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CALENDAR Items

2020/2021 Budget Meetings:

- September 14 (Monday) 6:30p.m.— 1st Public Hearing on proposed budget/final Public Hearing on Special Assessments
- September 21 (Monday) 6:30p.m.— Final Budget Public Hearing-Adopt Final Budget and Millages

ELECTION INFORMATION

General Election Early Voting is October 19 through November 1— early voting is held at the Wilton Manors Woman’s Club— located in the City Hall complex near the volleyball court.

General Election Day is Tues, November 3 from 7am to 7pm at your local election precinct.

SEE PG 10 OF THIS ISSUE FOR MORE ELECTION INFO

VIRTUAL City Meetings on the ZOOM platform

All city meetings are currently being held “virtually” on the ZOOM platform. All meeting agendas are available at www.wiltonmanors.com, and each agenda contains the information needed to join the meeting online on ZOOM. If you would like to join a meeting and unsure how to use ZOOM please call the City Clerk’s Office at (954) 390-2128.

Wilton Manors City Officials

Acting 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

Due to COVID-19, City Commission meetings will be held virtually and board meetings have been postponed. The public is welcome to attend virtually. Please visit www.wiltonmanors.com for the most up-to-date meeting information.

| CAAB 7p.m. | Historical Society 7p.m. | Pension 5:30p.m. | P&Z 7p.m. | Rec. Adv. 6:30p.m. | WDID 6:30p.m. |
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| Wed Sept 2 | No Public | Tues Sept 1 | Mon Sept 14 | Thurs Oct 15 | Wed Sept 9 |
| Wed Oct 7 | Meetings Until | Meets | Mon Oct 19 | Meets Every | Wed Oct 14 |
| Wed Nov 4 | Publicly Noticed | Quarterly | Mon Nov 9 | 2 Months | Wed Nov 11 |

The City Commission typically meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Check the city’s website for details on all city meetings including information for virtual access.

Quick Tips for Parking on Wilton Drive:

- Parking Office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- Citations can be deposited at the “payment drop box” across from the Commission Chambers entrance or paid online by visiting www.wiltonmanors.com and following the “Online Services” link. Citations are currently suspended.

Census 2020 is HERE!
Find more info on page 11 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, September 24 Thursday, October 22 Recycling Day: Thursday

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

Tuesday, September 22 Tuesday, October 20 Recycling Day: Friday

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

Wednesday, September 23 Wednesday, October 21 Recycling Day: Wednesday

Condominium bulk pickup (quarterly): Saturday, September 26



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.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE *YOUR WATER METER IS?*



BEFORE



AFTER

A few years ago, the city completed the conversion of all water meters in the city to remote-read meters. While our employees no longer have to visually read meters each month, they do have to maintain the meters and boxes, and also do a visual reading of each meter once a year. We have been encountering instances where it has been difficult to find and access meters because grass and/or plant material have infringed on the meter box. It is important that property owners keep meters easily accessible, especially in the event there is a water emergency and access to the meter is needed. Thank you!

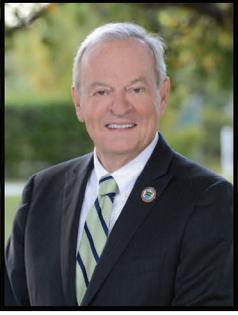
WATERING SCHEDULE

Residents and businesses are limited to a two-day-per-week landscape irrigation schedule with two “watering windows.” NO lawn watering is allowed between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. any day of the week. Code Compliance is issuing citations for violations of the water usage schedule.

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| ODD street addresses: | Wednesdays & Saturdays | 12:00 a.m.-7:00 a.m. and/or 7:00 p.m.-11:59 p.m. |
| EVEN street addresses: | Thursdays & Sundays | 12:00 a.m.-7:00 a.m. and/or 7:00 p.m.-11:59 p.m. |

For additional information on irrigation restrictions or water conservation, call the South Florida Water Management District’s toll-free **Water Conservation Hotline** at 1-800-662-8876 or visit www.sfwmd.org.

Acting Mayor Tom Green—Farewell, Part 1



As I prepare to end my public service with our wonderful little city, I have been thinking about what my hopes and dreams were when I was first elected, as well as what my hopes and dreams are today. Back in 2008 when I took office, Wilton Manors was well on its way to becoming a hip location, and Wilton Drive was the place to see and to be seen. But I imagined a “Greener” city. I dreamed of getting our fair share of transportation dollars, building wide shaded sidewalks, and growing our solar and electric vehicle infrastructure. I dreamed of planting more trees and protecting our wonderful, well-established neighborhoods from the proliferation of “commercial” activities, such as vacation rentals. I imagined a place where people from all walks of life -- whether gay, straight, or non-binary, whether black, brown, or white, young, old, or middle-aged, would feel welcome in our community. I envisioned a thriving economy, a place where people would come to visit, and stay because they felt safe.

I made transportation and environmental improvements my highest priorities. I got to work by being appointed by the City Commission to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the agency in Broward County that doles out the federal and state transportation dollars. The relationships I established with board members and staff over the decade helped bring home several million dollars for sidewalks and road improvements for our city. I also believe those relationships will serve Wilton Manors well for years to come.

I am pleased that the Surtax Authority, the MPO, and the County Commission have recognized the quality of and need for transportation projects in Wilton Manors, by approving six of seven submitted projects in the first-round of surtax funding. Some funding, such as Wilton Drive and Wayfinding, will be for construction, while other project funding will allow for design and engineering. Many of our streets also need resurfacing, and we need to continue to grow the connectivity of our sidewalks, and surtax funding will pay for that in the coming year. Many of us worked hard to get the surtax approved by the voters of Broward County and it will provide funding for needed projects for decades.

I really enjoyed collaborating with city staff to improve the quality of life for our residents by updating our building codes to require more energy efficient buildings, and by making our roads and streets more pedestrian friendly. I was instrumental in developing the first “green” building codes for the city and getting charging stations for electric and hybrid vehicles at City Hall and Mickel Park. During my tenure, hundreds of trees have been planted on city property, and we implemented an annual tree giveaway for residents. Wilton Manors has grown its tree canopy substantially. We have a baseline greenhouse gas inventory to begin our carbon reduction, and we have a Climate Action Plan that will be our roadmap to do so.

I am especially proud of how the City Commission increased the use of existing green space in our city. Mickel Park (formerly Mickel Field) and Colohatchee Park were rarely used, and were repurposed into vibrant active spaces enjoyed by many of our residents. Mickel is now used for exercise, concerts, and a play area for kids. Colohatchee was transformed into a beautiful dog park used by our residents and those from other cities as well. Covid-19 has temporarily made it difficult for the use of Colohatchee as a dog park and we look forward to its reopening.

Twelve years after first being elected to the City Commission, I look around and see that many of my dreams for Wilton Manors have come true. While the pandemic has put great pressure on our resources, and our economy is struggling, I see the glass as more than half full. Wilton Manors has a great future and I am very proud to have contributed to that future.

