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Life's Just Better Here

Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

March/April 2018



Waterway Cleanup—Saturday, March 3
9 a.m. to Noon—Colohatchee Boat Ramp



Woof & Wine
Thursday, April 12th 5-7 p.m.
811 NE 28th Street (near ICPP)

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Spring Eggstravaganza-Saturday, March 24th—10 a.m. to Noon
Wilton Manors Elementary School



CALENDAR

Wednesdays, Mar 7 & Apr 4
 Congressman Deutch
 Community Outreach-1st
 Wednesday of each Month

10:30 a.m.—12 p.m.
 Commission Chambers

Saturday, March 10

Island City Yard Sale
 8 a.m.-2 p.m.—Hagen

Fridays, Mar 16 & Apr 20

Music @ Mickel Concerts
 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Saturdays, Mar 17 & Apr 20

Wilton Manors Art Expo
 6-9 p.m.—Wilton Drive

Saturday, March 3

Waterway Cleanup
 9a.m.-12p.m.—Colohatchee

Sunday, March 11th

“Spring Forward” one hour

Saturday, March 24

Spring Eggstravaganza
 10 a.m.—12 p.m.
 WM Elementary School

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 Mar 7	Wed Mar 14	Thurs Mar 15	Tues Mar 6	Mon Mar 12	Thurs Apr 19
Wed Apr 4	Wed Apr 11	Thurs Apr 19	Meets Quarterly	Mon Apr 9	Meets Every 2 Months
Wed May 2	Wed May 9	Thurs May 17		Mon May 14	

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

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.

The handy “Who You Gonna Call?” flyer is available on the City’s website here: <http://www.wiltonmanors.com/documentcenter/view/309> and provides phone numbers to call for questions or information regarding tree removal (954) 519-1224, dogs barking or running loose (954) 764-4357, or potholes, sinkholes, street lights, street signs, broken traffic signals, leaking fire hydrants, water/sewer breaks, dead animals—all to (954) 390-2190—plus much more!

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:

Thursday, March 22 Thursday, April 19 Recycling Day: Thursday

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

Tuesday, March 20 Tuesday, April 17 Recycling Day: Friday

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

Wednesday, March 21 Wednesday, April 18 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.

AT YOUR DOOR-HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PICK-UP



Residents in single family homes can contact Waste Management AtYourDoorSM (by phone: 1-800-449-7587 or by e-mail: atyourdoor@wm.com) to schedule a pickup.

The AtYourDoorSM representative will ask about the quantity and types of materials you want collected, so be prepared with this information. Depending on the types of materials to be picked up, they may mail a kit to your home to safely package

the items for pickup. Before 7am on the day of your scheduled pickup, follow the instructions received to safely place the items in the agreed-upon location, and the materials will be picked up by 7pm. Materials are taken to a sorting facility, and then sent to be recycled and/or disposed of properly. In order to have your household hazardous waste collected, you must contact AtYourDoorSM directly to schedule a pickup.

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.

SPRING AHEAD TO PREPARE FOR DISASTER



Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, March 11th, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency encourages everyone to use the change to daylight savings time as a reminder to implement emergency preparedness measures that will keep you and your family safe. This is a great opportunity to review disaster response plans and restock disaster kits.

Fire departments and safety officials would also like to remind everyone as they move their clocks ahead to change smoke alarm batteries throughout their homes.

Message from the Mayor

The ART of Public Service



A politician was once someone who stood up to lead, doing what was right and good, even if it wasn't popular. Nowadays, the word politician is interchangeable with someone who seeks to hold onto power at any cost – ambition in search of a position. Whether it is pandering for votes or selling out to special interests, the business of politics has eroded the value of public service. As part of my commitments with the National League of Cities, the Florida League of Cities, and as Mayor, I have years interacting with federal, state, and local officials. Even amid the discord and rancor surrounding Washington partisan politics, I'm optimistic that there are still good people choosing to enter public service, especially at the local level.

Local elected officials often seek office when their progression of neighborhood and community service leads them down that path, as it did with me. When I first moved to Florida, I began volunteering with civic and community organizations that were close to my heart. When Wilton Manors became my home in the nineties, I fell in love with my new home and wanted to improve our neighborhoods and commercial areas. At residents' urging, I ran for office, not knowing it would eventually lead me to my current service as our Mayor.

The opportunity of serving my hometown is special and my years as Mayor have been personally challenging and rewarding. My goal when I was first elected is the same as it is today: I want to improve our community for the benefit of our residents and businesses. I learned through good mentors the complexities and responsibilities of running a City, the importance of balancing the needs of today while preparing for the future, and that the right decisions aren't always the easy ones. I have influenced action that has made positive impacts for our City; whether it was supporting the expansion of parks, promoting economic development along Wilton Dr. and Dixie, improving roads, bringing home the bacon for City projects, or fighting preemption and special interests in Tallahassee or Washington. It has been my privilege to lead and to be a member of a City Commission that shares the same commitment. It is not by accident that our City has been so successful in improving the delivery of services, increasing property values, and enhancing our quality of life year after year.

One particular way the City is improving more recently is through the growth and expansion of our arts and cultural opportunities. The City itself is hosting multiple concerts this year covering a variety of musical genres from a world class cello/piano concert to our free music in Mickel and more. ArtGallery21, a nonprofit located in the Wilton Manors Woman's Club, is featuring different exhibits and events year round and we are now exploring ways to create public art experiences along our major roads and in parks. The number of galleries and artists throughout the City is growing. On the third Saturdays of the month, a sidewalk art and music fair takes place along Wilton Drive. We now have a theatre company offering gifted stage productions and even the South Florida Symphony has selected our City for its headquarters. We not only boast dozens of great fun restaurants and night spots, we have museums, theaters, galleries and a variety of entertainment. And of course, we offer many events for residents and visitors (maybe a hotel in near future?), from our upcoming annual tennis tournament, canoe race, Stonewall Parade, and holiday events, our staff truly does an amazing job filling a year-round calendar. I look forward to enjoying all our amazing City has to offer with you, my friends.

If I may be of service or you have any questions about the City, please feel free to call me at (954) 390-2123 or email GResnick@wiltonmanors.com. Thank you for continuing to support me and allowing me to support our City.

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 or call the City Clerk's Office at (954) 390-2123 for more info!

Vice Mayor Justin S. Flippen—Women and Water in Wilton Manors



As a program I was proud to create when first elected, I am excited to once again celebrate Women’s History Month in March by having the commission recognize women of distinction who will now join the ranks of Diane Cline, Celeste Ellich, M.E. DePalma, Poco French, Rita Silverman, Sandy Steen, Sherrill McCarthy, Virginia Flaherty, Ilene Schnell, Constance Ruppender, Mary Kalis, Mary Ulm, Laura Burke, Marcia Stafford, Arlene Lancaster, Merrie Myers, Sherri Miller, Roxanne Isaacs, Betty Winslow, Shirley Nolan, Rabbi Noah Kitty, Leigh Ann Henderson, Naomi Cobb, Adrienne Foland, Hope Gallegos, Judge Lisa Porter, Kate Donahue, Bridgette Pierce, Emily McCrater, and Ruthanne Stadnik. Wilton Manors has benefited from the positive contributions of these women, and it is altogether fitting and proper that we acknowledge them for it.

