



# Town Crier

*Life's Just Better Here*

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

March/April 2020



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Many Not-To-Miss Events in March and April!

- Waterway Cleanup—Saturday, March 7—9a.m.-1p.m.—Colohatchee Boat Ramp
- Island City Yard Sale—Saturday, March 14—8a.m.-2p.m.—City Hall/Hagen Park
- Live @ Mickel Park Concert Series—Friday, March 20—7:30p.m.
- Brunch with the Bunny—Saturday, April 4—11a.m.-1p.m.—Hagen Park
- Woof & Wine at Colohatchee Dog Park—Thursday, April 9—5:30-7:30p.m.
- Mayor's Chess Challenge—Saturday, April 11—10a.m.-12p.m.—Hagen Park
- Green Expo—Saturday, April 18—10a.m.-4p.m.—Richardson Historic Park
- And mark your calendar for the annual Canoe Race/City Anniversary on Saturday, May 16—10a.m.-2p.m.—Colohatchee/Richardson Historic Park

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**Census**  
**2020**

**COMING**  
APRIL 1, 2020

**EVERYONE COUNTS IN WILTON MANORS**

The CENSUS is HERE! See page 12 for details.



**CALENDAR Items**

Wednesday, Mar 4 & Apr 1  
 Congressman Deutch Staff  
 Community Outreach-1st  
 Wednesday of each month  
 10:30 a.m.—12 p.m.  
 City Hall

City Hall Yard Sales  
 Nov. 2019—March 2020  
 2nd Saturday of the month  
 8 a.m.—2 p.m.  
 City Hall/Hagen Park

Find info in this issue for:  
 Waterway Cleanup (3/7)  
 LIVE @ Mickel (3/20)  
 Brunch with Bunny (4/4)  
 Woof & Wine (4/9)  
 Mayors Chess Challenge  
 (4/11)

Saturdays, Mar 21 & Apr 18  
 Wilton Manors Art Walk  
 6-9 p.m.—Wilton Drive

Daylight Saving Time  
 begins Sunday, March 8



**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](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) for the most up to date meeting information.

|               |                             |                     |               |                       |                  |
|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| CAAB<br>7p.m. | Historical<br>Society 7p.m. | Pension<br>5:30p.m. | P&Z<br>7p.m.  | Rec. Adv.<br>6:30p.m. | WDID<br>6:30p.m. |
| Wed<br>4-Mar  | Thurs<br>19-Mar             | Tues<br>3-Mar       | Mon<br>9-Mar  | Thurs<br>16-Apr       | Wed<br>11-Mar    |
| Wed<br>1-Apr  | Thurs<br>16-Apr             | Meets               | Mon<br>13-Apr | Meets<br>Every        | Wed<br>8-Apr     |
| Wed<br>6-May  | Thurs<br>21-May             | Quarterly           | Mon<br>11-May | 2 Months              | Wed<br>13-May    |

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](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) and following the “Online Services” link.

**Census 2020 is HERE!**  
 Find more info on page 12 inside  
 and on our 2020Census website  
 at:



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

**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\*..... 954-764-4357  
 (\*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, Mar 19      Thursday, Apr 23      Recycling Day: Thursday**

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

**Tuesday, Mar 17      Tuesday, Apr 21      Recycling Day: Friday**

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

**Wednesday, Mar 18      Wednesday, Apr 22      Recycling Day: Wednesday**

**Condominium bulk pickup (quarterly): Saturday, March 28**



***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.***

### SPRING CLEANING IN THE ISLAND CITY

If you're inspired to freshen up your home and garden this spring, then you'll mostly likely be clearing out the old to make way for the new...and that means throwing things away. While doing so, remember there are **SIX** ways to dispose of those old belongings:

**Trash**

The most common method is by placing common household trash street-side on your regularly scheduled, twice-weekly garbage pick-up days. Every-day items as well as those boxes of worn out old toys, clothing and nick-knacks you've been storing or not using can go into your **BLUE** trash bin. "When In Doubt, Throw It Out!"...Wilton Manors' trash is disposed of at a waste-to-energy plant that makes electricity, not land-fill mounds!

**Recycle**

Recycling is a great, environmentally friendly way to dispose of those boxes of old magazines you haven't been reading. Additionally, weekly items such as newspapers, junk mail, rinsed-out juice bottles, glass jars, soda cans, and tin cans should be placed in your **GREEN** recycling bin, and will be picked once a week on your scheduled pick-up day. Remember...no plastic bags or food residue!

**Bulk**

For cleaning out the garage, getting new appliances, or trimming the landscape, place these old items street-side on your once-a-month bulk pick-up day. Be sure to place old mirrors and glass inside a closed box or sealed container before setting outside.

**Household Hazardous Waste**

The city has contracted with Waste Management to pick up your HHW through the At-Your-Door service. This is a customized pick-up for items such as paint cans, old cleaning solutions and electronics. You must call at least 10 days in advance in order to ensure timely pick-up for this once-a-month service.

**Shredding**

For confidential paper items needing destruction, the city hosts a shredding event through Waste Management twice a year at the City Hall/Hagen Park parking lot. Keep your eyes open for shredding event dates for destroying those old documents.

**Donating**

Finally, for those gently used items that are not ready to be cast off, there are numerous charities and thrift stores in and around our community that will gladly re-purpose clean clothing, toys, fixtures, and furniture that you drop-off.

There are no extra fees for any of these services. For pick up schedules and important guidelines please visit the Utility Department's **Garbage & Recycling** webpage at [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com), or call the Emergency Management/Utilities Department at 954-390-2190.

### 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.

|                               |                                   |  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>ODD street addresses:</b>  | <b>Wednesdays &amp; Saturdays</b> | <b>12:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.<br/>and/or 4:00 p.m.-11:59 p.m.</b> |
| <b>EVEN street addresses:</b> | <b>Thursdays &amp; Sundays</b>    | <b>12:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.<br/>and/or 4:00 p.m.-11:59 p.m.</b> |

For additional information on irrigation restrictions or water conservation, call the South Florida Water Management District's toll-free **Water Conservation Hotline** at 1-800-662-8876 or visit [www.sfwmd.org](http://www.sfwmd.org).

## Message from the Mayor-Pillars of Progress



You may have noticed recently that Wilton Manors has a whole lot going on! I am excited that we are entering a busy and productive period as the city makes progress on the three pillars upon which future growth will rest:

- 1) modifying the urban form and density requirements,
- 2) redeveloping the Wilton Drive City Hall campus property, and
- 3) advancing Transit Oriented Corridors (TOCs) development, particularly as it relates to Andrews Avenue, Oakland Park Boulevard, and the development of a future train station platform.

First, regulations are being rewritten to provide for additional density on transit-oriented corridors, with potential incentives based on public amenities and other devices to minimize impacts to our traditional single-family neighborhoods. The city commission should be ready to review those regulations for possible approval by June.

Second, the Wilton Drive City Hall campus property redevelopment will be discussed at an upcoming special workshop (scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Commission Chambers). The commission will be reviewing and discussing the two scenarios provided to us by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council in their report, which you will find on the [wiltonmanors.com](http://wiltonmanors.com) website. If we reach a consensus, we will give staff direction to continue with due diligence.

Finally, as I imagine the Wilton Manors of 2030, I believe that single rider cars will be a thing of the past. As we responsibly face climate change realities and learn to embrace mass transit and the convenience of alternative transportation options we will further transform into a modern urban village. Creating sidewalk connectivity will help too. As responsible policy makers, we must encourage developers to create living spaces that are well integrated with businesses that can meet our daily needs. Transit oriented corridors are an answer to that question, and by the end of the year we expect all our main corridors - Wilton Drive, Andrews Avenue, Oakland Park Boulevard, and NE 26th Street - to be officially designated as TOCs. We can then begin to modify our zoning laws to incentivize developers to build smart, energy efficient, and beautiful buildings where people can live happily and easily without a car if they so desire. Wilton Station is an example how that can work, and I hope before too long we will have several others.

In closing, I want to mention that the city is currently engaged in a Strategic Plan update. The updated Wilton Manors Strategic Plan 2030 will describe our goals and objectives for 2030 as well as the strategies to achieve them. The plan will be our roadmap to the future, and our budget priorities will be guided by the plan.

As we move our city forward together, we need your input! Please be sure to respond to the survey, either by completing the hard copy version included in this Town Crier and returning it to city hall or by visiting the online link at [www.Addthelink.com](http://www.Addthelink.com). Join us at one of the upcoming visioning and planning sessions to make your voice heard.

