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Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

September/October 2019



HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR-family fun!
October 17th—6:30p.m. at Wilton Manors Elementary School



And WICKED MANORS on Wilton Drive
Thursday, October 31st



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CALENDAR Items

Wednesday, Sept 4 & Oct 2
 Congressman Deutch
 Community Outreach-1st
 Wednesday of each Month
 10:30 a.m.—12 p.m.
 City Hall

Thursday, Oct 10
 Woof & Wine
 5:30—7:30 p.m.
 Colohatchee Park

Thursday, October 17
 Halloween
 Spooktacular
 6:30 p.m.—9 p.m.

WM Elementary School

Saturdays, Sept 21 & Oct 19
 Wilton Manors Art Walk
 6-9 p.m.—Wilton Drive

Wicked Manors
 Thursday, October 31
 Wilton Drive

City Offices Closed:
 Monday, Sept 2-Labor Day
 Monday, Oct 14-Columbus
 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
Wed Sept 4	Mon Sept 16	Thurs Sept 19	Tues Sept 3	Mon Sept 9	Thurs Oct 17	Wed Sept 11
Wed Oct 2	Mon Oct 21	Thurs Oct 17	Meets Quarterly	Mon Oct 21	Meets Every	Wed Oct 9
Wed Nov 6	Mon Nov 18	Thurs Nov 21		Mon Nov 18	2 Months	Wed Nov 13

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 15 inside
 and on the 2020census website:

<https://www.wiltonmanors.com/696/Census-2020>

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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, Sept 19 Thursday, Oct 17 Recycling Day: Thursday

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

Tuesday, Sept 17 Tuesday, Oct 15 Recycling Day: Friday

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

Wednesday, Sept 18 Wednesday, Oct 16 Recycling Day: Wednesday



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



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—So What's the Flippen Fiscal and Future Focus?



I'm glad you asked. There are so many exciting things going on in your Island City! The budget process is in the home stretch, and the city commission will be approving the 2019-2020 Wilton Manors budget and millage rate on Monday, September 23rd.

Keeping promises and delivering on both a campaign commitment when I ran for mayor and a forward-thinking focus for our future, my goal for our city's budget includes two things. First, the city commission has unanimously voted that the millage tax rate will NOT be raised. Second, the budget needs to direct available resources toward the careful redevelopment of our aging commercial inventory. An important and strategic way to maintain the city's level of services while keeping tax rates low is to expand the ad valorem base.

We will continue to ramp up our economic development efforts. The road map for this path is the Wilton Manors Economic Development Strategic Plan (available at wiltonmanors.com) and begins with the revitalization of Wilton Drive. With the roadway work almost complete, phase two of that project should be underway shortly and will include installation of an irrigation system and finally, trees! Next up will be the finalization of the Train Station Area Master Plan. Once that Concept Plan has been approved by the city commission, we will turn our attention to considering changes in density ONLY in specific transit oriented corridors while maintaining my commitment to protecting our single family home neighborhoods. This process will be completed through the Urban Form and Density Study, currently underway and expected to be complete in late October or early November.

On a parallel path, we are moving toward consideration of the optimal and best use of the City Hall property. I strongly believe that the city commission needs a well-crafted plan for this signature space, and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council is working to help us cultivate just that. In this way, should we decide we want to seek a recreation of the space, we will do so by providing developers with our own vision, created through outreach and consensus. The same philosophy will be applied in the coming year to the Andrews Avenue/Oakland Park Boulevard transit oriented corridor. While this area is a little behind the other two projects in terms of process, I am committed to progress in the coming year.

Every one of these projects offer multiple opportunities for public input, and we need yours. Please attend the workshops and hearings, and let us know your thoughts then or thereafter. Doing so will definitely make for a better end result and will also help the city commission reach consensus on key decisions.

Well planned growth, focused economic expansion, and continued operational excellence of your city are the keys to success in the coming year (and beyond) and are priorities I am proud to champion on your behalf. As always, please feel free to contact me on any issue you deem important to our city at (954) 390-2123 or JFlippen@wiltonmanors.com.

In your service,

Justin S. Flippen, J.D.

"The *People's* Mayor"

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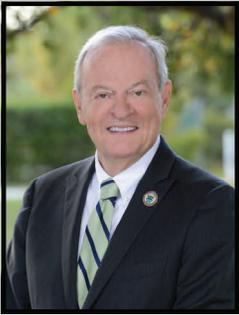
Looking to make a positive impact on your community?

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—More Green News for Wilton Manors



We are about to enter phase two of the transformation of Wilton Drive – the landscaping. It's what we have been waiting for!

The funding from the Florida Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Planning Organization was only \$3.3 million for both the Wilton Manors and the Ft Lauderdale sections of State Rd 811 from Five Points to Sunrise Blvd. Obviously the Wilton Drive section received the vast majority of the funding. But the funding was restricted to construction only and did not contain any money for landscaping. The city has had to find additional sources of money for that. The city has spent \$30,000 thus far on the landscaping design and has committed \$100,000 in the 2019-2020 budget for landscaping and irrigation. Broward County has contributed about \$40,000 for the Drive. Nothing from the state for landscaping.

The Wilton Drive Improvement District, chaired by Tony LoGrande, has also committed to cost sharing with the city for several years for landscaping and beautification phase of the Wilton Drive project. The WDID Board has also contributed valuable time and information in this endeavor. The WDID was instrumental in convincing the FDOT to allow for larger tree species on the Drive. This will give us the shade and beauty we need in South Florida.

Special thanks to FDOT's District Landscape Architect, Bann Williams, for meeting with me and city staff to discuss the rules and regulations that are required for the Drive (the road belongs to the state). At that meeting, the Wilton Drive Design Project Manager, Humberto Arrieta, was very helpful in further explaining some of the state regulations that have had an impact on landscape design for the Drive. Mr. Williams pointed out there are not absolute rules for the placement of each tree but their placement must be considered "appropriate for the location" on a state road.

Now that the road construction and street resurfacing is about finished, the city will issue a contract for the landscaping work. Unfortunately, the irrigation must also be included in this contract. It is very expensive. Wilton Manors is a small city and cannot quickly fund large projects. It has to be done in phases. After the irrigation is complete, we hope to install several "wow" trees but much of the landscaping will have to "grow in" and mature. I have been working for the success of this project since I helped find the funding from the MPO. I can't wait for it's completion. And there will be an official ribbon cutting in the near future when some of the landscaping has been completed.

Just a few words about the efforts of Wilton Manors to reduce the use of single-use plastics in our city. I believe the commission will soon pass an ordinance(s) to reduce the use of plastic straws in WM. And we will join other cities to urge the Florida Legislature to overturn their state preemption that prevents cities in Florida from banning the use of single use plastic bags. But more on this next time!

