



Town Crier

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Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

March/April 2021

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Phone Numbers

City Hall.....	954-390-2100	Risk Management.....	954-390-2126
City Clerk.....	954-390-2123	Leisure Services	
Mayor and City Commission.....	954-390-2123	Library.....	954-390-2195
City Manager.....	954-390-2120	Parks Division.....	954-390-2115
Community Development.....	954-390-2180	Recreation Division.....	954-390-2130
Finance Department.....	954-390-2141	Police Department	
Utilities Billing.....	954-390-2145	Administration.....	954-390-2150
Fire/EMS Administration.....	954-390-2110	Code Enforcement.....	954-390-2151
Fire Rescue*.....	954-764-4357	Non-Emergency Dispatch.....	954-764-4357
(*Ft Lauderdale non-emergency)		Police/Fire/EMS Emergency.....	911
Human Resources.....	954-390-2125	Utilities/Emergency Management.....	954-390-2190



CALENDAR Highlights

Daylight Saving Time Begins
Sunday, March 14
 Clocks forward 1 hour

City Yard Sale, last one of the season
Saturday, March 13 8:00a.m. until 2:00p.m. at Hagen Park/City Hall Parking Lot

Music at Mickel, Friday, March 19th 7:00p.m. at Mickel Park

Movie Night at Hagen Park, Friday, March 26th 7:30p.m. at Hagen Park Featuring The Wizard of Oz!

Earth Day Event, April 2021, date and location is to be determined

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 Mar 3	No Public	Tues Mar 2	Mon Mar 8	Thurs Apr 15	Wed Mar 10
Wed Apr 7	Meetings Until	Meets	Mon Apr 12	Meets Every	Wed Apr 14
Wed May 5	Publicly Noticed	Quarterly	Mon May 10	2 Months	Wed May 12

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.

SCHEDULE FOR BULK TRASH AND RECYCLING

If your regular garbage pickup days are **Monday & Thursday**, your bulk trash days are:

Thursday, March 18 Thursday, April 22 Recycling Day: Thursday

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

Tuesday, March 16 Tuesday, April 20 Recycling Day: Friday

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

Wednesday, March 17 Wednesday, April 21 Recycling Day: Wednesday

Condominium bulk pickup (quarterly): Saturday, March 27 Shredding Event: Saturday, Aug 21 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.

WATERING SCHEDULE

Residents and businesses are limited to a two-day-per-week landscape irrigation schedule with two “watering windows.” NO lawn watering is allowed between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. any day of the week. Code Compliance is issuing citations for violations of the water usage schedule.

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

For additional information on irrigation restrictions or water conservation, call the South Florida Water Management District’s toll-free **Water Conservation Hotline at 866-433-6312** or visit www.sfwmd.gov.

Mayor Scott Newton-Working Together Will Help Us Be Successful



I have always embraced a “let’s work together” mentality, not just in local politics but in life, starting from my early years. Coaching my kids’ baseball teams, in my job, my marriage, and the many personal and professional relationships I have been involved in. It’s what I know, and I am proud to say it comes naturally to me.

This past year, the COVID-19 pandemic really proved just how important it is that we all work together. And now, as the vaccine distributions continue to increase, we will need to work with our neighboring local leaders, healthcare providers, county, state, and federal partners to do all we can for the good of our residents. Whether we are collaborating to open up more vaccine sites or gather more volunteers, our neighbors are counting on an organized and efficient plan for distributing the COVID-19 vaccines as they become available and that will all center on us working together.

In addition to COVID-19, there are still two very important topics that will also require collaboration. The first topic is infrastructure improvements and smart development for our communities. In Wilton Manors we are looking forward to welcoming a commuter rail station, our first hotel, and new businesses and development opportunities that will complement our small-town feel. We can’t do it alone. Working together with folks in the transportation sector and business community is the only way we will be successful.

Addressing climate change is also a top priority. Developing and implementing short and long-term solutions will require a coordinated effort with leaders at the local and regional levels. To a certain extent, we are essentially working against a ticking clock. Sea levels continue to rise, and we must work together, against the clock, to make the necessary upgrades to existing structures and implement new, environmentally conscious standards for new structures. Wherever possible, Wilton Manors will collaborate with our neighbors for order of magnitude cost efficiencies and just plain common sense.

