



Town Crier

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Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

January/February 2021



Ringling in 2021 in the Island City



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CALENDAR Items

City Offices will be closed:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 Monday, January 18

Presidents' Day
 Monday, February 15

ELECTION INFORMATION

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 their website at: www.browardsoe.org.

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

Mayor Scott Newton Vice Mayor Paul Rolli
 Commissioner Mike Bracchi Commissioner Chris Caputo
 Commissioner Gary Resnick City Manager Leigh Ann Henderson
 City Attorney Kerry Ezrol

City Commission and Board Meeting Dates

Due to COVID-19, City Commission and City Board/Committee meetings are being held virtually. 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.
Wed Jan 6	No Public	Tues Mar 2	Mon Jan 11	Thurs Feb 18	Wed Jan 13
Wed Feb 3	Meetings Until	Meets Quarterly	Mon Feb 8	Meets Every	Wed Feb 10
Wed Mar 3	Publicly Noticed		Mon Mar 8	2 Months	Wed Mar 10

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.

UPDATE: Parking on Wilton Drive

On December 1st, a soft reopening of the City’s paid parking program resumed, with warnings issued to remind residents and guests to pay for parking in the future. Citations/fines will begin being issued on February 1, 2021. Please contact the Finance Department at 954.390.2143 with any parking program related questions.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP



The City of Wilton Manors will be offering free curb-side pick-up of Christmas trees on your bulk pick-up day during the month of January (please refer to the 2021 Collection Schedule). Please remove all lights, ornaments, and tree stands before placing trees at the curb. The trees will be taken to the Waste-to-Energy Plant and burned to create energy!

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, January 21

Thursday, February 18

Recycling Day: Thursday

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

Tuesday, January 19

Tuesday, February 16

Recycling Day: Friday

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

Wednesday, January 20

Wednesday, February 17

Recycling Day: Wednesday



Condominium bulk pickup (quarterly): Saturday, March 27 Shredding Event: Saturday, Jan 23 9-11a.m. City Hall

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.

TRASH & RECYCLING PICKUP DURING THE HOLIDAYS



Garbage and recycling are collected year-round, *with the exception of Christmas Day*, so:

On **New Year’s Day** (Friday, January 1, 2021):
There **WILL BE** regular trash & recycling collection



Holiday Waste Disposal

The holidays certainly create some unique waste disposal challenges! Christmas trees will be picked up in your bulk waste pick up of January (see the bulk pick-up schedule posted above). More detail on holiday trash, recycling, bulk, and hazardous waste pick-up can be found in the article on page 8 of this issue of your Town Crier.

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.

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 866-433-6312** or visit www.sfwmd.gov.

Mayor Scott Newton



First of all, thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your support and belief in electing me as your Mayor. Many of you may know me. I was born at Broward General, and grew up on the west side of Wilton Manors. My wife Cindy and I raised our now adult children in Wilton Manors. I began my public service career on the Planning and Zoning Board in the 1990's and have never looked back. You might say I am totally devoted to Wilton Manors.

This is my second term as Mayor, and things have changed a lot since I was first elected in 2004. We were still a sleepy bedroom community back then, and Wilton Drive was just beginning to evolve.

Our City has been through so much in the past year, with Mayor Flippen's sudden death and the pandemic coming close on its heels. I know our business community is hurting, and hope many of you have taken advantage of the grant funds available through the federal government. Likewise, federal funds for mortgage and rental assistance were made available to our residents. I'm hopeful that the vaccine and advanced treatments for COVID will be widely available soon, and we will begin the path back to "normal".

City Hall is open, and business is slowly getting back to pre-COVID levels. The City is slowly resuming our leisure programming with social distancing and masks being required. If you are ready to get out of the house and get some fresh air, join us for the Yard Sales on the second Saturday in January and February from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., or at the Mickel Park Concerts on the third Friday starting at 7 p.m.

My goals for my time as Mayor are to lead the Island City into the next decade by uniting our diverse communities, improving and hardening the city's infrastructure, and creating a climate for thoughtful redevelopment of the aging commercial infrastructure. We are on the cusp of some big decisions, and in order to choose wisely I need to hear from you. Let me know what you think!

Cindy and I wish each of you a happy and healthy New Year. Here's hoping that 2021 brings many good things for our Island City.

Please contact me any time at 954-390-2123 or snewton@wiltonmanors.com.



WiltonArt™ completed the installation of its special exhibit **upintheair.2020**, a permanent 16-piece hand-crafted wire sculpture display. The 16 pieces were installed along Wilton Drive by the artist himself, world-renowned sculptor Spenser Little. The **WiltonArt™** project was made possible by a grant awarded by the PNC Foundation and additional funding sponsors.

The sculptures are based on the four key concepts of Nature, Inspiration, Equality (for all), and Humor, with color-coded markers on the sidewalk inviting viewers to “*stop & look up in the air!*” at the sculpture overhead.

WiltonArt™ is a community based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing all lives through public art. Visit wiltonart.org for more information about **WiltonArt™** and the upintheair.2020 project.



Vice Mayor Paul Rolli—A New Year, Same Great Community



Two events of last year, COVID and Tropical Storm Eta, continue to impact city operations and life. The fiscal impact of these events will significantly shape how we go forward this year and for years to come. The new City Commission will continue to monitor and address these and other top level initiatives.

I am optimistic about the rollout of the Covid vaccine but urge everyone to remain vigilant in protecting themselves and preventing the spread of the virus. It will be a few months before it is available to the entire community, meaning we must continue social distancing and wearing masks. If we are truly going to get through this together, we must each be responsible to play our part.

It is critical that we have a functioning, operational sewer and drainage infrastructure. There is a long range plan to modernize the existing system, as well as more immediate, short term fixes. The city is developing financial options to implement the entire project over time.

Additionally, our new Economic Development Director came on board late last year and will play a significant role in guiding the city commission in the planning for the future. The city is in the process of revising our land use and zoning codes with the goal of creating regulations to grow the revenue base and stimulate economic development. We are extremely mindful of the impact these regulations have on residential areas.