As always, please contact me with your comments and ideas at (954) 290-0561 or by email at tgreenwm@gmail.com.

Commissioner Julie Carson—*Love My City*—Care for the Elderly



National League of Cities President, Karen Freeman-Wilson launched a *Love My City* initiative which encourages local leaders to "engender love between residents and the communities where they live." The initiative's aim is to humanize local leaders as accessible people who care about residents.

To this end, I regularly visit elderly residents. I scoop litter boxes, remove old carpet, mop floors, take out garbage, and do other tasks to help. I believe these acts of kindness can bridge a chasm between government isolation and human possibility. In one faith tradition, older age is considered both a virtue and a blessing. "Old" is synonymous with "wise", and we are to respect all elderly, regardless of their scholarship or piety.

On July 26, 2019, friend and elderly resident of the City, Martha Ross, passed away. Martha had lived in the City for more than four decades. I often stopped by her house on my walk to the Drive to chat. On several occasions, I had to intervene in a *predicament* in which Miss Martha was a part. In Southern terms, she was always good at getting herself in a pickle! Nonetheless, the City was her refuge, and she unfailingly trusted its safe embrace. During the last year of her life, Martha's caregivers delivered live-in, family-centered attention so she could spend her final days at home.

Nearly a quarter of City residents are 60 years old and over. These residents are a precious community resource—pioneers—who have contributed to the fabric of our present-day City. Let's not forget them!

From a policy standpoint, the City is taking steps to make our Community more attractive to the elderly. We are an AARP Age-Friendly City and we are increasing crosswalk times, making the City more accessible; increasing the number of sidewalk cutaways so it is easier for wheelchair navigation; improving signage by using larger font sizes; and encouraging single story residences and affordable housing.

I *Love my City* and if you do too, please let me know how I can make *Life Just Better Here* by contacting me at (954) 288-8174 or at jcarsonwmfl@gmail.com.

Commissioner Gary Resnick-City Wins Gun Litigation



Florida as well as the rest of the Country has experienced tremendous gun violence. Florida also has one of the most preemptive statutes in the Country, which not only prohibits cities and counties from regulating guns and ammunition, but it actually penalizes city officials if they even attempt to regulate guns and ammunition in their jurisdictions. Under Florida Statutes, if a city official voted to regulate guns/ammunition, the official can be personally fined \$5,000, could be removed by the Governor, can be subject to civil liability up to \$100,000, and the City and City Attorney could not defend the official in any court actions.

While I was Mayor, I became a plaintiff, along with the City of Wilton Manors in litigation challenging this Florida penalty statute. Our case was filed by a New York law firm, which is being compensated by a non-profit organization called Everytown for Gun Safety, which is funded by Michael Bloomberg and private donations. Others in our case include certain City officials and Cities of Coral Springs, Coconut Creek and Pembroke Pines. Everytown and the New York law firm limited the cities they would represent on a pro-bono basis. Our case thus, did not cost our taxpayers any money. Another case was filed by numerous other cities and officials throughout the state and was handled by a local law firm for a fee. Broward County also filed a case challenging this statute.

On July 26, 2019, the Judge issued his decision. The Court found that the Florida Statute that penalized local officials who attempted to regulate guns/ammunition was unconstitutional. The Court found that these provisions of the Statute conflicted with various Constitutional provisions dealing with removing elected officials, and our immunity from penalties as a result of our votes on legislation, and struck the penalty provisions from the Statute.

Unfortunately, this fight is not over. The State already appealed the Judge's decision.

The bottom line is that guns remain readily accessible in Florida, including the types of assault rifles used in the violent murders in Parkland and Pulse, Las Vegas, El Paso and Dayton. Why anyone in America needs a military weapon defies reason. Gun violence costs taxpayers across the country including in our city, billions of dollars for added security to attend public events and for public buildings. We are all paying for this. Of course, the loss of lives cannot be measured by dollars. Until our leaders at the state and federal levels undertake responsible actions to deter gun violence, and ban military weapons, public accommodations cannot be safe.

As always, feel free to contact me at Gresnick@wiltonmanors.com or (954) 390-2123 if you have any comments or questions on this or any city issue. Thanks for your continued support!

Commissioner Paul Rolli—Talking Tax

I want to thank all the residents that held National Night Out events this year and thank all those who participated. It provides a wonderful opportunity for neighbors to meet neighbors, members of the police department and some city officials.

It's that time of year again when the City formulates its budget for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2019. A major part of our revenue is from real property taxes. We have been fortunate over the last 5 plus years because our property values have increased. Thus, our property tax revenue and overall City budget increased similarly.

The initial proposed budget for next year includes an increase in the real property tax rate and an increase in the total budget. In the future, it is unlikely that our property values will continue to rise at such a swift pace, thus the related revenue will decrease.

It is time to take a hard look at our current spending habits and the future needs of our residents to ensure we continue to sustain a high quality of life. The final budget for next year and future years should reflect the priorities of the City and needs of the residents while being fiscally responsible.

At our July City Commission meeting, solely devoted to the budget, we voted on the *tentative* tax millage rate (the property tax rate). Under State law, once the *tentative* millage rate is set, the final rate cannot go higher. I recommended and the commission agreed to keep next year's property tax rate the same as the current year. In order to do so, proposed city expenditures will be decreased accordingly.

The final tax millage rate will be voted on at the September 23 meeting and cannot, by law, be increased over this year's rate, but could possibly be lower. I remain committed to be fiscally responsible and to ensure accountability in the interest of all residents.

In our individual household budgets if we do not have an increase in income, we cut our expenses. It is a simple concept of living within our budget.

In the meantime, have a great beginning to the fall season and have a safe and Happy Labor Day and Halloween! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at prolli@wiltonmanors.com or (954) 595-8865. I am always available to speak with residents.





Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association (CANA)

The Heart of Wilton Manors Beats Here ...

Change and progress continues across all portions of the Central Neighborhood. To guide our city's growth, leaders created an economic development staff position to monitor economic activity and to serve as a recruiter bringing investment to Wilton Manors. Development plans are well underway for potential growth at the Wilton Manors City Hall/Hagen Park property. Residents contributed ideas and offered opinions at several public workshops. We hope you were a part of this initial process. Our next meeting will present and summarize current status for the numerous initiatives underway. We'll offer you a chance to learn about the city's long-range plans, newest special development districts, initiatives toward a possible commuter train station, latest information concerning the City Hall site, on-going Wilton Drive streetscape, and more.

Our October 23 meeting in Hagen Park Community Center 7p.m. is your chance to share coffee and refreshments with Wilton Manors City Manager Leigh Ann Henderson as she enlightens our membership.

