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Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

July/August 2019



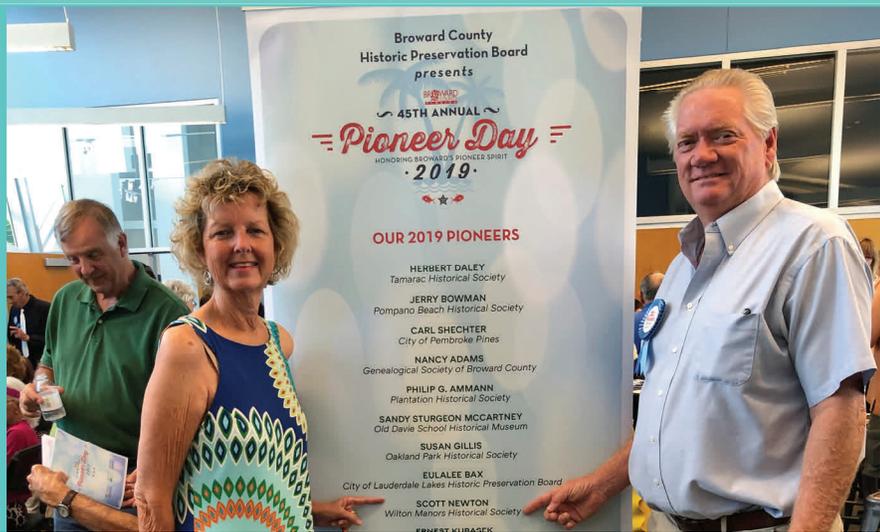
Summer Book Fair Inside Hagen Park Community Center
Saturday, July 13th—8 a.m.—2 p.m.



The Annual Tennis Tournament held at Hagen Park Tennis Courts in March was a “smashing” success! See the full story on page 23!

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Scott Newton (pictured with wife Cindy)
Wilton Manors 2019 Pioneer of the Year



CALENDAR Items

Wednesday, July 3 & Aug 7
 Congressman Deutch
 Community Outreach-1st
 Wednesday of each Month
 10:30 a.m.—12 p.m.
 City Hall

Thursday, July 11
 Woof & Wine
 5:30—7:30 p.m.
 Colohatchee Park

Saturday, July 13
 Friends of the Library
 Summer Book Fair
 8 a.m.—2 p.m.
 Hagen Community Center

Saturdays, July 20 & Aug 17
 Wilton Manors Art Walk
 6-9 p.m.—Wilton Drive

City Offices Closed:
 Thursday, July 4
 Independence Day
 Monday, Sept 2
 Labor Day

Wilton Manors City Officials

Mayor Justin S. Flippen • Vice Mayor Tom Green
 Commissioner Julie A. Carson • Commissioner Gary Resnick
 Commissioner Paul Rolli • 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.

CAAB 7pm	Charter 6:30pm	Historical Society 7pm	Pension 5:30pm	P&Z 7pm	Rec. Adv. 6:30pm	WDID 6:30pm
July Recess	Mon July 17	Summer Recess	Tues Sept 3	Mon July 8	Thurs Aug 15	Wed July 10
Wed Aug 7	Mon Aug 19	June to August	Meets Quarterly	Mon Aug 12	Meets Every 2 Months	Wed Aug 14
Wed Sept 4	Mon Sept 16	Thurs Sept 19		Mon Sept 9	Wed Sept 11	

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.

Census 2020 is coming.....!

**Find more info on page 19 inside
 and on the 2020census website:**

<http://www.broward.org/Census2020/Pages/default.aspx>

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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, July 18 Thursday, August 22 Recycling Day: Thursday

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

Tuesday, July 16 Tuesday, August 20 Recycling Day: Friday

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

Wednesday, July 17 Wednesday, August 21 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.



Please remember: Bulk trash pick-up for residences is once a month and condominium bulk trash pick-up is once per quarter. Please do not put any bulk trash out earlier than the weekend before your scheduled pick-up. Placing your bulk curbside early will result in it being picked up and charged against your water bill. You may see the complete schedule here:

<https://www.wiltonmanors.com/184/Bulk-Trash-Collection>

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT



In 2018, water quality testing by the City of Fort Lauderdale detected five contaminants in the drinking water, none of which are above the EPA accepted level for drinking water. Please go to: <http://www.wiltonmanors.com/DocumentCenter/View/470/Water-Quality-Report> to view the 2018 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report and learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. To speak with someone about the report, please call (954) 390-2190. If you would like a paper copy of the 2018 Annual Water Quality Report mailed to your billing address, please call (954) 390-2100.

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 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. any day of the week. Code Compliance is issuing citations for violations of the water usage schedule.

ODD street addresses:	Wednesdays & Saturdays	12:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and/or 4:00 p.m.-11:59 p.m.
EVEN street addresses:	Thursdays & Sundays	12:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and/or 4:00 p.m.-11:59 p.m.

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.

Message from the Mayor—Opportunities and Benefit of Public Participation



When I ran for office last year, one of the promises I made was to keep our city moving forward. To that end, I am pleased that the commission established our first ever and much needed Charter Review Committee, which is now chaired by Mr. Michael Rajner, with former Mayor Scott Newton serving as vice chair. This committee has the important task of reviewing and recommending updates to our city's primary governing document - our city charter. The Charter Review Committee meets the third Monday of each month. I strongly encourage all interested members of the public to attend their meetings, provide important input and feedback on this group's work, and share with them any suggestions you might have.

The public will also play a significant role in the future of our city owned property, particularly plans for possible repurposing and development of the city hall property, including the city hall parking lot. Should the property become a parking garage, a mixed use facility, a cultural or performing arts center, a hotel, or something else? Your input at upcoming workshops the city will hold will help us not miss out on opportunities to transform our public land to meet our public needs.

How we think about the future for our city, and the style and design of development, as well as tackling how best to attract the right kind of business investment to Wilton Manors is also something we will look at. Certain corridors (and let me be clear - NOT single family neighborhoods) are in serious need of more flexible and modern zoning, ideally with the right design guidelines in place first. We want to see beautiful, small town, smart growth take root in the Island City. This is why I am pleased to see the city commission express support at our recent goals and objectives workshop for a dedicated economic development point person whose sole focus would be to market the city to investors, businesses, and developers to reduce the number of empty storefronts and under-utilized parcels along our business and transit oriented corridors.

As we enter our budget season, staff and our budget review committee will be working hard to present a sound budget for the commission to consider. The continued fiscal health we enjoy depends on your continued input as the commission establishes the budget priorities in the coming months. Feel free to provide your input at budget committee meetings, city commission meetings, or directly with me and the other members of the commission. Proper stewardship of your tax dollars is something we all are committed to ensuring.

Finally, I am pleased to report that the city's independent CPA firm that audits how we manage your tax dollars has given us a clean bill of health the eight year in a row, with no audit findings.

We are at a crucial juncture in our city's growth, and how prepared we are to move forward and meet the needs of our future is dependent upon us all working together to create a stronger, better Wilton Manors.

I invite you to share your opinions with me on any matter you deem important. Please feel free to contact me by email at JFlippen@wiltonmanors.com or by phone at (954) 390-2123.

As we continue the course, I remain in your service,

Justin S. Flippen, J.D.
 "The People's Mayor"
 (954) 390-2123
JFlippen@wiltonmanors.com

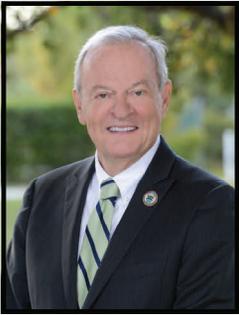


Looking to make a positive impact on your community?
Become an Advisory Board Member!

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 Tom Green—Summer Thoughts



It Could Happen Anywhere

We were all stunned last month to hear about the Virginia Beach shooting at a municipal complex, where a city employee killed eleven of his colleagues. What can we do to prevent such things? The truth is, there is no way to make any municipal facility completely safe.

Wilton Manors has taken every possible step to ensure the safety of its staff and visitors, including metal detectors at City Commission meetings, secure areas and special details. All employees have had active killer training. And, our security officials and police department have already taken steps to harden our buildings, and make our city employees, and the people that visit City Hall a bit safer.

Diego Finds a Forever Home

Officer Diego, a canine police officer, came to Wilton Manors in 2013. Working with his human colleagues, Diego has been responsible for drug seizures totaling more than half a million dollars. Diego loved his job, and it showed. Now that he is almost ten years old (that's 70 in dog years) it's time for Diego to retire. He's a lucky dog – he's going home with an officer with whom he has worked and played for several years, and enjoy retirement with his two legged family members as part of his new "beat."

It's That Time Again

I'm getting prepared for hurricane season, and I hope you are too. With the "silver tsunami" – the aging of our population – that we hear so much about, more and more people are choosing to age in place. That's a terrific option for many of us, but it also calls for careful planning. Are you prepared for a storm? Wiltonmanors.com has lots of good information and resources for residents of all ages. One resource in particular for older residents is the Special Needs and Vulnerable Population registry. If you register, the City will have your information and, while registering in the database is not a guarantee that you will be provided services or placed on a priority list for responders, it will help responders be better prepared to meet resident needs in a recovery. Check it out.