Lastly, working together doesn’t mean that we only collaborate on new initiatives. Information sharing is so important. I am looking forward to working with my fellow municipal mayors and the many other stakeholders in my local and regional communities so that I can learn from their experiences. Following the many challenges 2020 presented and that we are still overcoming, the only way we will be successful as a society is if we work together.

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

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>

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>.

Vice Mayor Paul Rolli—Moving Forward



I am so pleased to be part of a new City Commission that has fresh voices, new ideas and is respectful and collegial. We are laser focused on significant issues to improve our quality of life and sustainability.

The most critical issue is repairing/replacing our stormwater and sewer systems. The City Commission approved a plan to address these needs. Some other accomplishments since the November election include: County approval for surtax funding for \$4million worth of projects including road resurfacing, Wilton Drive trees and others (this is new funding is not from property tax or the city budget); approved a 20-year water supply plan; streamlined city commission agendas; agreed upon a strategic future direction; adopted a Legislative Action Plan for the 2021 session that opposes any bills preempting cities from adopting or enforcing regulations on short-term rentals; created new vision and mission statements; began budget preparation earlier with a new methodology; received State approval to change outdated land use regulations; held public workshops on rewriting regulations for height and density and for the code of ordinance regulations; adopted new city board policy and procedure guidelines; adopted new rules and policies for conducting commission, city boards and task force meetings; developed a small businesses assistance proposal; developed a proposal to implement an annual resident parking permit for city lots and metered streets (there is no plan to increase nonresident parking rates); increased our City Board applicant outreach and increased diversity on our boards; signed a public art agreement to increase art in public places.

We continue to take proactive future planning steps focusing on growth and fiscal sustainability. Without that, we can't maintain our essential services and all that we love about Wilton Manors.

Operating cost increases, unfunded mandates from the State and new challenges like climate resiliency and sea level rise must also be addressed.

In order to keep our city affordable, vibrant and sustainable, both economically and environmentally, we must look to revenue sources. As a built-out city, redevelopment is the major option to increase our tax base.

We might be able to reduce some costs, but at some point, that is not enough unless there are significant changes to service. One possibility that most don't want to think about is eliminating our own police department. The very worst case is we might need to become part of another city to stay sustainable.

These scenarios are unlikely in the next five years, they could be realities down the road. So now is the time to plan for the future to avoid those scenarios.

I always look forward to hearing from residents and I am always available. I can be contacted at 954-595-8865 or by email at prolli@wiltonmanors.com.

Commissioner Mike Bracchi—Here to Serve and Represent You!



Thank you for staying safe and continuing to take necessary precautions against COVID for the health of our community. Vaccinations have been taking place for a few months now and many of our eligible residents have received at least one dose. The roll-out had a number of initial issues, but county processes have improved. Eligible individuals may register for vaccine appointments online at myvaccine.fl.gov or by calling 866-201-6313.

I would like to thank the City Commission for working together, collegially and respectfully, to help move our city forward. We have conducted a number of workshops, including strategic planning and budgeting, that were very constructive and positive.

As part of the strategic planning session, the new commission focused on redefining the City's Vision, Mission, and Values. We also developed the goals and objectives for the next five years. Although they still need some refining and finalizing, the commission seemed to be in agreement of the major goals for the next five years: Infrastructure Improvements, Economic Development, Quality of Life and Livability, Efficient and High Performing Government, Fiscal Responsibility, and Environmental Sustainability.

I am proud to have many of my campaign promises be part of the goals and objectives to help move our city forward and I am excited to help many of them come to fruition.

Lastly, March is Women's History Month. Take the time to recognize and honor all of the women in your life and in our community. There are so many great women that have helped build and better Wilton Manors. Thank you for all that you have done!

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

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

Commissioner Chris Caputo—Wilton Manors Infrastructure Upgrades



My very first week as a public servant was probably the most difficult --- massive rainfall and king tide collided and wreaked havoc on many residents' daily lives for several days. In fairness, every city in South Florida reported the same issues we were met with: (1) flooded streets and swales, (2) backed up sewage lines and (3) storm drainage systems beyond their capacity. Though there was solace in knowing we were not alone, it became completely evident that we need to constantly be upgrading our infrastructure to be able to handle the evermore likely amounts of rainfall and flooding we will experience in our city.