The city will embark on a complete revision to our strategic plan for operations. My input will focus on the following key strategies:

1. Fiscal Responsibility
2. Economic Development
3. Livability (Quality of Life)
4. Efficient and High Performing Government
5. Environmental Sustainability and the Effects of Climate Change.

By focusing on these areas of strategic improvement, we will aim to change the way the city moves forward, and how the city responds to the challenges of this and coming years.

Also, the budget formulation process will begin earlier than in prior years, which will help us and city staff identify areas that need attention, improvement, or reform more quickly.

Wilton Manors and its residents have a secure sense of self, our own identity, and a strong community spirit that comes from the people who live here. We are a community of neighbors, and that means something in an increasingly isolated and self-interested world. A community takes shape when we work together in a spirit of tolerance and finding common ground. I'm proud and privileged to call you my neighbor.

I want to thank all the residents, businesses, city staff, and our First Responders for helping support each other in these difficult times.

Lastly, for now, let me take a moment to wish each of you, your families and friends a safe, healthy and happy New Year.

In the meantime, I 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.

COVID-19 UPDATES

For the latest information Reopening, Testing, and Available Resources, see the city's website at:

<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/AlertCenter.aspx?AID=State-Community-Resources-25>.

For links to specific guidelines for restaurants, gyms, retail establishments, and other businesses and amenities, please visit

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

And to view Broward County Emergency Orders, please visit the County's website at:

<https://www.broward.org/CoronaVirus/Pages/EmergencyOrders.aspx>

Commissioner Mike Bracchi—Here to Serve and Represent You!



To the residents of Wilton Manors who voted on November 3rd: Thank you! **We did this, together.** More than half of Wilton Manors voters chose me to serve and represent them and I was the first choice in **all** 6 precincts. This shows the city-wide support for me and my proposed platform. I was elected to serve and represent **everyone** in our community, not just particular groups or areas of the city.

I have been elected to the commission to serve and represent **you!** And I promise you that every decision I make during the next four years will be for the benefit of the community as a whole, and not for a select few of us. I commit to you, that as your representative on this commission, I will make decisions that I believe are best for the residents. By doing so, we will make Wilton

Manors an even better place to live, work, and play.

First and foremost, safeguarding the public health of our residents and visitors is critical. As the pandemic continues, we must ensure we are taking all necessary precautions for the health of our community.

Second, we must ensure the safety of our residents and visitors. We need to continue partnering with our police department and neighborhood associations to ensure Wilton Manors is welcoming and safe for everyone.

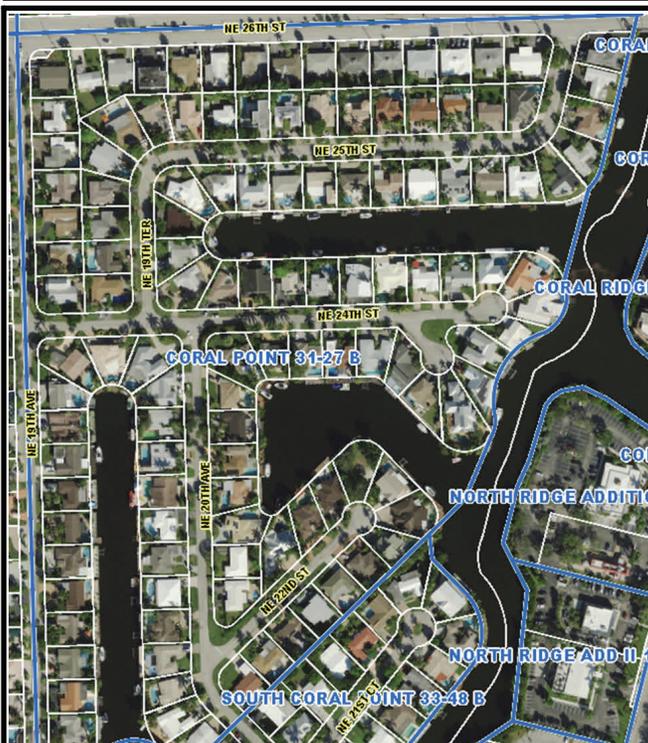
Third, I will push for structured fiscal policies to ensure that we continue to provide essential city services at the highest quality and at affordable prices. Two of those essential services are water and sewer. Although we have a long-term plan for updating our aging underground infrastructure, we need to focus on more short-term solutions.

Lastly, we need to focus on long-term economic growth within Wilton Manors. Moving the city beyond 2020 will require smart, practical, and commonsensical redevelopment to revitalize our commercial corridors while preserving the charm, character, and history of our single-home neighborhoods.

I am honored and humbled to serve and represent you on the commission. Please contact me anytime with comments, questions, suggestions, or concerns at 954-281-2212 or at mbracchi@wiltonmanors.com.

Now join me in moving our city forward and let's get to work!

WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRIVIA



Wilton Manors is The Island City, bounded by the North and South forks of the Middle River. Almost. The border extends up the west side of NE 6th Avenue to Oakland Park Blvd and then along the south side of Oakland Park Blvd to I 95. To add confusion, the western ends of the Middle River were not always where they are now.

Frank Stranahan, of Fort Lauderdale Stranahan House fame, and his wife Ivy Cromartie Stranahan owned land in the early 1900's at the eastern end of Wilton Manors in what is now the Coral Point subdivision. On trips to their farm by buggy or canoe, they would see tropical fish and alligators. At night, they carried a lantern to keep various larger wildlife at bay.

Wilton Manors' founder was engaged in what was going on in Fort Lauderdale. In 1925, he was appointed to the first Planning and Zoning Board in Fort Lauderdale, along with Ivy Stranahan. This new board was a major step for Fort Lauderdale in getting its development under control.