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

Commissioner Julie Carson—Diversity on Advisory Boards?



Volunteers provide Wilton Manors with valuable guidance that continues to shape the vibrant community we enjoy today.

A resident recently provided the following comments at a Commission Meeting:

"I thought when we got an all LGBT government, it would reflect the diversity of the community and provide a balanced perspective, enabling an inclusive approach to policy making and service delivery...."

She ended her remarks with a quote by MLK - "The time is always right to do what is right."

These comments made me question reasons for a recent decline in female Advisory Board applicants and appointees, resulting in Board compositions being mostly male and white. Equity and inclusion in municipal operations are imperative, and any systemic discrimination can hurt our future. Bringing together diverse perspectives and experiences increases the quality of municipal decisions. It is an established fact that "public sector leaders are expected to reflect societal characteristics" (Gazley, et al).

While diversity along lines of gender or race do not themselves necessarily improve community relations, there is stronger correlation when that diversity mirrors the composition of the constituency served. (paraphrase of Gazley). Equity matters, because when more individuals and groups are included and valued, a municipality benefits from the richness of different ways of living and understanding the world.

Census numbers reflect that 65% of Wilton Manors residents are male. Of our seven City Boards, 79% of those Board Members are male (41 of 52), and the majority of those men are white and gay. If we believe diverse municipal boards are more advantageous than more heterogeneous counterparts, how can we ensure that the diversity of our Island City is reflected in the composition of our Boards?

Iowa is the only state that requires gender equity in municipal boards and commissions. The law requires "all political subdivisions of the state" to be gender balanced in their appointments to municipal commissions, committees, boards and councils. Do we want an ordinance that requires gender equity in our Advisory Boards? What about racial equity?

In the meantime, I need your help in creating more diversity on our City Boards. Are you, or do you know someone who might be, willing to serve? Interested persons can check with the City Clerk and/or the website for Board information and application deadlines.

I welcome your input at JCarson@wiltonmanors.com or (954) 288-8174. Help ensure that our City Government is truly diverse as we continue to make Life Just Better Here!

Commissioner Gary Resnick-Florida Legislative Results 2019 Session



I am committed to working with county, state, and federal governments to ensure our concerns are addressed at all levels of government. As the Chair of Broward League of Cities Legislative Advocacy Committee, and member of Florida and National Leagues' legislative committees, I regularly work with state and federal officials to oppose legislation that would preempt our ability to do what is best for our residents and community.

This year, I spent time in Tallahassee advocating against a vacation rental bill that gave the City even less control than we already have, and to maintain our authority to control motorized scooters. Both efforts were successful. It's impossible to cover all bills, so below is a high level summary of bills that affect Wilton Manors.

Vacation Rentals (Failed) Cities are already preempted from prohibiting vacation rentals, but retain authority to require registrations, and enforce regulations so rentals do not create negative issues for neighbors. Cities were able to kill a Senate bill that would have preempted all local authority.

HB 987 Scooters (Passed) The Legislature passed, with only 1 vote in opposition, a bill that would create a regulatory framework to authorize motorized scooters and micromobility devices, and place them under the same road requirements as a bicycle (i.e. get them off sidewalks and into bike lanes.) The final language allows cities to retain full regulatory authority.

HB 453 Texting While Driving (Passed) The House voted 108-7 and Senate voted 33-5 to make texting while driving a primary offense.

SB 7030 Recycling + Plastic Straw Ban Moratorium (Passed, VETOED) The House voted 87-23 and Senate 24-15 voted to advance a bill from last year that requires cities to address contamination in their contracts with waste companies and processing facilities. The House amended the bill to include a moratorium on plastic straw ordinances until 2024. The governor vetoed the bill.

SB 1666 Firefighter Cancer Benefits After the House reversed course on a firefighter cancer benefit proposal under pressure from its membership, the public, and the CFO, the House and Senate both voted unanimously to pass the bill. Upon initial diagnosis of cancer, firefighters would be provided cancer treatment at no cost, and a one-time cash payout of \$25,000.

HB 95 Human Trafficking: The Legislature unanimously passed the human trafficking bill, which would establish a Direct Support Organization to foster private and community partnerships to provide resources to human trafficking victims. Law enforcement and cities supported the bill.

HB 851 Safe Medical Use of Marijuana Early in Session, the legislature rushed to adhere to the Governor's March 15th deadline to permit the use of smokable marijuana. The bill was quickly signed into law by Governor DeSantis (Chapter No. 19-001).

SB 1000 Communications Services AT&T and others in the cable and communications industry supported a bill to further preempt cities' control of their streets and sidewalks, regarding construction of communications facilities. The bill limits cities' ability to control the location of such facilities, limits fees cities can charge creating a taxpayer subsidy for such companies, specifies limited reasons to deny applications, and mandates that cities process applications within very short timeframes. The bill passed and is waiting for Governor action.

I appreciate your input on these and other issues affecting the City. I will continue to keep you informed as to state and federal issues that may affect us. As always, feel free to contact me at (954) 390-2123, or Gresnick@wiltonmanors.com and thank you for your continued support.

WATER CONSERVATION



Did you know that more than 50% of our potable water is used on our landscapes? By watering only during the "water windows" of 12 a.m. to 10 a.m. and/or 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. minimizes evaporation and waste during watering. Lawns only need watering once every three to five days in the summer and once every seven to fourteen days in the winter. A hearty rain can eliminate the need for watering for up to two weeks!

Raising your lawn mower blade to its highest setting encourages grass roots to grow deeper and grass blades to hold moisture longer than a closely clipped lawn. Apply fertilizers sparingly, and use fertilizers that contain slow-release, water-insoluble forms of nitrogen.

Commissioner Paul Rolli—Wilton Manors Moves Forward

Economic Development is something we are hearing a lot of and I would like to briefly talk about it here to start the conversation.

What is meant by economic development (ECD)? -- ECD means developing commercial, residential and/or mixed use buildings to increase our tax revenue base to maintain a good quality of life. The city's commercial corridors were developed decades ago and many of the aging, single-use buildings sit on valuable real estate, creating an opportunity for re-development. There will only be one chance for these properties to be redeveloped during this generation and we can allow that to happen piecemeal or the city can guide future growth to build a better community for the future. ECD is a plan for the highest and best use of our corridors. This might include smaller living units to attract residents that cannot afford the current high rents such as younger or older residents, more office space, possibly a hotel or a small performing arts center. New and redeveloped buildings are tax revenue generators.



Why do we need ECD? -- ECD supports residential services and sustains the local economy by attracting people for our local businesses. It is needed essentially for self-sustainability; to increase our property tax base to raise the revenue needed to run the city. Without additional revenue sources, an increase in property taxes will be needed to maintain the current level of service. An alternative would be to cut expenses by reducing services such as police, library and parks, and general city maintenance. Without generating additional revenue, we could also be looking at both increasing taxes and reducing services.

Where would ECD be? -- Development would be in appropriate parts of the city, such as in the major corridors, not in the middle of residential areas.

Does this mean the city needs to reconsider its development codes that limit density and height limits? -- Yes, although that does not mean 20-story-plus buildings and cranes will be dotting our skyline or lining our streets. Changing density and height are serious matters to be dealt with, balancing these needs against capacity of infrastructure such as: water/sewer systems, traffic, police and other infrastructure. Increasing density does not necessarily mean increasing heights and it does not have to be overwhelming. It is really about the shape and form of buildings and locations.

Targeted density with mixed use redevelopment will enhance Wilton Manors' urban village environment with vibrant, walkable districts that provide residential, retail, business, and entertainment uses within the same district.

When will it happen? -- Although it will happen over time, we need to get started sooner than later. We need to invest in our future and look for a return on our investment. We need to make **economic development a priority in our budget and strategic planning process**. Re-engineering our priorities may cause some other projects to be on hold temporarily.

This is a brief explanation of economic development. Without some development soon, we are in danger of our city falling backwards into disrepair and losing our wonderful quality of life. Stayed tuned to the city website for updates. I am always available to speak with residents in person, via phone (954) 595-8865 or by email at prolli@wiltonmanors.com.

The City of Wilton Manors Continues Ride Share Discounts for Uber and Lyft Customers And Wilton Drive Improvement District adds "Take Me To Lunch for Wilton Wednesdays!"



"Ditch your car and ride share!" The Wilton Drive Improvement District is encouraging daytime traffic on the Drive with Wilton Wednesdays! Get Uber & Lyft discounts codes to Wilton Drive every Wednesday from 10am - 4pm, with many businesses offering additional discounts.

With over 30 dining establishments, dozens of cuisines and hundreds of choices, Wilton Drive is a haven for food lovers - and all within a few blocks! For ride-sharing discounts and dining options go to <http://wiltondrive.org/wilton-wednesdays>.



To learn more about the City of Wilton Manors ride sharing program—including the continuing Friday/Saturday night Uber/Lyft discounts, visit:

<http://bit.ly/WMRideShare> or follow the City's [Facebook page](#).



Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association (CANA)

The Heart of Wilton Manors Beats Here ...

