



# Town Crier

*Life's Just Better Here*

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

November/December 2017



Taste of the Island  
Monday, November 13  
6 p.m.—Richardson Park  
Holiday Lighting Ceremony  
Thursday, December 7  
6:30 p.m.—Jaycee Park



Veterans Day Ceremony  
Saturday, November 11  
11am—Hagen Park

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Santa By Sea, Wednesday, December 13, 5:30 p.m.  
Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 16, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Hagen Park



**CALENDAR Items**

Wednesday, Nov 1/Dec 6  
 Congressman Deutch  
 Community Outreach-1st  
 Wednesday of each Month  
 10:30 a.m.—12 p.m.  
 Commission Chambers

Saturday, November 11  
 Veterans Day Ceremony  
 11 a.m.—Hagen Park

Monday, November 13  
 Taste of the Island  
 6-9 p.m.—Richardson

Thursday, December 7  
 Holiday Lighting Event  
 6:30 p.m. Jaycee Park

Wednesday, December 13  
 Santa By Sea—5:30 p.m.  
 Colohatchee Boat Ramp

Saturday, December 16  
 Breakfast with Santa  
 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Hagen

City Hall Closures:  
 Thursday, November 23  
 Thanksgiving  
 Monday, December 25  
 Christmas 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](http://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 Nov 1	Wed Nov 8	Thurs Nov 16	Tues Dec 5	Mon Nov 13	Thurs Dec 21
Wed Dec 6	Wed Dec 13	Thurs Dec 21	Meets Quarterly	Mon Dec 11	Meets Every 2 Months
Wed Jan 3	Wed Jan 10	Thurs Jan 18		Mon Jan 8	

The City Commission typically meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., **however, the December 12 meeting has been moved to December 19 for the Hanukkah holiday and the December 26 meeting has been cancelled.**

**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](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) and following the “online services” link.



Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 5th—remember to set your clocks back one hour.

**Phone Numbers**

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

**Monday, Nov 20      Thursday, Dec 21      Recycling Day: Thursday**

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

**Tuesday, Nov 21      Tuesday, Dec 19      Recycling Day: Friday**

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

**Wednesday, Nov 22      Wednesday, Dec 20      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.**

### Holiday Trash & Recycling Pickup Schedule

Garbage and recycling are collected year-round, *with the exception of Christmas Day*, so:

- ◆ On **Thanksgiving Day** (Thursday, November 23, 2017): There **WILL BE** regular trash & recycling collection
- ◆ On **Christmas Day** (Monday, December 25, 2017): There **WILL NOT BE** any trash & recycling collection
- ◆ On **New Year's Day** (Monday, January 1, 2018): There **WILL BE** regular trash & recycling collection

### 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.

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

For additional information on 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).

### CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY COMING! CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY COMING!

The 2018 Wilton Manors Customer Service Survey will be included in the January 2018 Town Crier. The survey will repeat the questions asked in the 2015 Survey, so that we can measure our progress and your concerns in a meaningful way.

Florida Atlantic University's Dr. Leslie Leip and her Masters of Public Administration class will be coordinating the collection and analysis of the responses. In order for the surveys to be statistically representative and valid, we request you complete the hard copy of the survey and mail it postage free.

City staff takes pride in providing our residents, businesses and visitors the best service possible. But we can always improve, and we want to hear from you!

All responses will need to be received by January 31, so get ready to receive, complete and return the survey!

## Message from the Mayor



### Hurricane and Budget Season Winding Down

As the summer ends, so does the City's fiscal year. In September, after ten public workshops and meetings, the City Commission adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2018 that reduces the tax rate, while providing sufficient funds to provide our community with excellent services. The budget focuses on strengthening infrastructure, building community programs, and continued economic development. Most residents will also see a reduction in their monthly utility bills. Monthly garbage rates will remain the same and the residential fire assessment fee increased by \$4.54 this year.

One of the many services provided by the City through the annual operating budget is Emergency Management which covers preparation, response, and recovery from emergency events, like Hurricane Irma. While we hope that all of those plans never need to be put into action, our City is ready to respond when needed.

Many of our employees, whether they work in the Police Department, Public Works, or Parks and Recreation, left their families and their homes to be here in the City before, during and after the storm.

City staff cleared roads, patrolled neighborhoods with extra forces when street lights and traffic lights were out, transported generators to sewer lift stations, cleared drains to prevent flooding, organized debris removal, and fought for the needs of our residents.

During the storm, our entire city lost power. I witnessed our city staff quickly learn how to manage issues that are outside of the City's scope and responsibility – patience with FPL was running low and we were all hot and tired. Our team remained supportive and calm, and quickly became our residents' voice with the power company. We offered a staging site for utility trucks and hosted FPL representatives so that we could directly report areas without power and ensure a faster response than we otherwise would have received.

In situations like this, small town government services really shine. I'll share just one example with you:

Our City team personally cared for our elderly and vulnerable residents, both in assisted care facilities and those living independently. Staff conducted multiple site visits and phone calls to the ALF's in Wilton Manors. We provided generators, portable air conditioning units, and the full support of the City to ensure that everyone was in a safe environment.

Broward County keeps a registry of vulnerable residents, but we go above and beyond by offering registered senior or special needs residents services after a disaster. Before the hurricane arrived, our staff personally called every resident on both the County and City list to determine where the resident would be during the storm and if they had their supplies. The City's courier took senior residents to Publix to purchase any items that might have been needed. The morning after the storm, city staff, elected officials, and resident volunteers Ron and Mary Ulm from the Community Emergency Response Team, personally visited the homes of each of those senior residents to check on their welfare. A few days later, each of the registered seniors was called and checked on again.

This is just one example of the countless acts of service that took place in our community over the last few weeks. Since the storm, I've spoken to countless neighbors who have shared similar stories of coming together as a community. I'm proud of the support we provided, the resiliency of our staff, and the comradery with which our community cared for each other.

It's difficult to recognize staff by name because so many people deserve recognition, but I can not go without thanking David Archacki, the City's Director of Emergency Management. His leadership, expertise, and incredible get-it-done style set the tone for all of us to follow. Thank you!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to learn more about how to register for our special needs database, please reach out to me or one of the friendly people at City Hall at (954) 390-2120. As always, please feel free to contact me at [GResnick@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:GResnick@wiltonmanors.com) or (954) 390-2123.

***Looking to make a positive impact on your community?***

**Become an Advisory Board Member!**

The City of Wilton Manors is always recruiting residents, local business owners and commercial property owners for volunteer positions on City Boards and Committees. Please visit [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) or call the City Clerk's Office at (954) 390-2123 for more info!

## Vice Mayor Justin S. Flippen—*The Magic of the Season*



Growing up in and around the Island City is a blessing not all residents of Wilton Manors share. In fact the Flippens have been in this area since the 1920s. Family heritage is something I deeply appreciate, and no time is better to appreciate family and friends than during the holidays.