Commissioner Chris Caputo—Be A Part Of The Change You Want To See In Your City



Reflecting back on 2020, I recognize what a difficult year it was for many in our community and throughout the world. I am optimistic that 2021 will bring a return to normalcy, a resurgence of our vibrant community life, and positive changes to our city. A dark and difficult 2020 has left us with nearly a blank canvas by which to define the year ahead. It's an opening which reminds me of one of my favorite quotes by Mahatma Gandhi, "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

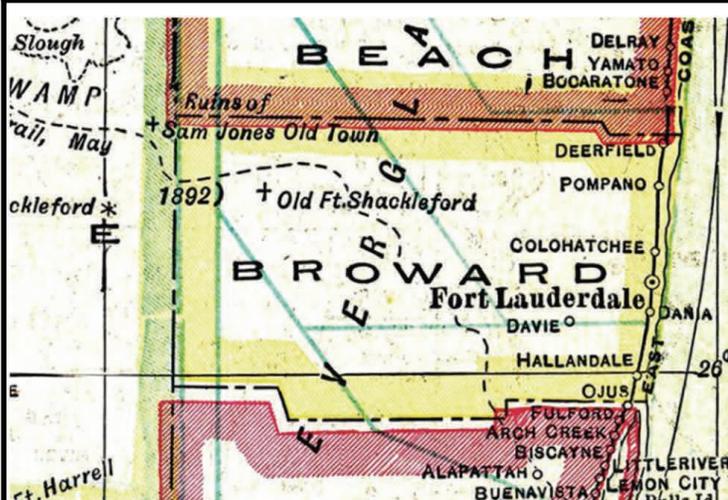
I wish to thank the Community Affairs Advisory Board for supporting the city commission in its desire to have our diverse community represented on our city boards, a part of our strategic planning process, and included in our cultural vibe. One of my personal goals as a city commissioner is to engage more members of our community in civic life, allowing us to work together to ensure life truly is just better here. I have personally begun reaching out to individuals and organizations that make up the fabric of our community to encourage them to have their opinions heard and ideas expressed!

I am eager to resurrect the Island City University program, which did a wonderful job teaching the ins and outs of our city and guiding people interested in civic engagement. I am confident that we will offer it again this year, and I'm working to see this come to life as quickly as possible. In the meanwhile, here are some ways you might want to consider getting involved in your city:

- 1. Take part in a city-supported activity.** Our Leisure Services Department has found creative, safe ways for us to connect with our community and get to know one another safely. From tennis lessons I take with our local tennis pro, Donna, to having caught part of the holiday movie, Elf, at Hagen Park, I've enjoyed being outside with fellow residents.
- 2. Attend a board meeting and share your input.** The city currently has 9 boards including the Community Affairs Advisory Board, Wilton Drive Improvement District, Budget Review Advisory Committee, and more. Each board plays an important role in our community. You don't need to be a member of the Board to attend. Resident participation and input is strongly encouraged. Visit <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/221/Boards-Committees> for details.
- 3. Get to know your city commissioners and city staff.** I can honestly say that every city commissioner and staff member welcomes your input and ideas. Personally, I would love to hear your concerns and suggestions for our city via email at ccaputo@wiltonmanors.com or phone at 954-557-2801.

Thank you for being a member of our great city. I hope you will join the many engaged residents we have here in Wilton Manors in making 2021 a year that is reflective our residents' vision, values, and diversity.

WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRIVIA



In the very early days, Dade County included all of what is now Broward and Palm Beach. In 1909, Palm Beach County split from Dade, and in 1915, they both conceded equal amounts of land to make Broward County. The impetus was to keep the spectacular debt being incurred by the Port of Miami from being a liability to the residents to the north. It was originally to be called Everglades County. Napoleon Bonaparte Broward led the charge to "drain the Everglades." The area north of what is now Fort Lauderdale High School to Commercial Boulevard was called Colohatchee, or Colahatchee around the turn of the 20th century. Most probably, it is a name given the area by the Seminole Indians. William C. Collier, who had moved here from Texas, had a big orange grove in the early 1890's. One story has it that the Indians liked Collier and his oranges so much that they named the area after him: "Collier at the River."

Commissioner Gary Resnick-Reflecting on 2020



In reflecting on 2020, the natural disasters that affected us are unlike anything we've experienced in my 22 years of public service. Most significantly, COVID-19 has taken a big toll on our City, with over 600 residents getting COVID, and many residents dying (the State no longer reports deaths per City). Notwithstanding Florida having more than 1,300,000 cases and over 21,000 deaths, with generally over 11,000 new cases and 120 deaths **per day**, Governor DeSantis has made it impossible for local governments to take measures to try to protect residents. These are not just numbers; these are people we know. As we have consistently said, **you must take responsibility for your own safety and that of your friends and family.** With hospitals full, and distribution of vaccines coming in a few months,

this is not the time to risk our health. We should all be wearing masks and practicing social distancing. If you can, stay home and in your "bubble" of close friends and family. While the CDC expects cases and deaths to rise in early 2021, there is hope that we will see fewer people getting sick and dying from COVID.

While we cannot reverse the effects of COVID and the long term health and economic impacts, we are looking at long term solutions to keep our City as a highly desirable place to live and work. In 2020, we realized a second natural disaster with unprecedented rain, culminating with Tropical Storm Eta on the weekend of November 7th. We received 140% of our typical annual rainfall in just six weeks! Coupled with sea level rise and high tides, our aging stormwater and sewer systems largely failed, notwithstanding our utilities team working around the clock. We realize that we must prioritize capital improvements in these systems, short and long term. As our staff has cautioned, if we don't make this investment, property owners may not be able to obtain insurance or mortgages – plain and simple. We will be planning for massive capital investment to replace and to repair our aging water infrastructure. Our taxpayers and utility customers cannot shoulder the millions needed. Last month, I wrote to our members of Congress to **support federal funding for local infrastructure.** Congress has been discussing this for years. We urge you to contact members of Congress as well. We cannot sustain our City or protect private property with existing infrastructure. This capital investment dovetails with new regional floodplain mapping and newly adopted construction regulations, including requiring higher sea walls for new construction and substantial renovation.

As COVID and natural disasters devastate us, we also saw a state and country that is more divided than ever. Racism, hatred, bigotry, and violence seem more pronounced now in Florida and around the country. Half the country hates the other half – over something as foolish as politics sensationalized by the media. In the past, our country came together to deal with tragedies, think of 911. Now more people die every day than died in 911, yet we have lost our spirit to work together. This is where our community has and will shine. We have great diversity, but we support each other during times of trouble. Wilton Manors is a great community. As I write this, the Florida Department of Health has begun giving vaccines to front-line health care workers and residents of nursing homes. My niece (an ER Doctor in Philadelphia) got the vaccine in December with no negative effects. Vaccines will be rolled out to more of the population. Although the impacts of 2020 will remain with us for a long time, we will look out for each other. Eric and I wish each of you and your families a happy and, most importantly, HEALTHY 2021!