As your mayor, I want to hear your ideas and concerns. Please feel free to contact me at [jflippen@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:jflippen@wiltonmanors.com) or 954-390-2123

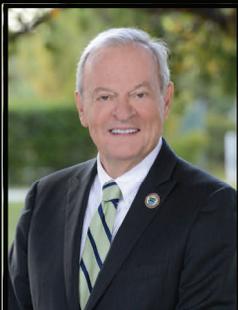
In your service,

*Justin S. Flippen, J.D.*  
"The People's Mayor"



**PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY! SEE PAGES 13-20 OF THIS ISSUE OF THE TOWN CRIER FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

## Vice Mayor Tom Green—Strategic Planning



I love Wilton Manors. I have chosen to make this wonderful little community my home for years and it's been my privilege to represent the residents here for almost twelve years. I love it for so many reasons.

Lately, I have been so happy to see our city moving towards a future that I have long dreamed of – one where trees line the streets, where the scale of the buildings encourages people to stop and talk, where you can walk (on a sidewalk) almost anywhere, to the grocer, or to dinner, from anywhere in the City. Where you can charge your electric car, where we can expand services for seniors without raising taxes. Where water rates are more reasonable, and where there is a hotel where friends and relatives can stay when they come to visit. A place where everyone is treated the same and everyone is safe.

In 2015 we updated the City Strategic Plan. With input from hundreds of residents and business owners, we agreed on a road map to get us to today. Now it's time to update that plan again, so we can reach consensus on our vision for Wilton Manors 2030, and what strategies city staff will employ to achieve the goal.

What is important to you? I hope you will jump into the conversation and share your thoughts. You can attend one of the upcoming conversations in May – the Visioning Session or the Planning Session. You should be sure to fill out the resident survey, either with a hard copy (attached to this Town Crier) delivered to City Hall or through the online link. Or you can come to any City Commission meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month and speak during public comment.

Also, please be sure to stand up and be counted in the Census survey. The once a decade federal questionnaire can result in additional funding and representation for our region. This year you can complete the survey online, by phone, or by snail mail. Your census information is confidential for the next seventy years and there is no citizenship question. The deadline to respond is the third week in April.

Don't forget, Tuesday, March 17 is St. Patrick's Day and the Presidential Primary. Vote early at City Hall or by mail in ballot, or at your precinct on Election Day.

As always, please contact me with your comments and ideas at 954-290-0561 or by email at [tgreen@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:tgreen@wiltonmanors.com).

## Commissioner Julie Carson—A Decade of Possibilities



Welcome to 2020 and all that the City of Wilton Manors has to offer! Our future is bright and our vision is clear as we continue to fashion a thriving municipal culture.

Hard to believe that in my less than 10-year tenure as your City Commissioner, I have attended nearly 200 regular Commission meetings. I have never missed a Commission meeting, and that is a hallmark that no other elected in our city has ever achieved. I respect the charge you have given me and trust that my continued work on your behalf will make you proud that I am your public servant!

The municipal priorities are shaped by residents and community partners through dialogue, discussion, emails, public forums and even sharing ideas over a cup of coffee. In fact, some of the greatest achievements of our city have been driven by residents and business owners, including the narrowing of Wilton Drive; the development of Mickel Park (and the splash pad); creation of a top dog park at Colohatchee; and implementation of the affordable housing program.

First on the list of 2020 priorities is to be a good fiscal steward of taxpayer dollars. This annually analyzed thread of responsibility is an inherent consideration in the continued delivery of services and quality of life in the Island City.

Thoughtful economic development is an overriding goal of our Strategic Plan. We must corral economic opportunity to ensure the future of the city and fortification of our tax base. I am currently speaking with developers who are excited about the possibility of partnering to bring a stunning boutique hotel, amphitheater, and cultural arts element to our city. Increased density in the corridors is necessary.

Attention to infrastructure or basic physical and organizational structures and facilities (buildings, roads, power supplies, water and sewer systems, technology) needed for the operation of our city are of paramount concern and inextricably connected to our successful future.

Preserving our environment via incentives; innovative public policy; action on climate change and sea-level rise; and safeguarding our water supplies comprise a most critical rung on the ladder of city objectives. Mitigating neighborhood flooding and increasing seawall height prepare us to face some incredible challenges.

I will continue to preserve our core City values through meaningful engagement of residents and stakeholders in policy dialogue and setting priorities. As a uniquely caring community, we must continue to protect our vulnerable, elderly, children, and marginalized populations and to be a stalwart of equality, diversity, and inclusion.

Please contact me at 954-288-8174 or [JCarson@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:JCarson@wiltonmanors.com) to share your ideas and concerns.

## Commissioner Gary Resnick-Investment in Waster & Sewer Infrastructure



With the constant headlines about water and sewer leaks in other cities, most notably Fort Lauderdale, as a result of old infrastructure, many residents raise concern with our infrastructure in Wilton Manors. Often damage to underground utilities occurs with contractors excavating to install fiber and utilities. However, there is no question that water and sewer systems throughout the US, including South Florida, have aging infrastructure and insufficient funds to replace it. Plus sea level rise is creating new challenges.

Fort Lauderdale provides our water and sewage treatment. However, Wilton Manors owns and maintains its own city-wide distribution and collection systems. While this infrastructure is underground and out-of-sight, that does not mean we ignore it. In fact, we've always budgeted significant funds to maintain our system to meet our most essential needs.

The City's water and wastewater infrastructure includes approximately 250,000 linear feet of water mains, 4,032 water meters, 281 fire hydrants, 12 sewer lift stations, 10,000 feet of sewer force mains, 830 manholes, and 188,000 feet of gravity sewer lines. As in many neighboring cities, the majority of this infrastructure was built as the City was developing in the 1960's. Wilton Manors Emergency Management/Utilities Department maintains an annual maintenance plan that includes testing, repairing, and servicing this critical infrastructure. In addition, significant investment has been made to replace aging pipes and lift stations – approximately \$14 million over the last several years. You have probably seen City crews or contractors working on NE 6 Avenue, Wilton Drive, NE 26 Street, or in your neighborhood replacing water mains or lift stations. This type of capital investment is ongoing.

We fund these projects with utility rates, bonds and occasionally grants. The more significant water/sewer projects in the past 15 years include the following:

|                                    |               |   |           |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---|-----------|
| 2004 - Replaced lift station #9    | \$170,600     | 2016 – Lift Station #6 Replacement                                    | \$641,300 |
| 2005 - System #10 I&I              | \$400,000     | 2016 – Water Main Replacement NE 2 <sup>nd</sup> & NE 3 <sup>rd</sup> | \$800,000 |
| 2006 – Lift station # 5 force main | \$400,000     | 2017 – Wilton Drive Water Main  | \$997,000 |
| 2007 – 5.5 Million Bond for I&I    | \$5.5 Million | 2017 – Lift Station #6 Replacement                                    | \$444,220 |
| 2008 – Lift Station #8 Replacement | \$400,000     | 2017 – Sewer Slip Lining  | \$250,000 |
| 2012 – Lift Station 11 Replacement | \$1.4 Million | 2018 – NE 26 Street Water Main  | \$800,000 |
| 2015 - Lift Station 3 Force main   | \$370,000     | 2018 – NE 6 Ave Water Main  | \$783,000 |
| 2015 – Encoded Water Meters        | \$800,000     | 2018 – Water Main Insertion city wide                                 | \$150,000 |
| 2015 – Sewer Manhole Rehab         | \$50,000      |   |           |

While ongoing work does not mean pipes won't break, this ongoing capital improvement plan makes it less likely to have significant water/sewer problems on a regular basis.

**Planning for the Future:** Ongoing maintenance will not address the challenges with sea level rise and increased development. To plan for the future, we contracted with an engineering firm in January 2019, to complete a comprehensive water, sewer, and storm water master plan. The process involved evaluating the current age and condition of our infrastructure and establishing a timeline and cost estimate for both short and long term upgrades. The plan incorporates estimated future growth and predicted sea level rise. This allows the city to establish budgets and resources that will be needed to continue its infrastructure investment in a strategic, prioritized approach. The plan was presented at the January 14, 2020, Commission meeting, and included water, sewer and drainage projects. It includes projects planned for the next 10 and 20 years, with a total price tag estimate of roughly \$25 million for water, sewer and drainage, plus another \$27 million to address sea level rise.

We continue to advocate for state and federal funds to assist local governments with water infrastructure projects. Please join me in thanking our City Staff for providing this information and for continuing to ensure that we are proactive in taking care of essential infrastructure. As always, I welcome your input and questions on this and other city issues, and thank you for your continued support.



The City's Budgeting process for the 2020/2021 fiscal year will begin with the **Goals & Objectives Workshop** on Thursday, March 26 at 6:30p.m. in the City Commission Chambers.

The public is welcome to attend this and ALL city meetings! See the calendar at [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com)

The series of meetings on the **Wilton Drive Municipal Complex Redevelopment** continues with a Workshop on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30p.m. in the City Commission Chambers.

**Pride of the Americas** comes to Greater Fort Lauderdale April 21-26, with Night on Wilton Drive, Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>.



The Presidential Primary Election is Tuesday, March 17. Early voting will be held at Wilton Manors City Hall from Saturday, March 7 through Sunday, March 15. See page 28 of this issue of the Town Crier for more information.