Residents often remind me of the challenges that the City of Fort Lauderdale has experienced associated with their infrastructure. It is important to know that those challenges weren't caused by their current elected officials or staff, but instead, it was the decision of past officials to forego investing in infrastructure in favor of artificially low taxes or to spend funds on other more "attractive" projects.

Our city's Director of Emergency Management and Utilities, Dave Archacki, recently shared an incredibly comprehensive document outline of Wilton Manors' water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure needs and upgrade opportunities. This wasn't done in a rush, post-flood. Rather, Mr. Archacki and his team have worked on this document year-round and year after year. Their plan was complete, well-engineered, thoughtful and holistic in nature. Of course, it was also expensive.

The total anticipated costs of infrastructure upgrades over the coming 30 years is about \$86 million. To be clear, the city has no obvious funding source that can cover an amount that large and it would be impossible to complete this work based on our current millage rate and resulting city tax revenue. Future development will certainly help bring in additional revenue (through impact fees and increased property tax), but it will not be enough.

I share this with you today in no uncertain terms to make you aware that we will need to begin exploring how to fund these needs. I would like the city to explore taking on long-term debt in the form of a bond that would require a resident vote or via some form of loan. Our city has remarkably low debt and future property tax growth would likely cover the servicing of the debt entirely. Interest rates are at record lows, which helps to make this an attractive option.

I am asking for residents to email me (ccaputo@wiltonmanors.com) and share with me their thoughts on our infrastructure and the funding possibilities that exist.

Commissioner Gary Resnick-COVID and Broadband-Finally a Change in Policy



With millions of workers, teachers, and students working from home because of COVID, it finally created attention on the necessity of reliable broadband service to homes. While we may think that everyone in the country – or even the world – has access to broadband, that is simply not true. America ranks 11th in the World in terms of average broadband speeds – behind Singapore, Hungary, Romania and many other countries.

Pursuant to reports of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) over 21 million Americans do not have broadband access. It is generally realized, however, that this FCC number is not accurate. Last year Microsoft estimated that 140 million Americans do not have access to broadband. A more recent study put that number at 42 million Americans who lack broadband at home.

Under prior FCC administrations, they focused on technology to bring broadband to rural areas. Private providers did not build fiber in such areas because of the high cost and relatively low return on investment. Despite this focus on rural Americans, many believe that the problem is really affordability. Even though Americans in urban and densely populated areas may have physical access to broadband from at least one provider, they simply cannot afford it. After all, with thousands of households waiting on food lines on a weekly basis, and families throughout Florida receiving free or reduced lunches, many cannot afford \$50 - \$100 or more per month for broadband service. The FCC's Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, which I chaired previously, advocated years ago that the FCC look at affordability of broadband, not just physical access.

Finally, other policy makers are catching on. Acting Chair of the FCC under the Biden Administration, Jessica Rosenworcel, uses the phrase "homework gap" to refer to millions of students who do not have access to affordable broadband at home to do their homework. The Florida League of Cities has added a State legislative priority of a state broadband policy to ensure affordable broadband throughout the State. And the last Federal COVID relief Act provides for up to a \$50/month subsidy for eligible Americans for broadband service – rules are being crafted now to implement this.

Broadband is essential to everyone. We need to ensure that it is not only technically available, but that it's affordable. If you have any questions on this or any City issue, please do not hesitate to contact me at 954-390-2123 or GResnick@WiltonManors.com. Thanks and stay safe!

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/UTILITIES



BEFORE



AFTER

Do You Know Where YOUR Water Meter Is?

A few years ago, the City completed the conversion of all water meters in the city to remote-read meters. While our staff no longer has to visually read meters each month, they do have to maintain the meters and boxes, as well as be able to address emergencies that may occur at your property. Unfortunately, all too often, meter boxes are covered over with sod and plantings, whether maintained or just over-growth. It's very important that property owners keep water meters (as well as sewer clean-out covers) easily accessible for emergencies and regular maintenance.