As I enter the fourth year of my current term of office, I remain very thankful for the opportunity to serve you in our local city government. Together we have accomplished a lot. You have shared your thoughts and support of a number of important matters, and we have been able to make things happen like the creation of the Wilton Drive Improvement District, hazardous household waste pick up, park improvements, and community participation in the design of the Wilton Drive narrowing project. And while often we want goals achieved quickly, sometimes patience and diligence are what's needed most so we get it done right.

Our city government is truly a beacon to others, from our neighborhood approach to government and how we collect your hard earned tax dollars and use them to protect our shared quality of life without sacrificing our quality of city services. Your city continues to be an example to our region and beyond of what an affirming, accepting, and diverse community can be. Are we perfect? Of course not. Are there no areas of improvement? Of course there are. There will always be. But I rest my head each night, and hope you do too, knowing that we live in one amazing city we are lucky to call home.

Together we've survived the 2017 hurricane season, seeing how resilient we are as neighbors and implementing ways to improve community disaster responsiveness from phone, social media, and email alerts to pre-season education preparedness.

Our new budget reduced the tax rate, yet also has a level of fiscal preparedness and foresight beyond 2018 due to the possibility of the passing of an additional homestead exemption ballot question resulting in a loss of more than \$300,000 to city operating revenues.

With Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, and the holidays here, we find ourselves counting our blessings. In addition to family and friends I count it a blessing - and honor - to serve you.

Enjoy the magic of the season, and be sure to give Santa Claus a big Island City hello, showing him how good all our little boys and girls have been this year and truly how "Life's Just Better Here" as he makes his annual Santa by Sea pre-Christmas journey around the waters of Wilton Manors.

As always, please contact me on any issues you deem important.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous season; in your service,

Justin S. Flippen, J.D.

Vice Mayor and "The People's Commissioner"

## Commissioner Scott Newton—*Utility Costs*



Entering the holiday season, I am looking back with pride on a great year here in Wilton Manors. There were many terrific events – we celebrated the city's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, had the best Stonewall Parade yet, and many others. The budget we passed in September has been called "lean and tight;" we lowered the tax rate while continuing to maintain the high standard of service for our residents and businesses. In the coming year, we will invest in economic development and maintain the city infrastructure – sidewalks, roads, sewer and water systems.

Among the most critical services provided by the City is the delivery of water and the collection of wastewater. The monthly utility bill includes not only water and sewer but garbage and recycling collection and a stormwater fee, which is used to maintain and upgrade the City's drainage systems.

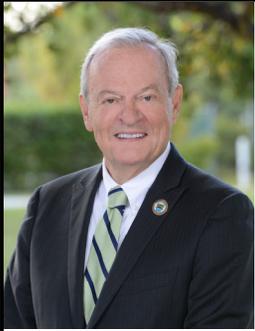
The water and sewer fees cover three major cost components: 1. The actual costs we pay to the City of Fort Lauderdale to buy drinking water and pay for sewer treatment; 2. Day to day costs to operate the utility system, which includes personnel, equipment, and supplies; and 3. The costs for infrastructure upgrades and maintenance. The portion of the bill related to consumption cost (No. 1) will increase this year by 5% for water to fund the annual 5% increase that the City of Fort Lauderdale charges us. The sewer consumption charges will increase by 2.5%, also to fund Fort Lauderdale's increased charges. The base charges (Nos. 2 and 3) will be decreasing this year by 15.2%, meaning that the vast majority of residents will see a decrease in their monthly bills. We are able to do this because the City made final payment on a bond that was used to upgrade water and sewer lines throughout the City, part of an ongoing commitment to responsibly ensuring the integrity of the system. We are working on solutions to curb increases in the consumption costs. Stay tuned.

Have you checked out Mickel Park lately? The playground is being refurbished and a splashpad is being added. The site is currently under construction, but a grand reopening is planned for January 2018.

I am proud to have watched Wilton Manors grow into a great city with a small town feel. More wonderful progress is to come in 2018, with redevelopment of Wilton Drive and the expansion of Colohatchee Park.

From the Newton Family to each of you, our heartfelt best wishes for a holiday filled with peace and good cheer, whatever you celebrate! Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy Kwanzaa!

## Commissioner Tom Green—*Transportation Update*



I am pleased to report that there are several transportation projects in the works. The Wilton Drive lane elimination project design is about 90% complete, and there will soon be a Request For Proposals for the all-important landscape/streetscape plan. FDOT expects to begin construction of the roadway portion of the project in midsummer 2018, and the project should take about nine months to complete. Once the roadway portion of the project is complete, we can construct the landscape and streetscape construction. After more than a dozen years of talking, there will soon be real action to slow down the traffic on Wilton Drive.

I have been working with staff and the Metropolitan Planning Organization to bring our fair share of transport dollars to the City. NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street will begin its transformation in early 2018, with the first phase of the reconfiguration including Wilton Drive to Andrews Avenue. FDOT is paying for about 75% of this project including connecting existing sidewalks, creating bike lanes and narrowing existing automobile lanes. Once complete, the project will continue east from Wilton Drive to Federal Highway, in partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale.

We remain hopeful that if the Tri-Rail Coastal Link ever makes it this far north, our City will be chosen for a station. In the meantime, the Brightline High Speed Rail from Miami to West Palm Beach is expected to begin service by December 2017 or January 2018. If you live near the railroad tracks you may have seen (and heard) the construction of new tracks, and the installation of Supplemental Security Measures (SSMs) at the railroad crossings on NE 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Streets are expected sometime soon. With these upgrades, our crossing will be eligible to be designated as a “quiet zone,” which will greatly reduce train horns.

Finally, I know many of you were looking forward to having sidewalks constructed in your neighborhoods and were disappointed that we did not receive state funds. I am working with City staff to identify another funding source for building new sidewalks – so important to ensuring safety, especially on busy thoroughfares.

Before closing, I want to commend everyone, including city staff, residents and businesses, for their perseverance and patience in overcoming the logistical difficulties associated with Hurricane Irma. City Manager Henderson and Emergency Manager Archacki led the preparations and recovery wonderfully. While the time without utilities and the debris removal were an annoyance, our community was very lucky to have avoided the terrible desperate situations that Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and other regions are in today.

On a lighter note, and as the holidays are fast upon us, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy Kwanza!

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

## Commissioner Julie Carson—*Thank You, Thank You, Thank You*



After nearly eight years of public service, I took my first City sponsored trip to a League of Cities Annual Conference in Tucson. The opportunity to meet with mayors, council members, and city staff from the west was invaluable. I attended “trade shows”, Conferences on Cyber Security; Tourism, and the importance of women in executive levels of municipal government. Of course, I also experienced the beauty inherent in the Arizona landscape during my visit. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to represent the City of Wilton Manors in this local government educational venue.

Not long after returning from the Conference, Hurricane Irma hit Florida. Our City Staff hunkered down for several “over-nights” at City Hall to ensure the safety of our community. The level of dedication of City employees, our Debris Removal Contractor, FPL, Comcast, and Waste Management was unmatched!