## Commissioner Paul Rolli—Water, Water, Water



Wilton Manors City Management had the foresight to request a study be undertaken to assess our Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Integrated Master Plan. The purpose was to assess the condition of our water and sewer pipe infrastructure. The study was conducted by Baxter and Woodman, an engineering consultant, and their findings were presented to, and accepted by, the city commission on January 14, 2020.

This integrated master plan was utilized to create a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to identify the parts of the systems that need to be repaired or replaced in chronological order based on the condition of the infrastructure.

There are two major parts to the CIP for water and sewer with subordinate 10 and 20 year plans. Replacement items were noted in priority order with an associated cost and we are planning for these costs long before we have an emergency. Emergencies are much more expensive than planned repairs.

The city has been maintaining our underground infrastructure systems to keep our systems flowing with the goal of avoiding significant pipe breaks as we have recently seen in other cities.

Wilton Manors is one of the few cities that has been maintaining our infrastructure and also one of the few that has undertaken a long term replacement approach. The city staff and city commission are to be commended for these actions.

In addition, I have asked, and the city commission has agreed, the City Manager to be proactive and work with Fort Lauderdale to ensure we are not billed more than our fair share of Fort Lauderdale’s repair/replacement costs. Since we buy all of our water from and send our sewage to Fort Lauderdale for processing there might be some costs passed along to Wilton Manors and other cities that use these services.

Thus far, the City Manager has contacted the other cities that buy water from Fort Lauderdale and is discussing the cost and service issues with these cities to determine a collective interest and forward plan.

Water pipes and lines infrastructure maintenance will be a primary focus in the upcoming year and in our annual budget.

The report also looks at Storm Water Management and recommends how to deal with King Tide and High Tide flooding and mitigating those effects by taking specific actions following a 10 and 20 year plan. We are exploring some of the short and long term options and are working with Broward County, the Army Corps of Engineers and state officials to devise local and regional solutions.

In the meantime, I wish those who celebrate - a Happy St. Patricks Day, Happy Passover and Happy Easter. If you have any questions or concerns, always feel free to contact me at [prolli@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:prolli@wiltonmanors.com) or 954-595-8865. I am always available to talk.

## Junior Citizen Recognition

### *I Led the Pledge*



*Did you know...? A junior member of our community leads the Pledge of Allegiance in one of each month's Commission Meetings! Our Junior Citizens are just one more reason why #lifesjustbetterhere in the Island City!*



## Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association (CANA)

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

Central Area Neighborhood Association (CANA) focuses on resident/member input concerning quality of life issues within the Island City. At our most recent meeting we surveyed members in attendance to guide our selection of future speakers and topics. We remain receptive to any further input you may wish to offer via our e-mail contact. As 2020 is a municipal election year, the focused voice of our association is a strength we have to guide growth and change with our city. We challenge you to become involved, and remind you CANA can make a difference!

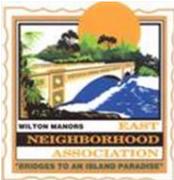
**CANA invites you to join our membership** – CANA is a forum for residents of the Central Area of Wilton Manors to meet, discuss and solve issues affecting the well-being of the neighbors by serving as a communication channel for information between residents and the City Commission. You can contact 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. Yearly membership is \$25 per individual/household. Please join through our website or at our quarterly meetings.

### **Next CANA Meeting–**

April 22, 2020. All meetings held at Hagen Park Community Center 7p.m. Parking is free during our meetings!

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

The East Neighborhood Association (ENA) will host its 4th Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale on April 4th & April 5th beginning at 8a.m. This is open to all residents who live in Wilton Manors east of the FEC railroad tracks. You do not need to be a member of ENA to participate. ENA will take care of the City Yard Sale Permit, advertisements and directional signage from major streets. However, participants will be responsible for signage at their home. If you want to participate, please call ENA Vice President John Fiore or Michael Pierce at 954-564-3821 and let them know your address and what you will be selling so it can be included in the ads and yard sale web sites.

At the January 17, 2020 ENA Meeting the membership elected two new board members, David Walker and John Weibalck and reelected Randy Comer to the board. ENA President Martin Nixon and Secretary Laura Carter decided not to run for reelection. ENA would like to thank Martin and Laura for their hard work helping ENA and supporting the neighborhood. The new ENA Board of Directors consists of John Fiore, Michael Pierce, David Walker, John Weibalck and Randy Comer.

Contact us: [wiltonmanorsena@gmail.com](mailto:wiltonmanorsena@gmail.com) or visit us: [www.wiltonmanors-ena.org](http://www.wiltonmanors-ena.org)

## WESTSIDE ASSOCIATION OF WILTON MANORS—(WAWM)

### ANNUAL MEETING

**THURSDAY APRIL 30, 2020**  
 Social Half-Hour 6:30pm, Meeting at 7p.m.  
 Election of Board of Directors  
 Nominations to [wawm.org@gmail.com](mailto:wawm.org@gmail.com)  
 Hagen Park Community Center  
 \*Parking is free during the meeting\*

### Mark Your Calendar

Annual Island City Canoe Race – May 16  
 Join Team WAWM!  
 Interested in participating, send us an email.

### April is Membership Renewal Month

\$25.00 per Household  
 Renew at the Annual Meeting, pay on-line at [wawm.org](http://wawm.org), or mail your membership to:

WAWM  
 PO Box 100845  
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33310

### Music at Mickel

Friday, March 20, 2020  
 Performance from 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m.  
 Music, Food Trucks, Refreshments

Please contact WAWM Secretary Jon O'Connor at [wawm.org@gmail.com](mailto:wawm.org@gmail.com) for additional information.



***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.***



## From the Desk of Chief O'Connell-Shaping the Future—Will You Count?

2020 marks many things: the beginning of a new decade, the coming elections and the Census (done each decade as mandated by the U.S. Constitution). It cannot be overemphasized how important it is that you, your family, your friends, and your neighbors all work together to ensure that **EVERYONE** is counted.

Beginning in March you can respond online ([www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov)) or you can respond by telephone (844-467-2020). By mid-April there will be a paper questionnaire to every household that has yet to respond. Or, if you prefer, you can respond in person beginning in mid-May when the census takers will visit each household which has not yet responded. Regardless of your choice, please respond! Here is what will be at stake:

Based on the 2020 Census there will be congressional reapportionment. It is expected that Congressional reapportionment will find that Florida will gain two (2) seats in the House of Representatives, while Texas may gain as many as three seats. While the South and Southwest gain seats, it is expected that New York (-2), California (-1), Ohio (-1), Illinois (-1), Pennsylvania (-1), Rhode Island (-1), and West Virginia (-1) will lose seats in Congress.

What else will be at stake? **FEDERAL MONEY!** A complete count helps ensure that services like Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and public transportation can and will support those in need.

**TAX TIME!** Yes, it is that time of year again. Please work to file as early as possible so you are ahead of the “false filers” who have a long history of stealing personal identities and filing false reports to steal the tax refund that you may be entitled to as a result of your filing to the IRS. **NOTHING** can be more distressing than filing your income tax return only to discover that someone else has stolen your identity and filed for and stolen your return money!

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

Step #1 is to call the **IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit** at 800-908-4490. This will begin the process of locking down further damage and repairing the damage that has already been done.

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

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

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

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

As always, the Wilton Manors Police Department is at your service day or night, 24/7. Visit us on our website at [www.wmpd.org](http://www.wmpd.org) or visit us at City Hall during our business hours which are Monday-Friday 7a.m. to 10p.m. and Saturday 10a.m. to 5p.m.

## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM TAX SEASON SCAMS



It's tax season so you should be aware of the current IRS scams criminals are perpetrating. In the past, Wilton Manors Police Department has warned you about IRS scams which involved fake IRS tax notices which indicated you owed money as a result of the Affordable Care Act or an error reported on your return for the previous tax year. Keep in mind the criminal's intention is to deceive you and they will fabricate fake notices which look exactly like authentic IRS notices.

With the newer variations of tax-related scams con artists attempt to frighten people into returning "robocall" voicemails. The "robocall" voicemail claims the IRS is going to suspend or cancel the victim's Social Security Number. Another variation involves unsolicited "robocalls" from the Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) which is an independent organization within the IRS. These thieves actually "spoof" the telephone number of the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service when they contact you. Again, the criminal is attempting to obtain sensitive data such as your social security number, individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), and bank account information.

Bolder criminals will call you directly and identify themselves as "Agents of the IRS" while providing fake names and badge numbers. Versions of these scams include:

- Claiming you are entitled to a large refund, however you must first provide personal information.
- Claiming there is an active warrant which you can resolve by making an immediate payment.
- Calling to confirm bank account information for your rebate check.
- Threatening to revoke your driver's license or professional license for tax debts.