Commissioner Julie Carson—Thank You



As I write this article, I am sitting in the living room of my brother's home in Tucson, the mountains surrounding me, with a dim sun shadowing the landscape. It is ironic how the mountains can speak so majestically, but still echo of sadness.

We are in unprecedented times. In the coming months, we will face numerous challenges, most notably, how to recover from the economic and personal effects of COVID. While our city is equipped to handle these challenges, it will not be easy or quick. We must rely on new approaches and “out-of-the-box thinking” to ensure a continuous delivery of essential services, spark an economic uptick, and foster tourism to draw necessary dollars to our community. As

we complete our work on the 2020 budget, my colleagues and I have had to ask ourselves, “What are we willing to cut, and how can we more efficiently utilize our resources, including human capital?” I believe we must begin to solve problems by looking beyond the normal paradigms of municipal governance and policy. Applying a creative and analytical approach to institutional problems to bring about new solutions is our charge.

In the near future, I am hopeful that a small amount of Federal CARES Act economic recovery dollars will be allocated to Broward County cities. If so, the City will use this money for desperately needed rental and mortgage assistance and to help our small businesses survive.

The November General Election will be here in a few short months, and change is coming to the City Commission. If I am successful in my run for Mayor, I will be able to continue my service for two years in a new capacity. Win or lose, I want to thank you for electing me to serve as your City Commissioner for the last 10 years. Being a public servant to, and an Ambassador for, the Island City has been the greatest honor and privilege of my life. Gandhi said “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” I am most blessed to have found myself through immersion in service to the residents, businesses, and neighbors of Wilton Manors.

Contact me at 954-288-8174 or JCarson@wiltonmanors.com to share your ideas and concerns.

In the words of Woodrow Wilson, “You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.”

COVID-19 UPDATES

Find important COVID-19 resources on the City's website here:

<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/AlertCenter.aspx?AID=State-Community-Resources-25> and on the following pages—just look for the COVID-19 UPDATES banner you see above.

For links to specific guidelines for restaurants, gyms, retail establishments, and other businesses and amenities. Visit

<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/729/Coronavirus-Updates>.

Commissioner Gary Resnick-COVID-19 Update



As I write this, Florida remains an epicenter of the pandemic, experiencing many weeks of significant increases in COVID-19 cases and deaths, and local hospitals are struggling to keep up with COVID patients. By the time you read this, I am hopeful that we are further along on managing the virus.

By now, we realize that government orders cannot keep residents safe from COVID-19, particularly with a lack of leadership by our Governor and President. However, the County and our City have taken steps to attempt to slow the spread of COVID among our residents and City staff. Here is a brief report on the status and impacts of COVID-19 in the City.

Operational Impacts and Challenges

- City Hall remains closed to the public, with most departments fully operational.
- City Commission and Board meetings are virtual; the public may observe and provide comment via Zoom, online and telephone.
- The Police Department is fully operational, including code enforcement and neighborhood patrols.
- The Community Development Services Department transitioned to a fully online application process for all building permits.
- The Utilities Department is operating on a regular schedule, but no walk-in payments.
- Landscape and Maintenance are operating 7 days a week.
- Leisure Services is most impacted; all programming is cancelled, and no facilities are available for rent, but many parks are open for passive use.
- Tennis Courts are available, the Fitness Center is open, and the Basketball Court will be temporarily converted to a Pickle Ball Court.
- The Library is closed to the public, but open for telephone research requests, library cards, and curbside checkout and delivery. Both Leisure Services and the Library have robust online programming –check out their web pages at wiltonmanors.com.
- Food Distribution Events at Mills Pond Park, collaboration with Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park and Feeding South Florida, transitioned to primarily volunteers with a small number of staff plans to continue through the end of August.
- Several City staff contracted COVID-19; fortunately all are recovered or progressing well.

As of August 26, there have been over 270 cases in the City, and 69,883 cases and 1,160 deaths in Broward County (zip code 33311 has a particularly high number).

Enforcement

Our Enforcement Team works nights and weekends to enforce social distancing, facial covering, and sanitation rules in businesses. They have also been inspecting vacation rentals to ensure compliance with Emergency Orders. Broward County enforcement has assisted the City, and on some nights, State officers joined the team.

You can report violations by calling 311.

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| Inspections Performed | 200 |
| Complaint Reports Received | 12 |
| Education Materials Distributed | - |
| Warnings | 4 |
| Asked to close | 1 |

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Commissioner Gary Resnick-COVID-19 Update—Continued

Fiscal Impacts

COVID hard costs to the City as of 7/30/20: \$52,256

The County has allocated up to \$102 million, or 30% of the \$341m it received from the CARES Act, for municipal support. We hope to get our fair share of that funding.

Our budget shortfall this FY is anticipated to be over \$700,000 and we are expecting a \$2m revenue reduction next year. We furloughed part-time employees who worked in cancelled summer/after-school programs, froze open positions and ceased non-essential capital purchases. Notwithstanding these impacts, we anticipate receiving substantial funds from the surtax for transportation projects in the City. We have begun the 20-21 budget process and encourage your input on the proposed budget.

If you don't receive weekly eblasts or follow the City on our social media platforms, please consider opting in to receive the latest information. Just go to wiltonmanors.com and click on Connect With Us.

The bottom line is that COVID-19 is a virus. Actions must be based on science and medicine, not politics. Political actions designed to appease businesses or stimulate the economy will not work if cases and deaths continue to increase. **We all must continue to take steps to protect ourselves and our friends & families: avoid crowded places, practice social distancing, wear masks, wash hands often.**

Commissioner Paul Rolli—Back to Basics



Simply, just like every resident and business, the City needs to tighten its money belt and focus on delivering essential services and preparing for a sustainable future. The cost of basic services such as fire, trash, and water/sewer continue to rise.

The COVID crisis is causing economic, physical and stress-related problems for residents and significant hardships on businesses and governments. Thus, it is not prudent to depend on higher property values or increased sale tax dollars, or to raise the property tax rate to sustain city finances.

In the last ten years, city revenues from higher property values increased, alleviating the need for major tax rate increases. Although that may seem like good news, in reality, the tax rate could have been decreased, easing the burden on property owners and tenants, since landlords pass along the increase by raising rents. Also, "bonus" revenue attributable solely to property value increases could have been invested in technology, economic

development, and other city infrastructure, better positioning the city to get through current leaner times.

Last year, I recommended, and the Commission agreed, to not raise the tax rate. This year, I recommended lowering the tax rate on the first budget cut. While a lower tax rate will bring in less revenue, it will help tenants and property owners, and also cause the City to creatively retool its operations to achieve efficiencies through technology and program reassessments. In the meantime, the City has furloughed employees, frozen vacant positions, and postponed capital projects.

To keep the City sustainable, leaders and staff must look for additional revenue by expanding the tax base through appropriate development, thereby avoiding major tax increases to existing property owners. Also, the city needs to plan for the costs of climate change, to mitigate flooding due to rising waters, and for other environmentally sustainable issues.