Just as the Brightline/FEC train horns stop, we learn of a new Federal Aviation Administration plan to concentrate the flight paths of planes for Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport into a narrower pathway of approach. The number of planes flying over Wilton Manors should increase when this plan takes effect in two years as arriving flights would travel west generally between Oakland Park and Sunrise Boulevards. FAA officials added that these flights would be at a higher altitude decreasing noise volumes for our city.

We will provide an update on this and many other matters at our July 24th meeting in comfortable Hagen Park Community Center 7p.m. We invite you to arrive a little early to enjoy cool refreshments and to have a chance to socialize with neighbors.

CANA Board of Directors Reaching Out for Membership – CANA provides a forum for residents of the Central Area of Wilton Manors to meet, discuss and solve issues that impact the well-being of the neighbors by serving as a communication channel for information between residents and the City Commission. You can contact any board member for information or to provide input. Your attendance at our meetings is invited and your input is desired. By joining CANA you strengthen our efforts to maintain and improve our quality of life.

CANA Meeting Dates through 2019 –

July 24th, and October 23. All meetings held at Hagen Park Community Center 7pm

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

Ray Carrier, President · Bill Desautels, Vice-President · Fred Caplan, Treasurer · Matthew Gill, Secretary · Brent White, Directors



WILTON MANORS EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

ENA's 2019 Visioning Workshop was held on Saturday, June 8th. All members of ENA were able to participate in this important workshop to look at how the East Neighborhood may be developed and improved over the coming 1, 5 and 10 years. In 2017, ENA hosted our second Neighborhood Visioning Workshop that created a forum for neighborhood residents to help decide upon the future of the City's East neighborhood. Ideas identified and presented to the City Manager included the updating of Colohatchee Park and improving safety at the NE 24th St./NE 15th Ave. intersection. Results/next steps of the workshop will be discussed at the next ENA Membership Meeting, Thursday August 8th, 7:00pm Independence Hall, NE 26th Street.

Contact us: wiltonmanorsena@gmail.com or visit us: www.wiltonmanors-ena.org

The ENA Board of Directors consists of: Martin Nixon (President), John Fiore (Vice President), Laura Carter (Treasurer), Randy Comer & Michael Pierce.



WESTSIDE ASSOCIATION OF WILTON MANORS—(WAWM)

GO WEST!

Members of the Westside Association participating in the annual Island City Canoe Race.

Hurricane Season is here- Be prepared!
Check out Broward County's Hurricane Preparedness Guide at:

<http://www.broward.org/Hurricane/Documents/HurricanePreparednessGuide.pdf>

Forgot to renew your membership, not to worry, just mail it to :

Mail \$25 check or pay online at WAWM.org

WAWM PO Box 100845

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33310



New to the Westside? 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 and 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.**
- *Aid government officials in the diligent pursuit of their duties & obligation to all people and businesses of WAWM**

For information on joining WAWM, please contact Sal Torre at salmtorre@gmail.com, or visit our website at wawm.org.



From the Desk of Chief O'Connell



National Night Out Against Crime: please mark your calendars and make plans to join the members of the Wilton Manors Police Department, along with your City Commissioners and other City officials who will be participating in the Annual Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, August 6th. For specific times and locations, please contact our C.P.O. Jennifer Bickhardt Graziose or our Crime Victim Advocate Alberto Carrillo at 954-390-2150 (perhaps you can host a neighborhood gathering?). Also, you can look to our website for the latest Night Out updates:

www.wmpd.org.

The Wilton Manors Police Department will help you organize the event to ensure you have everything you need. The whole concept of Night Out Against Crime is to:

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR – KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

In the meantime, **2018 UCR** numbers were released by FBI/FDLE. Once again, our City experienced a reduction in Part One crime! In 2015 we logged the lowest crime rate in over 20 years! In 2016 we went even lower! In 2017 we went even lower than 2016! This multi-year trend has been experienced state wide. You can see the UCR report by logging onto www.fdle.state.fl.us. The FDLE website reports on UCR date back to 2000 so you can read for yourself what we have experienced over the past 18 years. We must caution you against being too euphoric because crime trends do fluctuate. We can certainly celebrate 2018 and the low crime numbers, but we can never let down our guard!

In fact, we have recently seen a significant uptick in both vehicle and residential burglaries in Wilton Manors. It is critically important that each of us remain vigilant in watching our respective neighborhood and reporting to the police ANYTHING that looks suspicious or out of place. The Wilton Manors Police Department will respond!

This increase in vehicle and residential burglaries is not unique to Wilton Manors. All of Broward County has seen incidents of these crimes increase during the first half of 2019. WMPD continues to work the countywide task force “BAT- Team” (burglary apprehension team) in an effort to combat these types of crimes and the WMPD ACE Team focuses on current crime trends here in Wilton Manors. We know that approximately 60% of our crimes are committed by only 6% of our population. In other words, the majority of crimes are committed by a very small segment of our population (AKA “hard core” criminals).

Skimming Devices:

Fraud at the ATM has reached an all-time high this year. Skimming devices (or card reading devices) are illegally installed in ATM or gas pumps. The device “skims” the information from your card’s magnetic strip. In addition, a nearby recording device will take the PIN that you enter into the ATM or gas pump. Now the criminal has all the information he needs to access your account (\$\$).

What to do? Here are some defenses against skimming as suggested by the AARP Bulletin (June 2016): 1.) ATM withdrawal... it is best to go to your local bank. They are vigilant in maintaining the security of their respective ATMs on site. 2.) Inspect before using! Be aware of uneven card slots or non-matching colors. These may be signs of tampering. 3.) Hide it! When entering your PIN cover-up your hands so no one can view your PIN as you enter. 4.) Weekly (maybe daily) review of your account information. It may sound time-consuming, but the effort is worth it as you can minimize the damage done to your account by maintaining constant oversight.

The Wilton Manors Police Department is blessed to have a strong group of dedicated employees. We are a small Police Department, but we are dedicated to serving our community. It is my privilege to work side by side with all the members of this Department. I look forward to writing to you in the next Town Crier when we review our hurricane plans for September (the #1 month for hurricanes!) and our back to school plans for the fall of 2019. In the meantime, stay safe.

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

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

PORCH PIRATES



With rapid growth of the online shopping community we rely on our shipping carriers a lot more than we used to. We all look forward to coming home after a long day's work and seeing that brown package on the front door step. With the ever growing ecommerce market, the types of bad guys and the way they achieve their sinister goals change. We went from theft of cash to a world where we are concerned about our identities and credit cards being stolen. Now that retail stores are going out of business and their security measures are advancing, thieves appear to be turning to a type of theft dubbed "Porch Pirates".

These "pirates" follow your friendly neighborhood mail and parcel delivery people and wait to see packages dropped. These "pirates" will

wait for the delivery person to leave the house and run up and steal the package that was sitting on the door step. The "pirate" then returns to their vehicle and waits for the next package to be dropped off. Some of these "pirates" are even reported to be attempting, with no known success, to recruit the delivery drivers to give them the packages rather than having to deliver them. These "pirates" not only target packages, they target mail for fraud purposes.

Now that this article has brought some light to the darkness plaguing our communities, here are some suggestions to make sure your must haves make it to you. The first way to secure your deliveries is consider having your important packages delivered to a trusted person that you know will be home all day. This is easy to arrange and can usually be solved by a simple phone call. The second is to have your items shipped to a work address, if your employer allows personal items to be delivered. Another option is to have the item shipped to a holding box or some type of P.O. Box, Amazon has locker boxes located at some 7-Elevens.

This article is written with the intent to inform people of the growing trend of "porch pirates". There are numerous ways to secure your packages and the main thing is to think ahead and plan to have your packages secured prior to them arriving. As always see something, say something!

KEEPING SUMMER SAFE

We are in the midst of summer and there are potential hazards that may present themselves during this time of year. Pool maintenance and mosquito control can help prevent some of those hazards which are often worse during the summer months. While property maintenance should always be a priority in keeping up with Island City standards, the specific maintenance of pools helps reduce a significant risk to the health, safety and welfare of all our residents and visitors. Unsanitary pools and standing water can lead to the breeding of disease carrying mosquitoes which could increase the mosquito population throughout the City as well as the potential for the spreading of diseases. The visibility of the water in pools is also critical as there is a possibility for someone to have fallen in which may need rescue. Maintenance of pool safety barriers helps prevent children or other persons from gaining access to pools and decrease the chances of someone drowning.