If you receive one of these calls always verify information by hanging up with the caller and calling back a legitimate representative from the IRS. You can locate your Local Taxpayer Assistance Center on the official IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Do not be in such a panic or rush that you provide valuable bank or credit information to a complete stranger on the phone. When you receive any tax documents or calls regarding your taxes there are several "red-flag warnings" that can help you avoid becoming a victim. Some examples, the IRS will never:

- Initiate contact with you by email or through social media.
- Threaten to have you arrested unless you make an immediate payment.
- Ask you to pay using a gift card, pre-paid debit card, or wire transfer.
- Request personal or financial information by phone, texts, or social media.
- Call about an unexpected refund.

The IRS has also been alerted to unsolicited emails from IRS imposters. The email subject line may vary, but recent examples use the phrase "Automatic Income Tax Reminder" or "Electronic Tax Return Reminder." Some other forms of these emails may have fake CP2000 notices, which are another notice the IRS issues when the information they receive does not match the income on the tax return, attached to the email. Some telltale signs of this fraud:

- There may be a "payment" link within the email. Scam emails can link you to sites that steal your personal information, take your money, or infect your computer with malware. Don't click on the link.
- The notices request that a check be made out to "I.R.S." Real CP2000s ask taxpayers to make their checks out to "United States Treasury" if they agree they owe taxes.
- The emails contain a "temporary password" or "one-time password" to "access" the files to submit the refund. When taxpayers try to access these, it turns out to be a malicious file.
- The emails have payment vouchers which direct the victim to send the payment to a processing center.

You can see an image of a real IRS notices on the IRS web page. If you get a scam IRS notice, forward it to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov) and then delete it from your email account. Also let the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) know. Additionally, these false notices may include a fake IRS.gov-like website with details pretending to be about the taxpayer's refund, electronic return or tax account. Take the appropriate steps to contact the IRS from a legitimate website and telephone number before providing anyone any personal identity information.

### HIRE AN OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICER

Did you know that the City of Wilton Manors partners with Off Duty Management to provide services related to hiring off-duty police officers? You may request to hire off-duty police officers for security through their web-based service here:

<https://odm.officertrak.com/Wilton-Manors-FL-PD> or by calling their toll-free number 1-877-636-8300.

## RIGHT OF WAY

By definition it means the right of one vehicle or pedestrian to proceed in a lawful manner in preference to another vehicle or pedestrian approaching under such circumstances of direction, speed, and proximity as to give rise to danger of collision *unless one grants precedence to the other.*

Everyone knows that South Florida is nationally known for vehicles' striking pedestrians and bike riders. Have you ever stopped to wonder why this happens? Simply stated, a misunderstanding as to who has the right of way while travelling and those who break the rules by not stopping or allowing vehicles and pedestrians to go unimpeded.

Examples of when you have to yield the right of way are:

- When pedestrians are in a crosswalk
- When emergency vehicles (lights and sirens activated) approach
- Anyone using a Seeing Eye dog or anyone with a white cane
- Stopped school buses with flashing lights
- Approaching intersections with inoperable traffic signals
- Yield to oncoming traffic during a left turn
- Move over one lane or slow down (20 miles per hour under the posted speed limit) when approaching any emergency vehicle with lights activated and stopped on the road



Never assume others will yield even if they should. Use defensive driving techniques. When a driver is legally required to yield the right of way and fails to do so, other drivers are required to stop or yield as necessary for safety. So, if another driver does not yield to you when he or she should, forget it. Let the other driver go first. This might lead to a road rage incident.

Drivers' should yield to bicyclists in all situations where you would yield to a vehicle. Bicyclists are supposed to be treated as another vehicle, but must be passed at a safe distance. Yield to bicyclists when turning left; let them pass before you make the turn.

Remember, when you yield the right of way to pedestrians, you are insuring their safe passage (hopefully in a crosswalk) to make it across the street. Law Enforcement Agencies across the country have taken many steps to educate the general public to ensure safety while driving, walking and riding. When these laws are broken, people are usually injured or properties are damaged. Other simple rules include: First to stop-first to go. Farthest right goes first. And straight traffic goes first.

## SPRING CLEANING INITIATIVE

Spring time is near. As many people do this time of year, Wilton Manors Code Compliance is also working towards an initiative to clean up the old issues which exist in your neighborhoods. Similar to a New Year's resolution, we would like our residents to commit to helping us identify those maintenance issues you have noticed for a while, but have not had the opportunity to let your Code Unit know. We want your help to ensure that we are addressing that pesky property which always seems to be out of compliance with maintenance issues. You know, the one who always puts their bulk out early, leaves their garbage cans out, does not cut the grass, brings home junk cars, and generally does not maintain their property in a way that makes a positive impact to the surrounding properties. Also, those violations like dirty pools and other ones which are in the back yard, and we can't see from the street.

If you happen to know one of these "usual suspects", please help us keep them in compliance. While our Unit enforces these issues throughout the city, some of these properties go back to the way they were after we have addressed certain violations. And no one knows the main problems in the neighborhoods like those which reside in them. Code compliance accepts anonymous complaints of every kind, as well as non-anonymous ones if you prefer us to follow-up with you. You may file a complaint verbally, by an anonymous note, voicemail, or email, or through our online system. Our online system also permits anyone to check if case has been started against a property by entering the property address here:

[www.wiltonmanors.com/349/Code-Compliance-Unit](http://www.wiltonmanors.com/349/Code-Compliance-Unit)

Please help us maintain a high maintenance standard by submitting your concerns as follows:

- In person/ by mail: 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305
- By phone: 954-390-2151
- By email: [codecompliance@wmpd.org](mailto:codecompliance@wmpd.org)
- Online: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/349/Code-Compliance-Unit>





**We need you --- to complete the 2020 Decennial Census!**



**Keep an eye out for mail from the US Census Bureau!**

During the first three weeks of March 2020, you will receive a postcard from the U.S. Census Bureau. The postcard will have a unique household identifier that will allow you to respond to the census via the internet or telephone. Federal law requires that the personal information you submit be kept confidential and secure.

A complete and accurate count is critical for Wilton Manors because the results of the 2020 Census will affect how much funding we receive from federal programs over the next decade. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data. For this reason, responding to the census is a civic duty that is required by law. The U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

The results of the Census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts. Three congressional seats were gained in Florida after the last census, and that translates into empowerment.

Children, immigrants, and other at-risk communities are always in danger of being undercounted, so pass the word along to your friends and neighbors. Completing the Census survey is safe – and it is vitally important for you and your community!

If you need help responding to the Census or know someone who might, the City has trained volunteers to assist. Call 954-390-2120 for more information.

## **AT YOUR DOOR-HOUSEHOLD-HAZARDOUS WASTE PICK-UP**



Residents in single family homes can contact Waste Management's AtYourDoorSM service by phone at: 1-800-449-7587 or by e-mail: [atyourdoor@wm.com](mailto:atyourdoor@wm.com)) to schedule a pickup of household hazardous waste.



*Life's Just Better Here*

# Wilton Manors Strategic Plan Community Survey

## **We need your feedback for our city's future!**

As part of Wilton Manors' strategic planning process, we would appreciate your input about your experiences interacting with city staff, the strengths of Wilton Manors, opportunities for improvement, as well as your thoughts on the current vision and mission statements, values, and priorities for the future. This survey will allow you to share your opinions and ideas, and will help Island City leaders understand what is most important to community members. Please complete the survey by April 3, 2020.

For more information about the Strategic Plan Community Survey visit:

<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=102>

Please remove pages 13-20 from the center of this issue of the Town Crier to complete a paper copy of the survey. Completed surveys may be turned in at City Hall or mailed (postmarked by April 3, 2020) to:

Management Partners  
c/o Sam Lieberman  
1730 Madison Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45206

Or go directly here to take the survey online:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WiltonManorsStrategicPlanCommunitySurvey>



## Wilton Manors Strategic Planning Community Survey Town Crier

Dear City of Wilton Manors Community Member,

The City has engaged Management Partners, a national consulting firm that works with local governments throughout the country, to facilitate an update of the current strategic plan for the City. Because your opinion is valued by the City leadership team, Management Partners has prepared this survey to gather feedback and input from community members about the future of Wilton Manors.

Strategic planning involves establishing a vision for the future and a clear mission, articulating the organization's values, establishing goals, identifying priority strategies and critical success factors, and creating a plan of action to ensure timely results.



As we begin the strategic planning process, we would appreciate receiving your input about your experiences interacting with city staff, the strengths of Wilton Manors, opportunities for improvement, as well as your thoughts on the current vision and mission statements, values, and priorities for the future. This survey will allow you to share your opinions and ideas, and will help me, your City Commissioners, and the leadership team understand what is most important to Wilton Manors community members.

All survey responses will be anonymous. Management Partners will prepare a summary after the survey closes. No responses will be directly identified with any individual. The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete and should be done in one sitting. Please complete this survey by **April 3, 2020**. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Sam Lieberman with Management Partners at (513) 861-5400 or [slieberman@managementpartners.com](mailto:slieberman@managementpartners.com).