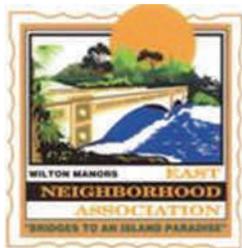
CANA invites you to join our membership – CANA is a forum for residents of the Central Area of Wilton Manors to meet, discuss and solve issues that impact the well-being of the neighbors by serving as a communication channel for information between residents and the City Commission. You can contact any 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.

NEXT CANA Meeting –

October 23, 2019. All meetings held at Hagen Park Community Center 7pm. Parking is free for our meetings!

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 & Daniel Rahm, 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 were discussed at the ENA Membership Meeting on Thursday August 8th—catch up on all of it at **the next ENA meeting on Thursday, November 7th, 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)

National Night Out was a huge success here on the Westside. Many thanks to the many neighbors along NW 21 Court and NW 3rd Avenue for such great community spirit:

Lou Heidel, Jim Lang, Steve Heal, George DeFrance, Manny Garcia Camacho, George Fisher, Bob Isaacs, Van Gosselin, Marjory & David Meechan, Joe Costa, Jose Cedeno, Donna & Bob Zumstein, Alan Dewes & Austin Lee, Joyce & David Goch, Juan Veloza, Camilo Perdomo, and Linda Laperna.



Westside Association General Membership Meeting
Thursday, October 17th, 2019 7p.m., Hagen Park Community Center
Come early and enjoy light refreshments Free parking during meeting

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-Law Enforcement Accreditation



An accreditation program has long been recognized as a means of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism. Indeed, it is a form of “best practices” that acts to protect both the police officers and the citizens they are sworn to serve. Accreditation has proven to give a high return on investment because it protects taxpayer dollars by providing the most efficient use of staffing and equipment through the adoption and use of these “best practices.” A Police Department which attains such designation is the functional equivalent to a Doctor or a Lawyer being “Board Certified” and because it shows that we meet or exceed the highest standards of our respective professions. In addition, Accreditation helps in our recruiting efforts as the best police candidates are drawn to the best Police Departments. Finally, those Police Departments which are accredited tend to have a higher success rate in securing Grant Awards because of the status that comes with being accredited.

The Wilton Manors Police Department first attained Accreditation status in 2010. This past spring we went through the process of “Re-Accreditation” which was an arduous process of proving that this Police Department continues to adhere to these high standards in our daily activity as we serve the citizens and visitors of Wilton Manors. In June 2019 the Wilton Manors Police Department was awarded its *third* “Re-Accreditation” at a ceremony in Orlando. Our Staff Inspector / Accreditation Coordinator, **Doug Robertson**, was a vital part of this success story.

As WMPD went through the inspection process for re-accreditation it was “all hands on deck” and Doug was the “standard bearer” leading the charge to meet the challenge! Let there be no doubt that he was the driving force and the guiding hand that led us to a successful review by the CFA Commission in June. Doug’s continuous upbeat attitude inspired all of us. This showed during the assessment process and during the CFA Commission review. Thank you Doug!

So the Wilton Manors Police Department maintains its Accreditation status for the next three years (2022). What an honor this is!! The badge we wear on our uniform is a Badge of Honor. The Accreditation status we have attained is a Badge of Excellence! For more information on the Florida Accreditation process I encourage you to visit their website at www.flaccreditation.org.

Halloween: Thursday October 31st – parents must take an active role in guiding their children to ensure they make the right choices during this fun night. First and foremost, the younger the child the more important it is for at least one parent to accompany the child on their “trick or treat” travels. Common sense needs to apply here. Second, be sure to assist your children as they do an “inventory” of the goodies they collected during their travels. Discard **ANYTHING** that is not pre-wrapped or where the wrappings have been compromised (for your own personal safety, I suggest you do this when your child is NOT looking).

Remember....Be Like a Wolf: travel in packs!! If the wolf has taught us anything it is this: there is strength in numbers. Also remember.....**Wicked Manors** is set for 10/31/19 and the Drive will be packed with party goers. The same rule applies.....**BE LIKE A WOLF** and travel in a pack!!

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

In October 2005 **Wilma** reminded us what happens when we are not prepared. We saw that many people were not ready to sustain themselves for the first three (3) days following Wilma’s impact. Government cannot and will not respond immediately to non-life threatening issues. Government’s attention will be focused on emergencies, opening of roadways and power/water restoration. Be prepared to sustain yourself and your family for at least 3 days!!

What is Situational Awareness and its Nexus to Personal Safety?

What is Situational Awareness?

This is a term most often used by the military and law enforcement. Simply put, situational awareness or SA, is a frame of mind in which you are relaxed yet aware of your surroundings and also aware of whom or what could be of help to you if a problem were to arise.

Example: A young man who chooses to walk the long way around the block to get to his car to avoid a group of young males is not only observant of a situation that might pose a threat, but is also obeying his instincts and employing a sound “rather be safe than sorry” strategy.

Example: When out and about, someone hears or sees a vehicle being driven erratically. If that person has thought through their “What if?” scenarios for a vehicle-ramming attack, and this is indeed one in progress, they will have already mapped out where to move to / what to do.

What does “360 Mindset” mean?

Those who practice good situational awareness are also known to possess a “360 mindset.” Again, this is a law enforcement and military term that is used to remind us that our world is not linear. That is, it does not just go on in front, to the sides and behind us. Rather, our world is spherical, and we need to also be aware of what is going on above us and in some cases below too. My partners and friends from Special Operations always remind me to look “Up down and all around”.

Example: A woman walking through a mall cognizant of her “360” world takes a moment to visually scan the upper balconies. She sees someone whose body language does not sit well with her gazing down upon her. Having identified this potential threat, she will be sure to keep an eye out for that individual during her shopping day and she will be very cognizant of isolated areas and perhaps ask a security guard to walk her to her vehicle in the underground garage when it’s time to leave.

People who are relaxed yet aware of their surroundings and practicing good situational awareness are described to be in “Condition Yellow”.

A person who is oblivious of their surroundings is described to be in “Condition White” and usually only knows there is a problem when it is too late. This is also known as being a “step behind” and this person will not have the precious time to react on his or her own terms if something were to occur.

Apathy, complacency and denial are the three primary barriers to good situational awareness.

Military personnel use the term “Atmospherics” to describe the totality of the “feel” and body language of those in their environment. This is another way of describing situational awareness.

Criminals read our body language and are very astute at discerning those of us in Condition Yellow vs Condition White, as they move through their victim selection process.

Situational awareness training is at the heart of our approach to all our classes, as we attempt to get students to learn to live in Condition Yellow thus lowering their prospective victim profile.