Safety tips that can assist in the prevention of pool accidents include:

- Maintain required permanent safety barriers which have a minimum of four (4) feet in height and self-closing, self-latching gates surrounding pools
- Install an alarm for doors which lead to pool access
- Teach children to swim at an early age
- Never leave children unattended around pool area
- Teach CPR and life saving techniques to everyone in the household

The following are common places where water may accumulate and are attractive to mosquitoes:

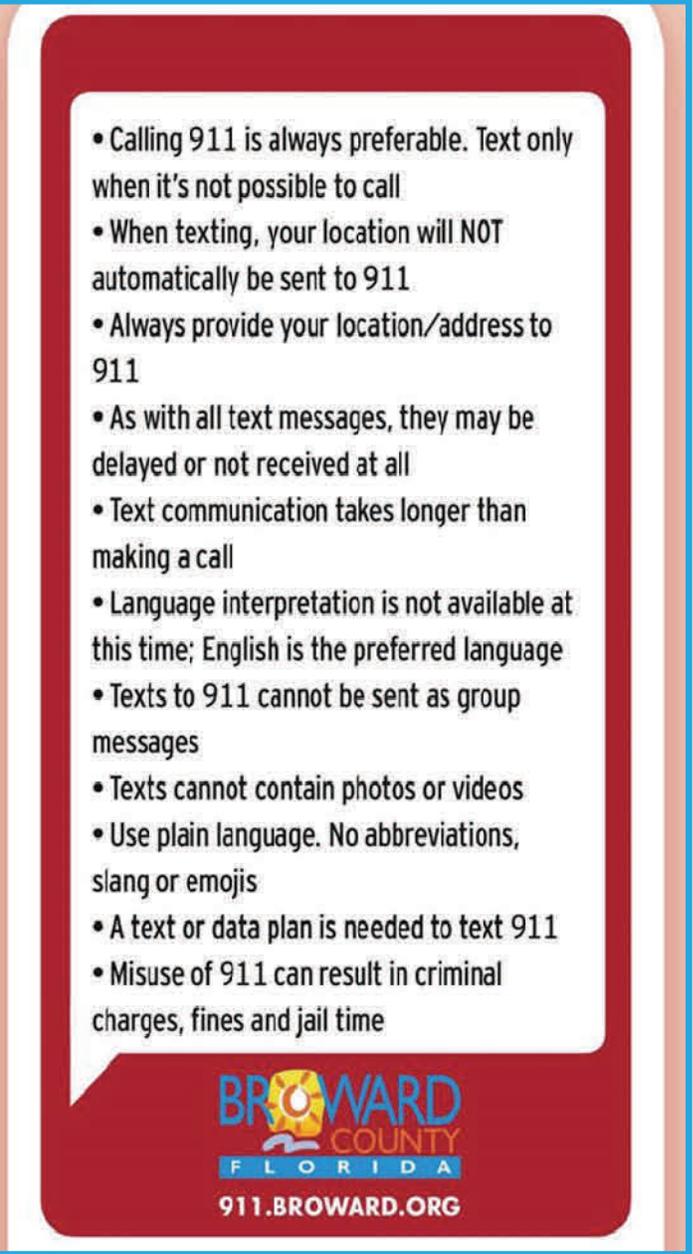
- Old tires
- Bottles and cans
- Pots and pans
- Gutters
- Garden equipment
- Swimming pools
- Flowerpots and saucers
- Tarps
- Buckets
- Children's toys

For additional information and to report any observed violations, please contact Wilton Manors Code Compliance at (954) 390-2151. For more safety tips, you can also visit the Broward County Drowning Prevention Task Force at www.watersmartbroward.org. For mosquito inquiries including mosquito spray requests, Broward County Mosquito Control may be contacted at (954) 765-4062.



Text to 9-1-1 provides a texting alternative to calling 9-1-1. The Wilton Manors Police Department would like to announce the “Text to 9-1-1” feature is now available through the Broward County Regional Communications. Calling 9-1-1 should always be your first option, and texting should only be done in the event calling 9-1-1 is impossible due to what is occurring.

For more tips and information, visit www.broward.org/911
For all Non-Emergencies call (954) 764-HELP(4357)



Stay current on **EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS** by signing up on the **CodeRED** notification system (<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFBC495B2FD0>) and by dialing your radio to AM1630 before, during and after a storm. Also **receive power outage alerts and updates directly from FPL** by setting your update alert preferences in your FPL account here: <https://www.fpl.com/landing/preferences.html>.



Life's Just Better Here

Hurricane Preparedness for Businesses

The workplace is the strength of any community. It provides a wide variety of specialized services to its clientele and an economic base for its employees. The commercial sector should prepare to protect its property against the hazards generated by a hurricane.

Planning

- Review property insurance with the company's insurance agent concerning the hazards of a hurricane. Make sure you understand what is not covered. Most policies don't cover flood damage. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) provides coverage to property owners. Go to the NFIP Website at floodsmart.gov. Consider business interruption insurance. It covers operating expenses, like utilities, and compensates you for the income lost after a temporary closure.
- Assemble insurance policies and financial records necessary to expedite quick settlement of claims; package in waterproof container.
- Make a complete inventory of your business and take pictures and/or video of your business inside and out to aid in insurance or tax credit claims after the storm.
- Determine and establish written hurricane protective procedures for the business property and its contents.
- Specify conditions under which hurricane protective procedures may be implemented.
- Appoint an individual and designate an alternate to implement hurricane protective procedures.
- Establish plans for the protection of computer files (e.g., a backup system to secure data and safe storage). Make multiple backups of critical computer data and store them off premise. Keep checks, purchase orders, financial records, and property and vehicle titles off premise as well.
- If appropriate, develop a system for the identification of employees (e.g., I.D. cards, vehicle permits, badges, etc.).
- Make arrangements to pay employees, preferably in cash, as it may be some time before banking institutions are operational.
- Inform key employees or essential staff of their specific responsibilities under the established hurricane procedures.
- If appropriate, establish an employee training program concerning your hurricane procedures.
- Determine and acquire emergency protective equipment and supplies (e.g., heavy plastic sheeting, duct tape, masking tape, sandbags, emergency generator (and fuel for it), storm shutters, chain saw, large pieces of plywood, hand tools and other essential items).
- Create a clear-cut hurricane policy for employees and post it in advance. If appropriate, inform all employees on when and how they will be notified to report back to work.
- Make sure employee emergency contact information is up to date, and that you have an employee communication plan in place, which includes a designated out of town phone number where employees can leave an "I'm okay" message in a disaster.

Before the Event, as the Storm Approaches

Building Exterior

- Check drains, gutters and downspouts on the roof of the building to ensure they are clear and able to drain off the heavy rain which usually accompanies a hurricane. Clogged roof drains could cause the roof to collapse from weight of accumulated water, or cause damage to the interior of the building if water on the roof becomes deep enough to cover vent pipes and run down inside the building.
- Strap, anchor or remove antennas or loose objects from the roof.
- Protect all vent hoods, exhaust louvers, etc., from wind and rain.
- Bring in display racks and other objects usually left outside. Secure all loose objects, such as trash cans and potted plants, which might cause damage during strong winds.
- Remove outdoor signs, especially those that swing or are portable.
- Secure storage of flammable liquid drums, or move them to a shelter area (but never into main facility areas).
- Anchor all portable buildings and equipment (e.g. trailers) to the ground.
- Dumpsters (and large trash containers) can be secured by lashing two or more together with rope or chains and chocking the wheels. They might also be secured to a tree or telephone pole, if available.
- If a building has exterior glass frontage, clear out that section of the building as much as possible and use shutters or board up to protect glass. Cover all glass windows and doors on at least the first floor of the building with shutters, paneling or other protective material, such as plywood or masonite.
- Secure first floor doorways against flood waters with sandbags or heavy plastic sheeting and duct tape.
- Service and test the building's emergency power generator under load to make sure it is operating.
- Fill the fuel tanks of generators, fire pumps and all company-owned vehicles.

Building Interior

- Clear all desk and table tops of small loose objects. Box or place in desk drawers or storage cabinets any loose papers, books, hanging plants, etc.
- Take down all loosely secured pictures, plaques, etc.

- Remove contents of lower file cabinet drawers on the ground floor of the building and secure contents elsewhere.
- Move important documents away from windows.
- Protect/relocate vital records including your insurance policies.
- Relocate files, boxes, computers, office machines and other equipment to the innermost portion of the building or a safer location. Do not leave boxes or equipment on the floor; elevate them by placing items on desk or table tops.
- Backup all data on servers and personal computers. If the backup site is within the area that may be affected by the storm, take backup tapes with you in an evacuation.
- Check the integrity of the uninterruptible power supply (UPS). Move the UPS to the highest level possible above the floor.
- Disconnect all electrical appliances and equipment such as computers, copiers, coffee makers, electric clocks, calculators, etc. (except for refrigeration), so they do not create excessive surge when electric power is restored.
- Unplug and wrap all electronics, including computers, in large plastic bags to protect against water damage. Store them off the floor, in locations that are high and dry.
- Cover merchandise, office machines, specialized equipment, file cabinets, copy machines, computer terminals, etc., with tarpaulins or plastic sheeting and secure with sturdy tape.
- If time permits, make an inventory of all moved items to ease unpacking after the storm.
- Close all windows and draw blinds or drapes.
- Check out all equipment, utilities, fire equipment and first aid materials. Repair and replace faulty items as necessary.
- Prepare a portable hurricane kit that you can take with you once you've secured your business. This could include copies of essential documents such as site maps, building plans, and insurance policies; a battery-powered radio; batteries; a hardline telephone; a laptop; camera; and anything else essential to keeping your business running.
- Turn off incoming gas and water. Turn off power, except for refrigeration, at the power box.
- Before leaving the property, re-check the securing of the outdoor objects.
- Lock all doors when you leave.