There are several Federal, State, and County COVID resources available to residents and businesses. Wilton Manors does not qualify for direct COVID assistance funding because we have less than 50,000 residents. Our share of funding comes from county allotments and we are working through that process, so our residents can share in these programs for mortgage, rent, and other assistance. The CARES Act Business Revolving Loan Fund program is available to provide aid for small businesses in Broward County. Business owners may apply for loans from \$25,000 to \$500,000.

On another front, Wilton Manors had a specific dollar amount in the State budget to assist with a variety of funding matters including trees, irrigation, and streetscape items for Wilton Drive. State budget cuts caused us to lose that funding. The City is gradually moving forward, using specifically designated funds in the One Cent Surtax pot of money, grants, and other donations to get some of this work done. In August, FDOT approved the WD irrigation and landscape plans, enabling the city to move forward on this project.

I want to thank all the residents, businesses, city staff, and our First Responders for helping one another come together peacefully in these difficult times.

In the meantime, I wish everyone a happy, healthy, peaceful fall season and look forward to seeing you around town. If you have any questions or concerns, always feel free to contact me at prolli@wiltonmanors.com or 954-595-8865. I am always available to talk.

Looking to make a positive impact on your community?

Become an Advisory Board Member!



Pictured: Members of the Community Affairs Advisory Board

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—two-year terms. Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month; **3 vacancies were filled in July.**

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

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board—two--year terms. Meets bi-monthly; **3 vacancies were filled in June.**

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

Planning & Zoning Board—two-year terms. Meets 2nd Monday each month; **5 vacancies were filled in June.**

P&Z positions are category qualified.

Wilton Drive Improvement District—three-year terms. Meets the second 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.

COVID-19 UPDATES

See the city's website at <http://www.wiltonmanors.com/AlertCenter.aspx?AID=State-Community-Resources-25> for the latest information on Reopening, Testing, and available Resources.



Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association (CANA)

The Heart of Wilton Manors Beats Here ...

Amid summer sunshine and heat, we're feeling an excitement and optimism within our Wilton Manors neighborhoods. Our city leadership and professional staff performed strongly through recent health and economic challenges. With effective adoption of social distancing and the use of face coverings, when necessary, we're keeping each other safe and healthy. Commercial business and activities are reopening with some adaptations. No typical meetings, nor large social gatherings are yet occurring, but our Central Area Neighborhood remains strong. The countless stories of neighborly kindness, concern, and compassion share goodness and provide optimism.

Our June "Introduction of the Candidates" event illustrated the qualities and dedication of each individual campaigning for our vote on the November 3, 2020 ballot. They each have unique life experiences, and offer varied ideas toward improving the Island City. Planning for a late-summer municipal candidate debate with public participation is well underway, details to be announced soon.

As always, but most importantly today, CANA exists to maintain quality of life within our neighborhoods. Focusing on your unique ideas and heartfelt concerns, we continue to improve, and you are the reason why. Please remain engaged with our community: volunteer for a city board or committee, assist a local charitable organization, attend government meetings, and offer your opinions. You are the diverse Wilton Manors Central Area Neighborhood, our safe and caring home.

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. Yearly membership is \$25 per individual/household. Please join through our website, or at our quarterly meetings.

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

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



WILTON MANORS EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The City of Wilton Manors has held COVID-19 updates, with ZOOM meetings, for the presidents of the city's three neighborhood associations as well as one with ENA Board Members and ENA members. Both were very valuable in informing us as to what the city was doing to protect us, and its plans for opening up the city for business. One request that I made at the first Zoom meeting was for the city to increase neighborhood police patrols. Many residents and neighbors have mentioned their appreciation of seeing our police officers frequently patrolling our neighborhoods.

During this difficult time, the city has done an excellent job of keeping its residents informed during the pandemic.

It is still questionable if we will be able to meet at our regular location at Independence Hall. I spoke with Lori Musto, Manager of Independence Hall about it. She said it depends on when the Governor permits assisted living facilities to open up to visitors. Currently, no one is permitted to enter an assisted living facility, unless they are an employee. I will inform our members as to the location before future meetings. Please continue to stay safe and healthy!

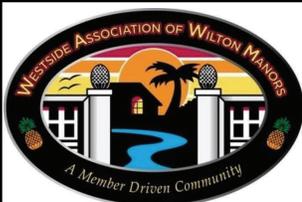
-John R. Fiore, President

East Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors, Inc.

954-564-3821

The ENA Board of Directors consists of John Fiore, Michael Pierce, David Walker, John Weibalck and Randy Comer.

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



WESTSIDE ASSOCIATION OF WILTON MANORS—(WAWM)

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.***

Want more information on WAWM? Please contact WAWM Secretary Jon O'Connor at wawm.org@gmail.com or check out our website at www.wawm.org.

Recycling With Mack The Manatee

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



Please visit our [Recycling Items and Schedules](http://www.wiltonmanors.com/187/Recyclable-Items) webpage (<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/187/Recyclable-Items>) for additional details.



2019 Wilton Manors Annual Water Quality Report

In 2019, water quality testing by the City of Fort Lauderdale detected six contaminants in the drinking water, none of which exceeded the EPA-accepted level for drinking water. Please go to: <http://www.wiltonmanors.com/DocumentCenter/View/470/Water-Quality-Report> to view the 2019 Annual Water Quality Report and learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. To speak with someone about the report, please call 954-390-2190. If you would like a paper copy of the 2019 Annual Water Quality Report mailed to your billing address, please call 954-390-2145.



IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

General Election Early Voting is OCTOBER 19 through NOVEMBER 1. 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.

General Election Day is TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. 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.

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CENSUS 2020



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

It's Not Too Late!

During the first three weeks of March 2020, you should have received a postcard from the U.S. Census Bureau. The postcard has a unique household identifier that allows 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.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE YOUR CENSUS POSTCARD TO COMPLETE THE CENSUS.

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! **You can also complete the Census by calling: 844-330-2020.**