Our quality of life is impacted by many things, including how our residents pay for water. Cities like Wilton Manors and Oakland Park receive water from Fort Lauderdale. As such we must pay Fort Lauderdale for their water. At the big picture level, we must pay for our water and the infrastructure necessary to deliver it - an annual cost of about \$9.78 Million, but the method behind what we pay for and why MUST make sense to me as your elected official, and it must make sense to you and me as the residents who pay for it.

I recently sat with our finance department and appreciated their very practical explanation of how your monthly water taxpayer dollars are allocated. For every dollar spent on water, about 36 cents goes towards infrastructure costs and improvements, 34 cents covers the cost to buy water and treat sewage, and 30 cents covers the cost of day to day operations.

Fort Lauderdale operates using a 5-tiered system for its water rates based on usage. Oakland Park has a 4-tiered system. Wilton Manors water rates are based upon an older 3-tiered rate system. To address this, I support a professional analysis of our rates and rate structure. I welcome the opportunity to revisit the rate system to create one that has more tiers to offer a fairer approach to how your water dollars are collected, as you deserve better formulas and improved rates wherever they can be established. The city will be issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to develop a 25 year water, sewer, and storm water master plan to take inventory of our system and provide a replacement schedule with a focus on the cost of infrastructure. The Island City is fortunate to wisely look ahead to devote what we collect to a water system infrastructure that is financially and functionally sound. From our lift stations to pipe replacement and maintenance, water as a city service is something we take seriously. Because of how your dollars are spent on maintaining our infrastructure, we don’t run the risk of a system on the brink of structural collapse with bursting pipes and water mains, and for that we should be grateful.

Finally, despite being told by Fort Lauderdale that water discoloration may be within acceptable standards, expecting delivery of water that tests AND looks healthy is a matter of your quality of life and peace of mind that must always be taken seriously. That said, sometimes homeowners’ water heaters need updating to also keep water looking healthy, and if that is the case our utilities department is happy to assist to make that determination. Your city staff is here to help you achieve as optimal of a quality of life as possible. If we can improve our water costs and the rates you pay, we should. If we can work with households or Fort Lauderdale to improve water quality we need to do that too. And so long as I have the privilege to serve you, I will keep working on your behalf to see that we do.

As always, please feel free to contact me at 954-390-2123 or JFlippen@wiltonmanors.com on any issues you deem important.

In your service,

Justin S. Flippen, J.D.
Vice Mayor and “The People’s Commissioner”

Breakdown of The Dollars Spent on Your Monthly Water & Sewer Bill



Cost of Infrastructure Improvements \$0.36	Cost to Buy Water & Sewage Treatment \$0.34	Cost of Day-to-Day Operations \$0.30
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THE BEST KEPT PARKING SECRET IN TOWN!



Check out the parking lot at 2309 North Dixie Highway. This lot has 21 parking spaces available for public parking from 6 pm to 3 am every day. This is a ParkMobile-Only lot, meaning that there are no parking meters. Parking is paid for using the convenient ParkMobile smartphone app or by phoning ParkMobile. Consider parking at this lot on Friday and Saturday nights, when the City Hall parking lot is full, and then ride the City’s free shuttle to one of seven stops along Wilton Drive. The shuttle runs approximately every ten minutes from 6:30pm – 11:00 pm on Friday and Saturday nights through March 31, 2018. Or take the pedestrian walkway at the rear of the parking lot to NE 11th Avenue – you’ll find yourself just steps away from the businesses at the north end of Wilton Drive.

Commissioner Julie Carson—No NRA Money



I, COMMISSIONER JULIE A. CARSON, TAKE THE PLEDGE. I WILL NOT ACCEPT MONEY FROM THE NRA NOR WILL I SUPPORT ANY CANDIDATE WHO DOES.

It has been a tough week. Our Broward County Community is mourning the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School where the lives of 17 people were extinguished.

When I explained the tragedy to my five-year old, he asked me for the names of those who were killed. After I read the first names of those who died, he said “read them again, Aunt Julie, with both names.” I feel as though he wanted to have a complete understanding of who those who died so he could fully join me in sorrow.

As I watched Emma Gonzalez and other students speak at the Rally for stricter gun laws, I knew that the rage, anger, and determination of these survivors would cause needed change in American society and in the political establishment. Gonzalez called everyone in the country to task:

"If you don't do anything to prevent this from continuing to occur, that number of gunshot victims will go up and the number that they are worth will go down. And we will be worthless to you," she said. "To every politician who is taking donations from the NRA, shame on you."

As I left the Rally, I felt ashamed that I had gotten a “tongue lashing” by several mature students from Stoneman Douglas for being complicit in the murder of their friends by my failure to push harder for change, not only in gun laws, but in other causes, both personal and professional, where I turned away when the first answer given me was no, we are pre-empted or no, we don’t need those protections or no, that is too difficult or no, that is too risky. I am re-committed to garnering the energy to stand up and call out what is unfair, wrong or simply not enough.

Especially at this time, I am reminded of Margaret Mead’s words in that, I should “never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” Thank you for teaching me again, young leaders, what it means to be a responsible adult and dedicated political servant.

Kindly share your comments and concerns with me at (954) 288-8174 or by email at JCarson@wiltonmanors.com.

FREE EVENT

SHRED YOUR DOCUMENTS HERE



**Saturday, April 21st from 9-11am
Hagen Park on Wilton Drive**

WiltonManorsHomesForSale.com

Adrienne Foland, MBA, GRI, Realtor®



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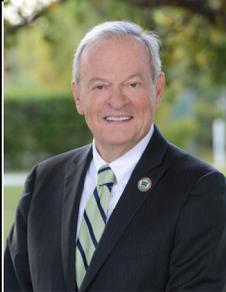
**WILTON MANORS
RESIDENTS ONLY**

On Saturday, April 21st from 9am until 11am Wilton Manors residents can bring their confidential information, documents, and old computer hard drives to Hagen Park 2020 Wilton Drive, and have it shred for free.

Every day, millions of individuals and small businesses discard valuable information that can be used to steal people’s identity. Identity thieves, often called “dumpster divers” comb through consumer and business trash in search of ill-gotten treasure. The cost of identity theft is in the billions and is the nation’s fastest growing crime.

For more information, please contact event sponsor Adrienne Foland at (954) 205-6594, or go to: WiltonManorsHomesForSale.com. Co-sponsored by the City of Wilton Manors with on-site shredding services provided by SafeGuard Document Destruction. Visit safeguardddd.com to see types of materials accepted for shredding, disposal, and recycling. This event is for Wilton Manors residents only—ID required.

Commissioner Tom Green—Be Careful, It's A Train!



Four people have been killed along the FEC railroad tracks in Palm Beach County since testing began for Brightline passenger service between Ft Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. One person was hit, but not killed, in Fort Lauderdale. Two of the recent deaths were from attempts to outrace the new, faster trains by going around lowered gates that are designed to stop traffic. The deaths were avoidable and the gates are lowered only for a matter of seconds for the Brightline to cross intersections. We have seen photos and videos of vehicles and bikes going around lowered gates and barely being missed by the fast-moving trains. Perhaps the problem is that we are used to the speed of long slow-moving freight trains that lumber across out streets. Brightline is short and fast!