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

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

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

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

To help prevent any type of sewer back, never flush these items down the toilet. Even if the packaging states "flushable", they do not break down in the waste lines: Tampons and other feminine hygiene products, Baby Wipes/Wet Wipes, Cleaning Pads, Paper towels/Tissues, Diapers, Q-tips/Cotton Balls, Dental Floss, Hair, Cigarette Butts, Condoms, or Kitty Litter. Finally, "Can the Grease", never pour grease down the drain. Pour it into a can, let it cool, and then dispose of with your garbage.

Spring Ahead To Prepare For Disasters



Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, March 14, 2021 ("spring forward" at 2:00 a.m.) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency encourages everyone to use the change to daylight savings time as a reminder to implement emergency preparedness measures that will keep you and your family safe. This is a great opportunity to review disaster response plans and restock disaster kits. Disasters come in a variety of forms, so be prepared for even daily emergency situations.

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

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.



HELP THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD FIND THE "SKIP STADNIK COMMUNITY SPIRIT" HONOREES FOR VOLUNTEERISM DURING 2020!

The Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB) is seeking nominees for its 6th annual "Skip Stadnik Community Spirit Awards" to recognize **one outstanding individual** and **one business** in Wilton Manors for exemplary volunteerism during 2020. **NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 31, 2021.**

Qualifications are:

- **Volunteer Individual of the Year** exhibits efforts for beautification of the city, supports issues of community concern, disseminated education, and/or publicizes the benefits of doing business in the city.
- The nominee must be a Wilton Manors resident and cannot receive any monetary or personal benefits from their involvement, and their volunteer service must be unrelated to their job duties.
- **Volunteer Business of the Year** will be awarded to an outstanding business, business association, or non-profit organization located in Wilton Manors or one that provides direct service to area residents. The business owner is NOT required to reside in Wilton Manors.
- The entity will be recognized for improving the quality of life for residents and promoting the welfare of the community.

The selected honorees will be celebrated at a future Community Affairs Advisory Board meeting and with recognition by the City Commission.

Nominations should be 250 words or less and describe the type of work performed by the volunteer, duration of service, benefits to the community, neighborhood, group, individual, or non-profit organization.

Nominations may be made using the form on the City's website (found here:

<https://www.wiltonmanors.com/DocumentCenter/View/6290/2021-CAABCommSpiritAward-Nom-Form>) or simply by sending a nomination email in 250 words or less to: community@wiltonmanors.com, explaining why this individual or business should be recognized. As noted, **NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 31, 2021.**

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:

Planning and Zoning Board

3 positions available

Appointment scheduled for the April 13, 2021 Commission Meeting

Applications will be accepted until Monday, March 22, 2021

Recreation Advisory Board

4 positions available

Appointment scheduled for the June 22, 2021 Commission Meeting

Applications will be accepted until Monday, May 24, 2021

Library Advisory Board - 4 positions available

Appointment scheduled for a future Commission Meeting

Applications will be accepted until scheduled for Commission

Please access this link for Board applications: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/221/Boards-Committees>

If you need to hand deliver your application or need more information, please contact City Clerk Faith Lombardo at: flombardo@wiltonmanors.com or 954-390-2123, or Assistant City Clerk Patricia Staples at pstaples@wiltonmanors.com or 954-390-2128. Your application can also be emailed to the City Clerk's Office at CityClerk@wiltonmanors.com.

WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The First Funeral Home in Wilton Manors

by Ron & Mary Ulm

In 1947 Wilton Manors entrepreneur John Pedersen built a unique home at NE 21st Ct. and 5th Ave. Pedersen and his family moved away in the early 1950s to a larger copy of the house at his Africa USA theme park.

Over the years there's been a rumor that the house later served as the City's first funeral home. Pedersen's daughter said, "Absolutely not!" Decades-long neighbors of the property agreed. But, the rumor resurfaced with the recent demolition of the house.

So, was there a funeral home in Wilton Manors before Kalis Funeral Home opened in 1959? Yes, there was. It was located further north at 2301 Wilton Drive at the site of the original home of Wilton Manors pioneer, James Dean.

After Dean and his family had moved to the new Coral Gardens Subdivision, his Wilton Drive house became a rental. In December 1957 the City Council declared an emergency and passed in one session an amendment to allow operation of mortuaries in the Business 1 zone where the house was located. About a year later the property was sold to Marie Seacord, who was already operating a funeral home on N. Federal Highway.