Holiday Hints for Waste Disposal

While preparing, celebrating, and cleaning up during the holiday season, we find ourselves with a lot of extra items to dispose of. Please consider all your options and dispose of items responsibly.

Trash - Everyday items, including your holiday celebration waste items, can be placed in your **BLUE** trash bin for a twice-weekly pick-up. Plastic and paper items with food residue should always be placed in these bins to be thrown away, along with plastic bags and wraps. If you have any gently used items, consider donating them instead of disposing them, to cut down on trash volume.

Recycle - Recycle right during the holidays. Only items such as paper/cardboard, glass jars, approved plastic drinking bottles (only items where the neck is narrower than the body), and aluminum/tin cans should be placed in your **GREEN** recycling bin for your once-a-week pick up. These items should be rinsed and free of food residue. Items with food stains, toys, and electrical items should never be placed in your recycle bin. "When In Doubt, Throw It Out". And remember...no plastic bags!

Bulk and Household Hazardous Waste - Plan ahead...please refer to your collection schedules and disposal requirements for bulk and hazardous waste, which are once-a-month pick-ups. Visit www.wiltonmanors.com for more details and the Collection Schedule <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/DocumentCenter/View/102/2020-Bulk-Schedule?bidId=>.

Looking to make a positive impact on your community?

Become an Advisory Board Member!



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

Budget Review Committee—meets during budgeting period (March through August) **apply now for the 21-22 budget cycle!**

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; **2 vacancies-January 2021; 4 seat terms will expire 9/1/21.**

Pictured: Members of the Community Affairs Advisory Board

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

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 were filled in October.**

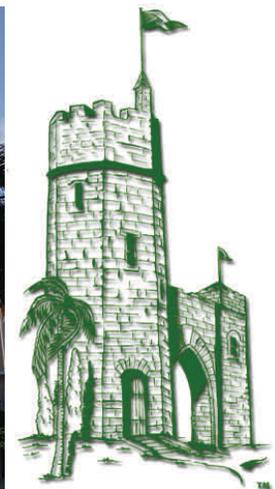
Planning & Zoning Board—two-year terms. Meets second Monday each month; **5 vacancies were filled in June.** P&Z positions are category qualified.

Wilton Drive Improvement District—three-year terms. Meets the second Wednesday each month; **3 vacancies were filled in October.** 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.

WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wilton Manors Historical Society donated and placed this wreath at the Veterans Memorial near City Hall Nov. 11, 2020 where it remained for several days in honor of the veterans who bravely served our country.



WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John P. Pedersen

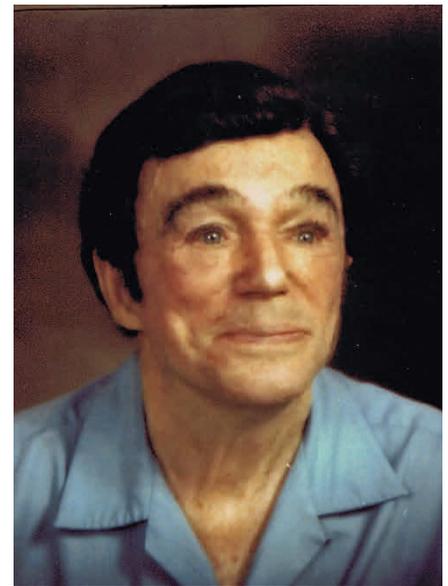
The last edition of the Town Crier describes John Pedersen’s house at 2125 NE 5th Avenue in Wilton Manors.

John P. Pedersen and his wife Lillian arrived in Wilton Manors from Racine, Wisconsin after John, a builder, fell from a roof and suffered a back injury in the late 1930’s. Some years earlier, Lillian had hit on the novel, and patented, idea of making curtain tie-backs, and the idea caught fire. It turned into the Unique Novelty Company and counted Montgomery Ward and Sears and Roebuck among its customers.



Upon arrival in Florida, Pedersen began to acquire land by purchasing tax-delinquent property. He had hoped to build homes on these properties, but during the WW II years, lumber and building materials for housing were not available. Lumber and supplies for building chicken coops were

available, and Pedersen took advantage. It is unclear how many he built, but the story is that after the war, he threw out the chickens and refurbished the coops with the necessary interior modifications and sold them as starter homes to returning soldiers and their young families.



**Pedersen, Age 92
Face Lifts and Wig**



In 1950, Pedersen discovered 300 acres in sleepy little Boca Raton and thought it would be the perfect locale for his longtime dream – a tourist attraction where exotic animals roamed free in lush surroundings. He immediately set about to acquire animals and vegetation. His son Jack went to eastern Africa to acquire the animals. On one trip, he returned with more animals than had ever been in a single boat shipment from Africa.

The park became Africa U.S.A. It predated Walt Disney’s Wild Kingdom by some 45 years, and Disney was an admirer. There were a number of celebrity animals, including Princess Margaret, a baby chimpanzee who made numerous appearances on the Jack Paar Show. Princess Margaret was treated like one of the Pedersen children, and a big celebrity. She would kiss on command! The park operated in Boca Raton between 1953-1961, when Boca, which had grown big and prosperous on the success of Africa U.S.A., crowded it out. The property is now the Camino Gardens subdivision. John Pedersen died in 1996 at the age of 98!

A wealth of historical information is available on the Wilton Manors Historical Society’s website at: <http://www.wiltonmanorshistoricalsociety.org/>.

Secure Shredding Event

When: Saturday, January 23, 2021
9:00 am to 11:00 am

Where: City Hall/Hagen Park Parking Lot
2020 Wilton Drive
Wilton Manors, FL 33305



The City's solid waste, recycling, and household hazardous waste contractor, Waste Management, has contracted with Shred-It to provide this FREE, secure and confidential shredding service. Shred-It uses cross-cut shredding technology, and all resulting paper shreds are removed from the waste stream and recycled into new products. Hard-drive punching will also be available at this event.