Although power outages and gas shortages before and after the storm were extensive, damage to trees and landscaping appears to be the only widespread community loss. Thank you to the City of Wilton Manors Hurricane Team.

Finally, as many know, I have been involved in the lives of my nephews and my brother’s foster children for several years. Last month, in an odd turn of events, I took custody of my four-year-old (foster) nephew with hopes of reuniting him with my brother and his family who recently relocated to Arizona. I cannot express the excitement (and fear) that I have upon assuming the tasks of caring for and loving this amazing little boy. Thank you to Leigh Ann Henderson for her guidance and to City Staff for useful information bestowed and for your patience with my assumption of the responsibilities associated with this next chapter in my life. I will need one day more to respond to your emails and telephone calls! I look forward to hearing about how your Life’s Just Better Here in Wilton Manors. You can contact me at [JCarson@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:JCarson@wiltonmanors.com) or (954) 288-8174.

## Tales from Irma

Residents and neighbors throughout our Island City community really came together before, during and after Hurricane Irma. When we put out a call for YOUR stories about friends and neighbors helping each other, we received numerous tales of folks coming together to help one another with storm preparations and cleanup efforts. We received several stories similar to this one from Amy Waxman and Adrienne Foland:

*We left town September 1 for the Atlantis cruise in Europe. We were in true vacation mode and did not realize there was a storm on the horizon.*

*As we boarded the plane, our friend from South Africa mentioned a storm he was watching on the east coast of Africa and how enormous it was. We thought nothing of it - clanked our champagne glasses and christened the beginning of a wonderful two weeks ahead.*

*Of course, what he was referring to was Irma. As our vacation played on and reports about Irma were being broadcast, it became apparent that this was serious. We realized how incredibly fortunate we were to be so far away.*

*Again, recognizing our fortune, our home has hurricane windows, a generator and a fairly new roof. In addition, we have a front courtyard that entertains an outdoor living room, dining room and BBQ. We also have a backyard with a good amount of patio furniture.*

*Darlene Wrona, our beloved pet sitter was in charge. She took fearless control over the matter and comforted us that our furry children would be safe. We knew however, that all that furniture could not possibly be handled on her own.*

*It was a challenge to get in touch with her from the cruise ship, but when we finally did. It was astonishing to hear what she had to say.*

*She went on to tell us, that our next door neighbors (Cindy Jancso and Laura Starnes) along with our dear friends and neighbors down the street (Jeff Holly, Chuck Wilson, and Dean Truchetta) were at the house, unsolicited, moving all our furniture and belongings into our house. This was hours of hard labor. They also assisted her in setting up the generator and portable AC unit.*

*They continued to check on her daily until Irma hit and daily thereafter.*

*As we all know, Wilton Manors did well overall and we are all very grateful. But what I am overwhelmingly grateful for, are the acts of kindness, compassion and unity that Irma brought out in many. Especially during the current climate of this country, it is a good reminder that genuine concern for one another is a more powerful force than any old Hurricane can deliver.*

*Amy Waxman and Adrienne Foland*



# ISLAND CITY UNIVERSITY

**Do you ever wonder how your City runs? Would you like to see how it operates from the inside out? Join us for the third year of the Island City University!**

**This seven week program will begin in late March and will give you a behind the scenes view of the operations of the City of Wilton Manors. Classes are Monday evenings from March 19 through April 30, with dinner served at 6p.m. and the program beginning at 6:30p.m. and concluding by 8:30p.m.**

**Meet your local government face-to-face through classes with department heads and other City staff. Island City University will provide a strong base for civic-minded residents, potential volunteers and residents interested in public-service.**

**Apply online at [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) or visit a City facility for an application. If you have questions or comments, please call Patricia Staples, Interim City Clerk at (954) 390-2123.**



## From the Desk of Chief O'Connell

### *Harvey v. Irma—Built Environment v. Nature*



This past August & September we were reminded that we live in the tropics and with that come the hurricanes. Let us compare Harvey's damage in Houston with the damage inflicted by Irma in Florida and why urban planning does make a difference. Before we do we must acknowledge that the two storms were completely different. Harvey was a record rain maker, while Irma was a "typical" but powerful hurricane; a wind event. Now let us assess why the damage in Houston was so profound and localized when compared to Irma's damage in Florida; although significant it was more "typical" and widespread.

In the September 4th edition of Business Week there appeared an excellent article written by Peter Coy in which he explained that Houston "made itself more vulnerable by paving over the saw-grass prairie" thus reducing "the ground's ability to absorb rainfall." "Flood-control reservoirs were built too small and building codes were inadequate."

He went on to write, "Houston is the only major city in the U.S. without a zoning code saying what types of buildings can go where, so skyscrapers sometimes sprout next to split-levels. Voters have repeatedly opposed enacting a zoning law." The pro-builder attitude is not just in Houston, it is a statewide attitude. Texas "is only one of four states with no mandatory statewide building code" and it "has no statewide program to license building inspectors."

Florida, on the other hand, learned a costly lesson taught to us by Andrew in 1992. We witnessed houses completely destroyed, not so much due to the wind but to poor construction which made the houses more vulnerable to the wind. Building codes were completely revamped and inspections were made much tighter. Yes, the result was higher building costs but the homes which were built were stronger and more secure against the storms. The storms will keep coming and they will be bigger and stronger due to climate change.

Why? Something called the "Clausius-Clapeyron" relation, which says the water-holding capacity of the atmosphere increases about 7% for each 1 degree Celsius increase in temperature. So: warmer air = bigger storms with more water."

When the dust settles in post-Irma, it will be interesting to compare the survivability rates of pre-Andrew homes to post-Andrew homes. We can take comfort in the fact that our City is dedicated to strong code compliance and continuous building inspection efforts. In addition, City leadership has made it a goal to mitigate its "carbon footprint" by implementing city policy which promotes alternative energy options. Your police department now has four hybrid vehicles and an electric motorcycle. These efforts may seem small in the big picture but we must remember a puzzle is completed one piece at a time.

As always, the Wilton Manors Police Department is at your service day or night, 24/7. Feel free to visit us on our website at [www.wmpd.org](http://www.wmpd.org) or visit us at City Hall during normal business hours.

## Beware of Contractor Scams

As Wilton Manors residents scramble to make repairs to their property after Hurricane Irma swept through the city, The Wilton Manors Police Department is warning residents to remain vigilant so they don't get duped by fraudulent contractors and other common scams. Below are some of the scams the Wilton Manors Police Department has seen during this hurricane season as well as passed hurricane seasons.

### **Building Repair and Contractors:**

- Watch out for unsolicited offers or contractors claiming they can perform repairs at a discount with leftover supplies from another job.
- Have your insurance company evaluate damage before arranging repairs to ensure that the work will be covered under your policy.

### **Tree Service Scams**

- Watch out for anyone who approaches unsolicited about tree removal.
- Get multiple written estimates and ask whether debris removal is included in the estimate.