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



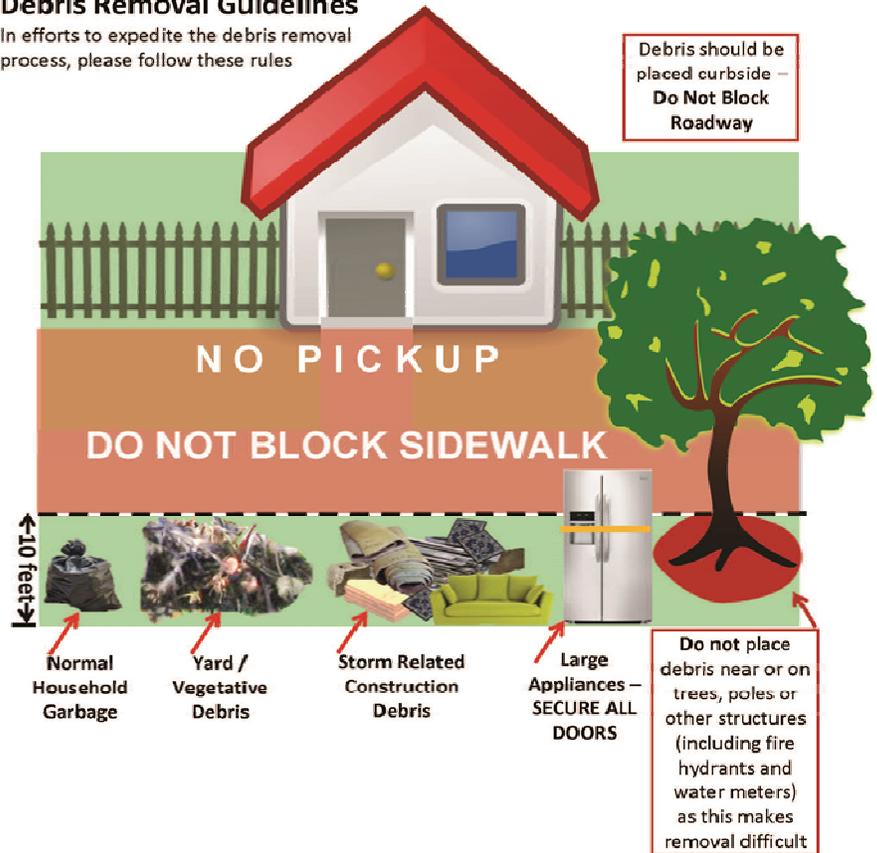
Residents in single family homes can contact Waste Management's AtYourDoorSM service by phone at: 1-800-449-7587 or by e-mail: atyourdoor@wm.com to schedule a pickup of household hazardous waste.



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

Debris Removal Guidelines

In efforts to expedite the debris removal process, please follow these rules



➤ NORMAL HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

This is only what you would normally put in your trash bags and containers, including food waste. This excludes yard/vegetative debris and storm related construction debris.

Separate Normal Household Garbage from yard debris and storm related building debris. Place in a container with a sealed lid; or place in a heavy mil bag (securely tie bag). Place the container(s) in a dry, open area at the curb in front of your house.

➤ YARD/VEGETATIVE DEBRIS

Yard/vegetative debris includes shrubs, bushes, tree branches, leaves, twigs, or cut-up tree parts. It does NOT include boards (fencing or deck boards) – these are Construction Debris.

Place trees, branches, etc., in piles that can be easily managed by collection personnel. You do not need to bundle your yard debris. (Be cautious of electric wires that may be down, and remember to use safety measures if using chain saws!!!) Make sure you keep yard debris separate from other garbage.

➤ STORM RELATED CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

Storm related construction debris is any material relating to construction of buildings, such as: fencing and deck boards, concrete, glass, drywall, insulation, concrete block, tile, shingles or building rubble, as well as furniture. Residents will be notified about special collection through the website, eblasts, social media and code red calls.

➤ LARGE APPLIANCES

Large appliances include refrigerators, washers/dryers, air conditioners, stoves, water heaters, and dishwashers.

Do not leave the doors of any of these appliances unsealed or unsecured.

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

NPDES STORMWATER PROGRAM... *WE NEED YOUR HELP!*

Wilton Manors participates with Broward County and its other municipalities in the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Program in order to eliminate contaminated discharges into our waterways, thus protecting one of our most precious resources and one of the reasons we love South Florida! These four every-day guidelines make a positive impact on preserving our beautiful home environment:

Don't blow grass into street.

Clippings flowing into the stormwater drainage system not only clogs drains, but also debris can rot before it reaches the waterways, which clouds water and causes foul odors. Please know, and inform your lawn maintenance staff, that it is a violation of Section 20-132 of the City's Code of Ordinances.



Clean up after pets. Waste releases harmful bacteria which can be tracked by foot (even into your home!) and can wash into the waterways. Bacteria can cause a variety of illnesses in people and be very harmful to wildlife. Always bring a pet waste bag with you and dispose of properly.



Maintain roadside swales. These essential water pathways not only help keep water off the street, but also act as filters before dirty surface water reaches the drain inlets leading to our canals.



Use Friendly Fertilizers and properly dispose of harmful chemicals. Check fertilizer labels for proper content and never dispose

of cleaning solutions, batteries, oil, electronics, or other toxins in the environment. Call the Household Hazardous Waste At-Your-Door service at 1-800-449-7587 to schedule your special pick up.

Please visit NPDES Stormwater Program website at <https://floridadep.gov/water/stormwater> for details.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (954)390-2180

On-Line Permitting NOW AVAILABLE!



In an effort to continue to provide building permitting services during the COVID-19 pandemic, the city now offers online building permitting.

Access to online building permitting can be found on the [Online Services page](#) of the City's website (www.wiltonmanors.com) at:

<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/248/Online-Services>. Simply click on the "Building Permits" link. If you have any questions or need assistance with online building

permitting, please call (954) 390-2180 to leave a voicemail or email at CDSinfo@wiltonmanors.com.

Community Development Services staff will be available on Monday through Thursday, between 9–11 a.m. and 2–4 p.m. for contractors and homeowners to pick up ready to be issued building permits through a no contact process.

Email Community Development Services staff (lbritt@wiltonmanors.com; ktaylor@wiltonmanors.com; and ctaylor@wiltonmanors.com) to notify them that you will be picking up your permit.

During this COVID-19 pandemic, all exterior inspection requests are being scheduled and interior inspection requests are scheduled on a case by case basis.

Urban Form and Density Changes Proposed

Late in 2019, the City Commission approved the Urban Form and Density Report findings, which were a result of a study undertaken by the City's consultant, Calvin Giordano and Associates (CGA). The report was the culmination of a process that included substantial public outreach and solicitation of perspectives.

The next step is for CGA to assist the City in writing regulations that will change the face of our transit oriented corridors - Andrews Avenue, Oakland Park Boulevard, Wilton Drive, Dixie Highway, and NE 26th Street - in order to allow for and encourage higher density development on those corridors.

In order to provide details on the project, and to solicit additional input, CGA has created three short but informative videos. The first video provides a background on the upcoming zoning and land use changes and an overview of the urban form and density report. The second two videos are specific to the TOC-West rezoning, and potential land use and zoning changes for the eastern TOC's and A&E district.

Please watch the videos, and then respond to the survey.

CGA will be providing a presentation on the effort at the August 25, 2020 City Commission meeting and two subsequent live webinars specifically aimed at the TOC-W are planned.