Maybe matters have been made worse because of the delay in installing all of the safety features required for this type of urban transportation. The extension arms for many of the new gates have not been installed. This includes the crossings at 24th and 26th streets in Wilton Manors. Additional crossing gates have not been installed in much of Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties. And many of the new gate signals are still not working properly. Brightline does not install fencing to help keep pedestrians from crossing the tracks wherever they wish. The city of Oakland Park did install some fencing after agreeing to pay the FEC railroad rent for placing the fencing on "railroad property". The fact that someone was recently hit by a freight train demonstrates the importance of additional safety features.

There has also been a delay (twice) in the implementation of a "Quiet Zone" for Broward County. Quiet zones can be implemented when safety features such as extra crossing gates, raised medians and gate bells and lights are used. The funding for the project has come primarily from Brightline and some additional funds from the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The quiet zone project is for one project for the entire county and the entire 26 miles must be approved as complete and safe. The latest date for approval by the Federal Railroad Administration is now unclear. Some estimates are now for late spring of this year. Some people at the MPO are reluctant to estimate when the approval will happen. The Federal Railroad Administration wants Brightline service to be underway between Ft Lauderdale to Miami before approval. Service to Miami is set to begin within the next few months. This part of the Brightline route will have to be certified as having adequate safety features before the entire Broward quiet zone is approved. I hope that the recent rail accidents do not delay the implementation of the Broward Quiet Zone even more. However, studies by the Federal Transit Administration indicate no increase in accidents by creating quiet zones.

There is still some confusion concerning the difference between Brightline and the Tri-Rail Coastal Link commuter rail service. Brightline is a private corporation with a guaranteed government loan to begin high speed train service between Miami and West Palm Beach and eventually to Orlando. Ft Lauderdale is, and will continue to be, the only stop in Broward County.

The plans for commuter service will take much longer. This will be a public system that will use the same FEC tracks. The trains used will be the same as used now by Tri-Rail and will make frequent stops between Miami and northern Palm Beach County. This is the system in which Wilton Manors hopes to have a station. And the city recently received a \$120,000 planning grant from the Treasure Coast Planning Council to help develop a master plan for a station. Wilton Manors was one of only two cities in Broward County to receive such a grant.

As always, please contact me with your concerns and suggestions at tgreen@wiltonmanors.com or by phone at (954)290-0561.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Wilton Manors Volunteer Program is an outlet for residents, business owners and city constituents to positively impact the quality of life of their community through community improvement, special events and government function. The City of Wilton Manors enjoys working with its volunteers! If you are interested in being a volunteer with the City, please complete a volunteer application that is available at City Hall or on our website here:

<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/DocumentCenter/View/1932>.

We look forward to you being a part of our team!

"Our volunteers are priceless and without your efforts, we would not be the great community we are today and aspire to be tomorrow" - Gary Resnick, Mayor

Commissioner Scott Newton—Mickel Park Improvements



Mickel Field Park continues to get better! After a three month renovation, the City Commission cut the ribbon on about a half million dollars' worth of new features.

Thanks to County Commissioner Tim Ryan, the City received about \$350,000 for new LED lights for the ballfields, a splashpad and a new playground for school aged children. Additional funding from the state allowed for a shade structure. The new equipment is awesome, and Mickel has something for almost everyone, with a walking path, exercise equipment, ball fields, playground, splash pad, pavilion, stage and more.

It's a great place for a birthday party or picnic, and is host to the Music at Mickel concert series the third Friday of the month through April. It is also home to an exercise boot camp as well as several other recreational programs.

I am so proud to see this old park, where I played as a kid, turning (again) into a cool place I can take my grandkids! I hope you'll join me at one of the concerts – March 16th the Caribbean Chillers (a Jimmy Buffett tribute) or April 20th Across the Universe (Beatles tribute). Come on out bring the kids or grandkids, a blanket or lawn chair, and visit with your neighbors!

If you can't make one of the concerts, there are lots of other choices for classes, events and programs throughout the city. I don't think we have ever offered as many choices as we do these days.

What's your thing? Like to dance? Jazzercise, step, line and hula are all options. Are you a jock? Join one of the many softball, volleyball, or soccer leagues, or jump into the boot camp at Mickel. Artistic? Join the Public Art Committee or visit the Art Gallery 21's latest exhibit. Slowing down? You can try one of the many senior programs, like Brains and Balance, or chair yoga Brainiac? Learn Italian or visit the library for the "read with dogs" series. And that's just for starters. Don't forget we have a full line up of after care and camps services for the kids.

As we head into spring, the budget process will be kicking off yet again for the 2018-2019 cycle. What do you think is important in the city budget? I want to know what you think! Please feel free to contact me at snewton@wiltonmanors.com or (954) 390-2128.



**NOMINATIONS
DUE
MARCH 31, 2018**

The Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB) has announced the call for nominations for its third annual Community Spirit Awards to recognize one outstanding individual and one business in Wilton Manors for exemplary volunteer service for calendar year 2017. An Individual Volunteer of the Year exhibits efforts for beautification of the City, supports issues of community concern, disseminates education, and/or publicizes the benefits of doing business in Wilton Manors. The nominee cannot receive any monetary or personal benefits for their involvement and the volunteer service must be unrelated to their job description. The Volunteer Business of the Year will be awarded to an outstanding business, business association or not-for-profit organization located in Wilton Manors or one that provides direct service to area residents. The business entity will be recognized for improving the quality of life for residents and promoting the welfare of the community. The business owner need not reside in Wilton Manors. The selected honorees will be celebrated at the City's annual volunteer appreciation event of May 12th. A nomination form can be found on the City's website here:

<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/DocumentCenter/View/3787> or simply send an email to community@wiltonmanors.com and provide your nominee's name and contact information and explain in 250 words or less why they deserve to be our Individual or Business Volunteer of the Year for 2017 volunteerism.



From the Desk of Chief O'Connell

Justice!



Almost seven years to the day of the murder of Stephen Adams and Kevin Powell (December 23, 2010) the double homicide trial (*a capital felony trial*) began in the courtroom of Judge Ilona Holmes. The defendant, Peter Serge Avsenew, was ultimately convicted by a jury of his peers; which also recommended to the Judge that a death sentence be imposed (the final sentence imposition has not yet been completed).

A short trip into the past: in the early morning hours of 12/25/10 Officers Tim Babbitt and Mario Diaz were requested to conduct a welfare check at the home of Stephen and Kevin because Stephen failed to arrive for a planned family holiday gathering in another state. The officers discovered the gruesome scene in which both victims were deceased; each suffered multiple gunshot wounds. From that point forward an intense investigation began. Although an arrest was made within 48 hours; over the next several months work was done to tie the suspect to the crime, gather evidence and build a solid case for prosecution. That investigation involved all of our detectives, most of our patrol division and included critical assistance from the Broward Sheriff's Office, FDLE and the Polk County Sheriff's Office. A critical part of the investigation, and ultimately the prosecution, was the vital cooperation of the defendant's mother, Jeanne Avsenew (who resided in Polk County).