### **Charity Scams**

- Avoid solicitors that use high-pressure tactics or are hesitant to provide additional information on the charitable organization.
- Be wary of charities with similar sounding names. Some phony charities may attempt to capitalize on disasters by using names similar to legitimate, well-known charities.

### **Water Testing and Treatment Scams:**

- If someone claims to be a representative of your city, county or utility provider needing to inspect your water line or well, ask for proof of identification.
- Check for water safety alerts as provided by local media and utility providers.
- If you suspect fraud, contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud's hotline at 1-866-720-5721, or email the organization at [disaster@leo.gov](mailto:disaster@leo.gov). You can also report fraud to the Federal Trade Commission at [www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov](http://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov).

The Wilton Manors Police Department is asking if any resident is unsure or uncomfortable with anyone they encounter claiming to be an emergency management official, do not give out personal information, and contact the Wilton Manors Police Department immediately.

## Noise Concerns

Whether man-made, amplified, or coming from someone's pet, noise disturbances can often affect the enjoyment of one's property and the ability to rest peacefully in the comfort of your home. Some of these noise issues come from businesses, construction sites, rental properties, or the actions of the everyday resident. The following are some common noise violations:

- Noise between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. for establishments which sell alcohol.
- Animals which make noise for more than five (5) consecutive minutes with an average of four (4) times per minute, or for ten (10) consecutive minutes with an average of two (2) per minute.
- Noise from construction equipment Monday through Saturday before 8:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m. and Sunday before 10:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m.
- Noise from landscaping and yard maintenance equipment Monday through Friday before 7:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday before 8:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m.

Noise complaints may be filed by submitting an Affidavit of Complaint which can be obtained by email ([codecompliance@wmpd.org](mailto:codecompliance@wmpd.org)) or in person at the Wilton Manors Police Department. To file complaints during non-office hours (Monday through Saturday 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.) please call the police non-emergency number at (954) 764-4357. For any questions or concerns related to potential noise issues, please contact your Code Compliance Unit at (954) 390-2151. Thank you for helping to maintain the quality of life in our island city.



# POLICE

## WILTON MANORS

Paul O'Connell, Chief of Police

2020 Wilton Drive  
Wilton Manors, FL 33305

### CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

01/25/2018 - 03/29/2018

The Wilton Manors Police Department is offering a 10-week Citizens Police Academy on Thursdays 01/25/2018 – 03/29/2018 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. 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 Compliance, K9 - Drug Enforcement, Detective Bureau / Special Investigations, Road Patrol Operations, Active Shooter Awareness and much more. In addition to scheduled classes, field trips, and 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, FAX, or DROP OFF your completed application:

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  
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# POLICE

## WILTON MANORS

Paul O'Connell, Chief of Police

2020 Wilton Drive  
Wilton Manors, FL 33305

As the New Year celebratory events approach, the Wilton Manors Police Department would like to remind all residents and visitors to practice safe fireworks handling.

In 2013, more than 26,500 people sustained fireworks-related injuries, and more than 10,500 needed to visit an emergency room, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The most common injuries were to hands and fingers (41 percent); head, face and ears (19 percent); trunk (15 percent); and legs (13 percent). About 600 injuries were related to sparklers and about 400 injuries were related to bottle rockets.

Legal fireworks that comply with CPSC regulations can be safe when used responsibly, but all fireworks by nature are hazardous and can cause injuries. The CPSC recommends the following safety tips to prevent misuse that could lead to accidents:

- Children of any age should be supervised by an adult at all times when handling fireworks.
- Set off fireworks in a clear area, away from houses, cars, dry leaves, grass and any other flammable material.
- Always keep a bucket of water nearby in case of an emergency. If a firework fails to ignite, pour the water on it to prevent it from igniting at a later time without awareness.
- Never try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them in water and throw them away.
- Make sure people and animals are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- Never light fireworks in a container, especially a glass or metal container.
- Keep unused fireworks away from firing areas.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Always observe and obey state and local laws.
- Never have any portion of your body directly over a firework while lighting.
- Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
- ALCOHOL AND FIREWORKS DON'T MIX!

Additionally, while New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are a time for celebration and fun, please remember to plan ahead and make smart choices, designate a sober driver or another safe mode of transportation, and lastly practice safe handling of fireworks.

With these tips in mind, you and your family will be on your way to a bright but safe start to 2018.

***"See Something, Say Something"***  
**Report suspicious persons, vehicles and activity.**

**Emergency: 911** Non-Emergency: (954) 764-4357 (HELP)



## Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association (CANA)

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

**HURRICANE IRMA** — CANA is grateful we are all safe and there was no major damage. We thank the City of Wilton Manors for all of their efforts to keep us safe. Most of all we thank neighbors for helping neighbors as those acts of kindness help in a very meaningful way!

**CANA Wishes Everyone a Happy Veterans Day, Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays**

### Upcoming Events:

November 4—3-7pm 5th Annual Hawai'i Festival @ Mickel Park

November 11—Veterans Day Ceremony 11a.m. @ Hagen Park

November 13—Taste of the Island Richardson Park—Purchase Tickets at [www.tasteoftheisland.org](http://www.tasteoftheisland.org)

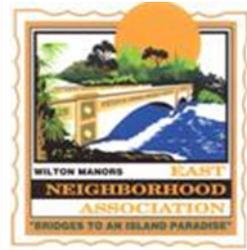


**CANA Meetings:** February 7, May 2, July 25, October 24, 2018 @ 7p.m. at Hagen Park

**JOIN CANA** or renew your membership by visiting [www.CANAWM.org](http://www.CANAWM.org) or email us at [membership@canawm.org](mailto:membership@canawm.org).

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

Paul J. Rolli, President · Ray Carrier, Vice President · Fred Caplan, Treasurer · Matthew Gill, Secretary  
· Brent White, Director



## WILTON MANORS EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wishes everyone a joyous holiday season and a happy 2018!

Visit us online at <http://wiltonmanors-ena.org/>

Join us for the ENA Annual Holiday Party on Thursday, December 14th  
at 6:30pm at Independence Hall.

## WESTSIDE ASSOCIATION OF WILTON MANORS—(WAWM)



WAWM thanks all Westside residents who joined together with their neighbors throughout our community and city in assisting one another before and after Hurricane Irma. As we finally get the storm debris cleared away, fix our fences, take care of any remaining storm related issues, let us keep up the community spirit with our neighbors and our senior residents who might need a helping hand every now and then.

Those of you who attended the WAWM General Membership Meeting in October heard from our City staff on post-Irma related news. Many thanks to

our dedicated and hard working city employees for their commitment to our city and to our residents.

As a community we have much to be thankful for in the upcoming holiday season. Stay tuned for information on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual WAWM Holiday Social coming in early December.

WAWM wishes all a happy and healthy holiday season.