Wilton Manors residents:

You will need to bring proof of residency (such as a driver's license or utility bill showing your Wilton Manors address).

Wilton Manors business owners:

You will need to bring a copy of your current Wilton Manors Business Tax Receipt.

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

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.

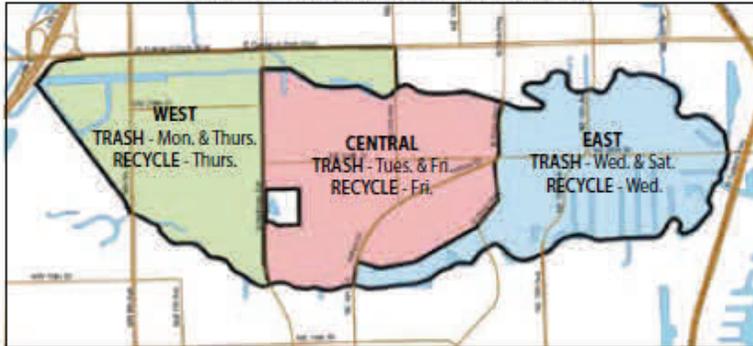
Residents are eligible to receive \$50 towards the purchase price of each WaterSense® certified ultra-low flow toilet, up to a maximum of two per property for the duration of the program. Program rules and the application form are available in the lobby of City Hall and on the City's website. For a [fillable application form](#), go to www.wiltonmanors.com, and then type "toilet" in the search box). **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 Emergency Management/Utilities at 954-390-2190.

2021 COLLECTION SCHEDULE MAGNET

WILTON MANORS 2021 COLLECTION SCHEDULES

Trash & Recycle Collection Zones



Bulk, HHW & Shredding Schedules

- Bulk Pick-up dates per zone
- Condo bulk will be collected quarterly on Saturdays on: 3/27, 6/26, 9/25, and 12/18.
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) - Must schedule an appointment*
- Shredding/harddrive events at Hagen Park are Saturdays on: 1/23 and 8/21, 9am - 11am.

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***Call 1-800-449-7587 10 days in advance to schedule an At-Your-Door pickup of your household hazardous waste.**

Last month, the City’s 2021 Collection Schedule Magnet was mailed out to residential service addresses. The magnet includes collections for Trash, Recycling, Bulk pick-up, and Household Hazardous Waste identified by East, Central, and West zones, as well as dates for the City’s two shredding events and quarterly condominium bulk pick-ups. The residential bulk pick-up dates are shown by month and are color coded to your Collection Zone. If you did not receive your magnet, please contact the Utilities Department at 954-390-2190. For information on multi-family and commercial property collections, please contact Utility Billing at 954-390-2145.



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.



Christmas trees will be picked up on your bulk pick-up day during the month of January 2021.

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 webpage at: <http://www.wiltonmanors.com/187/Recyclable-Items> for additional details.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (954)390-2180

Online 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.



Please join the City of Wilton Manors in welcoming these new businesses that opened in October & November 2020.

Address

2045 Wilton Drive
 1881 NE 26 ST 216
 1881 NE 26 ST 212
 304 E Oakland Park Blvd
 2312 Wilton Drive #33
 2666 N Dixie Hwy
 2150 Wilton Drive A113

Business Name

Chef Nates Inc
 Thrive in Life LLC
 P & J Lester Inc
 D Angelica Beauty Salon LLC
 Jason Miller LMT
 Kaler Leasing Services Inc
 Tulios Tacos LLC

2020 - 2025 Strategic Plan Update



City of Wilton Manors
 2015-2020 Strategic Plan

Be a part of the City’s Strategic Plan Update by attending the Strategic Plan Commission Workshop on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 6:30p.m. via the ZOOM platform.

Information on the Workshop and details of the current 2015-2020 Strategic Plan can be found here:

<https://www.wiltonmanors.com/424/2015-Strategic-Plan>



From Chief O'Connell-TAX TIME 2021

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 tax return money!

It is very clear that the sooner you file your tax return the better!

Here are four other important recommendations on protecting your identity:

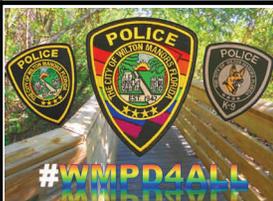
- Protect your personal information everywhere online and think twice about what you post on social media.
- Learn to recognize “phishing” emails and phone calls. Don’t trust calls from individuals claiming to represent the **IRS** (this agency NEVER calls you; all communications are done by mail).
- The same holds true for **financial institutions** (banks, etc.); these organizations do not call you.
- Credit card fraud is also out there! That is why it is so important to monitor your credit card usage as often as possible to mitigate the financial damage done.

I am sure you have heard the military quote, “*We have met the enemy and they are us.*” When it comes to social media that military saying is so true; we are our own worst enemy! Sharing information like your home address, your birthday, schools your children attend and similar details can be “mined” by the scammers who will use this information to scam you out of your peace of mind. Protect your personal details on social media just as carefully as you protect the money in your wallet/purse.

A favorite “hunting ground” is free Wi-Fi at your local coffee shop or library. Limit your use in these locations to only public information, not the sharing of personal information such as passcodes for your bank account, etc.

Remember, 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 (www.givemebackmycredit.com).

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



Follow the Wilton Manors Police Department
on FACEBOOK

at <https://www.facebook.com/wiltonmanorspd>

@wiltonmanorspd

VEHICLE BURGLARIES AND VEHICLE THEFTS

The City of Wilton Manors has experienced an increase in vehicle thefts and vehicle burglaries in the last few months.

When do these crimes usually occur? The crime of burglary to a vehicle and/or vehicle theft is often times a crime of opportunity. What this means, is that criminals prefer to commit a crime that requires no force on an unsuspecting victim. More than just the fact that criminals do not want to engage in face to face combat with a victim, criminals know that forcible felonies carry enhanced penalties and are more often than not trackable offenses. When a criminal commits

an armed robbery (*a taking of property from a victim by force*) for instance, or any other forcible felony, they understand that the average time between the victim coming to grips with what just occurred and calling the police is often times a matter of a few minutes. With this in mind, criminals understand that police officers are trained to immediately set up perimeters and request the assistance of tracking K9 units and aviation. Often times, it is very difficult to get away if a victim calls the police immediately following the crime. Only the most brazen criminals commit such crimes. Your average, everyday vehicle thefts and burglaries occur at night and in the wee hours of the morning. **WHY?** Criminals know that these types of crimes committed during these types of times with no victim in between are often not detected.