In the years that followed, Assistant State Attorney Shari Tate began to build a prosecution. It was a painstaking process as the burden is extremely high in a death penalty case. At trial, her team introduced over 300 pieces of evidence for the 12 person jury to consider in its deliberations. Jury deliberations took over three days until the jury announced its guilty verdict. Justice was served and the families received some closure after so many years had passed. Interestingly, WMPD received emotional thank you messages from both victims' families, in which they acknowledged the hard work done by all involved. I echo those sentiments.

We congratulate the lead Detectives Biagio Balistreri and Gary Blocker for their incredible work in late 2010 and into 2011; all of which was highlighted during the three week trial. We also congratulate the entire WMPD team for the work done during the early stages of this investigation. Just as important, we acknowledge and thank Shari Tate and her team as they tailored together an impressive prosecution which led to the conviction of Mr. Avsenew. Now an entire community can move forward knowing a very dangerous criminal will never again see freedom.

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



Keeping citizens informed.

The City of Wilton Manors uses the CodeRED® Emergency Notification System to inform residents of important information during active emergency situations. Please visit the Wilton Manors CodeRED® Community Notification Enrollment page at <https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/BFBC495B2FD0> or simply click the CodeRED® logo on the City's homepage, www.wiltonmanors.com, to register. There is no charge to register for or use CodeRED®. Additionally, cell phone users who download the CodeRED Mobile Alert app will receive notifications of emergency situations if they are physically present in the City or are approaching the City's geographic boundaries.

Wilton Manors Police Department, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305
(954) 390-2150 www.wmpd.org For emergencies call 9-1-1

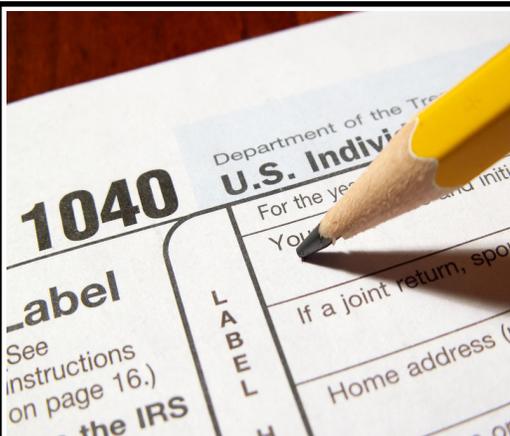
Public Safety Commands Everyone's Attention and Action

By Gary Blocker, Assistant Chief of Police

As I sit at my desk, in my car or at home I continually think about ways to improve safety in our community. Your police department's leadership team and front line officers understand the need for us to take pride and ownership in our community because if we don't we will certainly lose focus on our daily public safety mission, and that is not an option! We also know the important role you play in our endeavor to protect our community. The holidays saw a crime wave of home and vehicle burglaries in our City and through diligent and cooperative efforts we were able to make several arrests restoring safety in our community. The biggest part of this successful equation was YOU! In many instances if you had not called us upon seeing something or someone suspicious, the illegal activity may have gone undetected. Our efforts together allowed for a 57% reduction in burglaries from December 2017 to January 2018 (14 vs. 6), and for that we commend and thank you!

As for what the future holds we know we can never say we have accomplished our mission, as public safety MUST BE our priority each and every day. We must strive to be more observant, more vigilant, more innovative and more proactive in protecting our communities, and by doing this we will continue to apply pressure to criminals letting them know we will not tolerate their presence here! We ask for your continued commitment to calling us without delay when suspicious activity surfaces in your neighborhood, as any delay or hesitation on your part may mean the difference between a successful burglary committed or stopping a crime spree. Together let's ensure we continue to pride ourselves on the motto "NOT IN OUR CITY" as crime should have no place of comfort here. You have our commitment that we will be there for you and we are confident you will be there for us. Keep up the great work as "Together We're Better!"

Safety Alert—TAX SCAMS



Each year in early February, to coincide with the beginning of tax season, the IRS compiles a list of the most common scams that taxpayers may fall victim to. While you may encounter these at any time during the year, occurrences tend to spike during filing season.

There are many fraudsters out there who would rather take your hard-earned money than make their own. A little caution and skepticism will go a long way toward ensuring they don't. Read on to learn the scams the IRS wants you to look out for this tax season

If you believe you were a victim of the following scams, please contact the Wilton Manors Police Department to file a police report. You can also report these scams to the IRS by emailing phishing@irs.gov or calling The IRS at 1-800-366-4484.

1. Phishing Schemes: Phishing schemes typically involve an email you receive that appears to be from a bank, credit card provider.
2. Phone Scams: A variation on phishing schemes, these scams involve a phone call that you receive from someone posing as an IRS agent.
3. Identity Theft: Identity theft involves an unauthorized person using your information for their own financial gain. Around tax filing season, crooks will try to obtain your Social Security number and other information using some other scam or hack.
4. Return Preparer Fraud: This is the tax preparer equivalent of offering to sell you a discounted Rolex in an alley. The majority of CPAs and other tax preparers are honest, hard-working folks just trying to make a living. However, there are perpetrators out there who hang out a phony shingle every tax season to prey on unsuspecting tax filers. Additionally, there those tax preparers who mean well but aren't qualified.
5. Fake Charities: Americans love to support worthy causes they believe in. The problem is that some aren't so worthy. There are fake charities out there that prey on human kindness by taking in donations but never doing a bit of charitable work.



Life's Just Better Here



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE TO CHLORINATE WATER SYSTEM

Water Treatment Scheduled for February 13th through March 20th, 2018

WHAT: The City of Fort Lauderdale Public Works Department will temporarily return to using free chlorine in its drinking water system. Free chlorination is a common practice for water systems using combined chlorine disinfection. The chlorination period is anticipated to be transparent; however, there may be a slight change in the taste or smell of tap water. We suggest storing water in an open pitcher and placing it in your refrigerator. The chlorine will naturally dissipate from the water, and it will become less noticeable. **Users of home dialysis machines, owners of tropical fish and managers of stores and restaurants with fish and shellfish holding tanks are advised to seek professional advice as the method of removing chlorine residuals differs from removing chloramine residuals from tap water.**

WHEN: This preventive maintenance procedure will begin at 9:00am Tuesday, February 13th, 2018 and will end at 9:00am Tuesday, March 20th, 2018.

WHO: This procedure will affect the City of Fort Lauderdale, as well as Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Oakland Park, Port Everglades Authority, Village of Sea Ranch Lakes, Wilton Manors and sections of Davie and Tamarac.

CONTACT: For more information regarding the free chlorination of the City of Fort Lauderdale's water treatment system or to request a copy of that City's annual Water Quality Report, please call Fort Lauderdale's 24-hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000 or find it online at <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/public-works/water-quality-report-online-registration-form>. The City of Wilton Manors Emergency Management/Utilities Department can be reached at 954-390-2190 and our current [Water Quality Report](#) can be found on the City's website at www.wiltonmanors.com, in the Utilities Department section.



The City of Wilton Manors also will be flushing fire hydrants as a routine part of the free chlorination process. This will occur throughout the City in order to distribute the free chlorinated water into all parts of the water distribution system. The pressure of the water may cause a disruption of the sediment that has settled within the water pipes. Because of this, you may find that your water is discolored. This is normal and harmless. The best solution is to run your outside hose for a few minutes until the water appears clear again. This mandatory line flushing for water quality assurances complies with South Florida Water Management District's water shortage restrictions.



Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association (CANA)

The Heart of Wilton Manors Beats Here ...

It's a busy start for CANA this year—

At our February general membership meeting, there were presentations by developers for Wilton Springs Town Houses, Grass River Properties, purchaser of the Shoppes of Wilton Manors, for a façade change and construction of an additional building on the property. The Architect discussed house plans in the City's first Traditional Neighborhood Overlay District. This proposal will be on NE 21st Ct., NE 3rd Ave and NE 20th St.

NE 26th St—Andrews to Dixie—The design phase just began on this project. City is going through the surveying process. The next step is to develop the initial design plans for FDOT review. Work to start late 2019.

Wayfinding Signage—The City requested public input to help select a branding concept (design). Stay tuned for the final design.



Board of Directors—CANA Directors were elected to new terms for the coming year.

Code of Ordinances—The City held a public input workshop in February on the update project for several portions of the Code of Ordinances.

CANA MEETINGS: May 2, Jul 25, Oct 24, 2018 @ 7pm @ Hagen Park

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 · Brent White, Director

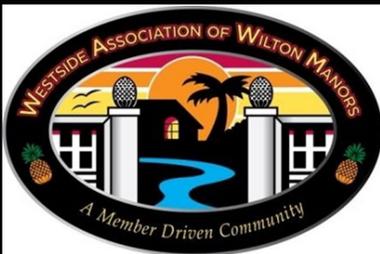


WILTON MANORS EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Join us at the ENA General Members Meeting on Thursday, March 15th at 7p.m. at Independence Hall (1601 NE 26th Street)

All members are welcome to join us as we discuss our schedule of events for the year, review the results of the 2017 Visioning Workshop, have an update from the Wilton Manors Police Department and vote on the 3 board positions up for renewal.

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



WESTSIDE ASSOCIATION OF WILTON MANORS—(WAWM)

2018 ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, April 5th, 2018

Hagen Park Community Center

Light refreshments begin at 6:30 pm

Meeting begins at 7 pm

Parking is free during the meeting.

MEETING AGENDA:

- WAWM'S YEAR IN REVIEW PRESENTATION
- ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- UPDATES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITY STAFF

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

- MAIL \$25.00 CHECK TO: WAWM PO BOX 100845, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33310
- ONLINE AT WAWM.ORG , PAYPAL
- RENEW AT ANNUAL MEETING- APRIL 5th.

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, or visit our website at wawm.org

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (CDS)



Community Development Services Department reminds you that 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.

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

2018 Business Enhancement Grant Program

The City of Wilton Manors Community Development Services Department is pleased to announce the 2018 Business Enhancement Grant Program ("Program"). The city will award a grant of up to \$1000.00 towards the improvement costs to the exterior of commercial properties city wide.

Although the cost of improvements will likely exceed the amount in the Grant, the program is meant to act as a catalyst to mitigate code deficiencies and improve the exterior conditions of business properties throughout the city. The program is designed in a way to encourage participation and be expeditious.

The objectives of the Grant are:

- To encourage private investment in the improvement of commercial parcels
- To encourage the appearance of the streetscape along the major corridors
- To reduce vacancies in storefronts
- To provide an incentive to improve commercial properties

Eligible projects include:

- Permanent signage ● Exterior painting ● Lighting Awnings ● Components of Green Building Program ● Irrigation
- Landscaping ● Directional Signage Paving ● Striping ● Murals

Eligibility for Business Enhancement Grant Program:

- Applications must be submitted no later than August 1.
- Eligible projects must be completed by September 30 and copies of all required documentation provided no later than October 15.
- All projects must conform to all applicable Federal, State, County and City Code of Ordinances and Unified Land Development Regulations.
- Applicants for the Grant must have no outstanding fees, taxes, fines or liens to the City of Wilton Manors.
- Grant application must be submitted by a property owner or tenant with approval of the property owner.
- Each applicant may be awarded only one Grant per fiscal year.
- New Commercial construction will not be eligible for the Grant program.
- At completion of the project, 50% of the approved expenses, up to \$1000.00, will be reimbursed by the City.

For additional details and application, please visit the City of Wilton Manors' website at www.wiltonmanors.com or contact Community Development Services at (954) 390-2180.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (CDS)



Please join the City of Wilton Manors in welcoming new businesses that opened in December 2017 and January 2018.

<u>Address</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
314 East Oakland Park Boulevard	Portable Tech, Inc.
2312 Wilton Drive, Suite 23	James A Swetz, Esq.
412 East Oakland Park Boulevard	Symmetry Fitness Training Systems SFTS
2043 Wilton Drive	Wolsen Caffe
2201 Wilton Drive, Suite 7	Aarons Low Cost Cremation and Funeral, LLC
2315 North Andrews Avenue	Toro Family Insurance Group, Inc.
2419 North Dixie Highway	Merrickdamon Real Estate, LLC
2713 North Andrews Avenue	Volunteers of America of Florida, Inc.
2312 Wilton Drive, Suite 14B	Dreamcloud Psychiatry
1103 NE 26 Street	Ronald Falk
120 East Oakland Park Boulevard, Unit 107	Parklane Equity, LLC
1430 NE 26 Street	Endara Fitness Studio, LLC

“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.



Fire Station 16 has completed its interior renovations. The renovation included completely remodeling both bathrooms to be ADA compliant; replacing the underground sewer lines which met their useful life; removing both roof air conditioners and installing new air conditioners ground level which also included replacing the duct work throughout the station; remodeling the kitchen area which included new cabinets and pantry; installing new ceiling tiles throughout; removing existing picture window and replacing it with an impact glass window; and a new ADA ramp was installed for front door access.

LEISURE SERVICES (954) 390-2130

Message from Leisure Services Director, Patrick Cann



"Fill your bowl to the brim and it will spill. Keep sharpening your knife and it will blunt. Chase after money and security and your heart will never unclench. Care about people's approval and you will be their prisoner. Do your work, then step back. The only path to serenity. Tao Te Ching – Lao-tzu

On behalf of the Leisure Services Team, thank you for your continued patronage, volunteerism and support to our library, many parks, programs, amenities and services. The first two months offered many exciting programs that included a Yard Sale with perfect weather, the Mickel Park Ribbon Cutting to open our first ever Splash Pad and new Playground for school aged children. The event was followed by a festive reggae concert in our Music at Mickel concert series. The annual tree give-away provided a benefit with a wealth of landscaping experts to share information about landscaping and the 5K Rainbow Run offered a great way to kick off the new year with health and fitness. The Classical Concert truly touched the soul of our 108 participants enjoying the sounds of history.

March and April have many new opportunities including the annual Tennis Tournament and Waterway Cleanup, the final Yard Sale, Music at Mickel, Art Expo, Plant Fair, Eggstravaganza Spring Festival, Kiwanis Kid's Day, and Mayor's Chess Challenge. Please visit our website or contact one of our Guest Services Team members for more details.

Colohatchee Park will be receiving park improvements beginning this summer and progress has begun with permitting and completing the scope of services to expand the dog play area, construct a walking trail and an outdoor fitness area. So please don't wait to participate in a program that interests you today. You are sure to boost your morale and improve your health, relationships and add meaning to life with one of our many opportunities.