*New to the Westside? Have not yet joined your neighborhood association? Here are some of the benefits of joining WAWM and participating in your community:*

- Promote & support ideas and projects that will directly impact your neighborhood.
- Be informed about neighborhood activities including crime prevention, code enforcement, and local government.
- Bring neighbors within the community together to support cultural, economic, educational, and recreational activities.
- Keep the community informed on the Association's position on relevant issues and on the City's plans and activities.

**For information on joining WAWM, please contact Sal Torre at [salmtorre@gmail.com](mailto:salmtorre@gmail.com), or visit our website at [wawm.org](http://wawm.org)**

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (CDS)



Community Development Services Department would like to provide a reminder of 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 Community Development Services Department at (954) 390-2180. Forms can be found on the Community Development Services Departments 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 at [www.myfloridalicense.com](http://www.myfloridalicense.com).

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

Changes have recently occurred in the Community Development Services Department that affect the building permitting and inspection process. Building permit inspection requests are now being accepted until 4:30pm Monday through Thursday for next day inspections. Inspection requests for Monday can be submitted through our online permitting system or facsimile, Friday through Sunday. In the upcoming months, building permit applications will be able to be submitted online.

### Andrews Avenue / Oakland Park Boulevard Corridor Land Use Plan Amendment

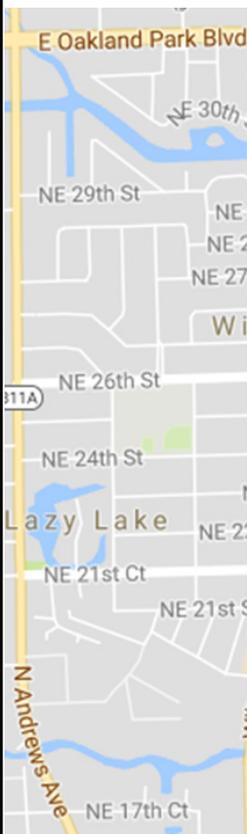
The City of Wilton Manors has been active in studying its commercial corridors to determine ways to enhance the economic activity and look for the means to redevelop the Andrews Avenue and Oakland Park Boulevard corridors. The goal of studying these roadways is to proactively attract economic development investors to the City of Wilton Manors and to provide a more livable environment.

Keith & Associates, Inc. completed a Corridor Study which provided a report detailing existing corridor conditions. Keith & Associates, Inc. used the analysis to identify redevelopment opportunities and as information for public outreach and stakeholder meetings. They provided recommendations for redevelopment strategies based upon the existing conditions and also identified challenges and opportunities and made recommendations for possible solutions and strategies.

From the recommendations outlined in the Keith & Associates, Inc. Corridor Study, the City of Wilton Manors entered into a contract with The Mellgren Planning Group, Inc. to complete the Andrews Avenue/Oakland Park Boulevard Corridor Land Use Plan Amendment. The Land Use Plan Amendment will amend the land use designation to Transit Oriented Corridor. The City of Wilton Manors and The Mellgren Planning Group has held workshops on January 17, 2017 and January 30, 2017. Based upon the feedback the City received after these workshops, staff is requesting additional feedback from our residents and property owners on the project in order to determine the boundaries.

The City wants to hear from our residents and property owners regarding the Andrews Avenue/Oakland Park Boulevard Transit Oriented Corridor Land Use Plan Amendment project. Please provide comments are to either Roberta Moore, Community Development Services Director at [rmoore@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:rmoore@wiltonmanors.com) or Jeff Katims, Managing Principal at The Mellgren Planning Group at [Jeff@floridaplanning.net](mailto:Jeff@floridaplanning.net).

Future workshop(s) will be scheduled to obtain additional input and those dates are forthcoming. Additional information on the project can be found on the Community Development Services Department's webpage.





## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (CDS)

Please join the City of Wilton Manors in welcoming new businesses that opened in August and September 2017.

<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Business</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Business</u>
1881 NE 26 Street, Unit 212	Realtyfax Inc.	2654 N Andrews Ave. #1	D Ernesto Beauty Lounge
1103 NE 26 Street	Remax Experience	1881 NE 26 St., 202A	BHOW
2340 Wilton Drive	Johnsons	1909 N Andrews Ave	Brothers Barbershop
2906 N Andrews Avenue	Saint Jacques Beauty Salon		

### RENTING YOUR HOME AS A VACATION RENTAL?



Do you have a vacation rental property that you are renting out? If so, were 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 and became effective on May 23, 2016. These regulations can be found on the City's website at [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://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 30 days or 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.

### "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. and an approved permit 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 walk-through permits per day per customer.

**Watch for the Wilton Manors Resident Satisfaction Survey  
coming in the January/February 2018 Town Crier!**

## LEISURE SERVICES (954) 390-2130

### Message from Leisure Services Director, Patrick Cann



As we get into the holiday season at the end of the year, time goes by more quickly. We are approaching the fun and festive season that offers unique opportunities for everyone. I look forward to seeing you at one of the following meaningful and special events:

- Hawaiian Festival, Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm to 7:00pm at Mickel Park
- Veterans Day Ceremony, Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 11:00am to 12:00pm at Hagen Park
- Taste of the Island, Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 9:00pm at Richardson Park
- Art and Entertainment Expo, Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 9:00pm Wilton Drive
- World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil, Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm to 9:00pm Hagen Park
- Holiday Lighting Ceremony, Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm @ Jaycee Park
- Citywide Yard Sale, Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 8:00am to 2:00 pm @ Hagen Park
- Santa By Sea, Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm Colohatchee Park
- Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am to noon at Hagen Park

We hosted the annual Halloween Spooktacular event at Wilton Manors Elementary School on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. This continues to be a very festive and popular event attracting participants from toddlers to grandparents.

The Pride Center facilitates the annual Wicked Manors Street Festival on Wilton Drive on Halloween night, Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a one of a kind event that brings 20,000 participants to the Island City for a fun and festive evening.

Construction of the New Playground and Splash Pad at Mickel Park are underway and will complete the projects funded by Broward County in the amount of \$356,752. This includes replacing lighting with more energy efficient fixtures, installing an electric car charging station, and replacing the existing playground with a new more accessible and inviting one. The nearly \$2 million investment from City and grant funds has infused tremendous value into our western area of the City. Mickel Park is an ideal gathering place for daily walking, fitness, boot camps, pet welcoming, baseball/softball, volleyball, birthday parties, BBQ's, concerts, special events and much more.

Colohatchee Park is a high priority. There was significant damage from Irma, but we are working on Phase 1 of new construction to include expanding the dog play area, adding new sod, and fencing along with the addition of an 8' walking trail and outdoor fitness zone.

Please join our Active Adults Senior Programs such as Chair Yoga, Walking Club, Movie Matinee, Ping Pong, Scrabble, Brains and Balance, Field Trips and so much more. Visit us online at [WiltonManors.com](http://WiltonManors.com) for more details. You may also contact one of our Guest Services Team members at (954) 390-2130 if you have any suggestions.