Reproduced from <https://www.personalsafetygroup.com/about/situational-awareness-training/>

Vacation Rentals

If managed incorrectly, vacation rentals can often lead to violations which disturb the enjoyment of residing properties. The following are some requirements that vacation rentals need to abide by in order to minimize any negative impacts within our community:

- They are required to obtain a Vacation Rental Certificate of Compliance from the City if the owner of the home does not live there.
- A manager is required and must be able to respond to emergency situations within 1 hour.
- Vehicles cannot park on the grass, and no more than 1 vehicle per bedroom is allowed.
- Garbage receptacles must only be placed curbside during pick-up hours.
- All vacation rentals are subject to all other City codes including our noise ordinance.
- Complaints can be filed several different ways depending on the violation.
- To file noise complaints during non-office hours (Monday through Saturday 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.) please call the police non-emergency number at (954) 764-4357.

Please Contact Code Compliance at (954) 390-2151 for all other violations.

It is always helpful to file neighborhood complaints to the rental agency such as Airbnb, HomeAway and VRBO. Filing complaints with the agency helps them regulate the rentals to make sure they are abiding by their rules as well as ours. It is encouraged that all affected neighbors submit concerns with them as well. Concerns may be filed by using the following contact information:

<https://help.homeaway.com/articles/How-Can-I-Stay-Neighborly-as-a-community-member>

<https://www.airbnb.com/neighbors>

Email: community@homeaway.com

Help Keep our Waterways Clean!

City Ordinance No. 861, passed July 13, 2004, creates a regulatory framework for the City to monitor stormwater discharges, along with enforcement and penalties for violations. These regulations allow the City to maintain the efficient, economic and safe operation of the stormwater system, and to promote the health, safety and general welfare of its residents.



Sec. 20-132 - Littering and Littering Material, specifically addresses litter and littering material, including the blowing of yard clippings onto any surface area, stormwater management system, or water body within the City. Blowing yard clippings into the street causes them to eventually end up in the stormwater system, which can then cause clogging and flooding during heavy rainstorms.

Section 20-136 – Assessment of Penalty for Non-compliance, provides for a minimum penalty of \$500 per offense for any of the violations contained within the Ordinance. Accordingly, please ensure that your yard clippings are not blown into the street.

To read Ordinance No. 861 in its entirety, stop by the City Library, contact the City Clerk's office at (954) 390-2123, or visit <https://www.municode.com> (click on the Code Library tab).



Please also remember that anything that enters a storm drain ends up in our waterways untreated!

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

Tree Trimming

With the 2019 hurricane season here, don't wait until a storm is on its way before you prepare your trees and other landscape to minimize damage to structures, roadways and other types of property. It's not too late to address potential issues now by following some simple guidelines:

It's your responsibility to trim the trees growing from your property, including in the swale area adjacent to the street as well as overhanging canopies.

Trees should be trimmed to remove dead branches and thin the canopy to allow air flow to pass through the growth, and to provide proper clearance above the street to allow passage of emergency and debris removal vehicles.

Remember, landscape will grow back. It's okay to trim a little extra so the new growth will not undermine trimming efforts. However, care should always be taken with tree trimming, and there are important DOs and DON'Ts for proper tree health. Visit Broward County's website to view proper tree trimming guidelines:

<http://www.broward.org/Environment/TreePreservation/Pages/ProperTreePruning.aspx>

Make sure to address all types of landscape including palm trees, hedges and decorative landscape features.

If you hire someone to do the work for you, make sure they are licensed and insured. Broward County requires licesure for hired individuals and businesses. Visit Broward County's website for tree trimming licensure:

<https://www.broward.org/Building/TreeTrimmers/Pages/Default.aspx>

Plan trimming to take advantage of the City's bulk trash collection schedules for proper and disposal: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/184/bulk-trash-collection>



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>.

Flood Dangers are Real

It is a fact that much of the Florida coastline is prone to flooding during hurricane season. Nearly 25% of flood insurance claims come from moderate to low risk areas.

Flood Watch: A “Flood Watch” means that conditions are right for flooding to occur in your area.

Flood Warning: A “Flood Warning” means that flooding is either happening or will happen shortly. Closely monitor the situation. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. Stay on high ground, or move immediately to higher ground before access is cut off by flood water.

Before a Flood:

- ◆ Make plans of what you will do and where you will go in a flood emergency.
- ◆ Know the elevation of your property in relation to nearby rivers and waterways.
- ◆ Go to www.wiltonmanors.com for Flood Preparedness information, including a link to your property’s flood map information on FEMA’s website.
- ◆ The Department of Homeland Security also has useful flood information on their website: <https://www.ready.gov/floods>.

Property Protection:

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

Flood Safety:

- ◆ Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood related deaths, mostly during flash floods. Currents can be deceptive: just 6 inches of moving water can knock you off your feet and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away. If you walk in standing water, use a pole or stick first to determine the depth of the water.
- ◆ Do not drive through a flooded area. Nearly half of all flood fatalities are vehicle related.
- ◆ Do not drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out. If your vehicle stalls, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground. Rapidly rising water may sweep the vehicle away.
- ◆ Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The number two flood related killer, after drowning, is electrocution. Electric current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to Florida Power & Light (1-800-4-OUTAGE).
- ◆ Keep children away from culverts and storm drains.
- ◆ Don’t use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.

REMEMBER: *Turn Around, Don’t Drown!*

Flood Insurance:

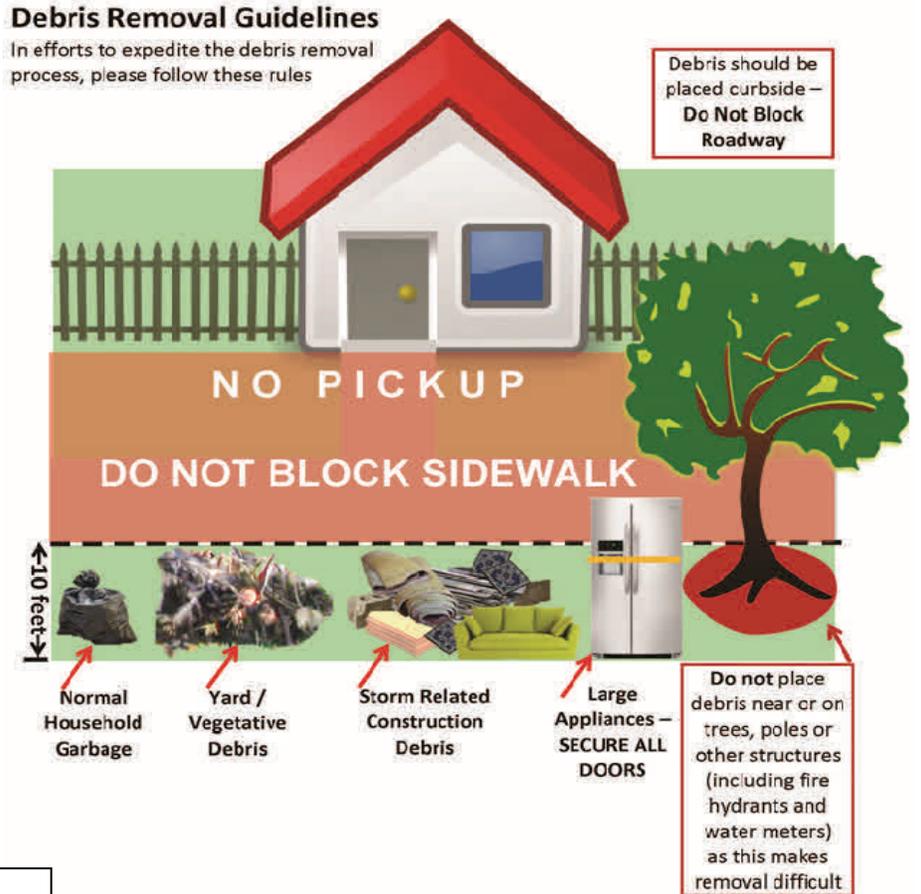
Most people learn too late that standard property insurance does not cover flood damage or that there’s a 30-day waiting period before newly purchased coverage goes into effect. There’s also about a 25% chance of experiencing a flood during the life of a 30-year mortgage. Please note that, even if flood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