To expand your growth, and experience why life is just better here, visit your local parks and library today. There is so much here for you right in your own backyard. Please visit us online at wiltonmanors.com/parks for more details regarding our activities, events, park hours, fees, volunteer opportunities and programming. Also, feel free to contact one of our Guest Services Leaders at (954) 390-2130.

1. Out of clutter, find simplicity. 2. From discord, find harmony. 3. In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity. Albert Einstein, Three Rules of Work

Capital Projects & Grants (954) 390-2105



Colohatchee Park Improvements

The City has completed design plans for improvements to Colohatchee Park and issued an RFP (request for proposal) for the construction phase. New amenities will include an eight foot wide walking trail and a new fitness zone. The existing dog play area will be significantly expanded and include a water station and small pavilions.

Nature-In- Art & Recycled Materials Art Contests

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. The deadline has been extended to March 15. Email (jpeg) photos to naturephotos@wiltonmanors.com or mail them to Todd DeJesus, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305.

We are also accepting submissions for a Recycled Materials Art Contest. At least 95% of the art must be from recycled or reused materials and the final product must fit through a standard door and weigh less than 50 pounds. One entry per individual or team. Deadline for photo submittal is March 15.

There will be an exhibit showcasing entries from both contests at Art Gallery 21 (Woman's Club) from April 14 – May 5, 2018.

For more detailed information, please contact Todd DeJesus, Capital Projects and Grants Manager at (954) 390-2105 or tdejesus@wiltonmanors.com.

Leisure Services Department Presents...

(954) 390-2130

Youth Programs

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. This program will be held at Wilton Manors Elementary School—register at the Hagen Park Community Center at 2020 Wilton Drive



SCHOOL DAYS-OUT PROGRAM 2017-2018

The School Days-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 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. A field trip or special activity will be a part of the day. The cost of the program ranges from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per day/child, which includes the field trip or activity of the day. Children must bring a brown bag lunch unless otherwise instructed. This program will be held at Island City Park Preserve in Wilton Manors at 823 NE 28th Street. Upcoming dates are: March 23rd (to Dave & Busters) and May 25th (to Flipper’s Cinema).

SPRING BREAK ADVENTURE CAMP 2018

March 26-March 30, 2018 (Closing at 2:00pm on March 30th)

Island City Park Preserve 823 NE 28th Street, Wilton Manors 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Spring Adventure Camp is a highly structured five day program with the ultimate in fun planned for Spring Break. Camp is sponsored by the City of Wilton Manors and is planned and supervised by our certified recreation and child care professionals.



Register now for a Spring Camp to remember!

Deadline: Friday, March 9, 2018 After registration deadline \$10.00 extra per child fee will be charged.

Wilton Manors resident fee: \$100.00/\$85.00 second child

Non-resident fee: \$125.00/\$100.00 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.

Adult & Senior Programs

Table Tennis

Open Table Tennis play every Tuesday morning from 10am-12pm. Come out and challenge your peers to a friendly game that will not only provide you fun and excitement but also healthy benefits such as increased hand-eye coordination and improved flexibility. Open Table Tennis play is for adults and is held at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive.

Square Dancing

Yee Haa!!! Come on out and kick up your heels for a stomping good time and learn to Circle Left/Right, Do Sa Do, Forward This is a great way to meet new people, exercise, and have a lot of fun. This is a beginner’s class held every Thursday from 7:00pm – 9:30pm at Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28th Street in Wilton Manors. The cost is only \$5.00 per class.

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

LEISURE SERVICES: (954) 390-2130

Jazzercise

Jazzercise exercise programs are 60-minute fitness classes incorporating cardio, strength, and stretch moves for a total body workout. *Jazzercise* class combines moves from yoga, Pilates, jazz dance exercise, hip-hop, and kickboxing. All ages, levels, and sizes welcome to join our programs so find a class. We offer classes 6 days per week at the Island City Park Preserve. For more information, please visit the *Jazzercise* website www.jazzercise.com or call (954) 390-2130 or (954) 390-2115.

Fitness Boot Camp
Ages 55+



Tuesdays at 10:00a.m.

Cost: \$5 per class

**Hagen Park Community Center
2020 Wilton Drive**

The goal of this new program is to improve your flexibility, balance, core and back which will make your everyday activities easier on your body.



For more information please call Wilton Manors Leisure Services at 954.390.2135.

Lucky's Just Better Here

Fitness Boot Camp & 55+ Boot Camp

Mickel Park's Fitness Boot Camp is becoming more and more popular as word spreads around town. Boot Camp is offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7-8pm and Saturday and Sundays at 8am. Fitness Boot Camp is instructed by Lucky Pericles, a local fitness professional with one goal: Providing REAL people, with REAL workouts that produce REAL results. The cost is \$10 per class or \$50 for a 6 class punch card.

Come join Luck's 55+ Boot Camp on Tuesday mornings at 10am at the Hagen Park Community Center. The goal of the 55+ Boot Camp is to improve your flexibility, balance, core and back which will make your everyday activities easier on your body. Classes are only \$5.

For more information please call Lucky at (954) 931-8711 or visit him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LucksFitness, Instagram at instagram.com/lucksfitness/ or tweet at him, [@LucksFitness](https://twitter.com/LucksFitness) on Twitter.



ISLAND CITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The annual Island City Tennis Tournament is coming up Saturday & Sunday, March 3rd and 4th! Inquire at Hagen Park or contact our PGTA Tennis Pro, Donna Kocyba at (954) 390-2132 or email her at: donnatennis1@aol.com for more information.

LIVE MUSIC AT MICKEL PARK

Come enjoy a night of live music in the park with your community. Concerts are held monthly from January through April, with Caribbean Chillers, a Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band, taking the stage Friday, March 16, and Across the Universe, a Beatles Tribute Band closing out the concert series on Friday, April 20, 2018.

All concerts are at Mickel Park from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Overflow parking is available at St Clements Church, with a shuttle service available every 10 minutes. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket. Food trucks and cash bar available on site.





ISLAND CITY-WIDE YARD SALES

The final City Hall Yard Sale of this season will take place Saturday, March 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The yard sales host 60 to 90 vendors are free to the shopping 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.



41st Annual Waterway Cleanup

The City of Wilton Manors is excited to be a part of the 40th Annual Waterway Cleanup and proud to continually participate in this Broward County tradition. This year's Waterway Cleanup will be Saturday, March 3rd from 9:00am until 12:00pm at Colohatchee Boat Ramp, 1975 NE 15th Ave.

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 the Leisure Services Department at (954) 390-2130 or email sholloway@wiltonmanors.com or mherman@wiltonmanors.com

You may also sign up on the event website here: <http://waterwaycleanup.org/find-a-site/>

Spring Eggstravaganza 2018

The Leisure Services Department will be hosting our Annual Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 10am to 12pm at Wilton Manors Elementary School, 2401 NE 3rd Avenue. This event will be for children newborn through age 13.

Mr. Cottontail will be busy filling thousands of eggs with goodies and hiding those eggs throughout the school area. There will be entertainment, concession stands, pictures with Mr. Cottontail, and much more!

It just wouldn't be spring without it.