*"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*

### \*\*\* NEW PROGRAM\*\*\* Recycled Materials Art Contest \*\*\*NEW PROGRAM\*\*\*



The Environmental and Sustainability Volunteer Group of Wilton Manors, in partnership with Waste Management, Inc., is kicking off the first Wilton Manors Recyclable Materials Art Contest with the following guidelines: 95% of the art must be from recyclable or reused materials. The final product must fit through a standard door and weigh less than 50 pounds; Art must be aesthetic—no negative political or other inflammatory content. Artwork may be any medium including sculptures, collages, fashion, etc. One entry per individual or team (please include your name and contact information).

Contest categories:

Kids up to age 12; Teens age 13-19; Adults 20+; Professional. Prizes for winning entries!!!

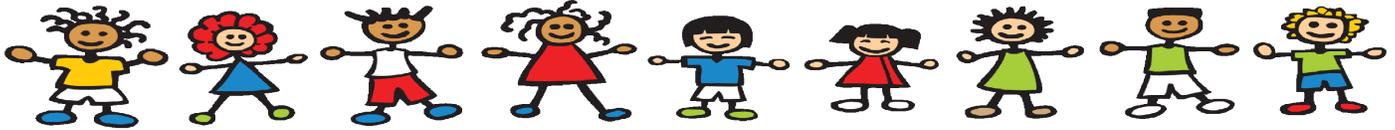
Wilton Manors residents only.

Final Entries due November 10, 2017 and project exhibit November 17, 2017 For more information contact Todd DeJesus at (954) 390-2105 (or [tdejesus@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:tdejesus@wiltonmanors.com)). A photo of the project must be submitted prior to November 10th for initial review.

**Leisure Services Department Presents...****(954) 390-2130*****B.A.S.H******(Don't miss out)******School started on August 21<sup>ST</sup> and don't be left out.******BEFORE AND AFTER CARE***

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

Register at the Hagen Park Community Center at 2020 Wilton Drive

**SCHOOL'S DAY-OUT PROGRAM 2017**

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 7:30a.m. to 6:00p.m. A field trip or special activity will be a part of the day. The cost of the program ranges from \$13.00 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.

Upcoming dates are: January 8, 2018, February 19, 2018, March 23, 2018 and May 25, 2018.

**WACKY WINTER CAMP 2017-2018**

**When:** December 26-29, 2017 & January 2-5, 2018

**Where:** Island City Park Preserve 823 NE 28th Street, Wilton Manors

**Hours:** 7:30am - 6:00pm



**What:** This Winter Camp is a highly structured eight day camp with the ultimate in 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.

Register now for a Winter Camp to remember! Deadline: Friday, December 8, 2017.

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

7:00am-9:00pm Monday-Thursday ~ 8:00am-6:00pm Friday ~ 8:00am-12:00pm Saturday

Participants: Any child in school -Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade may participate.

Wilton Manors resident fee: \$160.00/\$136.00 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.

**NOW OFFERING****BEFORE SCHOOL CARE AT  
WILTON MANORS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

The City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department will be offering Before School Care from 6:45am-7:45am at Wilton Manors Elementary School 2401 NE 3<sup>RD</sup> Avenue Wilton Manors for Wilton Manors Elementary School students ONLY.

**EVENTS & PROGRAMS****LEISURE SERVICES: (954) 390-2130****Hawaii Festival**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii Festival, hosted by Halau O Na Liko A'o Puna and the Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department is on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This event will take place at Mickel Park, 2675 NW 7<sup>th</sup> Ave from 3:00p.m.-7:00p.m. The Hawai'i Festival will showcase authentic hula performances, live island music, Polynesian vendors, aloha grill Hawaiian barbeque, kids games and more. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket. Additional parking will be available at St. Clement Church, 225 NW 29<sup>th</sup> St, with shuttle vans running every 15 minutes.

**Holiday Lighting Ceremony**

Believe it or not but the Holiday season is just around the corner and to kick it off right the City of Wilton Manors welcomes one and all to join us for our annual Holiday Lighting Celebration! Join with us in the City's tradition of lighting the Menorah, Kinara, and of course our wonderful Wilton Manors Christmas Tree! The holiday spirit will be in abundance with plenty of music and festivities for everyone to enjoy. Come out and enjoy this event with us and our community as we celebrate "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year". The Holiday Lighting Ceremony will be held on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the corner of Wilton Drive and 21st Court in Jaycee Park. Plan to attend as we get the festivities started at 6:30pm.

**Veterans Day Ceremony**

The City of Wilton Manors Leisure Service Department is happy to announce our annual Veterans' Day Ceremony on Saturday, November 11, 2017. This event will be held at the Hagen Park Community Center at 11am. We welcome you all to join us as we pay our respects and honor members of our armed forces for their service and their sacrifices, which keep our country safe and free. Let us all show our gratitude to these fine men and women for risking their lives so that we may enjoy freedom in this great country of ours. Come and join us as we listen to readings of stories and letters from soldiers in each of the U.S. wars. For all that they have done, and all that they give for us and our country, let us all join together and pay tribute.

**Santa By Sea**

Catch a glimpse of ol' Kris Kringle himself as he makes his annual boat trip around our Island City!

Santa will depart from the Colohatchee Boat Ramp on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. cruising the Middle River around our entire City.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Breakfast with Santa event will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2017, from 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Get into the Holiday spirit by celebrating with Santa and his friends at this year's "Breakfast with Santa" event. Join Santa, his elves, Rudolph and the Grinch for a fun filled character breakfast filled with pancakes, story time, crafts, bounce houses, pony rides, and more! Space is limited so please sign up today! Children 12 and under are \$5 each. Adults and kids over 12 are \$7 each. Tickets are on sale at Hagen Park, located at 2020 Wilton Drive.

**12TH ANNUAL TASTE OF THE ISLAND**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Island will take place on Monday, November 13, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the beautiful Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve (1937 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, Florida 33305). With more than 20 local restaurants and bars in the greater Wilton Manors and surrounding areas participating, guests will have the opportunity to sample the best food and beverage options South Florida has to offer.

This year's event will feature local favorites Chima's Steakhouse, Kelly's Landing, Funky Buddha Brewery, Trader Joes, Chef Ray, LLC, CroissanTime, Garlic Knot, Spatch Peri-Peri Grilled Chicken – just to mention a few.

All proceeds from Taste of the Island will go to benefit the Wilton Manors Historical Society, the Kiwanis Club of Wilton Manors, City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department and the Wilton Manors Development Alliance.

Tickets are currently on sale at <http://www.tasteoftheisland.org> through November 13, 2017. Paper tickets may also be purchased through November 13, 2017 at Wilton Manors City Hall, 2020 Wilton Drive; Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive; Wilton Manors Library, 500 NE 26 Street, and Sterling Accounting, 2435 N. Dixie Highway. Ticket prices begin at \$30 per person and will be raised to \$35 on November 1, 2017. Tickets will be limited to the first 700 guests.

Event parking will be available at City Hall (2020 Wilton Drive) and Hagen Park (2020 Wilton Drive). A free shuttle will be transporting guests from the parking lots to Richardson Park and Nature Preserve.