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

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



Should a hurricane or severe storm affect our area, being prepared for the clean-up is just as important as preparing for any weather event. For proper debris management and disposal, do not co-mingle items. Please separate and locate debris as follows:



NORMAL HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

This is only what you would normally put in your trash bags and containers, including food waste. This excludes yard/vegetative debris and storm related construction debris. Separate Normal Household Garbage from yard debris and storm related building debris. Place in a container with a sealed lid; or place in a heavy mil bag (securely tie bag). Place the container(s) in a dry, open area at the curb in front of your house.

STORM RELATED CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

Storm related construction debris is any material relating to construction of buildings, such as: fencing and deck boards, concrete, glass, dry-wall, insulation, concrete block, tile, shingles or building rubble, as well as furniture. Residents will be notified about this collection through public service broadcasts.

YARD/VEGETATIVE DEBRIS

Yard/vegetative debris includes shrubs, bushes, tree branches, leaves, twigs, or cut-up tree parts. It does NOT include boards (fencing or deck boards) – these are Construction Debris. Place trees, branches, etc., in piles that can be easily managed by collection personnel. You do not need to bundle your yard debris. (Be cautious of electric wires that may be down, and remember to use safety measures if using chain saws!!!) Make sure you keep yard debris separate from other garbage.

LARGE APPLIANCES

Large appliances include refrigerators, washers/dryers, air conditioners, stoves, water heaters, and dishwashers. **Do not leave the doors of any of these appliances unsealed or unsecured.**

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

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 June and July 2019.

Address

120 East Oakland Park Boulevard, Suites 105-308
2201 Wilton Drive, Unit 3
2041 Wilton Drive
2036 North Dixie Highway
1881 NE 26 Street, Suite 203A
1515 NE 26 Street
2301 Wilton Drive, Suite C1
2301 Wilton Drive, Suite C1
1100 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 2
1008 West Oakland Park Boulevard
2038 North Dixie Highway, Suite 104B
2000 Wilton Drive
2845 North Andrews Avenue
1607 NE 25 Street, Suites 1-5
2290 Wilton Drive

Business Name

Joe Vallillo Realty Advisors
Blue Moon Cruises & Tours LLC
Almacen De Empanadas
Challenge Fitness
Sidney R Torres LMHC PLLC
The Runyan Law Firm PA
My Eye Dr
Alan H Shaffer
Atl Total Car Care (All Tube & Lube)
All In One Solutions Enterprises Inc
Literacy Connection Inc
Tropics Grille
Finders Keepers
Arlington South Group LLC
Mavericks Barbershop

“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.

Future Vision for Wilton Manors City Hall Property-What Do You Think?



Have you heard about the exciting effort currently underway to reimagine the City Hall/Hagen park property? The City is engaged in a series of visioning public workshops, the first of which was held in May. Working with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, we are working to establish a Master Plan for the potential redevelopment of the City Hall and its surrounding property. The Community will have an opportunity to share thoughts and ideas about what kind of new uses they would like to see on this site, as the City considers engaging a developer to reimagine this most central and pivotal location along Wilton Drive. Current community suggestions include a Hotel, residential, upgraded recreational facilities, cultural gathering spaces, additional parking, and commercial space.

Wilton Manors is a small city with big vision, which means that it is ripe for economic expansion, investment, long term success, and prosperity. Community engagement and business partnerships are key to this development and will result in success for residents, businesses and the City overall.

Join Us at a Community Workshop on September 17th at 6:30pm at Hagen Park. Questions? Call (954) 390-2103.

Census 2020

Every ten years, the federal government conducts a population survey of the United States that is used to determine vitally important funding and congressional representation for communities throughout the nation. In preparation for the 2020 Census, the City of Wilton Manors is forming a Complete Count Committee to help ensure that every household in our City is counted. Would you or someone from your organization be willing to volunteer your time and energy to participate as an active member of this committee? Starting in September 2019, Committee meetings will be held quarterly and each one will last for approximately one hour.

To volunteer for the Complete Count Committee, or for more information about the City's efforts to spread the word and get everyone counted for Census 2020, please contact plandi@wiltonmanors.com or (954) 390-2103.

INTERESTED IN WORKING ON THE CENSUS TEAM? GET MORE INFORMATION AND APPLY ON-LINE HERE:

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

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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 application has been filed with Broward County for County and State approval of the land use plan amendment. The properties included in the application can be seen in the map herein.

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



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.



Ride Sharing

» Uber Lyft «

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](#).

LEISURE SERVICES (954) 390-2130

Message from Leisure Services Director, Patrick Cann



As the City progresses toward prioritizing the most essential community needs, it is truly inspiring that the City remains committed to offering meaningful activities, special events and services that add value to our community. In order to provide the many programs, amenities and services that support more than 525,000 annual park and library visits, the City depends on our dedicated community partners. On behalf of the City, I would like to thank you for the extensive support and dedication to ensure excellent delivery of our many programs, amenities and services.

Thank you for joining the City in celebrating the month of July, Parks and Recreation Month! There were unique festivities that were well attended such as Woof and Wine at Colohatchee Park and the Friends of the Library Annual Book Fair. The Library offered unique events that included the Magic Workshop, the Wild Animal World, Sculptures by Silvie and Bowling at Manor Lines. There was also the famous ice cream party with a Balloon Twister.