LIVE WEBINAR DATES AND TIMES:

- o Monday, August 31, 2020 at 10:00 AM
- o Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 6:30 PM
- o Please click the link below to join either of the webinars:

<https://wiltonmanors.zoom.us/j/97343306934>

To join the webinar by phone: US: +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 929 205 6099 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 6833

VIDEOS AND SURVEY

VIDEO 01 - Zoning & Land Use Changes: Urban Form & Density Study Overview

<http://bit.ly/WM2020Zoning01>

VIDEO 02 - Zoning & Land Use Changes: Changes to Existing TOC and the Wilton Dr A&E Districts

<http://bit.ly/WM2020Zoning02>

VIDEO 03 - Zoning & Land Use Changes: Creation of a New TOC-West Zoning District

<http://bit.ly/WM2020Zoning03>

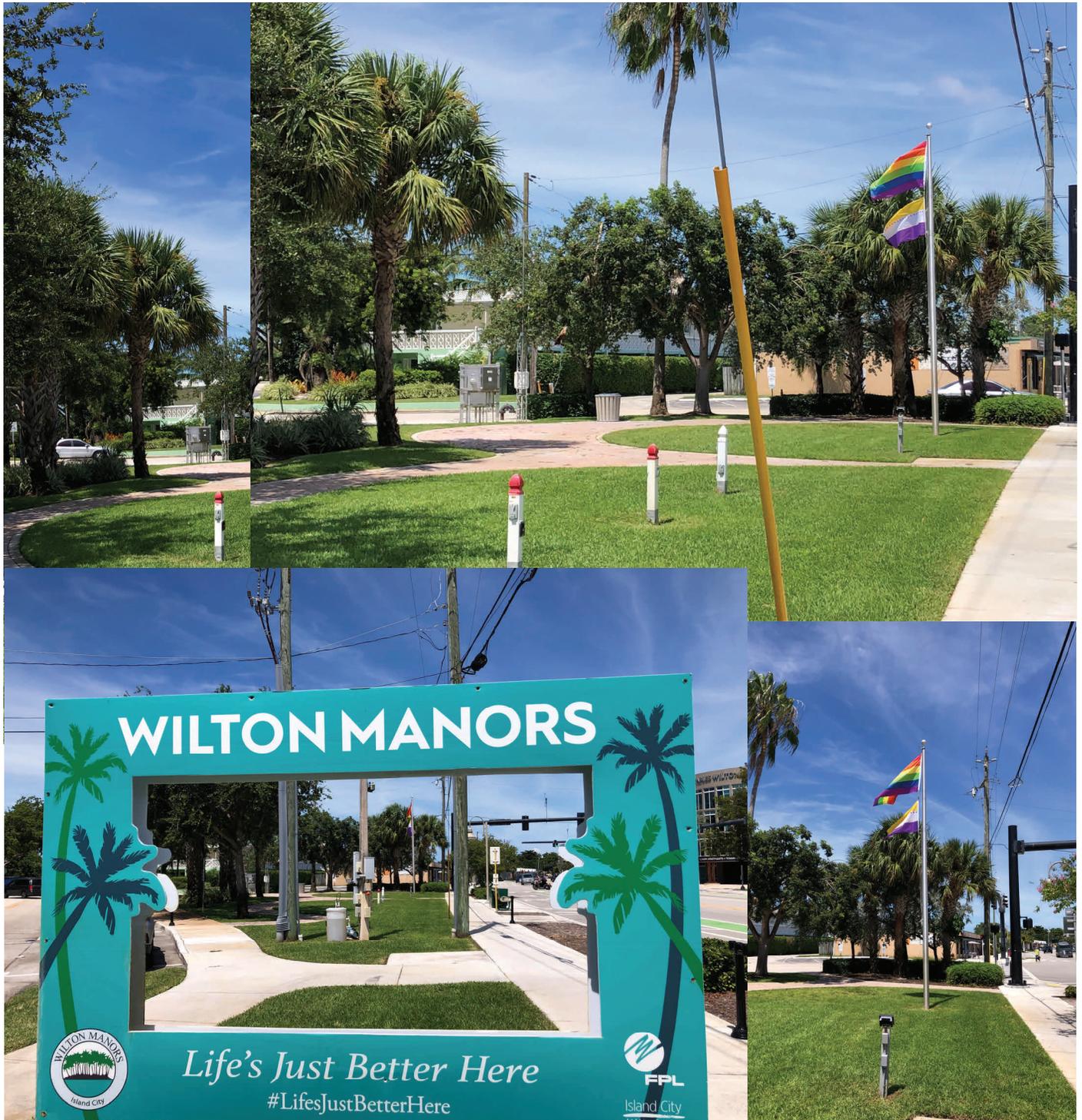
Here's the link to the survey:

<http://bit.ly/WMZoningSurvey2020>



City Commission to Consider Renaming Jaycee Park

After Mayor Justin Flippen's untimely and tragic death in February of this year, several people submitted formal and informal requests that Jaycee Park be renamed Justin Flippen Park in his honor. Acting Mayor Tom Green has asked the City Commission to consider doing so and the City is now seeking public input on the proposal. The renaming will be considered at the September 8 and September 22 City Commission meetings and will include an opportunity for public comment. You may also submit your comments to cityclerk@wiltonmanors.com no later than September 21, 2020.





From Chief O'Connell-TIME FOR CHANGE? YES



To the residents, business owners, and visitors of the Island City of Wilton Manors:

On May 25 the tragic event in Minneapolis stunned and shocked a nation. The killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer (and the three officers who failed to intervene) was reprehensible and appalling.

Let me be very clear on this point, those actions (or non-actions) do not represent our police profession. The maneuver used has been labeled a “deadly use of force” by our Police Department since 2006. Then, in 2009, at the direction of the Broward Chiefs of Police Association, the maneuver was eliminated from our Broward Police Academy curriculum.

Let me be clear on a second point: **No one hates a bad cop more than a good cop!**

The Wilton Manors Police Department’s Mission Statement is as follows:

POLICING WITH PASSION FOR OUR PROFESSION & COMPASSION FOR THOSE WE SERVE

Our Department prides itself on its service to our community, and that is our primary goal. We hire, promote, and train our employees to live and work by the Mission Statement above. Our employees strive each and every day to apply common sense and common decency when they interact with the public. All of us are committed to service through our strength in character.

As the demonstrations continue and the voices of discontent reach higher and higher volumes, know that we hear those voices and we feel your pain and frustration. We simply ask that you work with your respective community leaders to ensure the safety of all persons and property. Injury to persons or destruction to property has no place in the First Amendment.

On June 5th the Broward Chiefs of Police held a press conference and announced its “Call to Action” and each Chief of Police pledged their support for the following five points:

- The eradication of bad cops through an early warning alert system
- A collective review of our use of force policies and implement change where needed
- Continue to engage our community by including a diverse range of input: **collaboration**
- Enhanced training to end bias-based policing and increase cultural sensitivity
- Repair the damage and restore the trust

For the past four years, the Wilton Manors Police Department has partnered with the Urban League of Broward County on its *Justice Project Task Force*, a task force which I am very proud to co-chair. We know that only through collaboration and partnership can we heal the wounds of injustice. We also know that we have work to do and that this “*Journey for Justice*” is a long and difficult road to travel. We ask that you join us on this, our “journey for justice!”

As always, the Wilton Manors Police Department is at your service day or night, 24/7. Feel free to visit us in person at City Hall, 200 Wilton Drive; **NOTE:** because of the current health crisis our front desk hours have been reduced. Please check with our website for the latest information; our website at www.wmpd.org for all the information you need to contact us or report code issues, etc.



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Porch Pirates



Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and citizens quarantining as a result, online shopping has become more prevalent. Due to an increase in packages being delivered to the front doors of consumers, there has also been an increase in the theft of packages by culprits known as porch pirates. To combat the increase in thefts, below are a few precautions citizens can take to reduce the chances of being victimized, or help catch the culprit in the event your items are stolen.