General

- Stay up-to-date on the storm's progress via radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards receiver.
- Allow your employees adequate time to secure their homes and make personal preparations.
- Review your Shelter-in-Place plan, making sure your Disaster Kit is fully stocked and fresh batteries and supplies are included.
- Alert a third party about your company's relocation plan in the event the storm makes your location inaccessible.
- Ensure that any employees who volunteer to stay on site have proper supplies and equipment (drinkable water, nonperishable food, medical kit, flashlights, walkie-talkies). If an official evacuation order is in place however, no employees should remain behind.
- Have cash on hand for post-windstorm needs, such as buying food and supplies, or paying employees and contractors.
- Ensure remote access to your company's website so updates about your availability can be made.

During the Event

- During the height of the storm, personnel should remain in a place that has been identified as safe from wind and flood.
- During a power failure, turn off electrical switches to prevent re-activation before necessary checks are completed.
- Constantly monitor any equipment that must remain online.
- When it is safe to do so, patrol the property and check for roof leaks, pipe breakage, fire or structural damage.

After the Event

- Secure the site and survey for damage and for safety hazards, such as live wires, leaking gas or flammable liquids, poisonous gases, and damage to foundations or underground piping.
- Before restoring service, check all utilities. If you have any question about the condition of your utilities, call the appropriate company.
- Do not turn on computer equipment if there are indications of low voltage power fluctuations, low air conditioning output, water under raised floor, broken windows or damaged equipment.
- Take pictures of your facility inside and out to aid in insurance or tax credit claims.
- Make temporary repairs as needed to prevent looting and/or any further damage. Cover broken windows and torn roof coverings immediately.
- Separate damaged goods, but beware of accumulating too much combustible debris inside a building.
- Clean roof drains and remove debris from roof to prevent drainage problems.
- If you own equipment that could be useful after the storm, notify local emergency management officials.
- The Broward County [Office of Economic and Small Business Development](http://www.broward.org/EconDev) (www.broward.org/EconDev) has established a network of disaster relief facilities identified as Business Recovery Centers, to provide information, services and access to financial assistance programs. Centers may become operational in a disaster recovery.

Mosquito Prevention

Summer is here again, and with it the rain and increased breeding of mosquitoes. Mosquitoes can affect health, safety, and the quality of life throughout our community and the best means to control them is to prevent breeding.

Mosquito eggs require water in order to hatch, so it is important to drain any water that has accumulated over a period of time. There are varying species of mosquitoes, and not all of them are capable of transmitting the same diseases. Different mosquitoes also prefer

certain places to breed; the species that is capable of carrying the Zika Virus for example, prefers to breed in dark places, and are capable of breeding in very small areas. The key to prevent breeding is to remove and/or clean standing water from properties. The following are common places where water may accumulate and are attractive to mosquitoes:

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



Mosquito larvacide tablets and dunks are available at some local hardware stores as well as Amazon.com. Clarke Natular Larvacide tablets are especially effective against Zika Virus mosquitoes, last up to sixty (60) days, and are also available on Amazon.com. Any concerns of standing water may be reported by contacting Code Compliance at (954) 390-2151. Additional tips to avoid bites and prevent mosquito breeding can be found on the City's website here:

<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/DocumentCenter/View/1942/Mosquito-Prevention-DOH-Broward?bidId=>. And did you know that you can request the county to come spray for mosquitoes?

Broward County Mosquito Control may be contacted at (954) 765-4062 or get more information and the service request form on Broward County's website here:

<http://www.broward.org/Mosquito/Pages/MosquitoServiceRequest.aspx>.



Mosquito Bite Protection in Florida

FloridaHealth.gov • Florida Department of Health

Upcoming Projects



The City of Wilton Manors will be re-surfacing all city-owned streets over the next 3-5 years, with the majority of funds coming from the Broward County 1% sales tax increase approved by voters for improvements in transportation. The project will kick-off this summer in the neighborhood north of NE 26 Street and east of NE 16 Avenue. In preparation, please be sure to trim your lawn and landscape away from the edge of roadways.

Two infrastructure improvement projects set to begin in the coming months will be replacing the water supply main pipelines along NE 6 Avenue (from Wilton Drive to E Oakland Park Blvd) and NE 26 Street (between Andrews Avenue and N Dixie Hwy). The lines will be replaced using a pipe-bursting method which reduces disruption to adjacent properties and traffic by trenching access pits every 500 feet, rather than continuous open trenches along the roadways.

The water main replacement on NE 26 Street is being scheduled ahead of the Complete Streets Project, set to begin this July, so as to avoid disrupting the finished corridor improvements.

If you would like to receive e-mail notices on these and other City events, visit the *Connect With Us* link at www.wiltonmanors.com to sign up for weekly e-news.

Recycling With Mack The Manatee

As our residents continue to participate in recycling efforts to create a greener community, it's very important to understand the Do's and Don't's of recycling. Please visit with Mack the Manatee online for the best tips and updates on how and what to recycle. Mack is hosted on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1By5VDISu2M&t=0s> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yphwGcWTdso>.



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.

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

Long-Term or Vacation Property Rental



Did you know that....? If you are renting property on either a long-term or vacation basis you must register your property with the City of Wilton Manors prior to having tenants? The City of Wilton Manors regulates both residential rentals and vacation rentals. Residential Rental applications and Vacation Rental applications can be found on the Community Development Services Department's webpage at:

(<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/133/Building-Permit-Applications>) or by visiting the Department on the second floor at City Hall. Prior to the issuance of a Residential Rental License or a Vacation Rental Certificate of Compliance, each residential property must be inspected and found in compliance with all City of Wilton Manors Code of Ordinances, and all applicable codes that provide for the safety, health and general welfare of the occupants of the property. Vacation Rentals are defined as "any unit or group of units in a condominium or cooperative or any individually or collectively owned residential property, house or dwelling unit that is rented to guests more than three times in a calendar year for periods of

less than thirty 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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (CDS)



Please join the City of Wilton Manors
in welcoming new businesses
that opened in April and May 2019.

Address

- 2312 Wilton Drive, Suite 12A
- 2701 North Andrews Avenue, Suite 1
- 2403 North Dixie Highway
- 2765 & 2771 North Dixie Highway
- 1201 NE 26 Street, Suite 109
- 800 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 204
- 1881 NE 26 Street, Suite 212
- 133 NE 24 Street
- 116 NE 24 Street
- 2647 North Andrews Avenue
- 2390 Wilton Drive
- 120 East Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 105

Business Name

- Amy Lee Ellowitz MSW
- Toussaint Unissex Barber Shop
- Autumn Markley Salon Studio
- Star Quick Lube
- Osteopathic Medical Arts Center of South Florida LLC
- Honest Computer Repair Plus LLC
- Sanchez Real Estate LLC
- Trees of Hope Org Inc.
- Harvest Preparation Ministries Inc.
- Massage and Spa Lakay Inc.
- Spencers Corner Bar
- Damon L Del Rossi Licensed Real Estate Broker

“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.

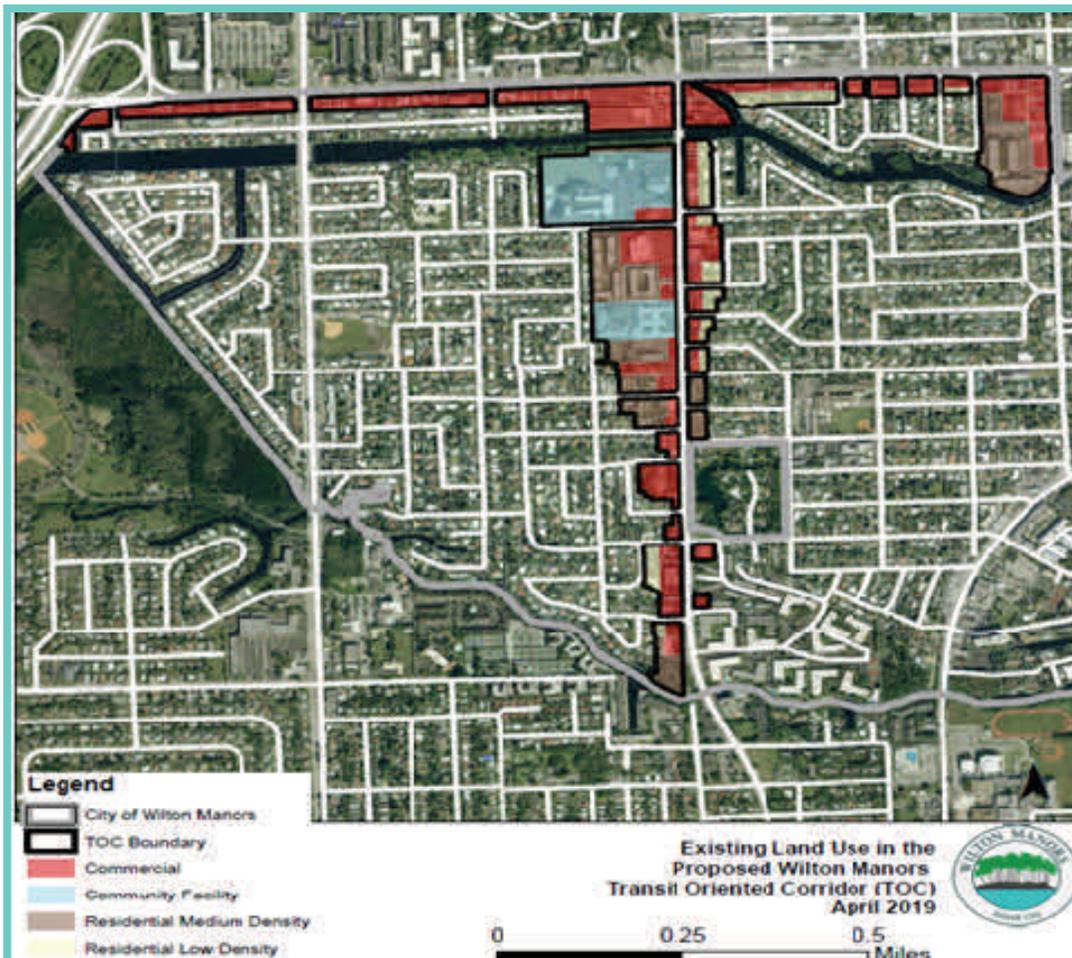
Please note that there is a maximum of five walk-through permits per day per customer.