What to do to try to prevent these crimes: Lock your vehicle, remove your key fob if possible, and install CCTV video surveillance in the front of the residence where the vehicle is visible on camera.

What not to do: Don't leave your car door unlocked, don't leave your key fob in the vehicle, don't leave valuables inside of your vehicle, including firearms and other weapons, and don't leave your windows open. If by any chance you are confronted with a suspect committing a burglary or a vehicle theft, DO NOT confront the suspect.

For More information please visit The *Wilton Manors Police Department's website* at:

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

Or visit us on our **Facebook** page for the latest updates and messages to our residents:

<https://www.facebook.com/wiltonmanorspd>



Welcome to 2021 - Tap into our Services



The Wilton Manors Police Department welcomes everyone to 2021 as we look to continue our community partnerships, and forge new ones in our endeavor to collectively cultivate a safer Island City. As we start the New Year amidst the continuing challenges of the pandemic, we remind our community members about some important services and resources at your disposal to monitor crime trends, provide a safer environment for your family member with special needs, have an officer check on your home while you're on vacation, and much more. Information on our services and resources can be found on our website at wmpd.org. We encourage everyone to visit us there, and arm yourself with this important information that promotes a safer you, and a safer community.

Crime Maps

Citizens can use this information to track incidents of crime in their areas of preference to know what is going on in their neighborhood. Data is updated twice weekly.

Property Checks

Going out of town? The WMPD will stop by and check on your home while you are away.

Autism/Special Needs Registration

Register your loved one with special needs with our police department so officers can understand they may encounter a friend with special needs should they respond to your home.

Victim Services

Were you a victim of a crime? Visit our website for more information about your rights as a victim or reach out to our victim advocate, Al Carrillo, at 954- 390-2162 or acarrillo@wmpd.org for victim assistance.

Hate/Biased Crimes

Our #STOPTHEHATE initiative provides education on what constitutes a hate crime, and our agency provides hate crime data in the interests of public safety and transparency. Hatred should have zero comfort in our Island City, or for that matter, anywhere! Join us in our continued mission to make it known hate crimes will not be tolerated here.

Social Media

Facebook... Twitter... if social media isn't for you, it needs to be. The WMPD uses these platforms to deliver relevant and important information to our community. An informed citizen equals a safer citizen, and a safer community.

At Your Service – WMPD Contacts

Our agency is at your service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year that includes nights, weekends, holidays and much more. For a complete list of police department contacts go to www.wmpd.org and enter "police department contacts" into the search engine. We look forward to talking to you soon!



The Wilton Manors Police Department actively posts to its Facebook page - be sure to check it out for the latest in WMPD press releases, crime statistics, safety tips and much more!

*Follow the Wilton Manors Police Department
on FACEBOOK*

at <https://www.facebook.com/wiltonmanorspd>
@wiltonmanorspd

CODE COMPLIANCE - Storm Shutter Placement



Hurricane shutters are a great safety feature during storm season, especially in South Florida where we have the chance of experiencing several storms in a given year. While they help protect the integrity of properties and reduce insurance claims, closed shutters can also be an eyesore to neighboring properties. Additionally, closed shutters may give the appearance of a property which is unoccupied. An unoccupied property can be an invitation to those who are looking to burglarise or vandalize it. For this reason, the Code Compliance Unit will be embarking on an initiative to educate our residents of the following shutter placement regulations:

Sec. 5-121. - Storm shutters placement.

It is prohibited to maintain storm shutters on a structure between December 1 and May 31, unless hurricane conditions are expected to occur within thirty-six (36) hours. Consistent with the provisions regarding storm shutters as defined and set forth in the Florida Building Code, as amended from time to time, it is prohibited to maintain storm shutters between June 1 and November 30 in a closed/ secured position on a structure for periods in excess of ten (10) business days unless:

- (1) A hurricane occurs during the ten-day period, at which point the ten-day period begins anew the day after hurricane conditions have subsided; or*
- (2) Hurricane conditions are expected to occur within thirty-six (36) hours after the tenth day; or*
- (3) The structure is used for residential purposes, but no person is in residence for a period in excess of ten (10) business days, except that (1) and (2), above, shall still apply during periods when a person is in residence; or*
- (4) The structure is used for residential purposes, but no person is in residence, and the owner/ occupant registers with the department of community services on a form prepared by the city; or*
- (5) At least two (2) means of ingress and egress are provided through a door, window or garage.*

For any questions or concerns, you may reach us:

In-person/ 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>

Did you know there are Neighborhood Associations and a Business Association within our city?

The City has three neighborhood associations (see the following page for a message from each one). In addition to the neighborhood associations, the city also has the Wilton Manors Business Association (WMBA). These associations provide a forum for the residents of each area of Wilton Manors and the businesses within our city to meet, discuss, and solve issues that impact the well-being of the neighborhoods within these boundaries. These issues include, but are not limited to, zoning, city ordinances, crime, traffic patterns, beautification, special events, and the overall welfare of the neighborhood residents and businesses.

Each association meets regularly and works closely with the City and the Wilton Manors Police Department in order to ensure our residents and businesses have accessibility to public safety information, community networking to improve public safety, and familiarity to law enforcement operations and services provided.

For more information about each of the Neighborhood Associations or to become a member please visit:

<https://www.wiltonmanors.com/327/Neighborhood-Associations>

And for more information about the Wilton Manors Business Association or to become a member please visit:

<https://wiltonmanorsbusinessassociation.com/join-wmba/>



Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association (CANA)

The Heart of Wilton Manors Beats Here ...

CANA wishes all a very safe and happy 2021! Some items to look forward to with the new year are landscaping and the necessary irrigation along Wilton Drive. Also, the new Wilton Manors Economic Development Office and the finalization of new community development codes should revitalize growth opportunities and bring new development along the main business corridors of our city.

CANA's next meeting will be January 20, 2021. Membership will elect board members at this meeting.