Thank you for your participation and ideas about this important matter and helping us plan the future of our Island City together, because after all you are the reason why "life's just better here."

Yours in service,  
Justin S. Flippen, J.D.  
"The People's Mayor"  
Mayor, City of Wilton Manors

**1. During the past two years, approximately how many times have you contacted any of the City of Wilton Manors departments?**

- 0 times (skip to Question 3)
- 1 to 3 times
- 4 to 6 times
- 7 times or more

**2. Based on your contacts with the City of Wilton Manors, indicate whether you were very satisfied, satisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the following:**

|   | Very Satisfied        | Satisfied             | Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied | Dissatisfied          | Very Dissatisfied     |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| The professionalism of employees            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The knowledge of employees                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| How well your question/request was answered | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Courteousness of employees                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Timeliness of response                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Access to employees                         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**3. Strengths are existing positive qualities that will enable the City to achieve its vision for the future. Thinking about the City of Wilton Manors as a community and Wilton Manors city government, indicate whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree that the items listed below are strengths of Wilton Manors.**

|   | Strongly Agree        | Agree                 | Disagree              | Strongly Disagree     | Don't Know            |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A value of inclusiveness                      | <input type="radio"/> |
| Accessibility of city staff                   | <input type="radio"/> |
| Committed volunteers                          | <input type="radio"/> |
| Distinct neighborhoods                        | <input type="radio"/> |
| Engaged residents                             | <input type="radio"/> |
| Financially sound, high performing government | <input type="radio"/> |
| Friendliness of residents                     | <input type="radio"/> |
| High quality service levels                   | <input type="radio"/> |
| Leisure services programs and events          | <input type="radio"/> |
| Location                                      | <input type="radio"/> |
| Natural resources                             | <input type="radio"/> |
| Parks and open space                          | <input type="radio"/> |
| Professionalism of city staff                 | <input type="radio"/> |
| Rising property values                        | <input type="radio"/> |
| Small-town feel                               | <input type="radio"/> |
| Walkable urban core                           | <input type="radio"/> |
| Wilton Drive                                  | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

**4. Opportunities may exist as unrealized or untapped potential within the community. These opportunities, if acted upon, will enhance the City in the future. For each item below, please indicate whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree that it represents an opportunity for the community of Wilton Manors or Wilton Manors city government.**

|   | Strongly Agree        | Agree                 | Disagree              | Strongly Disagree     | Don't Know            |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Diversify business types on Wilton Drive  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Encourage development of dense residential units  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Enhance economic development along major corridors (Andrews Avenue, Oakland Park Blvd, 26th Street) | <input type="radio"/> |
| Enhance the city's climate resiliency   | <input type="radio"/> |
| Enhance multi-modal transportation options  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Ensure employee pay is aligned with the market  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Establish a commuter rail stop within the city limits   | <input type="radio"/> |
| Incentivize affordable housing (i.e., micro units)  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Increase parks and open space acreage   | <input type="radio"/> |
| Invest in pedestrian and bicycle safety measures  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Leverage the development of land adjacent to City Hall  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Make reasonable adjustments to density and scale allowances along commercial corridors              | <input type="radio"/> |
| Upgrade water and sewer systems   | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

**5. When you think about the future of Wilton Manors, what City attributes make you optimistic? (*using the fields below, indicate up to three things*)**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**6. When you think about the future of Wilton Manors, what are your concerns? (*using the fields below, indicate up to three things*)**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**7. If you were describing Wilton Manors to an out-of-town friend, what three words would you use? (*using the fields below, indicate up to three things*)**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**8. The vision describes where the City is headed and is an aspirational statement of a future desired state.**

**The current vision statement reads:**

*The City of Wilton Manors government strives to take effective actions to ensure quality services, while sustaining a diverse culture and small-town charm.*

**Do you think the vision statement should be changed?**

- Yes
- No

**9. If yes, using the field below, indicate any suggested changes you would make to the Wilton Manors vision statement.**

**10. A mission statement indicates the purpose of the City and guides the prioritization of opportunities. The mission defines what the City stands for and what it will do.**

**The current mission statement for the City reads:**

*The City of Wilton Manors government is committed to improving the quality of life in our community by delivering valued and fiscally-sound services with integrity and respect to the residents, businesses, and guests of our City.*

**Do you think the mission statement should be changed?**

Yes

No

**11. If yes, using the field below, indicate any suggested changes you would make to the Wilton Manors mission statement.**

**12. Values express the core operating principles of an organization. They govern the actions and behaviors of policy makers and employees to effectuate the mission and vision of the organization. Please use the fields below to indicate your top three values that should guide the actions of Wilton Manors employees and elected officials.**

1.

2.

3.

**13. Considering your vision of Wilton Manors in the next five years, what key priorities areas should the City focus on? (using the fields below, indicate up to three priority areas for the future)**

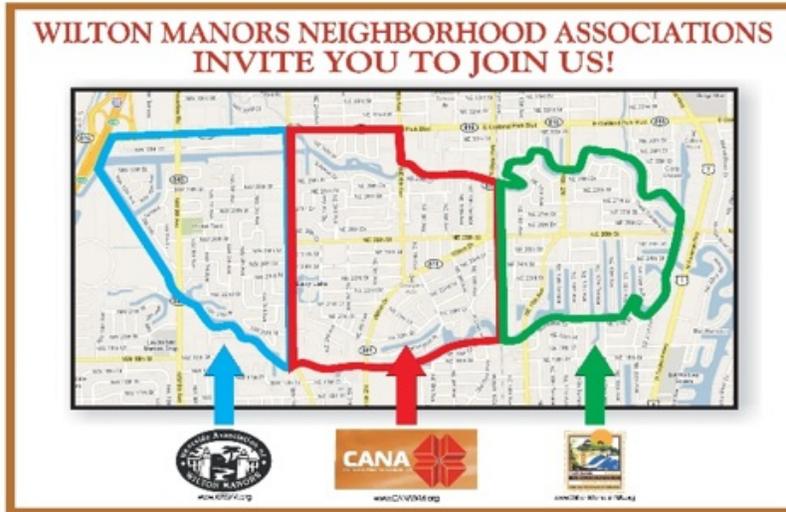
1.

2.

3.

**14. What suggestions can you provide to the City for improving the quality of life in Wilton Manors?**

**15. In which neighborhood do you reside?**



- West (blue)
- Central (red)
- East (green)

**16. What is your age range?**

- Under 18 years old
- 18 to 35
- 36 to 54
- 55 to 64
- Over 64 years old

**17. Which of the following best describes your relationship to the City of Wilton Manors? (check all that apply)**

- Resident of the City of Wilton Manors
- Member of a board or commission
- Business owner in the City of Wilton Manors
- Other (please specify)

Thank you for providing your opinions to help shape the City of Wilton Manors's Strategic Plan.



# THE Charter OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS

## Charter Review Board Update—Public Hearing Announcement

By: Michael Rajner, Chair

The Charter Review Board reached out to all Wilton Manors residents and stakeholders by holding two public hearings for the public to provide comment on its Charter recommendations being submitted to the Wilton Manors City Commission.

The Board held the first public hearing on Monday, December 16, 2019, and the second public hearing on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Members of the public had up to 6 minutes to provide comment following a presentation on the Board's proposals while comments were also solicited via email at: [CharterReview@WiltonManors.com](mailto:CharterReview@WiltonManors.com)

In order to have effective city government, it is essential that the city's Charter reflect the concerns of its residents. All feedback is important and was considered by the Board as it finalizes its recommendations for the City Commission's consideration. While some of the proposals are intended for referendum on the November 2020 general election ballot, other proposals can be enacted as an ordinance or resolution by the City Commission.

Below is a summary of the initial Charter Review Board's proposals:

Proposal 1 – (Referendum) Establishes a 12-consecutive-year maximum term limit regardless of which office held (mayor/commission), followed by a two-year waiting period until eligible to run again for office.

Proposal 2 – (Referendum) Establishes specific seats for commissioner, though they will continue to be elected at-large.

Proposal 3 – (Ordinance) Establishes term limits for city advisory boards, limits service to no more than two boards concurrently and limits individuals to being an officer of only one board at a time.

Proposal 4 – (Referendum) Forfeiture of elected office after four consecutive unexcused absences at regular meetings of the City Commission.

Proposal 5 – (Ordinance) Amends Charter to include gender-neutral pronouns by eliminating gender preference language to promote equality.

Proposal 6 – (Ordinance) Amends Article II - General Municipal Powers, Section 1. - Enumeration of Powers to remove obsolete language and replace with applicable language consistent with Florida Law.

Proposal 7 – (Ordinance) Amends Article IV, Elections, Section 2 "Date of Election; Candidates Qualifying Fee and Acceptance of Candidacy" to provide for the date of payment of the qualifying fee to be consistent with a November election.