Summer Camp was limited to 90 participants held at Island City Park Preserve for a nine 9-week curriculum. It was a magical experience for many of our youth that will forever remember their days of summer thanks to the fun activities, amenities, field trips, food and most of all the special support and compassion of the Recreation Team!

I look forward to your participation at some of our creative upcoming special events such as the Woof and Wine on October 10th at Colohatchee Park, Halloween Spooktacular on October 17th at Wilton Manors Elementary School and the Halloween Street Festival on Wilton Drive, Thursday, October 31st.

Also, I hope you save the date for a truly festive time at the Annual Hawaiian Festival on Saturday, November 9th at Mickel Park, the Yard Sale on Saturday, November 9th at Hagen Park, the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Hagen Park on November 11th at 11:00 A.M. and the Taste of the Island event at Richardson Historic Park on Monday, November 18th from 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

The Detailed Implementation Plan for Jaycee Park has been modified thanks to the community input requesting more green space, quality landscaping with distinct lighting features and a cultural monument. This project is anticipated being completed by fall in 2020.

Finally, the City will be conducting City-wide input for your recreational needs, desires and interests. Please feel free to contact me regarding the Parks System Master Plan process that will begin this winter as your input is truly necessary!

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!

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

Woof & Wine—Thursday, October 10th 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, October 10th 2019 Colohatchee Dog Park 1975 NE 15 Avenue 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m.

MOVIES ON THE DRIVE!

The Leisure Services Department is bringing the big screen to Wilton Drive! Join us as we transform the park into our own local movie theater with an 18-foot inflatable movie screen and freshly popped popcorn. Bring your chairs, blankets, and pillows and get comfortable under the stars.

Friday, October 25th—Hagen Park—7:30p.m.



Leisure Services Department Presents...

(954) 390-2130

SCHOOL DAYS-OUT PROGRAM 2019

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 \$30.00 per day/child, which includes the field trip or activity of the day. Children must bring a brown bag lunch unless otherwise instructed. This program will be held at Island City Park Preserve in Wilton Manors at 823 NE 28th Street. For more information please call the Leisure Services Department.

Upcoming dates are:

September 30th, October 9th and October 18th.

Register at Hagen Park Community Center. For more information, please call (954) 390-2130.

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 started Wednesday, August 14th, 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.

Tinkergarten

Richardson Historic Park is now the home of Tinkergarten. Each week, Tinkergarten presents a new expert designed play scenario to challenge each child, as they learn in a supportive, mixed-age social group. Lessons are inspiring invitation to play, and our leaders, together with parents and caregivers, support children at driving their own learning. Over the course of each unique season, powerful themes emerge and children strengthen essential skills through play. This program is for tots ages 1-6 years old. For more information on fees and how to register please visit www.tinkergarten.com.

Halloween Spooktacular



The City of Wilton Manors will host the Annual Halloween Spooktacular on Thursday, October 17th, at Wilton Manors Elementary School (2401 NE 3rd Avenue) beginning at 6:30pm. There will be an assortment of fun activities for all to enjoy. There will be bounce houses, games, food, costume contests, cake walk, and hay rides. For more information, contact the Leisure Services Department.

Leisure Services Department Presents...**(954) 390-2130****14th Annual Taste of the Island**

The 14th Annual Taste of the Island will take place on Monday, November 18th, from 6-9p.m. at the beautiful Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve (1937 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, Florida 33305). To learn more about the event or to purchase tickets visit the event website at: <http://www.tasteoftheisland.org> or call (954) 257-2317. Taste of the Island is an evening of food and libation featuring local elite food and beverage establishments and spotlighting their culinary and beverage specialties at Wilton Manors' acclaimed outdoor tasting event. Now in its 14th year, "Taste" welcomes everyone in our community and South Florida to join together to explore the wide range of culinary delicacies available in our area.

Tickets are currently on sale at <http://www.tasteoftheisland.org> or you can buy tickets locally beginning September 3, 2019 at Wilton Manors City Hall, 2020 Wilton Drive or Wilton Manors Library, 500 NE 26th Street. Early Bird Tickets are \$30 until October 31st. After November 1st tickets will be \$35.

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

**Hagen Park Tennis Center—@ Hagen Park—2020 Wilton Drive**

Lessons and Clinics with USPTA Pros

Playing tennis gets you moving and moving is good for the body and the mind. One of the great things about tennis is that it's a sport that can be played at nearly any age and at any skill level. Tennis has great benefits include enhancing your flexibility and balance, boosting your brain activity, staying in shape and is also a great way to meet new friends. Annual Tennis Memberships available.

For more information call office: (954) 390-2132. Email: donnatennis1@aol.com

**Island City Yard Sales**

The City of Wilton Manors sponsors five city-wide yard sales each year at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Dr., on the second Saturday of November 2019 – March 2020. The City Yard Sales will be open from 8am to 2pm and spaces are available to purchase for the November 9th Yard Sale now. Last season, the yard sales hosted from 60 to 90 vendors, so register early while there is still space. Tables and chairs are available for rental. For space reservations at Hagen Park or more information, please call the Leisure Services Department. The yard sale is free to the public. Come join us and find value items at low cost. The vendors sell everything from linens and clothing, to furniture and home decorative items. Some vendors specialize in antiques, plants and collectables.

The yard sales will be held:

November 9, 2019 December 14, 2019 January 11, 2020 February 8, 2020 March 14, 2020

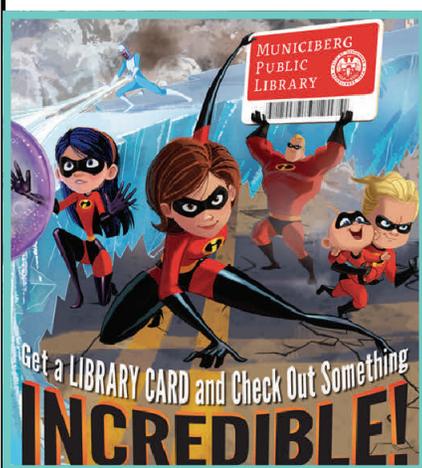
Chair Yoga

Scared you will fall over and lose your balance trying yoga? Seniors find they can balance, strengthen and stretch more when using a chair for support. That's why Chair Yoga has become so popular for seniors and people with physical limitations, plus Chair Yoga Stretches are great for computer workers too. It is an easy and affective way to get all the benefits from yoga without leaving your seat or comfortable chair. Chair Yoga is held every Monday at 10:00a.m. and Thursday at 9:00a.m., inside the Manor House at Richardson Historic Park, located at 1937 Wilton Drive.

Cost is \$1 for residents and \$3 for non-residents.



THE LIBRARY CORNER



Toy Story 4 characters are Honorary Chairs for Library Card Sign-Up Month 2019!