For more information, please call (954) 257-2317 or visit <http://www.tasteoftheisland.org>.

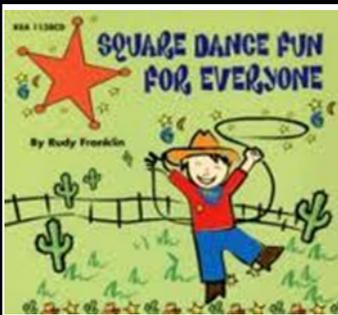


### ISLAND CITY-WIDE YARD SALES

The City of Wilton Manors will sponsor four City-Wide Yard Sales at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, this season, on the second Saturday of December 2017 – March 2018. The City Yard Sales will be open from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

**Spaces are currently available to purchase for the December 9, 2017 yard sale.** Last year, the yard sales hosted from 60 to 90 vendors, so register early while there is still space. Tents, Chairs and Tables are available for rental. For space reservations at Hagen Park and information, please call the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-2115 or 390-2130.

The yard sale is 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. The vendors sell everything from linens and clothes to furniture, and home decorative items. Some vendors specialize in antiques, plants and collectables.



### **Yee Haa!!! - Square Dance FUN!**

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



...for these other events coming up in early 2018:

Island City Yard Sales, Saturdays, January 13/February 10/March 10  
from 8a.m.-2p.m. at Hagen Park

Island City Tennis Tournament, Saturday/Sunday, February 3 & 4 at Hagen Park

Live @ Mickel Concert Series, Fridays, February 16/March 16/April 20 from 7:30-9:30p.m.



## **Calling All Volunteers!!**

As part of our strategic plan, the City is examining ways to grow our ability to help others.

One very important resource for Wilton Manors is its people! Would you like to contribute? The City is seeking volunteers.

The vision for the volunteer program is to extend into the Wilton Manors community including coordination with local non-profit agencies and assistance for residents in need.

**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).**

## Capital Projects & Grants Update

### Third Annual Free Tree Giveaway

The third annual Free Tree Giveaway will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 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 several different tree species and several different kinds of shrubs. Each household will be allocated at least two trees and one shrub (more if possible) and proof of residency is required. Prior to receiving plant material, residents will be required to visit educational stations such as National Wildlife Federation, proper planting and pruning, tree selection, and “right plant – right place”.

#### Trees in your neighborhood

When landscaping your home or business, remember to:

- » Plant only small trees and shrubs in areas adjacent to power lines.
- » Keep medium and large trees, including palms, at a safe distance from power lines.
- » Keep transformers clear of vegetation at all times.



### Second Annual Nature-In-Art Contest

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

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)

## FACILITY RENTALS (954) 390-2130

**Whether you're planning a wedding reception for 99 or a business meeting for 10, check out the City of Wilton Manors Island City Park Preserve**

Island City Park Preserve is available to rent for birthday parties, baby showers, weddings, family get-togethers, cookouts, etc. The scenic view of the Middle River is a great place to get away, relax and unwind. Island City Park Preserve provides a large spacious deck with walking trails along the river, a full sized basketball court, pavilions and a playground. In addition, our indoor facility has a multi-purpose room, meeting room and a kitchen. For further information please call the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-2115 or (954) 390-2130.



# THE LIBRARY CORNER

## *Youth Services @ your Library*



Lego Club and Read with Dogs – Alternate Wednesday evenings @ 5:30. Call the Library for schedules or check the calendar on the City web page, [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com).

Preschool Story Hour – Monday mornings @ 10:30. Ages 4 and under.

Celebrate the joy of reading with stories, music, and more. For details, visit the youth services department or call 954-390-2195.

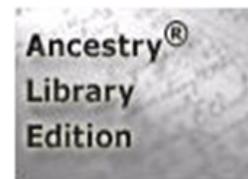
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Stop by the Library at 500 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street and discover the history of you.



## *Computer Classes*

Looking for computer instruction? We have it at the Library. Whether you're just learning about computers or want to build a website, we offer a tech class for all skill levels. Our one-on-one classes are a great way to expose yourself to new tech skills. Call (954) 390-2195 for information and to make a reservation.

## *Friends Of The Wilton Manors Library*

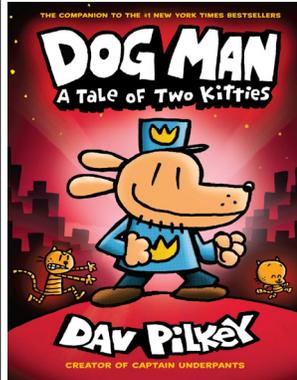


Want to help the Library? Join the Friends! The Friends of the Library is a volunteer group that exists to enrich the cultural and educational opportunities within our community. The Friends provide funding for the Library's extensive DVD, and audio book collections. They also sponsor Library programs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

The Friends of the Library will once again erect their Book Tent at the City Yard Sale on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 8 am to 2 pm. The Yard Sale is located in the City Hall parking lot at 2020 Wilton Dr. You will find used books, CDs, audio books, DVDs, and videos in exchange for a small donation. Top sellers range from books on tape to children's DVDs, from cookbooks to gardening manuals. All donations benefit the Library. The Friends will also take your donations of books and audio and video materials at the Book Tent, or you may drop them off at the Library, at 500 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street.

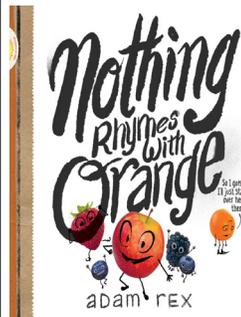


## New Children's Books @ Your Library



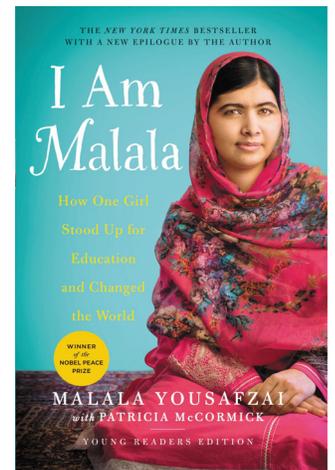
Dog Man hasn't always been a paws-itive addition to the police force. While he can muzzle miscreants, he tends to leave a slick of slobber in his wake! In Dav Pilkey's Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties, Petey the Cat's dragged in a tiny bit of trouble -- a double in the form of a super-cute kitten. Dog Man will have to work twice as hard to bust these furballs and remain top dog!

In the 9th volume of My Hero Academia by Kohei Horikoshi, it's off to summer camp for Midoriya and the U.A. students! But this is no ordinary vacation. It's high-impact training where the students are expected to develop their Quirks even further! The teachers have set up some tough challenges, but none will be as difficult and as life changing as the threat a new group of enemies poses. What's even worse is who the villains' target is and why.