Proposal 8 – (Referendum) Repeals obsolete Articles IIIA, Sections 14 and 22, and Article V in its entirety.

Proposal 9 – (Resolution) Relates to rules & policies governing meetings of the City Commission: 1) participation in meeting by phone; 2) postpone action on new business items added during "Additional/Changes/Deletions"; and 3) provide for additional period of public comment for up to two minutes at the end of commission meetings.

The Board is currently finalizing its report for the Commission which will be presented in a public workshop on Tuesday, March 24 at 6p.m. in the Commission Chambers (just prior to the regular Commission Meeting at 7p.m.).

All materials will soon be available on the Charter Review Board's webpage at:

<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/683/Charter-Review-Board>.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (CDS) 954-390-2180



The 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 if it involves 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 quotes before signing a contract.
- Request references, licenses, and insurance information for each contractor. Verify licenses with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations at [www.myfloridalicense.com](http://www.myfloridalicense.com).

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

## 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) 954-390-2180**



Please join the City of Wilton Manors in welcoming new businesses that opened in December 2019 & January 2020.

**Address**

**Business Name**

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 2149 NE 19 Ave              | A1 + (Plus) Marine Surveyors & Consultants Inc. |
| 2756 N Dixie Hwy            | The Plant Guy                                   |
| 2240 Wilton Dr              | Wilton Art Inc.                                 |
| 2217 Wilton Dr              | Healing Touches 4 You LLC                       |
| 2400 Wilton Dr              | Pita Pride                                      |
| 1414 NE 26 St               | Holy Mackerel                                   |
| 1881 NE 26 St 237           | Hocher Holdings Corporation                     |
| 2364 Wilton Dr              | Freedom Travel Inc.                             |
| 1100 W Oakland Park Blvd #4 | Gator Batteries                                 |
| 2043 Wilton Dr              | Via Vai Italian Deli & Wine Bar                 |
| 1201 NE 26 St 106           | Luxury Motor Group Auto Brokers Inc.            |
| 2389 Wilton Dr              | Thai Me Up                                      |

**“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.

## WILTON MANORS—HOMEBUYERS PURCHASE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The City of Wilton Manors, together with the Broward County Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment Division, offers homebuyer purchase assistance to qualified persons wishing to make Wilton Manors their home.

Visit Broward County Housing, Finance & Community Redevelopment Division at  
<https://www.broward.org/Housing/Pages/Homebuyer.aspx> or call 954-357-4900

**This program is administered by Broward County on behalf of the City of Wilton Manors.**

### HELP THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD FIND THE “SKIP STADNIK COMMUNITY SPIRIT” HONOREES FOR VOLUNTEERISM DURING 2019!

The Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB) is requesting nominees for its 5th annual “Skip Stadnik Community Spirit Awards” to recognize **one outstanding individual** and **one business** in Wilton Manors for exemplary volunteerism during 2019. **NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 31, 2020.**

Qualifications are:

- **Volunteer Individual of the Year** exhibits efforts for beautification of the city, supports issues of community concern, disseminated education, and/or publicizes the benefits of doing business in the city.
- The nominee must be a Wilton Manors resident and cannot receive any monetary or personal benefits from their involvement, and their volunteer service must be unrelated to their job duties.
- **Volunteer Business of the Year** will be awarded to an outstanding business, business association, or non-profit organization located in Wilton Manors or one that provides direct service to area residents. The business owner is NOT required to reside in Wilton Manors.
- The entity will be recognized for improving the quality of life for residents and promoting the welfare of the community.
- The selected honorees will be celebrated at the City of Wilton Manors annual Volunteer Appreciation event on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and again at a future City Commission meeting.
- Nominations should be 250 words or less and describe the type of work performed by the volunteer, duration of service, benefits to the community, neighborhood, group, individual, or non-profit organization.

Nominations may be made using the form on the City’s website (found here: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/DocumentCenter/View/5556/2020-CAAB-Skip-Stadnik-Community-Spirit-Award-Nomination-Form>) or simply by sending a nomination email in 250 words or less to: [community@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:community@wiltonmanors.com), explaining why this individual or business should be recognized. As noted, **NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 31, 2020.**

### Spring Ahead and Prepare for Disasters



Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> (“spring forward” at 2:00 a.m.) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency encourages everyone to use the change to Daylight Saving Time as a reminder to implement emergency preparedness measures that will keep you and your family safe. This is a great opportunity to review disaster response plans and restock disaster kits.

Disasters come in a variety of forms, so be prepared for even daily emergency situations.

Please visit our Emergency Management webpage at:

<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/139/Emergency-Management>.

Also, Fire Department and life safety officials would like to remind everyone as they move their clocks ahead to change smoke alarm batteries throughout their homes.

## LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

### Message from Leisure Services Director, Patrick Cann



The first two months of the year offered many exciting programs that included Woof & Wine, Yard Sales, Art Gallery 21 Art Exhibit, Touch a Truck, the Annual Historical Society meeting, Music at Mickel Concert Series, Movies on the Drive, Annual Tree Give-Away, and the Classical Concert. The opportunities provided unique benefits while uniting and celebrating quality of life here in the Island City.

March and April have many new and exciting opportunities including the Annual Waterway Cleanup, the final Yard Sales, Music at Mickel, Art Expo, Equality Garden Club Annual Plant Fair, Brunch with the Bunny, Mayor's Chess Challenge, Green Expo, and Annual Tennis Tournament. Also, this year Pride of the America's will be here in the Greater Fort Lauderdale area from April 21 to April 26. Please visit our website or contact one of our Guest Services Team members for more details.

Together, with your support and advice we can truly ensure an effective and resourceful leisure services programs. Quality of life depends upon the use of leisure time to refresh and renew your spirit and energy. "Play fuels your creativity; tickles your inner child and nurtures your soul." Claudia Black.

Please visit us online at [wiltonmanors.com/parks](http://wiltonmanors.com/parks) for more details regarding our activities, special events, park hours, fees, volunteer opportunities and programming. Also, please feel free to contact one of our Guest Services Leaders at 954-390-2130.

### Capital Projects & Grants

#### *Wilton Manors Green Expo*

The City of Wilton Manors is partnering with the Environmental and Sustainability Volunteer Group of Wilton Manors for the launch of a Green Expo. The event will include eco-friendly vendors and artisans, "green" nonprofit and educational booths, kid's activities, food, and entertainment. The event will occur on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 10a.m.—4p.m. at Richardson Park (1937 Wilton Drive). For additional information, please visit [www.WiltonManorsGreenExpo.com](http://www.WiltonManorsGreenExpo.com).

#### *Nature-In-Art Photography Contest*

We are accepting photographs for the city's 4th Nature-In-Art Contest. The photos must be taken within the city limits of Wilton Manors. Suggested subjects include birds, butterflies, water, plants, or animals. With your submission include the photo date, location, a description, and your name and contact information. Please note that photos may be edited and used in social media and/or displayed at Art Gallery 21 (Woman's Club) in the future. Up to 5 photos per person may be submitted. The deadline for submittals is March 15. Email (jpeg) photos to [naturephotos@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:naturephotos@wiltonmanors.com) or mail them to Todd DeJesus, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305.

**There will be an exhibit showcasing the entries at Art Gallery 21 (Woman's Club) from April 18 – May 9, 2020.**

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

### Island City Yard Sales



The final City of Wilton Manors Yard Sale of this season will take place Saturday, March 14 from 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. The yard sale hosts 60 to 90 vendors. There will be a concession stand, so you can eat while you shop. Come join us and find value items at low cost. The vendors sell everything from linens, clothes, furniture, and home decorative items. Some vendors specialize in antiques, plants and collectables.

For more information please call 954-390-2130.

**Leisure Services Department Presents...****954-390-2130****BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT WILTON MANORS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

The City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department offers both Before and After School Care! Contact Leisure Services at 954-390-2130 or visit the Hagen Park Community Center at 2020 Wilton Drive for more information.

**Last Call for Island City Spring Camp**

LAST CALL FOR SIGN UPS!

When: March 23-March 27, 2020

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

The Spring Adventure Camp is a highly structured five day camp with the ultimate in fun planned for the holiday vacation. The program is sponsored by the City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department and is planned and supervised by our certified Recreation and Childcare Professionals. Any child in Kindergarten through Eighth grade may participate. This is a highly structured camp with many special activities and planned fieldtrips. Some of these trips include: Roller Skating, Boomers, Water Park, Movies and much more.