Andrews Avenue/Oakland Park Boulevard Corridor Land Use Plan Amendment

The City of Wilton Manors has been actively 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, identified challenges and opportunities, and made recommendations for possible solutions and strategies.

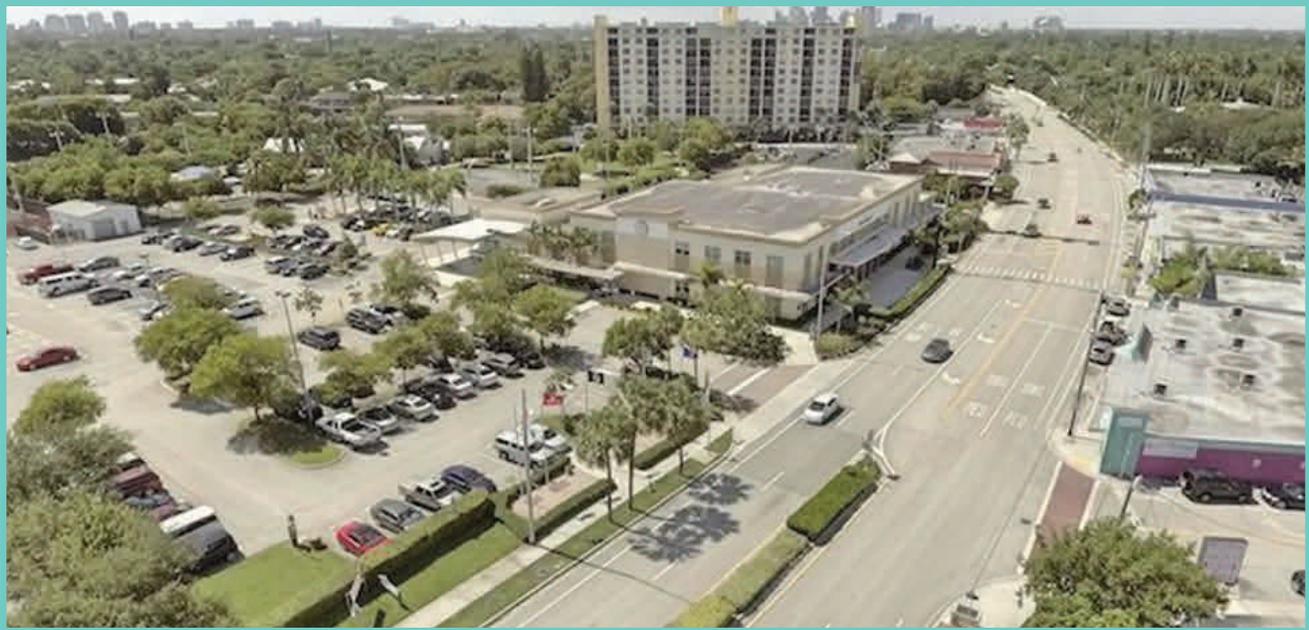
From the recommendations outlined in the Keith & Associates, Inc. Corridor Study, the City of Wilton Manors entered into a contract with The Mellgren Planning Group, Inc. to complete the Andrews Avenue / Oakland Park Boulevard Corridor Land Use Plan Amendment. The Land Use Plan Amendment will amend the land use designation to Transit Oriented Corridor. The Mellgren Planning Group completed their analysis for the Land Use Plan Amendment application and it was presented to the City Commission in June. The properties included in the application can be seen in the map below.



If you have any questions regarding the Andrews Avenue / Oakland Park Boulevard Transit Oriented Corridor Land Use Plan Amendment project, please contact either Roberta Moore, Community Development Services Director at rmoores@wiltonmanors.com or Jeff Katims, Managing Principal at The Mellgren Planning Group at Jeff@floridaplanning.net.

City Hall Property Master Site Plan Visioning

What do we want our future to be, here in the Island City? How do we sustain and grow our local economy? On May 21, 2019 the City Commission Chambers was full of interested residents, business owners and thought leaders to discuss the highest and best use of the City Hall property.



The City has contracted with the Treasure Coast Planning Council (TCPC) to assist in determining the community vision for the City Hall property. At the meeting, after a brief introduction by City Manager Leigh Ann Henderson, TCPC staff gave a thorough presentation on current market analysis and trends, to set the stage for public discussion. [The full presentation can be found here: http://www.wiltonmanors.com/DocumentCenter/View/5044/WM-City-Hall-Presentation---Workshop-Presentation---final-merged-V2](http://www.wiltonmanors.com/DocumentCenter/View/5044/WM-City-Hall-Presentation---Workshop-Presentation---final-merged-V2)

For generations, the public space bound by Wilton Drive, NE 21 Court and NE 20 Drive has provided for our community. A sizeable piece of the property came into public ownership through a generous donation of one of our pioneers, Alvar Hagen. The property has served as a hub of governance, public safety, and the home of our signature recreation facilities. As the redevelopment of Wilton Drive progresses, the City Hall property is a valuable and essential piece of the puzzle.

The City proposes to have a robust public discussion of whether the property should be redeveloped and if so, what the highest and best use for the property would be. As the steward of the property, the City wants to provide a future vision that ensures the maintenance of our small town sensibility, open space, leisure activities, and public gathering space as well as other potential commercial purposes of the property. At the same time, as an arts and entertainment district and transit oriented corridor, Wilton Drive is the focus of our urban village, and we want to closely examine the potential for uses other than municipal. Over the years, many proposals have been offered for this property, and going forward the City would like to shape any future proposals based on our own collective vision for its best use.

If you missed the meeting, no worries! You will have additional opportunities to weigh in. The next public workshop is scheduled for August 22nd. In the meantime, if you have ideas or feedback, feel free to email plandi@wiltonmanors.com.

Census 2020

IT'S COMING... America gets just one chance each decade to count its population, and data collected determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, and is used to distribute billions in federal funds to local communities. Broward County's Complete Count Committee, chaired by Commissioner Nan Rich, includes broad representation from our community and will raise awareness of the importance of Census 2020 and encourage participation. INTERESTED IN WORKING ON THE CENSUS TEAM? GET MORE INFORMATION AND APPLY ON-LINE HERE:

<https://2020census.gov/en/jobs/how-to-apply.html>.

Are you interested in how your future City may look? Get involved in the City's Urban Form and Density Study

What Is the Form and Density Study?

The City is embarking on a Form and Density Study that will look at the City's commercial and mixed-use areas to determine whether additional development and redevelopment could occur considering the existing limitations and thresholds that are in place. And most importantly, if the answer is yes, how could this development look and how could it be developed to be compatible with existing residential neighborhoods?

The City will work with consultant, Calvin, Giordano and Associates (CGA) to identify and review potential development areas where future development or redevelopment may be suitable. Through two community engagement meetings, CGA will help the community visualize what the form and design of future development could look like. Based on this community input, CGA will provide recommendations to the City Commission on where additional development would be appropriate as well as areas that may not be. The report will review the City's current regulations to determine if they allow for the community's desired future vision.

How Do You Get Involved?

Do you live, work, or do business in Wilton Manors? If so, we want to hear from you. The City is planning its first community engagement meeting in August, followed by two additional meetings in October. There will also be public meetings with the City Commission throughout this process. Once these meetings are scheduled, the City will advertise the meetings on its website as well as on its social media platforms. All the meetings will be open to the public and anyone with interest in this process are welcome to attend.

For more information on the Form and Density Report, please contact Silvia Vargas at svargas@cgasolutions.com.



LEISURE SERVICES (954) 390-2130

Message from Leisure Services Director, Patrick Cann



In the summertime we acclimate to the increased heat and humidity. It is also a time to appreciate the subtropical benefits of the green and flowering trees, unique wildlife and the cool opportunities ahead of us. Summing up May and June, the 28th Annual Canoe Race hosted 18 teams for the festive and fun men, women, and coed canoe race. The event was followed by the City’s 72nd Anniversary Celebration. This year was the 20th Annual Stonewall Summer Pride Parade and Street Festival held on Saturday, June 15th. This event has grown to attract 40,000 visitors, which brings \$10 million to Broward County. Wilton Manors Entertainment Group has been a consistent and reliable partner to facilitate this event.