Take security measures at home by investing in an exterior surveillance system and/or video doorbell. Use the security window or yard signs that may be included in your security/doorbell packages. These signs can also be purchased online. When installing your camera system, ensure the camera is in plain view and the image covers the package drop off area. Video doorbells often have motion activated capabilities and have a vantage point that may be more helpful in identifying the culprit.

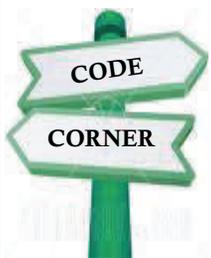
Do not allow packages to sit outside if possible. Arrange to have your packages delivered to an alternate location such as your place of employment or a trusted neighbor's house. You may also choose to pick up your packages from the delivery company's local warehouse such as Amazon delivery sites, FedEx/UPS locations, or your local post office.

Request that your packages require a signature upon delivery and subscribe to delivery updates from the delivery provider. You may choose those options in your online customer account.

Keep the area around your front door clear and visible. This removes the ability of thieves to conceal themselves and they will likely target another location.

Although these precautions do not eliminate the chances of falling victim to porch pirates, it can reduce the likelihood of it occurring.

Code Compliance: Enhanced Enforcement



As part of the City's project to re-write its Code of Ordinances and in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Code Compliance Unit is implementing the ability to issue onsite citations as an additional enforcement tool for transient violations. Transient violations are very common in the city, and they affect the quality of life for our residents in many ways. Many complaints we receive are for violations of this type, such as garbage can placement, watering restrictions, soliciting, parking, and pandemic related issues, which can be very challenging and timely to enforce through our traditional Special Magistrate procedure.

In order to increase Code Compliance's effectiveness in enforcing transient violations and address complaints more quickly, we are enacting this Civil Citation procedure. The new process will allow the issuance of onsite warnings for observed violations, and follow-up with an immediate citation if compliance is not met. Individuals who receive citations will have the opportunity to appeal if they disagree with the infraction.

We believe this new process will promote voluntary compliance and may significantly reduce the number of transient violations, related complaints, as well as ultimately result in a more efficient and fluid Code Compliance process. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us:

By mail: 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

By phone: (954) 390-2151

By email: CodeCompliance@wmpd.org

Online: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/CCU>

PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM COVID-19 SCAMS



Wilton Manors Police Department wants you to be aware of a few COVID-19 scams to protect yourself and others from becoming a victim. The only thing that can make a pandemic worse is letting cyber-criminals and scammers take advantage of you.

Government-issued online coronavirus tests

As more and more people test positive for COVID-19 it is obvious the likelihood of being exposed increases. Subsequently, Coronavirus tests are in shorter supply and many health conscious people are eager to find one. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently approved the first at-home test, which is a nasal swab that has been found to be safe and accurate. However, this FDA-authorized test kit only allows you to collect samples from home with approval from your health care provider. The samples still need to be sent to a specific lab for analysis. Remember, currently there are no tests that allow you to complete the entire test and receive test results at home.

Blood and saliva from 'COVID survivors'

There are websites selling blood and saliva samples from "coronavirus survivors." Criminals are willing to exploit any vulnerability, and if you are desperate for immunity and searching for a cure, you will inevitably locate one of these sites. There are no FDA-approved products to prevent Coronavirus, and if there were, we can assure you these products would not be contaminated blood and/or saliva that could contain COVID-19 or any other virus or disease. The FDA is working with medical product developers to rapidly advance the development and availability of vaccines and treatments for COVID-19. Although there are investigational Coronavirus vaccines and treatments being studied in clinical trials, these products are in the early stages of development and they have not been fully tested for safety or effectiveness.

Fake coronavirus miracle cures

There are websites and stores selling products that claim to prevent, treat, or cure COVID-19, and a wide range of diseases. Again, there are no FDA-approved products to prevent COVID-19. An example the FDA lists on their website is people trying to prevent COVID-19 by taking a product called "chloroquine phosphate." Chloroquine Phosphate is sold to treat parasites in aquarium fish and it is only sold for veterinary use. Do not take any form of chloroquine unless it has been prescribed for you by your health care provider and obtained from legitimate sources, because it may have adverse effects, including serious illness and death. Additionally, do not take any products marketed for veterinary use, or "for research use only," or otherwise not for human consumption, which have not been evaluated for safety. Always be suspicious of products that claim to treat a wide range of diseases and do not substitute scientific evidence for personal testimonials. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is, because diseases cannot be treated quickly with "miracle cures" and "quick fixes."

Donation scams

Perhaps the most subtle crime right now is the donation scam. Unfortunately, there are fake charitable organizations in times of crisis, and this pandemic is no different. Crowdsourcing platforms are life-saving when they are hosted by actual charities, but savvy criminals can dupe a lot of well-meaning people into handing their money to criminals. Check the credibility of all charitable organizations on the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services website (fdacs.gov) before you donate any money.

Phony small business loan sites

Small business owners are struggling, and scammers know the Payroll Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan processes can be difficult to navigate. The only place where you should apply for government assistance for your small business is with the U.S. Small Business Administration at SBA.gov. You should never give a person or company a "deposit" or "down payment" to assist with a government loan.

The Federal Trade Commission indicates coronavirus-related scams have cost Americans over thirteen million dollars this year. Every day, Google blocks more than one hundred million phishing emails as criminals try to steal money and personal information. According to Google, approximately eighteen million of these emails are coronavirus-related. Additionally, there are over forty thousand domain names with the word "coronavirus." The scam websites pose as the real thing, collecting personal data and credit card numbers. Scam calls are getting more convincing too as scammers come up with new tricks. Stay alert, do your research, and don't become a victim.

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Message from Leisure Services Director, Patrick Cann



As the city progresses toward effectively balancing priorities of public health and safety with reopening the most essential leisure services needs, it is critical to emphasize caution as we reopen programs, amenities, and services that add value to our community.

Thank you for joining the City in celebrating the month of July, Parks and Recreation Month! The opportunities may have been limited, but they were truly meaningful, to say the least. Summer Camp was held at Island City Park Preserve for a six-week curriculum and limited to 25% capacity. It was one of the most-needed programs for our youth that require peer interaction to develop necessary social styles to enhance their ability in conflict resolution. It was also critical that the City offer this program to enable parents to return to work while their children encountered a magical experience. There are also virtual programs aligned with your interests.

The Library adapted quickly to the pandemic and offered unique opportunities including virtual programs “Rapunzel” by the Atlantic Coast Theatre and “Professor DooDad Science Lab.” The library team also administered new library cards over the phone, and coordinated book delivery and curbside checkouts.

Wishing everyone happy holidays during September! Please be on the lookout for upcoming events in October, including a virtual costume contest and a Drive-Thru Halloween Experience at Hagen Park parking lot. A virtual celebration is also being planned for Veterans Day.

The city is exploring hosting two child care programs during the school year, including a daytime program from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and an after school from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. To discover more about your park and library opportunities, please visit us online at wiltonmanors.com for more details. Also, please feel free to contact one of our Guest Services Leaders at 954-390-2130. Thank you!