Fees: Resident: \$105 for all 5 days, \$30 per day 2nd Child \$90 for all 5 days, \$30.00 per day

Non Resident: \$130 for all 5 days, \$35.00 per day 2nd Child \$105 for all 5 days \$35.00 per day

T-Shirts: Child \$10.00/Adult \$12.00 (Child must wear Orange Shirts)

Lunch, Snack, and Trip cost is included in the fees. Registration in March is subject to a \$10.00 Late Fee per Child

**Registration begins April 16th for ISLAND CITY SUMMER CAMP 2020**

This will be a 10 week program from June 8–August 14, 7:30a.m. – 6:00p.m., for ages 5 – 14 years, held at Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28th Street. Lunch and snack will be offered daily. All children will participate in a program divided into age groups which will rotate through various activity areas. These areas include activities in arts and crafts, outdoor group games, dance, modeling, free play, board games, story time, reading, science fun, contests, and special events on each Friday. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday are field trip days. The trips will include roller skating, Zoo Miami, bowling, Boomers, cultural art performances, movies, and more. Registration starts on April 16, 2020 for residents of Wilton Manors and April 20, 2020 for Non-Residents.

**School Days Out Program**

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 \$35.00 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 March 17 and March 20.

**LIVE MUSIC AT MICKEL**

The Mickel Park Concert Series continues (each month January through March) with Caribbean Chillers, a Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band, March 20, 7:30—9:30p.m. Overflow parking is available at St Clements Church, with a shuttle service available every 10 minutes. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket. Country Music from Whiskey Six will close out the concert series on April 17th. Food trucks and cash bar available on site.

**Equality Park Garden Club Plant Fair**

The City of Wilton Manors is proud to announce that we are hosting The Equality Park Garden Club Tropical Plant Fair this year on Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29. This event will be held at Richardson Historic Park. For more information please visit the "Tropical Plant Fair 2020" tab at <http://www.equalitygardenclub.com>.

**Jazzercise**

Looking for exercise classes that incorporate cardio, strength and stretch all in one class, with 14 class times every week, in a non-judging atmosphere that can accommodate any fitness level? You have found it! Come try our Dance Mixx classes at Island City Park. You get yourself to class and we'll do the rest, helping with your fitness, appearance, health, and stress level. Both morning and evening classes are offered. Visit [www.Jazzercise.com](http://www.Jazzercise.com) or call or text 754-224-8244 for more info.

**Get involved...**

**954-390-2130**

**ANNUAL BROWARD WATERWAY CLEANUP**

The City of Wilton Manors is excited to be a part of the Annual Broward County Waterway Cleanup. Wilton Manors is proud to continually participate in this Broward County tradition. This year’s Waterway Cleanup will be Saturday, March 7, from 9:00a.m. until 12:00p.m. at Colohatchee Boat Ramp, 1975 NE 15th Ave.

Volunteers will receive refreshments and cleaning supplies (while supplies last). Participating in the Annual Waterway Cleanup is a great way to give back to your community. For more information or to volunteer please call the Leisure Services Department at 954-390-2130 or email Scott Holloway at [sholloway@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:sholloway@wiltonmanors.com) or Matt Ingram at [mingram@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:mingram@wiltonmanors.com).

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

**Become an Advisory Board Member!**



**Community Affairs Advisory Board Members**

**Front: Bill Desautels (Chair), Ciatta Thompson, Liz Vocasek,  
Back: Barbara Clabaugh, Robert Hadley (Vice Chair), Michael Sansevero, & Bryan Wilson**

The City of Wilton Manors is always recruiting residents, local business owners, and commercial property owners for volunteer positions on City Boards and Committees. WE WANT YOU!... to help maintain a membership that is reflective of our diverse community on the:

Budget Review Committee (no vacancies)-meets during budgeting period (Mar-Aug)

Civil Service Board-meetings held monthly if needed. Currently 1 vacancy open until filled.

Community Affairs Advisory Board-2-year terms. Meets 1st Wednesday of each month; **3 vacancies in September.**

Library Advisory Board-3-year terms. Meets quarterly; **3 vacancies in October.**

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board-2-year terms. Meets bi-monthly; **3 vacancies scheduled for the 6/23/20 Commission meeting. Applications due 5/25/20.**

Pension Board of Trustees—2-year terms. Meets quarterly; **5 vacancies in October.**

Planning & Zoning Board-2-year terms. Meets 2nd Monday each month; **5 vacancies scheduled for the 6/9/20 Commission Meeting. Applications due 5/25/20.** P&Z positions are category qualified.

Wilton Drive Improvement District-3-year terms. Meets 2nd Wednesday each month; **3 vacancies in November.** WDID positions are category qualified (7 members: 3 individuals who own property on Wilton Drive within the District, 3 individuals who own businesses in the District, and 1 resident).

Visit the City website at: <http://www.wiltonmanors.com/221/Boards-Committees> to learn more about the various city Boards and Committees or call the City Clerk’s Office at 954-390-2123.

# FREE EVENT SHRED YOUR DOCUMENTS HERE

Sponsored by:



Saturday, April 18th from 9-11am  
Hagen Park on Wilton Drive  
[WiltonManorsHomesForSale.com](http://WiltonManorsHomesForSale.com)



Adrienne Foland, MBA, GRI, Realtor®



Concerned about identity theft and what to do with all those old tax returns?

On Saturday April 18, from 9a.m. until 11a.m., Wilton Manors residents can bring their confidential information to Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive. Free document shredding services and hard drive punch out provided.

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

For more info, please contact event sponsor Adrienne Foland at 954-205-6594 or [WiltonManorsHomesForSale.com](http://WiltonManorsHomesForSale.com). Co-sponsored by the City of Wilton Manors with on-site shredding services provided by SafeGuard Document Destruction. Visit [safeguarddd.com](http://safeguarddd.com) to see all types of materials accepted for shredding, disposal, and recycling.

## Ultra-Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program

*Did you know that over 30% of indoor residential water use can occur through the toilet?*

To help residents reduce water use, the City of Wilton Manors is continuing to offer rebates on ultra-low flow (1.28 gallons/flush or lower) WaterSense® certified and labeled toilets. This water conservation program is aimed at encouraging property owners to replace their high water use toilets with new ultra-low flow toilets. Replacement toilets must be models approved by the Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense® Program which assures that toilets meet stringent performance standards.

This program is for single-family homes, and residents are eligible to receive \$50 towards the purchase price of each WaterSense® certified ultra-low flow toilet, up to a maximum of two (2) per property for the duration of the program. Program rules and the application form are available in the lobby of City Hall and on the City's [Ultra-Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) webpage at [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com). *Please note that the application must be submitted to and pre-approved by the Emergency Management/Utilities Department PRIOR to the purchase of a qualifying toilet.*

Funds are limited and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have questions that are not answered by the program materials, please contact the Emergency Management/Utilities Department at 954-390-2190.



## THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IS TUESDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>

- Presidential Primary Early Voting is March 7 through March 15 from 10a.m. to 6p.m. at Wilton Manors City Hall in the Commission Chambers. If you are not registered to vote or need to update your voter registration information, please contact the Broward County Supervisor of Elections at 954-357-7050 or visit [www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org).
- Presidential Primary Election Day is TUESDAY, MARCH 17 at your Local Election Precinct. If you are not registered to vote or need to update your voter registration information, or if you are unsure of your Election Precinct, please contact the Broward County Supervisor of Elections at 954-357-7050 or visit [www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org).



# THE LIBRARY CORNER

## **DOWNLOAD EBOOKS ANYTIME, ANYWHERE**

*Enjoy popular titles from the comfort  
of home*



The Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors is proud to offer you best-selling and classic eBooks available 24/7. Go to the Library's website, <http://www.wiltonmanors.com/library> and click on the "eBooks & More" link on the left side of the page to get started.

You can browse the collection, check out with your library card, and download to PC, Mac®, and many mobile devices. To get started, you will need to install free software. To read eBooks, you'll need Adobe® Digital Editions. Titles can be enjoyed immediately or transferred to a variety of devices. Titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period. There are no late fees!

With thousands of popular fiction and non-fiction titles to choose from, the collection is guaranteed to have something for everyone. You can download best-selling novels, well-known classics, self-improvement guides, and much more.

This service, powered by OverDrive, is free with your library card and is made possible by a generous donation by the Friends of the Library.



### ONGOING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

Visit our Lego Club or Read with Nalu on alternate Wednesdays. Lego Club meets at 5:30p.m. and Read with Nalu starts at 5p.m. Call the Library at 954-390-2195 or check the City calendar at [wiltonmanors.com](http://wiltonmanors.com) for schedules.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call and ask for Jill.

### *BE A FRIEND!*

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

Make sure to visit the Friend's Book Tent at the City Yard Sale on March 14 from 8a.m. to 2p.m.

Located in the City Hall parking lot at 2020 Wilton Drive, you will find hundreds of bargains – fiction, nonfiction, audio books, children's books, videos, and more



### **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 and the Internet.

### *Wi-Fi Available at the Library*

If you are looking for a Wi-Fi hot spot, you needn't look any further than the Library. With funding and support received from the Friends of the Wilton Manors Library we were able to deploy a robust and reliable Wi-Fi solution.

