rentals	8:00am – 4:00pm	Richardson Historic Park & Nature Preserve
Monday		
Tennis	7:30am – 9:30pm	Hagen Park Tennis Center
Fitness Center	7:30am – 9:00pm	Hagen Park Community Center
Before Care Program	6:45am – 7:45am	Wilton Manors Elementary School
Kayak Rentals	8:00am – 4:00pm	Richardson Historic Park & Nature Preserve
Preschool Storytime	10:30am – 11:00am	Richard C. Sullivan Public Library
After School Program	2:30pm – 6:30pm	Wilton Manors Elementary School
Zumba	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Island City Park Preserve
Hula Dance	7:00pm – 8:00pm	Hagen Park Community Center
Boot Camp	7:00pm – 8:00pm	Mickel Park Pavilion
Tuesday		
Tennis	7:30am – 9:30pm	Hagen Park Tennis Center
Fitness Center	7:30am – 9:00pm	Hagen Park Community Center
Before Care Program	6:45am – 7:45am	Wilton Manors Elementary School
Kayak Rentals	8:00am – 4:00pm	Richardson Historic Park & Nature Preserve
After School Program	2:30pm – 6:30pm	Wilton Manors Elementary School
Ping Pong	10:00am – 11:00am	Hagen Park Community Center
Coloring Club	11:00am – 12:00pm	Richard C. Sullivan Public Library
Storytime	10:30am – 11:30am	1st Christian Preschool
After School Program	2:30pm – 6:30pm	Wilton Manors Elementary School
Yoga	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Richardson Historic Park & Nature Center
Hula Lessons	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Woman’s Club
Wednesday		
Tennis	7:30am – 9:30pm	Hagen Park Tennis Center
Fitness Center	7:30am – 9:00pm	Hagen Park Community Center
Before Care Program	6:45am – 7:45am	Wilton Manors Elementary School
Kayak Rentals	8:00am – 4:00pm	Richardson Historic Park & Nature Preserve
After School Program	2:30pm – 6:30pm	Wilton Manors Elementary School
Lego Club	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Richard C. Sullivan Public Library
Zumba	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Island City Park Preserve
Empower Hour	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Woman’s Club
Reading with Dogs	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Richard C. Sullivan Public Library
Thursday		
Tennis	7:30am – 9:30pm	Hagen Park Tennis Center
Fitness Center	7:30am – 9:00pm	Hagen Park Community Center
Before Care Program	6:45am – 7:45am	Wilton Manors Elementary School
Kayak Rentals	8:00am – 4:00pm	Richardson Historic Park & Nature Preserve
After School Program	2:30pm – 6:30pm	Wilton Manors Elementary School
Square Dancing	6:30pm – 9:30pm	Island City Park Preserve
Friday		
Tennis	7:30am – 9:00pm	Hagen Park Tennis Center
Fitness Center	7:30am – 6:00pm	Hagen Park Community Center
Before Care Program	6:45am – 7:45am	Wilton Manors Elementary School
Kayak Rentals	8:00am – 4:00pm	Richardson Historic Park & Nature Preserve
After School Program	2:30pm – 6:30pm	Wilton Manors Elementary School
Saturday		
Tennis	7:30am – 9:00pm	Hagen Park Tennis Center
Fitness Center	8:00am – 12:00pm	Hagen Park Community Center
Before Care Program	6:45am – 7:45am	Wilton Manors Elementary School
Kayak Rentals	8:00am – 4:00pm	Richardson Historic Park & Nature Preserve





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"Ladies Lunch" | Angie Riserbato, First Place Winner of the 5th annual Island City Juried Art Exhibition

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