The City partners with Martin Outdoor Media to provide bus benches at bus stops throughout the City, and to provide trash receptacles where it is feasible at certain bus stops and offers free trash removal from these locations. Martin Outdoor is coordinating with the City to update the older bus bench models with a new standard fixed metal bench prototype. Notice the new upgraded bus benches at certain locations in the near future.

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

The Fitness Center @ Hagen Park is NOW OPEN!

Operating Hours are Monday Through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. by reservation.
Fitness Center is limited to four people per 1.5 hour blocks; between each block the Fitness Center is thoroughly sanitized.

Masks must be worn during exercise per Broward County Executive Order 20-22.

For More Information please visit: [Island City Fitness Center - Covid Operations \(http://www.wiltonmanors.com/DocumentCenter/View/5808/2020-Hagen-Fitness-Center-COVID-19-Operations-Summary\)](http://www.wiltonmanors.com/DocumentCenter/View/5808/2020-Hagen-Fitness-Center-COVID-19-Operations-Summary) or call 954-390-2130.

Pickleball

Pickleball is here! Pickleball is a fun and exciting new sport that combines tennis, badminton, and ping pong. Games are played using paddles volleying a plastic ball with holes similar to a wiffle ball. It all takes place on a badminton sized court with a modified tennis net. GREAT FUN for all ages! Easy to learn and great exercise!

Location: Hagen Park Multi-Purpose Courts

Cost: FREE!

Hours: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. First Come, First Serve.

Please bring own equipment. Balls available for sale.

For more information please visit: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/159/Hagen-Park>
or Call 954-390-2130.



Halloween Spooktacular Drive Thru



Pack the kids in the car, its trick or treat time! Bring the family to the Halloween Spooktacular Drive Thru for bags of tricks and treats. All participants must remain in their car. Trick or Treat booths will be set up throughout the parking lot, and city staff will hand out bags of candy and treats with the appropriate health precautions taken, to ensure everyone's safety. **Thursday October 29 5:30-7:30p.m.**

Hagen Park/City Hall parking lot.

Child Care

The City of Wilton Manors is offering a program for working parents during the school day. Our program is for children who are attending school virtually. Those who attend our program will have their own work space. Our program will follow CDC guidelines. All staff is trained and certified in child care. To meet the needs of parents we will offer two sessions. Children attending the morning session will be required to bring their own device, chargers, and headphones. Activities during aftercare include physical fitness, academic enrichment activities, arts and crafts, and tons more. Snack will be provided during aftercare. School started on Wednesday, August 19.

Monday-Friday

School Hours- 7:00am-3:00pm

After Care- 3:00pm-6:00pm

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



THE LIBRARY CORNER

Curbside Pick-up

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Library remains closed. However, you can still check-out books, videos, and audiobooks. Go to the Library catalog and reserve the items you want, or call us to request the items you are looking for. Tell us when you will be at the Library and we will have your items ready and we will bring them out to you. The catalog's web address is: <https://rspl.agverso.com/> and our telephone number is 954-390-2195.

The pick-up site is behind the Library, located at 500 NE 26th St., in the parking lot between the Library and the church.

New Books @ your Library

Burning Down the House is the story of how Newt Gingrich and his allies tainted American politics, launching an enduring era of brutal partisan warfare. When Donald Trump was elected president in 2016, President Obama observed that Trump "is not an outlier; he is a culmination, a logical conclusion of the rhetoric and tactics of the Republican Party for the past ten, fifteen, twenty years." In *Burning Down the House*, historian Julian Zelizer pinpoints the moment when our country was set on a path towards an era of bitterly partisan and ruthless politics, an era that was ignited by Newt Gingrich and his allies. *Burning Down the House* presents the alarming narrative of how Gingrich and his allies created a new normal in Washington, introducing ruthless and destructive practices that have endured today.

From Ottessa Moshfegh, one of our most ceaselessly provocative literary talents, comes *Death in Her Hands*, a novel of haunting metaphysical suspense about an elderly widow whose life is upturned when she finds a cryptic note on a walk in the woods that ultimately makes her question everything about her new home. A triumphant blend of horror, suspense, and pitch-black comedy, *Death in Her Hands* asks us to consider how the stories we tell ourselves both guide us closer to the truth and keep us at bay from it. Once again, we are in the hands of a narrator whose unreliability is well earned, only this time the stakes have never been higher.



After working on two presidential campaigns (for Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton), MSNBC political analyst and SiriusXM host Zerlina Maxwell gained first-hand knowledge of everything liberals have been doing right over the past few elections -- and everything they are still doing wrong. Ultimately, these errors worked in President Donald Trump's favor in 2016; he effectively ran a campaign on white identity politics, successfully tapping into white male angst and resistance. In 2020, after the Democratic Party's most historically diverse pool of presidential candidates finally dwindled down to Joe Biden, once again an older white man, in *The End of White Politics*, Maxwell has posed the ultimate question: what now, liberals?

From J. Courtney Sullivan, the best-selling author of *Maine*, comes *Friends and Strangers*, a gorgeous, compulsively-readable novel that tells the story of the complex relationship between two women, Elisabeth, a privileged new mother and writer attempting to find her footing after childbirth, and Sam, the idealistic, working-class college student she hires to nanny her young son.

In 1947, photographer and war correspondent Janey Everett arrives at a remote surfing village on the Hawaiian island of Kauai to research a planned biography of forgotten aviation pioneer Sam Mallory, who joined the loyalist forces in the Spanish Civil War and never returned. Obsessed with Sam's fate, Janey has tracked down Irene Lindquist, the owner of a local island-hopping airline, whom she believes might actually be the legendary Irene Foster, Mallory's onetime student and flying partner. Foster's disappearance during a round-the-world flight in 1937 remains one of the world's greatest unsolved mysteries. At first, the flinty Mrs. Lindquist denies any connection to Foster. But Janey informs her that the wreck of Sam Mallory's airplane has recently been discovered in a Spanish desert, and piece by piece, the details of Foster's extraordinary life emerge: from the beginnings of her flying career in Southern California, to her complicated, passionate relationship with Mallory, to the collapse of her marriage to her aggressive career manager, the publishing scion George Morrow. As Irene spins her tale to its searing conclusion, Janey's past gathers its own power. The duel between the two women takes a heart-stopping turn. In *Her Last Flight* Beatriz Williams asks, to whom does Mallory rightfully belong? Can we ever come to terms with the loss of those we love, and the lives we might have lived?

In *Just a Heartbeat Away* by Cara Bastone, newly widowed dad Sebastian Dorner was unraveling at the edges -- until his son's teacher, Via DeRosa, threw him a lifeline. Now, two years later, they reconnect at Matty's new school, and an inconvenient but unmistakable jolt of attraction crackles between them. But why does the first person to spark with Sebastian in years have to be a millennial? Is twentysomething Via really too young for him or does fortysomething Sebastian just feel too damn old? A former foster kid, Via's finally forged the stable life she's always dreamed of -- new job, steady income, no drama. The last thing she needs are rumors about her and a single dad at school. But why does she keep being drawn into his capable, worn-flannel orbit? And why does being around Sebastian, Matty and even their dog, Crabby, seem to spark so much want? They're trying to ignore the tension threatening their friendship. But sometimes what'll heal you is just a touch -- and a heartbeat -- away.