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the ALA (American Library Association) and libraries nationwide join together to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Disney and Pixar's *Toy Story 4* characters Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Bo Peep, and friends are joining ALA on an adventure to promote the value of a library card. They'll be reminding the public that signing up for a library card opens a world of infinite possibilities: libraries offer resources and services that help people pursue their passions and give students the tools to succeed in school and beyond.

Head to your Wilton Manors Library during September to see what's new and take part in the celebration. Libraries across the country are participating. Do you have friends who don't have library cards? Invite them to the library.

Fun for Kids

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

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



Want to help the Library? Be a Friend! The Friends of the Library is a volunteer, non-profit group that exists to enrich the cultural and educational opportunities within our community. The Friends provide funding for the Library's extensive collections of DVDs, e-books, digital magazines and audio books. They also sponsor Library programs throughout the year. Membership starts at \$10 per year and applications are available at the Library and on their web site at:

FriendsOftheWiltonManorsLibrary.org. Join today!



Exclusive Service: sample 2-3 chapters from books in your email

Email Book Clubs

So many books, so little time. For all those busy people, the Wilton Manors Library has a service for you: an Online Book Club that delivers books electronically. Each day, Monday through Friday, the Library emails subscribers a portion of a book that takes about 5 minutes to read. You're able to read two or three chapters from a book during the week. If you like a book, you can check it out of the library. Each week the library features new books.

With 11 book clubs to choose from, there's something for everyone. You can read Fiction, Nonfiction, Romance, Business, Good News, Teen, and Mystery. You can also listen to Audio Books in your email and there's even a Pre-Publication Club. You can start reading books in your email before they're even published. Now you can discover great books, even if you're too busy to visit the library.

This new service makes it easy for people to get back into the habit of reading. It only takes 5 minutes a day and it's fun.

Check out our web site: www.wiltonmanors.com/library and sign up for the service.

You can also forward the emails to your friends. It's a great way to stay in touch with friends and relatives that live in other parts of the country.

Book Discussion Group

You can find book discussion groups almost everywhere these days -- in bookstores, community centers, private homes, online -- and at the Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors. While for some, reading is a solitary activity, many find their appreciation and pleasure of a book broadened and deepened through discussion.

If you have a love for reading and want to interact on an intellectual level and engage in interesting conversation, call (954) 390-2195 and ask about our Book Discussion Group which meets the third Wednesday of every month.



New Children's Books @ Your Library

Kids can discover the beauty and diversity of America's great outdoors in Kate Siber's *National Parks of the U.S.A.*, a tour of its most iconic national parks. Packed with maps and fascinating facts about the flora and fauna unique to each park, this fully illustrated (by Chris Turnham) coast-to-coast journey documents the nation's most magnificent and sacred places. (Target age group: 8-11).



In K.A. Holt's *Knockout*, Levi, as a baby, had a serious disease that caused him respiratory issues. He's fine now, but his mom and overprotective brother still think of him as damaged. So when his dad -- divorced from his mom -- suggests he take up boxing, he falls in love with the sport. (Target age group: 8 to 12).

In *New Kid* by Jerry Craft, seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds -- and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself? (Target age group: 8 to 12).



Ideal for fans of Raina Telgemeier, *Awkward*, and *All's Faire in Middle School*, the graphic novel *The Cardboard Kingdom* by Chad Sell follows a neighborhood of kids who transform ordinary cardboard into fantastical homemade costumes as they explore conflicts with friends, family, and their own identities. (Target age group: 7 to 10).

Find out what piranhas eat -- and don't eat! -- in *Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas*, a new, irresistibly funny picture book from Aaron Blabey, the bestselling creator of *Pig the Pug!* (Target age group: 3 to 5).

Become an expert reader while learning about life under the sea ... from a shark's point-of-view! What does the ocean look like through a shark's eyes? How do sharks find food? What's it like to continually shed teeth? Developing readers will learn the answers to these questions while sharpening reading skills with *Discovery Readers: I Am a Shark Level 2*. Written by Lori C. Froeb from the perspective of a shark, this reader provides accessible and engaging content designed to encourage further progress in children's reading abilities. Learn about the habits, skills, and actions of a shark with simple factual text, new phonic structures, and concepts reinforced by photos. After acquiring new reading skills and learning about a unique topic, children can use the glossary and quiz to reinforce reading comprehension. (Target age group: 6 to 8).

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.

Kayak, Canoe or Stand-Up Paddleboard STORAGE

Did you know.... that non-motorized boat storage is now available at Donn Eisele Park? Rental is \$250 per space per year, limited to 2 spaces per Wilton Manors household. Permit holders will be required to provide their own lock and cable to secure their watercraft. To register please com by Hagen Park Community Center at 2020 Wilton Drive—or for more information please call (954) 390-2130 or (954) 390-2115.

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.

Vintage Wilton Manors Newspapers Now Available On-Line



The Wilton Manors Historical Society is excited to announce the completion of a project to digitize, and make available for on-line research, vintage Wilton Manors weekly newspapers and articles from the early to late 1950s.

Many of these newspapers were rescued from a dumpster some years ago by Wilton Manors business owner Debra Burke of Art Frenzie.

Ron Ulm, WMHS Technology/Research Advisor, assisted by President Mary Ulm, sorted, scanned/OCRed, and enhanced over 750 individual pages of fragile/deteriorating newspaper materials. This resulted in some 125 document files in the collections to which documenting metadata needed to be added. Ron also designed the basic web site interface to the collections, and acquired the Google interface required to be able to search the documents on-line.

The collections include *Wilton Manors Bulletin*, mid-1951 to early 1953; *Wilton Oakland Sun*, fall 1952 to end of 1953; *Wilton Sunrise News*, fall 1954 to mid-1956; and *Ft. Lauderdale News-Wilton Manors Topics* by Virginia Rogers, 1955-1957.

So ... begin your "Happy Days" nostalgic trip through Wilton Manors history by [clicking here](http://wiltonmanorshistoricalsociety.org/aav.htm) (<http://wiltonmanorshistoricalsociety.org/aav.htm>) to go to the updated WMHS Research Library. ENJOY!

Friends of the Wilton Manors Library - Lecture Series

Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m.

"Local Authors' Book Discussion"



Michael Varga

The program will be held at the
Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors.

The Happy Half Hour starts at 6:30 p.m. and the
Lecture at 7:00 followed by questions and answers.



MJ Howson

After a stint in the 1970s in the Peace Corps in Chad, Michael Varga became an American diplomat serving primarily in the Middle East. He is a playwright and actor, as well as a writer of fiction. His Peace Corps novel, "Under Chad's Spell", is available at Amazon as well as the Wilton Manors Library. Three of his plays have been produced. His short story, "Collapsing into Zimbabwe", earned him first prize in a competition sponsored by the Toronto Star. His columns have appeared in many newspapers and journals.