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

This has been a very trying year for all neighborhood associations. However, this does not mean that ENA has been dormant. We have continued to meet with the Police Department and City Administration to help ensure our neighborhoods stay safe.

Due to COVID, the East Neighborhood Association has not been able to have a meeting since March of 2020, but we anticipate meeting early this New Year, hopefully in February or March. Until then we will continue to send out important neighborhood and city information to our members. The ENA Board of Directors wishes everyone a safe and Happy 2021!

If you have any questions about the East Neighborhood Association, please call me.

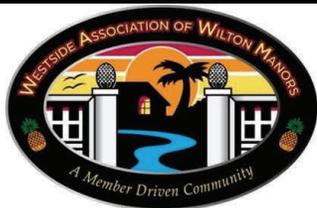
-John R. Fiore, President

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)

BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!!!

Westside Association General Membership Meeting

Thursday, January 21st, 2021 @ 7:00PM

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

Link to the meeting will be sent to members in advance of the meeting.

WAWM will be starting our Membership Drive. Our Annual Membership Meeting usually held in April may not be in person so we will be reaching out to remind members to renew via PayPal or check/cash. Links and info available at www.wawm.org

Be sure to follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/WestsideWilton>

and on Twitter

@WAWMfl

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.*

For 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.

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Message from Leisure Services Director, Patrick Cann



On behalf of the Leisure Services Team, we wish you a Happy New Year 2021. Although adjusting to perhaps the most unusual year of our lives in 2020, we are hopeful for a better year 2021. While our priorities have been altered, one common area of significance was the glaring need during the pandemic for OUTDOOR RECREATION!

If you are looking to meet new friends, experience life enriching opportunities, then look no further than your Leisure Services Family. Set your vision on new opportunities in 2021 that include using your leisure time to enjoy, reflect, and participate in some of the unique activities and special events that will enhance your quality of life.

Some of the more meaningful activities available include outdoor fitness and environmental walking trails, PICKLEBALL, beach volleyball, dog play areas, fitness center, tennis lessons, enjoy reading books and magazines through curbside checkout, attend the Music at Mickel Concert Series, receive a tree at our annual Tree Give-Away, February 6th, experience the new excitement at our festive Yard Sales/Book Fairs, and so much more!

- City Yard Sale, Saturday, January 9, 8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Hagen Park
- Music at Mickel, Friday, January 15, 7:30 p.m. at Mickel Park
- Annual Tree Give Away, Saturday, February 6, at 9 a.m. at Mickel Park
- City Yard Sale, Saturday, February 13, at 8 a.m. at Hagen Park
- Music at Mickel, Friday, February 19, 7:30 p.m. at Mickel Park

The city will be conducting city-wide input for your recreational needs, desires and interests. Please also feel free to contact me regarding your leisure services needs in 2021 and beyond. Your individual input is truly needed! To expand your growth, health and well-being, please visit your local parks and library today. Please visit us online at wiltonmanors.com/parks for more details regarding our activities, special events, park hours, fees, volunteer opportunities and programming.

Thank you!

CAPITAL PROJECTS & GRANTS

Sixth Annual Free Tree Giveaway



The sixth annual Free Tree Giveaway will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at Mickel Park. The event will start at 9 a.m. Supplies are limited and will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Residents will be able to choose from several different tree species and several different kinds of shrubs. Each household will be allocated at least two trees and one shrub (more if possible) and proof of residency is required. **Social distancing and masks will be required.** This year there will only be a registration area and a tree selection booth to assist you with your selections.

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

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Yard Sales Are Back!

We are excited to announce that our Island City Yard Sales will be returning in 2021!

We will be hosting three (3) yard sales on **January 9th, February 13th and March 13th.**

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic there will be new requirements and precautions taken to ensure that the event is safe and enjoyable for all. The new requirements and provisions will include:

Each Yard Sale will be limited and vendor areas will be spaced out for social distancing.

All vendors and participants will be required to wear a facial covering inside the event area.

Hand sanitizer will be available for all.

Participants will keep to one-way traffic for entering, walking through and exiting the event area.

When: January 9th, February 13th & March 13th 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Hagen Park / City Hall Parking Lot 2020 Wilton Drive

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. – 8 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.



Before Care Program

The City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department will be offering daily Before School Care from 7a.m. to 8a.m. at Wilton Manors Elementary School for Wilton Manors Elementary School students ONLY.

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

Location: Wilton Manors Elementary School

Days: Monday – Friday Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Fees: \$25 per week

After School Program

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

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

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

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

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

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. The cost of the program ranges from \$15.00 to \$30.00 per day/child, which includes the field trip or activity of the day. Children must bring a brown bag lunch unless otherwise instructed. This program will be held at Island City Park Preserve in Wilton Manors at 823 NE 28th Street. For more information please call the Leisure Services Department.

Upcoming dates are:

- Friday, January 8
- Monday, February 15

Register at Hagen Park Community Center, or wiltonmanors.com. For more information, please call 954-390-2130.

Tennis

Lesson and Clinics with USPTA Pros

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

Annual Tennis Memberships are available.

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



LIVE MUSIC @ MICKEL

Come enjoy a night of live music in the park with your community while keeping social distancing! All concerts will be held at Mickel Park from 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket.

There will be no food trucks or concessions, so please bring snacks and treats!

January 15, 2021 New Planets (Rock / Alternative / Pop)

February 19, 2021 Vertigo / Original Sin (U2/INXS Tribute)



KAYAK, CANOE OR STAND UP PADDLEBOARD STORAGE

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

\$250/space per year.

Limited to two spaces per City of Wilton Manors household.

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

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

For more information please call 954-390-2130





THE LIBRARY CORNER

BOOK DELIVERY

The Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors offers home delivery of Library materials for City residents who are temporarily or permanently homebound due to illness or disability. If you or someone you know would like to have materials delivered, please contact the Library at 954-390-2195.

CURB-SIDE PICK-UP AVAILABLE

The Library, at 500 NE 26th St., has walk-up/drive up service. The service provides an opportunity for you to access reserved materials in a safe manner while the Library remains closed to the public.