Equality Park Garden Club Plant Fair

The City of Wilton Manors is proud to announce that we are hosting The Equality Park Garden Club's Tropical Plant Fair this year on Saturday, March 24th (9am-4:30pm) and Sunday, March 25th (10:30am-3:30pm). This event will be held at Richardson Historic Park. For more information please visit the "Tropical Plant Fair 2018" tab at www.epgcwm.com or email EqualityParkGardenClub@epgcwm.com for more specific event related information.



THE LIBRARY CORNER

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



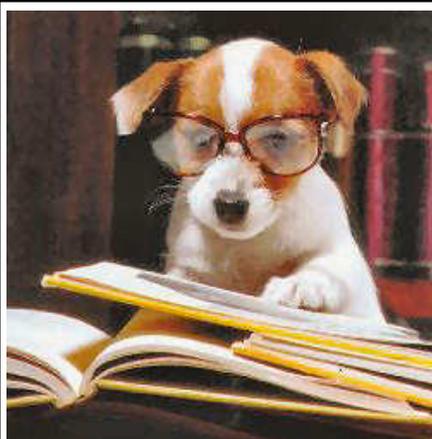
Teens! Need community service hours? You can get them at the Wilton Manors Library, where you can make new friends and have a good time, all while you fulfill your school requirements! Volunteering is also a great way to get real-life work experience, enhance your résumé, and give a boost to your college applications. Just stop by the Library and see a Youth Services Librarian for details.

Wilton Manors residents come from all walks of life and have wonderful experience and knowledge to share with Library patrons. Fortunately, giving back to your community by volunteering at the Library has never been easier, simpler, or more fun! You can help in a number of ways, depending on your skills and interests, and with a flexible schedule that meets your needs.

You can also join the Friends of the Library and support this valuable community resource through advocacy and fundraising efforts. Volunteers can help in numerous ways: sorting donated books and assisting with book fairs, serving as a Board member or officer, helping maintain membership lists, or assisting in planning programs.

These are just a sample of things you could do. For further information please call (954) 390-2195.

Ongoing Children's Programs



Read with Dogs and Lego Club – alternate Wednesdays @ 5:30pm.

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! After all, you're never too old to be read to. Age-appropriate books will be available for check-out.

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

Friends Of The Wilton Manors Library



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

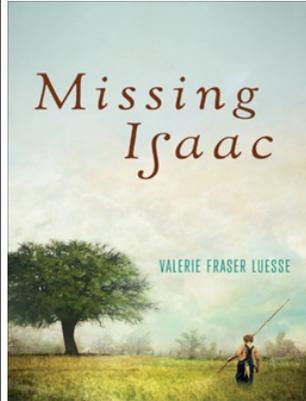
The Friends of Library provide funding for our collection of books-on-CD. These are great to listen to when commuting, traveling, exercising, or just working around the house.

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



New eBooks @ Your Library

Permission to Screw Up is the story of how Kristen Hadeed built Student Maid, a cleaning company where people are happy, loyal, productive, and empowered, even while they're mopping floors and scrubbing toilets. It's the story of how she went from being an almost comically inept leader to a sought-after CEO who teaches others how to lead. *Permission to Screw Up* dismisses the idea that leaders and organizations should try to be perfect. It encourages people of all ages to go for it and learn to lead by acting, rather than waiting or thinking. Through a brutally honest and often hilarious account of her own struggles, Kristen encourages us to embrace our failures and proves that we'll be better leaders when we do.



When a black field hand disappears, a wealthy white boy he has befriended sets out to find him. But Pete McLean discovers more than he bargained for — including unexpected love and difficult truths about race and class in 1960s Alabama in *Missing Isaac* by Valerie Fraser Luesse.

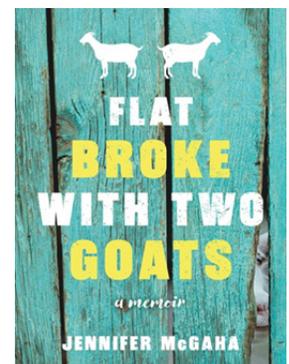
New York Times bestselling author Francine Rivers returns to her romance roots with *The Masterpiece*, an unexpected and redemptive love story, a probing tale that reminds us that mercy can shape even the most broken among us into an imperfect yet stunning masterpiece. A successful LA artist, Roman Velasco appears to have everything he could possibly want — money, women, fame. Only Grace Moore, his reluctant, newly hired personal assistant, knows how little he truly has. The demons of Roman's past seem to echo through the halls of his empty mansion and out across his breathtaking Topanga Canyon view. But Grace doesn't know how her boss secretly wrestles with those demons: by tagging buildings as the Bird, a notorious but unidentified graffiti artist — an alter ego that could destroy his career and land him in prison.

Like Roman, Grace is wrestling with ghosts and secrets of her own. After a disastrous marriage threw her life completely off course, she vowed never to let love steal her dreams again. But as she gets to know the enigmatic man behind the reputation, it's as if the jagged pieces of both of their pasts slowly begin to fit together ... until something so unexpected happens that it changes the course of their relationship —and both their lives — forever.

Debbie Macomber returns with *Any Dream Will Do*, a powerful standalone novel about a woman forced to start her life anew, embarking on the most courageous journey of all — to a place where she learns what love and trust really mean.

Newlyweds Alice and Jake are a picture-perfect couple. Alice, once a singer in a well-known rock band, is now a successful lawyer. Jake is a partner in an up-and-coming psychology practice. Their life together holds endless possibilities. After receiving an enticing wedding gift from one of Alice's prominent clients, they decide to join an exclusive and mysterious group known only as *The Pact*. The goal of *The Pact* seems simple: to keep marriages happy and intact. And most of its rules make sense. Always answer the phone when your spouse calls. Exchange thoughtful gifts monthly. Plan a trip together once per quarter. Never mention *The Pact* to anyone. Alice and Jake are initially seduced by the glamorous parties, the sense of community, their widening social circle of like-minded couples. And then one of them breaks the rules. The young lovers are about to discover that for adherents to *The Pact*, membership, like marriage, is for life. And *The Pact* will go to any lengths to enforce that rule. For Jake and Alice, the marriage of their dreams is about to become their worst nightmare in Michelle Richmond's *The Marriage Pact*.

Jennifer McGaha never expected to own a goat named Merle. Or to be setting Merle up on dates and naming his doeling Merlene. She didn't expect to be buying organic yogurt for her chickens. She never thought she would be pulling camouflage carpet off her ceiling or rescuing opossums from her barn and calling it "date night." Most importantly, Jennifer never thought she would only have \$4.57 in her bank account. When Jennifer discovered that she and her husband owed back taxes — a lot of back taxes — her world changed. Now desperate to save money, they foreclosed on their beloved suburban home and moved their family to a one-hundred-year-old cabin in a North Carolina holler. Soon enough, Jennifer's life began to more closely resemble her Appalachian ancestors than her upper-middle-class upbringing. But what started as a last-ditch effort to settle debts became a journey that revealed both the joys and challenges of living close to the land. Told with bold wit, unflinching honesty, and a firm foot in the traditions of Appalachia, *Flat Broke with Two Goats* blends stories of homesteading with the journey of two people rediscovering the true meaning of home.



The Joys of Travel Friends of The Library Travel!!

by Benjamin B. Little
Friends of the Library

The City tells us, “*Life’s Just Better Here!*”, why would you want to leave? It is fun to go to New England in the fall to enjoy the foliage and watch your brother try to fix the snow blower.