I hope you will join me in celebrating the month of July, Parks and Recreation Month! There are festivities such as Woof and Wine at Colohatchee Park on July 11th, and the Friends of the Library Annual Book Fair on Saturday, July 13th at Hagen Park Community Center. It will also be a good time to check out our New Splash Pad at Mickel Park to cool off during the summer heat.

Mickel Park received a transformation yet again with a Brand New ball field that opens in July. It nearly completes \$2 million repurposing of Mickel Park, which went from 3,000 annual park visitors to more than 60,000. The added amenities offer something for everyone in this pet friendly park, with three shelters, walking trail, outdoor fitness zone, beach volleyball, recreation center, multipurpose field, Playground, Splash Pad, and now a state of the art ball field. Mickel Park has become the perfect location to plan your next party or Summer BBQ.

The Detailed Implementation Plan has been completed for Jaycee Park and will go through public scrutiny during Recreation Advisory Board meetings and City Commission meeting. We welcome your input regarding this project and any park or library activities, special events or projects. I look forward to seeing you this summer at one of our unique City facilities. To discover more about your park and library opportunities, please visit us online at wiltonmanors.com for more details. Also, please feel free to contact one of our Guest Services Leaders at (954) 390-2130. Thank you!

Woof & Wine—Thursday, July 11th at Colohatchee Park

Join us again for another Woof & Wine at the recently renovated Colohatchee Dog Park!

Dog owners are invited to enjoy the doggie play area with their furry friends while mingling with fellow dog owners and sampling wine and appetizers.

Thursday, July 11th 2019

Colohatchee Dog Park

1975 NE 15 Avenue

5:30p.m.-7:30p.m.



Kayak, Canoe or Stand Up Paddleboard Storage

Looking for a place to store your kayak, canoe or stand up paddleboard? The City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department is now renting outdoor storage space to City residents for non-motorized boats at Donn Eisele Park.

\$250/space per year.

Limited to two spaces per City of Wilton Manors household.

Permit holders will be required to provide their own lock and cable to secure their watercraft.

To register, please come by Hagen Park Community Center at 2020 Wilton Drive Wilton Manors.

For more information please call (954) 390-2130 or (954) 390-2115.



Leisure Services Department Presents...

(954) 390-2130

ISLAND CITY SUMMER CAMP 2019

The Wilton Manors Summer Camp is a 9 week fun filled camp located at Island City Park Preserve. During Summer Camp, your child will have the opportunity to visit local attractions such as the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Dave & Busters, Miami Seaquarium, Zoo Miami, Lion Country Safari, Jungle Island and many more. Field Trips are every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Special Events each Friday!

Lunches and afternoon snacks are included in the fees for each day.

Location: Island City Park Preserve Days: Monday – Friday
 Hours: 7:30am – 6:00pm Ages: Kindergarten – 8th Grade

For more information and a registration form, call (954) 390-2130 or (954) 390-2116.

	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Weekly Rate (1st Child)	\$120 per week	\$140 per week
Weekly Rate (2nd Child)	\$100 per week	\$120 per week
THREE WEEK SESSIONS		
Session #2	\$300 per session	\$360 per session
July 1st – July 19th		
Session #3	\$300 per session	\$360 per session
July 22nd – August 9th		
Registration Fee	1 Child: \$20	Family: \$30

Before Care

The City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department will be offering daily Before School Care starting August 14th, 2019 from 6:45am-7:45am at Wilton Manors Elementary School for Wilton Manors Elementary School students **ONLY**.

For more information and to register, call (954) 390-2130.

Location: Wilton Manors Elementary School
 Days: Monday – Friday
 Hours: 6:45am – 7:45am
 Fees: \$25 per week



After School

The Wilton Manors Before and After School Program, B.A.S.H. (Best After School Hours) is held at Wilton Manors Elementary School on days school is in regular session and early release days. Our Before & After School Program is licensed through the Broward County School Board, License #45455.

Our trained and certified year-round staff provides after school care from 2:30pm to 6:30pm. During early release days, after school care is provided from 12:00pm to 6:30pm. The After School Program offers student assistance with homework, as well as cultural programs, special events, indoor/outdoor games, arts & crafts, and more. Snacks are also provided during after school care.

School starts on Wednesday, August 14th, 2019

Registration for After School Program will begin July 15th, 2019.

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

Game, Set, Match and Championship!

Sunny days, hot weather, beautiful backdrops, and glorious forehands highlighted the Island City/Hagen Park Tennis Tournament held on the weekend of March 30-31, 2019, in Wilton Manors. Organized and assembled by Donna Kocyba, Hagen Park Tennis Director, and Robert Hofmann, USPTA Professional Tennis Instructor, the weekend saw the crowning of new champions in several divisions, including Men's A, B and C Singles and Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Women's Doubles.

Attended by scores of players and spectators alike, the festivities, including a luncheon sponsored by The Pub Wilton Manors, concluded on Sunday with trophies distributed to each division champion. Special thanks to all of the tournament's sponsors, including Gym Sports bar and Hunters Nightclub, who distributed much-needed complimentary drink coupons at the event, Stork's Bakery and Coffee House, Mind Your Manors restaurant, Georgie's Alibi Monkey Bar, Milk Money Bar and Kitchen, The Best Cellar wine store, and Tennis Plaza, each of which contributed gift cards as special prizes for the participants, putting smiles on the faces of even those that didn't walk away with a trophy to display proudly at home.

Additional sponsors included David Unbound (Davidunbound.com: personal training, fitness adventure/travel and life coaching), Scott Leatherman (State Farm Insurance agent at 611 NE 13th Street Fort Lauderdale), Realtor Anthony Kulp, CVS (located at Five Points, Wilton Manors), Publix Supermarket (at Five Points, Wilton Manors) and Waste Management of Fort Lauderdale, each of which donated, contributed or sponsored various benefits and perks to the players and spectators, including the trophies, complimentary t-shirts and muscle shirts, water bottles, and the necessary water, bananas and granola bars to keep the players moving and hydrated!

The organizers thank each and every one of the sponsors for their donations and for making the tournament a hugely successful endeavor! It couldn't be done without you! Please patronize these generous and worthy businesses.

We look forward to the next huge tennis event at Hagen Park! Stay tuned!



Thank you to everyone involved in the planning and production of Stonewall Pride 20/50! And thanks to all who joined us on the Drive!



THE LIBRARY CORNER

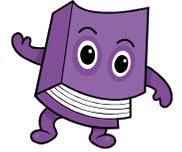
SUMMER READING CONTEST

Kids! It's that time again -- time for the Richard C. Sullivan Public Library Summer Reading Contest.

Read a new book over the summer. Fill out the information on the entry form. Then give the form to a staff member to sign and put in the fish bowl.

Repeat as often as you like. Reading more challenging books increases your chances.

Win a prize. Prizes will be awarded at the Ice Cream Party on August 7th. No worries -- you don't have to be present to collect your prize.



Did You Know?

Research suggests that three to four consecutive summers of high quality learning beginning in prekindergarten can get kids reading on grade level by third grade, making them four times more likely to graduate from high school.

Summer learning loss in the elementary school years alone accounts for at least half of the ninth-grade reading achievement gap.

High-quality summer learning programs have been shown to also improve school attachment, motivation, and relationships with adults and peers.

BOOKS FOR SUMMER READING

In Jacqueline Woodson's *Harbor Me*, a group of middle-school students come together under the direction of an inspiring teacher to share stories and appreciate their differences.

The big mooncake that Little Star baked with her mother in Grace Lin's *A Big Mooncake for Little Star* is so delicious! She's not supposed to eat any until her mother says so, but how can she resist?

Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed is a powerful story about a young Pakistani girl forced into indentured servitude.

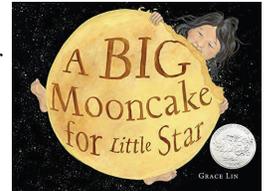
From swaddles to school buses, celebrate everyday cherished moments in the lives of growing children with *Littles: And How They Grow* by Kelly DiPucchio.

In *All Summer Long* by Hope Larson, Bina's expectations for summer are upended, leading to new experiences and self-discovery.

In *Charlie Hernández and the League of Shadows* by Ryan Calejo, Charlie is drawn into an ancient battle between good and evil when figures from the Latino myths his abuela told him suddenly appear in the real world — and his body begins to grow horns and feathers!

Tiger and her monster gather their courage to fend off a fearsome nightmare in *Tiger vs. Nightmare*, a lushly illustrated graphic novel by Emily Tetri.

In Meg Medina's *Merci Suárez Changes Gears*, sixth-grader Merci faces challenges as a scholarship student at her fancy private school, while at home, her beloved grandfather has begun to act strangely. Can Merci navigate all these changes?



SUMMER PROGRAMS @ THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, July 10th, at 4 p.m.

Magic Workshop with Michael Winters

For ages 9 and up. Registration required.

Wild Animal World Wildlife Show

Wednesday, July 17th at 4:00 p.m.

Sculpture by Sylvie

Wednesday, July 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Ages 9 to 12. Space is very limited. One child per family.

Please visit the library to register.

Held at Sculpture by Sylvie Studio, 2420 N. Dixie Highway

Bowling at Manor Lanes

Wednesday, July 31st at 4:00 p.m.