You may reserve books, DVDs, and other library materials using the Library's online catalog or by calling the Library at 954-390-2195. Library staff will be unable to provide you with any materials that have not been reserved ahead of time. You must have a Wilton Manors Library card to reserve library material.

Walk-up/drive-up service is available in the parking lot at the rear (east side) of the Library off of NE 26th St. between the Library and the church. This service is available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Library staff will call customers with reserved items to let them know their items are available for checkout.

EVERYBODY NEEDS FRIENDS... ESPECIALLY THE LIBRARY

Join the Friends! The Friends of the Wilton Manors Library is a volunteer group that exists to enrich the cultural and educational opportunities within our community. The Friends provide funding for the Library's extensive DVD and audio book collections. They also sponsor Library programs and online resources, such as Ancestry.com and our ebooks and digital magazines. Membership applications are available at the Library and on the Friends' web site at www.FriendsoftheWiltonManorsLibrary.org.



The City Yard Sale will return on Saturday, Jan. 9, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot at 2020 Wilton Dr. That means the Friends' Book Tent Event will return as well. Donations received at this event are an important source of revenue, allowing the Friends to underwrite the cost of Library programming, the purchase of audio and video materials, and the acquisition of computers and other equipment.

The Friends of the Library is pleased with the decision by the Leisure Services Department to unlock the three Little Libraries in November 2020 at Hagen Park, ICPP, and Mickel Park. They are now filled with free books from the Friends. Residents also can place their books in the Little Library for recycling to others.

MANGO LANGUAGES @ YOUR LIBRARY

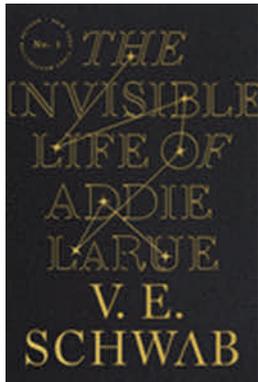
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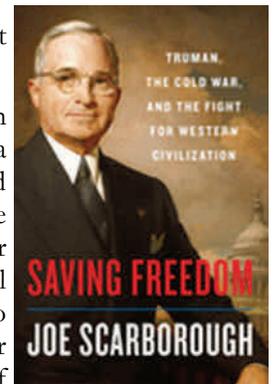
Making a Faustian bargain to live forever but never be remembered, a woman from early eighteenth-century France endures unacknowledged centuries before meeting a man who remembers her name in V.E. Schwab's *The Invisible Life of Addie La Rue*.

From Josh Clark and Chuck Bryant, the duo behind the massively successful and award-winning podcast, comes *Stuff You Should Know*, an unexpected look at things you thought you knew.

The End of Her is the new domestic suspense novel from Shari Lapena, the New York Times best-selling author of *The Couple Next Door* and *Someone We Know*. In upstate New York, Stephanie and Patrick are adjusting to life with their colicky twin babies. The girls are a handful, but Stephanie doesn't mind being a stay-at-home mom, taking care of them while Patrick does the nine to five to pay the bills. When a woman from Patrick's past drops in on them unexpectedly, raising questions about his late first wife, Stephanie supports her husband wholeheartedly. She knows the car accident all those many years ago was just that -- an accident. But Erica is persistent, and now she's threatening to go to the police. Patrick is afraid for his job -- and his reputation -- will be at risk if he doesn't put an end to Erica's questioning immediately. And when the police start digging, Stephanie's trust in her husband begins to falter and Patrick is primed to lose everything he loves. As their marriage crumbles, Stephanie feels herself coming unglued, and soon she isn't sure what -- or who -- to believe. Now the most important thing is to protect her girls, but at what cost?

In *Saving Freedom*, Joe Scarborough, the host of MSNBC's *Morning Joe* reveals how President Harry Truman defended democracy against the Soviet threat at the dawn of the Cold War.

Philippa Gregory's new historical novel, *Dark Tides*, tracks the rise of the Tidelands family in London, Venice, and New England. On Midsummer Eve 1670 two unexpected visitors arrive at a shabby warehouse on the south side of the River Thames. The first is a wealthy man hoping to find the lover he deserted twenty-one years before. James Avery has everything to offer, including the favour of the newly restored King Charles II, and he believes that the warehouse's poor owner Alinor has the one thing his money cannot buy -- his son and heir. The second visitor is a beautiful widow from Venice in deepest mourning. She claims Alinor as her mother-in-law and has come to tell Alinor that her son Rob has drowned in the dark tides of the Venice lagoon. Alinor writes to her brother Ned, newly arrived in faraway New England and trying to make a life between the worlds of the English newcomers and the American Indians as they move toward inevitable war. Alinor tells him that she knows -- without doubt -- that her son is alive and the widow is an imposter. Set in the poverty and glamour of Restoration London, in the golden streets of Venice, and on the tensely contested frontier of early America, this is a novel of greed and desire: for love, for wealth, for a child, and for home.



From Jane Smiley, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *A Thousand Acres* and the New York Times best-selling *Last Hundred Years Trilogy*, a captivating, brilliantly imaginative story of three extraordinary animals -- and a young boy -- whose lives intersect in Paris. Paras is a spirited racehorse at a racetrack west of Paris. At dusk, one afternoon she pushes open the door of her stall -- she's a curious filly -- and, after traveling through the night, arrives by chance in the City of Light. She's dazzled, and often mystified, by the sights, sounds, and smells around her, but she isn't afraid. Soon she meets an elegant dog, a German shorthair pointer named Frida, who knows how to get by without attracting the attention of suspicious Parisians. Paras and Frida coexist for a time in the city's lush green spaces, nourished by Frida's strategic trips to the bakery and the butcher shop. They keep company with two irrepressible ducks, and an opinionated raven. But then Paras meets a human boy, Etienne, and discovers a new, otherworldly part of Paris: the secluded, ivy-walled house where the boy and his nearly one-hundred-year-old great grandmother live, quietly and unto themselves. As the

cold weather and Christmas near, the unlikely friendships bloom among humans and animals alike. But how long can a runaway horse live undiscovered in Paris? And how long can a boy keep her hidden, and all his own? Smiley's beguiling new novel is itself an adventure that celebrates curiosity and ingenuity, and expresses the desire of all creatures for true friendship, love, and freedom.



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