Thomas Swick is coming to the Wilton Manors Richard C. Sullivan Library to talk about Travel at the next Friends of the Library Lecture Series on April 12, 2018. Happy Half Hour starts at 6:30, and the lecture at 7:00.

Mr. Swick is a Travel Writer, not a guide book writer. If you want to see everything worth seeing in the Louvre in 90 minutes, Mr. Swick will probably not be very helpful.

He wants to understand where he is, not what the tourist attractions are. He has lived in London, France, Warsaw, and Greece. He taught English in both Warsaw and Greece. He generally travels alone so that he does not have to accommodate anyone else’s expectations. He does what he calls “Creative Hanging Out.” He meets locals who are just locals to get an understanding of the place.

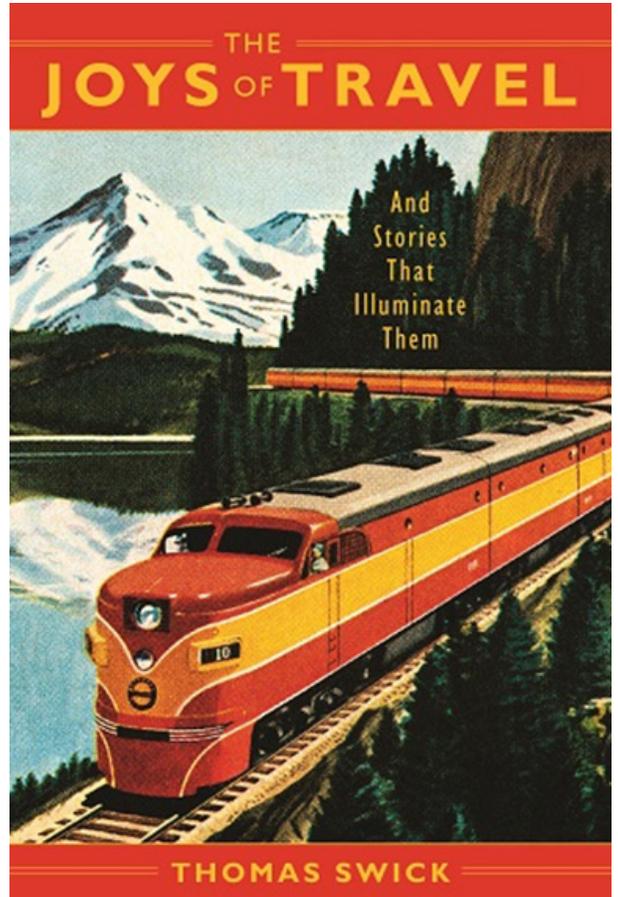
He has written three books and is published in eight anthologies. He has contributed articles to *The Smithsonian*, *The Columbia Journalism Review*, and *The Weekly Standard*, among many others. He lectures and teaches. He wrote for the *Sun-Sentinel* and is the recipient of many writing awards.

Of his latest book, *The Joys of Travel*, he says:

This book examines, through essays and stories, what I consider the seven fundamental pleasures of travel: anticipation, movement, break from routine, novelty, discovery, emotional connection, and heightened appreciation of home. It is part meditation on the meaning of travel, part memoir, and part advice book, giving tips to people on how they can make the most out of their own trips.

We are quite sure that if he took a trip down a river in the Everglades, he would completely tune out the guide pointing out yet another alligator and concentrate on the birds – Why are they that color? What do they eat? What noises do they make? Where do they live? Are they monogamous? Who are their enemies? What is their social life? Can I buy one lunch? The only question you can really ask about an alligator is, “Is it big enough for a bag for my wife and shoes for me?”

If you want more from your next trip than a picture of you and 29 other tourists standing in front of a pyramid on your FaceBook page, join us April 12th!





Life's Just Better Here

The City Manager and the City Commission

By Benjamin B. Little – Wilton Manors Historical Society

Wilton Manors is “The Island City,” and “Life’s Just Better Here!” Why? We are surrounded by the North and South forks of the Middle River, and we have a good PR firm. But, what is behind all this? We have about 12,000 residents, most of whom have either been here forever, or specifically chosen to live here. A much higher percentage of these folks are interested in their City than our neighboring cities. We have a very high quality professional staff. Our neighbors have bigger budgets for Leisure Services, but their staffs cannot compare. We have a tradition of volunteerism which goes back to before 1947. So, what are the mechanics that make all this a success?

We have a City Commission and a City Manager. The Commission makes the rules and policies, and the City Manager makes it happen. All City departments, except the City Attorney, report to the City Manager. This is not how we started off in 1947. In the beginning, we had five Councilmen who were each responsible for things like roads, water, and the police. They elected one of their members as President. We also had a Mayor, who was directly elected. He did not have a vote on the Council, but could veto their decisions. In 1960, J. Frank Starling stepped down as Mayor to the newly created position of Administrator responsible for the daily running of the City. He served until 1981.

This mostly worked until the late 1970’s. The “New Guard” started agitating about Councilmen hiring themselves as city employees and not attending to what they saw as priorities. The “Old Guard” organized to combat them. The results of the 1982 election put the majority of the Council under the control of “The New Guard,” but the Mayor, James Maurer, was “The Old Guard.” Meetings were loud and rude. One resident described them as “a three-ring circus.” J. Scott Miller, the City Manager of East Detroit, Michigan, was hired to be City Manager.

He was the first Administrator/City Manager to have professional credentials and brought a new professionalism to the City staff.

In March 1984, Bob DuBree, “New Guard”, was elected Mayor but the majority on the Council changed to “Old Guard.” More three ring circus. On the March 1984 ballot, there was a Charter change question which, among other things, would have shortened the term of the Mayor to two years and made him a member of the Council with no veto. It was defeated.

In November 1984, there were two Charter change questions on the ballot. They were not “This one or that one.” They were Yes/No on both. The Broward Supervisor of Elections was “confused.” “The Charter Amendment,” proposed by Donn Eisele, former Councilman, had the Mayor and Vice Mayor elected by the Council, with no veto. The “People’s Proposal,” proposed by the “New Guard” based on a scheme invented in Staunton, VA in 1906, had the Mayor elected by the people to a two year term, again, with no veto. It made the City Manager a powerful CEO. The “People’s Proposal” had 68% YES. The other had 45% YES.

Over time, our City Managers have been low key and kept themselves out of the newspaper. Miller left to be City Manager of Oakland Park. The conspiracy theorists had this as a prelude to Oakland Park annexing us. His successor was Dale Rieth. He served from March to December 1986 and could not have been a worse choice. He was very high profile and just didn’t get Wilton Manors. His interactions with Mayor Tracy Stafford are sad/funny, and give new appreciation to Tracy’s competence.

The Council became The Commission in 2004. Leigh Ann Henderson was appointed City Manager in 2014. Lisa Rabon ably served as acting/interim City Manager three times. Thanks to Joy Rossy, pillar of the Finance Department, and Patricia Staples, Deputy City Clerk for their help with this article.

Want to read more about the history of Wilton Manors?
Check out the Wilton Manors Historical Society’s website at:
www.wiltonmanorshistoricalsociety.org



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