Laptops and other personal devices will need compliant wireless network cards to get online.

You can connect to the internet with your laptop using an 802.11 B/G/N/A compliant wireless network PC card. Define the Service Set Identifier (SSID) in your wireless configuration software as: **wiltonmanors.fl.a**.

**Cost?** Access is absolutely free as a service to our customers.

You can also print directly from your personal computer or other device. Ask Library staff to show you how.

**DISCLAIMER:** The Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors assumes no responsibility for your personal computer hardware or software as a result of using the Library network. Library staff cannot plug in, reconfigure, or in any other way operate your personal computer.



## New Books @ Your Library

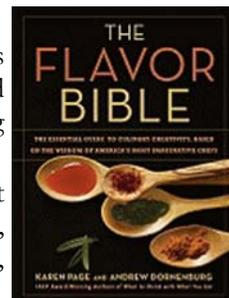
**Gay Like Me**  
A Father Writes to His Son

Richie Jackson

In *Gay Like Me*, a poignant and urgent love letter to his son, award-winning Broadway, TV, and film producer Richie Jackson reflects on his experiences as a gay man in America and the progress and setbacks of the LGBTQ community over the last 50 years.

*What You Have Heard is True* is a devastating, lyrical, and visionary memoir about a young woman's brave choice to engage with horror in order to help others. Written by Carolyn Forché, one of the most gifted poets of her generation, this is the story of a woman's radical act of empathy, and her fateful encounter with an intriguing man who changes the course of her life.

Great cooking goes beyond following a recipe -- it's knowing how to season ingredients to coax the greatest possible flavor from them. Drawing on dozens of leading chefs' combined experience, Karen Page and Andrew Dornenburg present the definitive guide to creating "deliciousness" in *The Flavor Bible*.



A chance encounter at a summer party on Martha's Vineyard blossomed into an improbable but enduring friendship between Carly Simon and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. An intimate, vulnerable, and insightful portrait of the bond that grew between two iconic and starkly different American women, *Touched by the Sun* is a celebration of kinship in all its many forms.

*A Divided Loyalty* by Charles Todd, Inspector Ian Rutledge's 22nd case, revolves around two young women found dead in utterly unexpected places. Scheduled to give evidence in an ongoing investigation, Rutledge can't go to the village of Avebury -- where a body has been found stabbed to death in the center of a circle of prehistoric stones -- in the place of Chief Inspector Brian Leslie. Rutledge's nemesis, Chief Superintendent Markham, sends Leslie there when he'd been looking forward to a couple of days off. Instead, Rutledge ends up going to the Shropshire village of Tern Bridge, where a woman eventually identified as Bath schoolmistress Serena Palmer has been stabbed and tossed into a grave dug the day before for someone else.

*Solitary* by Albert Woodfox is the extraordinary saga of a man who, despite spending four decades in solitary confinement for a crime of which he was innocent, inspired fellow prisoners, and now all of us, with his humanity.

Let the oven do the work with *From the Oven to the Table*, an easy-going collection of full-flavored dishes from Diana Henry. All of the recipes in the book can be cooked in one dish or pan. You simply prep the ingredients then pop them in the oven to roast while you get on with your life. From quick after-work suppers and light veggie meals to more substantial feasts to feed friends, these recipes are packed with full-on flavor. Diana includes recipes such as Baked Sausages, Apples, and Blackberries with Mustard and Maple Syrup, Roast Salmon and String Beans with Cornichons and Mustard Crumbs, and Toad in the Hole with Scallions and Cheddar Cheese, proving that impressive meals are achievable in every home -- no matter how limited your time, resources, or energy.

### Digital Treats



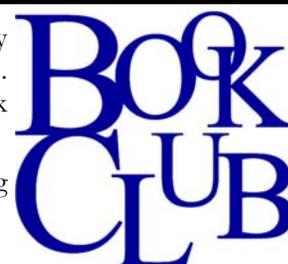
The Library has audio books-on-CD. These are great when commuting, traveling, exercising, or just working around the house.

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

### 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.



## What do I do if sewage backs up into my home or business?

First, determine if the problem affects more than half of your house. If it does, please call the **Emergency Management/Utilities Department at 954-390-2190** and state that you are reporting a sewer backup in more than half your house. Backed up sewer lines, line breaks and overflowing manholes are considered an emergency. If a portion of your home drains, the problem is within your plumbing system.

**REMEMBER TO CALL US FIRST** before calling a plumber. We will check the city’s sewer main line and lateral connection up to your property line and will clear any obstructions that may be in our lines. We will advise you of the inspection results, and there is no charge for this service.

If the problem is not in the city sewer main or lateral lines, the problem is in the drain lines leading to the city’s sewer lateral connection at the property line. The owner is responsible for maintaining and cleaning the drain lines from the building to the city sewer line (including the connection). In this event, you will need to contact a plumber or sewer/drain cleaning service. The city cannot make a recommendation, so ask friends or neighbors for recommendations, or check the city’s “At Your Service” Directory – and, remember, it may be in your best interests to obtain several estimates

To help prevent any type of sewer back, **never flush** these items down the toilet. Even if the packaging states “flushable”, they do not break down in the waste lines:

- Tampons and other feminine hygiene products
- Baby Wipes/Wet Wipes
- Cleaning Pads
- Paper towels/Tissues
- Diapers
- Q-tips/Cotton Balls
- Dental Floss
- Hair
- Cigarette Butts
- Condoms
- Kitty Litter

Finally, **“Can the Grease”!** Never pour grease down the drain. Pour it into a can, let it cool, and then dispose of it with your garbage.

**Did you know...? That the \$5 city subsidy of Uber/Lyft ride sharing has expanded to include Thursday nights in addition to Friday and Saturday? Find out more at:**

**<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/669/Ride-Sharing>**

**Wilton Drive**

**GETTING SHADY WITH YOUR HELP**

**DONATE TO THE LANDSCAPE PROJECT**



**WILTON DRIVE**  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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**WILTONDRIVE.ORG**
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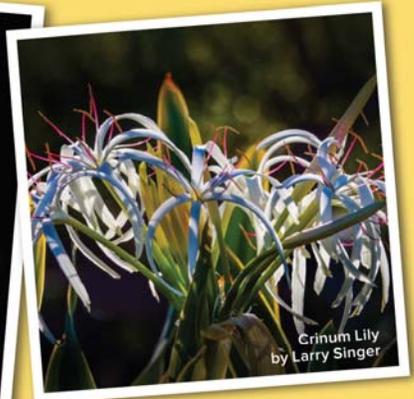
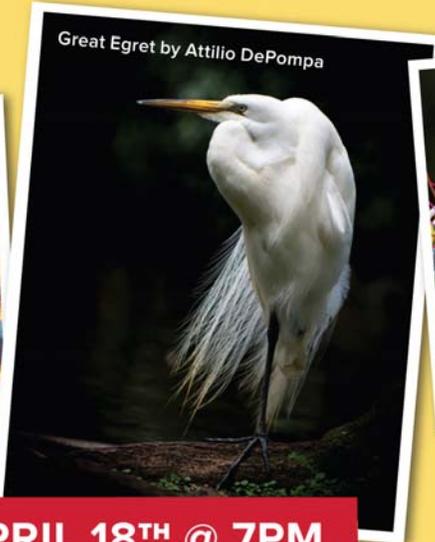
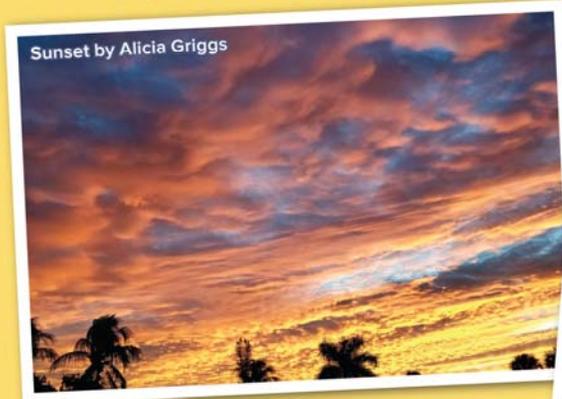
The City of Wilton Manors  
2020 Wilton Drive  
Wilton Manors, FL 33305

*Life's Just Better Here*

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

### **Nature in Art** PHOTO CONTEST

April 18-May 9, 2020



**RECEPTION & AWARDS APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> @ 7PM**  
PRESENTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY VOLUNTEER GROUP OF WILTON MANORS



**MARCH 21-APRIL 11: Robert Gross, A Retrospective**  
Gallery Openings held 7 to 9 PM on Art Walk Night  
600 NE 21 Court, Wilton Manors, FL 33305  
Call or Text 954.225.5488  
[www.artgallery21.org](http://www.artgallery21.org)

**Art Gallery 21**  
your neighborhood art gallery



Art Gallery 21 is a 501(c)(3) organization working in partnership with Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department to bring art experiences to the community