Ages 6 to 16. Space is limited.

Please visit the library to register.

Ice Cream Party with Balloon Twister

Wednesday, August 7th at 4:00 p.m.

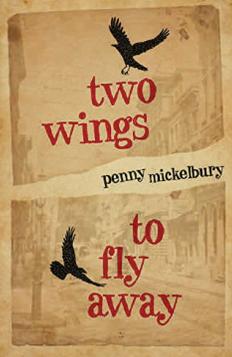
Summer Reading Prizes awarded!





New Books @ Your Library

A propulsive, chilling novel exploring the dangerous fault lines of female friendships, *Necessary People* by Anna Pitoniak deftly plumbs the limits of ambition, loyalty, and love.

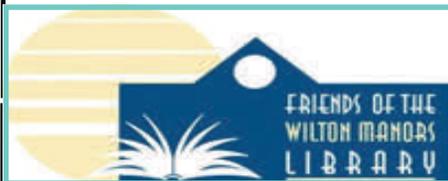
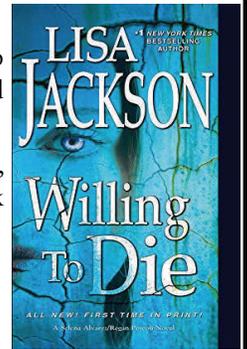


In 1856 Philadelphia, runaway slave Genie Oliver uses her dress shop as a front for her work with the Underground Railroad; and reluctant heiress Abby Read runs a rooming house not just because she hates the life of the idle rich society woman, but because she has no intention of ever marrying a man. When the daughter of Abby's free black servant is grabbed by rogue slave catchers, an unlikely group of people come together, first out of necessity, and then, gradually, in friendship. And in the case of Abby and Genie, something much more in Penny Mickelbury's *Two Wings to Fly Away*.

Renowned thriller writer David Hagberg continues his New York Times bestselling Kirk McGarvey series with a riveting origin story for the CIA assassin in *First Kill*.

Drawing on her decades of experience, Farah Pandith unweaves the tangled web of extremism and demonstrates how government officials, tech CEOs, and concerned citizens alike can do their part to defeat it in *How We Win*.

In *Willing to Die*, Alvarez and Pescoli investigate the murders of Doctor Paul Latham and his wife, Brindel, found dead in separate beds in their beautiful San Francisco home by #1 New York Times best-selling author Lisa Jackson.



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. Membership applications are available at the Library and on the Friends' web site: www.FriendsoftheWiltonManorsLibrary.org.

SUMMER BOOK FAIR

The Friends will again hold their Summer Book Fair inside the Hagen Park Community Center, at 2020 Wilton Drive, on Saturday, July 13th, from 8 am to 2 pm. The Book Fair will make available more than 4,000 used books, music CDs, and DVD videos for adults and children in exchange for a small donation. Top sellers include best seller fiction, cookbooks, historical, travel, gardening, and art publications. All donations benefit the Wilton Manors Library. The Friends will also take your donations of books, audio and video materials at the Book Fair, or you may drop them off at the Library, located at 500 NE 26th Street.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Library is looking for people interested in volunteering. We need individuals to assist in monitoring our public access computers; signing people up, taking reservations, and helping people with questions concerning different programs on the Internet. If you are interested in this position, or want to volunteer in any capacity, call us at: (954) 390-2195.

Make a difference @ your library.

AUDIO AND VIDEO OFFERINGS

The Library has an extensive collection of books-on-CD. These are great for commuters, travelers, or to listen to while working around the house. In addition to our recorded books, we also have DVDs. We have not only new releases, but classics as well. Funding for the Library's extensive DVD and audio book collections is provided by the Friends of the Wilton Manors Library.

Community Affairs Advisory Board



The City of Wilton Manors Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB) reviewed the nominations received for their fourth annual “Skip Stadnik Community Spirit Awards” with honorees recognized at the City’s Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Saturday, April 27th.

Meghan Pearson was recognized as the Individual Volunteer of the Year (for her 2018 volunteerism). Nomination for Meghan Pearson cited Meghan’s many contributions to the community including her being a founding member of the City’s Environmental And Sustainability Volunteer Group, efforts with the annual Tree Giveaway program, Nature-In-Art Contest, Recycled Materials Contest, and BOTH public art groups: Wilton Art and the Island City Art Advisory Committee.

CAAB additionally selected Paul Kuta as the first ever recipient of the new “Skip Stadnik Community Spirit Lifetime Achievement in Volunteerism” award. Nominations for Paul Kuta cited Paul’s extensive volunteerism including service on the Wilton Manors Historical Society, Friends of the Library, the Budget Review Committee and the Veterans Advisory Committee – for someone who is “retired”, Paul is one of the busiest and hardest working residents in our community!

The Poverello Center in Wilton Manors was recognized as the volunteer non-profit organization of the year, noting Poverello’s many contributions within our community for nearly 3 decades! Poverello has been providing food, nutrition and wellness services to those living with HIV/AIDS in Wilton Manors and Broward County and their popular thrift store is a focal point for services and shopping in our central neighborhood. Accepting the City Proclamation were Poverello staff members Jose Castillo and Tania Taveras.

The RE/MAX Experience office in Wilton Manors was recognized as the volunteer (for profit) business of the year. RE/MAX owners Jason Johnson and Chris Krzemien lead by example in giving back to the community where they serve. While the owners sponsor numerous community events virtually every real estate agent at RE/MAX Experience is generous with their time and money supporting Wilton Manors Elementary School programs, the Pride Center at Equality Park, a gay softball team, and Kids in Distress. Owners Jason and Chris accepted their City Proclamation.

For their contributions in 2018, Saturday, April 27, 2019 was proclaimed “Meghan Pearson, Paul Kuta, Poverello Center and RE/MAX Experience Day” in the City of Wilton Manors.



Pictured left to right: Paul Kuta, Vice Mayor Tom Green, Commissioner Julie Carson, Tania Taveras & Jose Castillo with Poverello, Jason Johnson & Chris Krzemien with RE/MAX Experience, Commissioner Paul Rolli, Meghan Pearson, Commissioner Gary Resnick.

Charter Review Board

The City has appointed a Charter Review Board to study the Charter and make recommendations in an advisory capacity to the City Commission for changes, additions, or deletions. The members of the Board are:

- Michael Rajner, Chair
- Scott Newton, Vice-Chair
- Doug Blevins
- Christopher Ryan
- Sal Torre

The Board held its organizational meeting on May 20th and will continue to meet in the City Commission Chambers on the third Monday of each month at 6:30p.m. Residents and other stakeholders are invited to attend and share any comments. The public may also provide public comments, concerns, or proposals by email to:

CharterReview@wiltonmanors.com. The agendas, minutes, and videos of the meetings will be posted on the City website and may be found by typing “Charter Review Board” in the search box at www.wiltonmanors.com.

All meetings are live-streamed and accessible on the City’s website.



Charter Review Board – Some Perspective

By Benjamin B. Little
Wilton Manors Historical Society

The City Commission has appointed a Charter Review Board. This is not the first one in Wilton Manors’ history, but promises to produce a more boring outcome than what the City experienced in the early 1980’s. The members of the new Charter Review Board all seem to be intelligent, focused, and have, calmly, the best interests of the City in mind.

What is the City Charter? It is the legal document which governs how the City is run, who does what, and the powers of the City Commission. In 1947, when Wilton Manors became a Village,” we had a Charter. In 1953, we became a “City,” with a Charter. The City’s Charter absorbed everything in the Village’s Charter, including assets, liabilities, and elected and appointed officials. Over time Broward County and State of Florida laws have altered some of the provisions of the Charter.

One of the key provisions of the original Charter was that we had a City Council – five people elected, at large, to be the Council. They elected a President and Vice President. There was also a Mayor, elected by the people, who did not have a vote on the Council, but who could veto their decisions. This could get ugly.

Festering since 1978 was the appointment of a Charter Review Board to review the City Charter. The Council agreed to appoint one in September 1978 but did not do so until January 1982. A resident observed that recent Council meetings had come to resemble a “three-ring circus.” Wilton Manors had the “Old Guard” and the “New Guard,” smart aggressive opponents vying for a seat, or serving on the Council. Surprisingly, the New Guard took control of the Council and fired the City Manager, among others.

The years 1982 and 1983 were rocky, with letters to the editor of the Fort Lauderdale News complaining about rudeness at public meetings. It got worse.

Wilton Manors wound up with a Charter Change Proposal on the March 1984 ballot, which had the Mayor selected from the Council Members, with no veto power. In a vote of residents, the proposal failed. Then, we had the “People’s Proposal,” which had the Mayor elected by the people to a two year term, with no veto power. Both proposals were put on the November ballot, not as select one proposal over the other, but as “Yes/No” on both. The Broward County Supervisor of Elections freaked. The “People’s Proposal” won, putting the separately elected Mayor on the Council with a vote and no veto.

Both proposals invested significant and specific power in the City Manager, and “he” would effectively be the Chief Executive Officer.

The new Charter Review Board will bring us into the 21st Century, at least in terms of gender reference and hopefully other provisions.

Please visit the Historical Society Web Site (www.WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org) for more information on the Mayor, the Commission, and the City Administrator.

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