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Audiovisual Treats

Have you sampled our collection of books-on-CD? These are great for commuters and travelers or to listen to when exercising or working around the house. In addition to our collection of books-on-CD, we also have DVDs, both new releases and classics. Books-on-CD and DVDs are available thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Wilton Manors Library.

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 and online. Go to <https://www.friendsofthewiltonmanorslibrary.org> to find out more about the Friends and the Library.

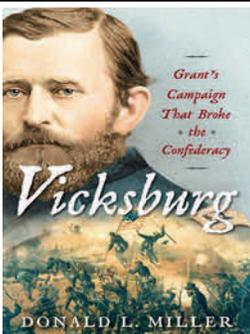


We are delighted to announce that SEFLIN, of which the Wilton Manors Library is a member, has contracted with Bibliotheca's Cloud Library to provide an additional ebook collection for the municipal libraries in the region. Go to the web site -- <https://www.yourcloudlibrary.com/> -- and check it out.



Also through SEFLIN, the Wilton Manors Library will have access to READsquared, an online reading program solution. READsquared also provides reader's advisory tools for all ages and all reading levels.

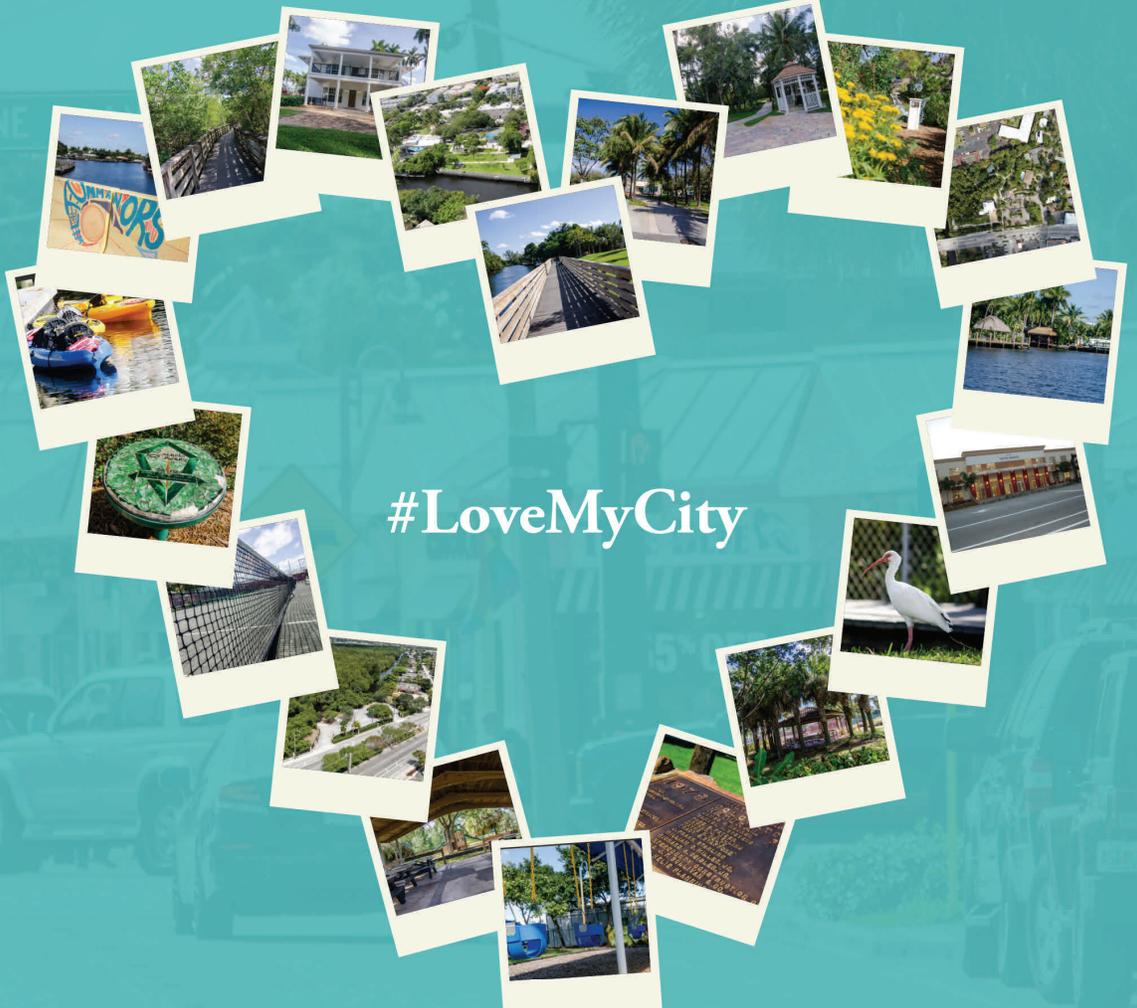
New E-Books @ your library



Vicksburg by Donald L. Miller tells the story of the longest and most decisive military campaign of the Civil War in Vicksburg, Mississippi, which opened the Mississippi River, split the Confederacy, freed tens of thousands of slaves, and made Ulysses S. Grant the most important general of the war.

A leadership book by former Navy SEAL and New York Times bestselling author Mark Divine, *Staring Down the Wolf* focuses on harnessing the principles of purpose and discipline in life to achieve success.

It's 1965 and *Cosmopolitan* magazine's brazen new editor in chief — Helen Gurley Brown — shocks America and saves a dying publication by daring to talk to women about all things off-limits. New York City is filled with opportunities for single girls like Alice Weiss, who leaves her small Midwestern town to chase her big-city dreams and unexpectedly lands a job working for the first female editor in chief of *Cosmopolitan* magazine, Helen Gurley Brown in Renée Rosen's *Park Avenue Summer*.



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Our #IslandCity is home to many beautiful spots, including parks and hidden gems. The reasons why we love our #IslandCity are endless, but we want to know exactly why YOU love your #IslandCity. Let us know your favorite reasons, people, hidden gems, or hot spots in #WiltonManors by commenting on social media with the hashtag #LoveMyCity.”

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



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Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City



Exhibit runs October 17-November 14, 2020

Since "social gatherings" are nearly impossible to achieve in this era of covid-19, we thought it might be fun to let the public serve as the jurists for this year's Island City Juried Art Exhibition. The artwork will be photographed and posted online for viewing and voting with the October 9th edition of The New Pelican and the winners will be announced on Saturday, October 17th at 6 PM Live on Facebook.

Art Gallery 21 is pleased to partner with The New Pelican Newspaper to create a virtual exhibition of the in-real-life exhibit of art and to ask Pelican readers to select the winning art for this year's juried exhibit. Three artists will be awarded cash prizes and their own "Winners" exhibition in December.

The gallery is open by appointment only and face coverings are required.

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