We all know nothing rhymes with orange. But how does that make Orange feel? Well, left out! When a parade of fruit gets together to sing a song about how wonderful they are -- and the song happens to rhyme -- Orange can't help but feel like it's impossible for him to ever fit in. But when one particularly intuitive Apple notices how Orange is feeling, the entire English language begins to become a bit more inclusive in Nothing Rhymes with Orange by Adam Rex.

In the Young Readers Edition of Malala Yousafzai bestselling memoir, I Am Malala, which includes exclusive photos and material, we hear firsthand the remarkable story of a girl who knew from a young age that she wanted to change the world -- and did. Malala's powerful story will open your eyes to another world and will make you believe in hope, truth, miracles, and the possibility that one person -- one young person -- can inspire change in her community and beyond. (Also available as an e-book).



As Kaneki and the fiercest fighter in the CCG, Arima, finally face off, several investigators launch an assault on Yoshimura, unaware of the danger that awaits them. The massive battle takes a turn for the worse when the One-Eyed Owl appears, leaving the fate of Kaneki and the CCG hanging in the balance in the 14th volume of the Tokyo Ghoul series by Sui Ishida.

In Rachel Vail's Unfriended, Truly is invited to sit at the Popular Table with the group she has dreamed of joining and she can hardly believe her luck. Everyone seems so nice, so kind to one another. But all is not as it seems with her new friends, and soon she's caught in a maelstrom of lies, misunderstandings, accusations, and counter-accusations, all happening very publicly in the relentless, hyper-connected social media world from which there is no escape.

(Also available as an e-book.)



## Check out a typical BUSY week in Leisure Services!

Call (954) 390-2130 for more information

### Daily

Before Care Program (M-F) 6:45am—7:45am  
 Tennis 7:30am—9:30pm  
 After School Program (M-F) 2:30pm—6:30pm

Wilton Manors Elementary School  
 Hagen Park Tennis Center  
 Wilton Manors Elementary School



### Monday

Fitness Center 7:00am—9:00pm  
 Chair Yoga 10:00am—11am  
 Preschool Storytime 10:30am—11:00am  
 Hula Dance 7:00pm—8:00pm  
 Boot Camp 7:00pm—8:00pm

Hagen Park Community Center  
 Hagen Park Community Center  
 Richard C. Sullivan Public Library  
 Hagen Park Community Center  
 Mickel Park Pavilion



### Tuesday

Fitness Center 7:00am—9:00pm  
 Ping Pong 10:00am—11:00am  
 Storytime 10:30am—11:30am  
 Hula Lessons 7:00pm—9:00pm

Hagen Park Community Center  
 Hagen Park Community Center  
 1st Christian Preschool  
 Hagen Park Community Center



### Wednesday

Fitness Center 7:00am—9:00pm  
 Brains & Balance 10:00am—11:00am  
 Italian Language Class 5:30pm—7:00pm  
 Lego Club 6:00pm—7:00pm  
 Reading with Dogs 6:30pm—7:30pm  
 Boot Camp 7:00pm—8:00pm

Hagen Park Community Center  
 Hagen Park Community Center  
 Richardson Historic Park & Nature Preserve  
 Richard C. Sullivan Public Library  
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 Mickel Park Pavilion

### Thursday

Fitness Center 7:00am—9:00pm  
 Chair Yoga 10:00am—11:00am  
 Square Dancing 6:30pm—9:30pm  
 Dog Obedience Class 6:30pm—9:00pm

Hagen Park Community Center  
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 Island City Park Preserve  
 Hagen Park



### Friday

Fitness Center 7:00am—6:00pm  
 Boot Camp 7:00pm—8:00pm

Hagen Park Community Center  
 Mickel Park Pavilion

### Saturday

Fitness Center 8:00am—12:00pm

Hagen Park Community Center

# Fixing Wilton Boulevard, Again

Dateline – 1928, 1955, 1966, 1983, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2017

By Benjamin Little

Wilton Manors Historical Society

In 1925, Edward J. “Ned” Willingham laid out Wilton Boulevard, from the Towers at Five Points to the widest bridge in Florida at the South Fork of the Middle River. It was 90 feet wide, with 10 foot swales on either side. Wilton Boulevard was restricted to expensive houses with commercial lots at Five Points and Dixie Highway.

In 1926, the housing market in Wilton Manors and south Florida crashed.



A month after Willingham’s death in 1928, his son, E. J. Willingham, Jr., renamed Wilton Boulevard Wilton Drive. It was a 20 foot wide dirt road, lined by forests. By the 1930’s, it was an eerie ghost, a broad boulevard, some light poles, and nothing else.

In 1955, Wilton Drive, now a State road, was widened from two lanes to four.

As early as 1966 there was discussion about renovating Wilton Drive to be like East Las Olas Blvd. This was and is a guaranteed laugh line.

In 1983 the State had scheduled a repaving, for the first time in 20 years. The initial plan was estimated to be \$1,484,000. The State and County would

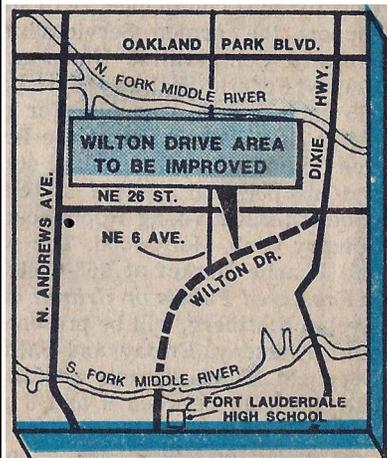
contribute \$350,000; the City \$300,000; and property owners would be assessed \$834,000. Merchants along the Drive yelled that their increased rents would put them out of business.

It turns out that the State had budgeted \$1,000,000, getting the property owners off the hook. The plan called for new storm drains, curbs, and lighting, as well as a median. Merchants complained that the median strip would put them out of business.

By the end of October, a plan was approved that had a grass covered median with lots of openings. Parking spaces were reduced from 83 to 56. The project would take about eight months to complete.

By December 1984, work had started. Chaos. Lawsuits. Construction was having a major impact on the businesses.

On October 5, 1985, there was a full day celebration with parades, bands, and Giggles Giant Trike Race, and an Oyster Eating Contest. There were a reported 160 sabal palms and oak trees planted.



The State Department of Transportation set out to “fix” Wilton Drive again in 1997 with an estimated \$1.1 million project. It provided better access to The Shoppes of Wilton Manors and tried to reduce short cuts through residential streets. Most of the trees planted in 1985 were ripped out because they “posed a traffic hazard.”

The “rejuvenation” of the Drive was again the object of attention with the establishment of Wilton Manors Main Street, in 2002.

In 2007, some poor bar patron was crossing Wilton Drive, not at a cross walk, and was struck by a car and killed. This triggered “Wilton Drive Traffic Calming.” The estimate to narrow Wilton Drive was \$3.5 million.

As of 2017, Wilton Drive is again the subject of a “Roadway Improvement Project,” or “Lane Reduction Project,” or “Road Diet Concept.” If one considers the start of this project to be the founding of Wilton Manors Main Street in 2002, one can not accuse the

City of being impetuous.



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