Thirty years ago, back when dial-up modems were the hot new thing, MJ Howson took a shot at writing his first novel. The hunt for an agent came up dry. Those dreams of writing were put on hold when his career in IT took off. The advent of Amazon and self-publishing gave MJ new hope to try writing again. He spent two years designing and crafting a horror-thriller. The result was the critically acclaimed trilogy called "The Tallow Series". MJ is currently working on his next novel.

Please join us for an interesting and entertaining evening.



The City of Wilton Manors
 2020 Wilton Drive
 Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Life's Just Better Here

Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

**Art
 Gallery
 21**
 your
 neighborhood
 art gallery

OCTOBER 19-NOVEMBER 9
 8th Annual Island City
 Juried Art Exhibition

ENTRY FORM & RULES at artgallery21.org
 ART INTAKE: 10/12/2019 12 to 3 PM

NOVEMBER 16-DECEMBER 14
 ArtSTART-Emerging Teen Artists

DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 11, 2020
 The Winner's Show

JANUARY 19-FEBRUARY 8
 The Book Project: *Speaking Volumes*
 FREE TO THE PUBLIC | OPEN TH-FR-SAT 12 Noon-8 PM
 (Partial funding provided by Broward Cultural Division)

FEBRUARY 15-MARCH 14
 By Oneself: The Art of Aster daFonseca

MARCH 21-APRIL 11
 The Art of Robert Gross, A Retrospective

APRIL 18-MAY 9
 Art in Nature Photo Contest
 (Sponsored by the Environmental & Sustainability
 Volunteer Group of Wilton Manors)



2019-2020 Schedule of Exhibits

Join us the third Saturday of each month to Meet the Artists!

Art Gallery 21 is on the Wilton Manors Art Walk Map
 and promises this: we're worth the detour from the Drive!

OPEN SATURDAYS FROM 7 TO 9 PM AND BY APPOINTMENT

600 NE 21 Court, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

GALLERY 954-225-5488 | RENTALS 954-390-2130

www.artgallery21.org

*Art Gallery 21 is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working in partnership with Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department.
 Schedule is subject to change without notice.*



2019 Public Safety Update



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Contact Information



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9-1-1 Emergency | (954) 764-HELP (4357) Non Emergency
(954) 390-2150 Administration | Code Compliance (954) 390-2151
2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL | www.WMPD.org



POLICE WILTON MANORS

AUTISM OUTREACH PROGRAM

This voluntary community registry is intended for people with Autism Spectrum Disorders(ASD) and is a Wilton Manors Police Department project in partnership with the City of Wilton Manors. The registry promotes communication and gives police quick access to critical information about a registered person with autism in a police emergency by capturing information such as a full description, routine/favorite attractions, communication and other special needs as well as emergency contact information. Although registrations will be limited to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders(ASD), the registry has been developed with the intent to expand for all residents where communication is Ineffective when interacting with police. This expansion will be considered upon completion of a formalized evaluation. For more information about this program please visit:

<https://www.wiltonmanors.com/register>



LOCK IT. OR LOSE IT

The Wilton Manors Police Department strongly encourages community members to participate in this campaign by not leaving valuables in plain view in their vehicles. It takes a person seconds to break into a vehicle, grab what is in plain view and get away with your property. Most importantly police say, hide your valuables, lock your vehicle, and/or take your valuables with you.

Lock It. Or Lose It.

Hide your Valuables Lock your Vehicle Take it with you

Park Smart. Stay Safe.

954-764-HELP (4357) OR 9-1-1
See Something, Say Something



WMPD has been RE-ACCREDITED until 2022!

A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) arrived at our department and examined all aspects of the Wilton Manors Police Department’s policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services. The WMPD had to comply with approximately 240 standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health, and safety issues. Once the Commission’s assessors completed their review of our agency, they reported back to the full Commission, which would then decide if the agency was to receive "Re-Accredited" status. Verification that WMPD meets the Commission’s standards is part of a voluntary process to gain or maintain accreditation--a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence. The Wilton Manors Police Department first attained Accreditation status in 2010. In June 2013 the Wilton Manors Police Department was awarded its first "Re-Accredited" status, and then again in June 2016. This past spring we again went through the process of "Re-Accreditation" which was an arduous process of proving that this Police Department continues to adhere to these high standards in our daily activity as we serve the residents and visitors of Wilton Manors. In June 2019 we were awarded "Re-Accredited" status again until 2022.



WARNING: The Florida sun is **HOT!**
Always check for precious cargo before you go.



Baby/Pet On Board Safety Awareness Campaign brought to you by the Wilton Manors Police Department.
PLEASE BE ADVISED: Distracted driving is dangerous. Please read only while not operating the vehicle.

*“See Something,
Say Something”*

Report suspicious persons, vehicles or activity to dispatch at (954) 764-HELP (4357) or **9-1-1** for Emergencies.



WMPD MARINE UNIT

The City of Wilton Manors is surrounded by the North and South Forks of the Middle River, which is why we are called the “Island City”. This year the Wilton Manors Police Department received a grant from the Florida Inland Navigation District to purchase a 2019 eighteen foot Dusky flats boat to ensure safety and continued patrols on our waterways . The primary goal of marine patrol is to ensure waterway safety and enhance security to Wilton Manors residents. In addition, our officers assigned to the Marine Unit educate and enforce maritime laws on a variety of watercraft while providing waterway safety to vessel operators and community members alike in order to keep you and our waterways safe!





DON'T BLOCK THE BOX!



What's Up with the New Roadway Markings on Wilton Drive?

Do not Block Intersection or Emergency Vehicle Exit Road Markings have been installed on Wilton Drive to warn drivers not to stop in these boxes. These markings mean **DO NOT BLOCK** the intersection/driveway. Usually these traffic control markings are found at the entrances and exits to police and fire stations, and they are present to serve a very important purpose. When motorists are observant of these markings and they do not block the intersection, they allow emergency vehicles immediate access to our roadways to quickly and safely respond to emergencies. When motorists are distracted and non-observant, they violate law by blocking these areas causing a delayed emergency response, and any delay in public safety's response can mean the difference between life and death! If traffic is backed up stop in front of the boxes, or behind them, but **DO NOT** stop on top of them as you will be in violation of Florida law (FSS 316.2061).

In our City you will see these boxes in front of the Wilton Drive exit from the Wilton Manors Police Station located at 2020 Wilton Drive and at the intersection of Wilton Drive and NE 22 Street near the fire station. Remember, Florida law prohibits motorists from blocking any intersection or stopping within these boxes. Now that you are in the know, help ensure public safety's response to emergency situations is not delayed by not blocking the box!