The Seacords were beset by legal issues. Marie Seacord was arrested and acquitted of a charge of running an illegal ambulance service in 1960. In 1961 the State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers charged that the Seacords had no funeral directing embalming license. The Seacords held that as funeral home owners, they relied on a licensed employee to perform the funeral directing and embalming work.

In 1963 the Seacord Funeral Home business but, not the property or building, was sold to a New York licensed funeral director and embalmer, who renamed it to Manors Funeral Home (see ad at right). Despite the publicity, it appears that the business never actually operated in Wilton Manors and remained closed. Perhaps due to legal baggage associated with the Seacords or competition with nearby Kalis Funeral Home, Soderquist instead reincorporated the business in Hollywood, Florida under a different name.

The property still owned by Marie Seacord appears to have remained vacant for 7 to 8 years. In 1970 a church-sponsored coffee house (described as a "hippie hangout" by neighbors) operated there for a couple of years. In January 1972 Spectrum House purchased the site for \$80,000 to be converted to a 42-bed residential drug treatment center. Spectrum House operated on Wilton Drive for almost 25 years. The property seems to have once again sat vacant—this time for about 4 years—until developed as Island City Lofts, which opened in 2006.

Ft. Lauderdale News, Nov 2, 1963

Mr. D. Dale Soderquist
Formally Announces
the
COMPLETE PURCHASE
of
SEACORD FUNERAL HOME
As of March 7, 1963
It Will Be Known As
MANORS FUNERAL HOME, INC.
With Complete New Management and Personnel
FULLY LICENSED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA
• Air Conditioned • Homelike Atmosphere
• Moderate Prices
Manors Funeral Home, Inc.

R. A. GAUTIER - Licensed Funeral Director and Manager 2301 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors Phone LO 6-1321



From Chief O'Connell-After 44 Years; Still More to Give



On April 2nd I will retire from the Wilton Manors Police Department.

It has been my privilege to serve as your Chief of Police for the past ten (10) years. My service to the Wilton Manors community truly has been the highlight of my forty-four (44) year career in law enforcement. Gratitude only begins to describe the feelings that I have for this experience and this community! When I think of our police department I think of one word: **family**.

When I started in 2011 I changed our Mission Statement to read as follows:

Policing with Passion for Our Profession and Compassion for Those We Serve

This mission statement was embedded into every aspect of our law enforcement work, especially as we trained our new hires. I know each member of our team, regardless of assignment, carries in their heart this policing philosophy. In a very real sense police officers throughout our country carry the mission eloquently summarized in the words of Senator Ted Kennedy (paraphrased) when, in June 1968, he stated in his eulogy for his brother, Bobby: *"To see wrong and try to right it; to see suffering and try to heal it; to see war (on our streets) and try to stop it."* My friends, these words are the story of us, of who we are, of what we do and why we do it. We are the "guardians at the gate" who are called upon in moments of danger and in times of grief. The media and some on our streets try to define us by the misdeeds of a few. I will always define us by the bravery of the many. I ask that you rise with me above the distant noise and confusion and acknowledge the many acts of courage and kindness by our police officers. Winston Churchill was correct when he stated, "Making a living is what you get. Making a life is what you give." These words truly define our profession and those who wear our badge of honor.

Please know that a central component of planning my exit is to ensure your Police Department is in good hands with a strong foundation which entails strong ethics, steel courage and visionary leadership. I assure you these traits are in place and ready to steer our ship into the future; steady and true.

As I take my *final bow* allow me to use a quote from Ellen Goodman (final column, 1/02/2010, Washington Post): "I am told that there is a trick to a graceful exit. It begins with the vision to recognize when a job, a life stage, a relationship is complete – and letting go. It means leaving what is over without denying its validity or its importance in life. It involves a sense of future and a sense that for every exit there is an entry." So, as I enter "retirement" I have been asked by friends, "What will you do"? My answer; I will do **MORE** because my search for social justice is a journey that has not yet ended. Indeed, after 44 years I still have more to give!

It Takes All Of Us To Make Our Roads Safe

Traffic safety is a priority of our agency, and it should be a priority of yours too. South Florida brings dense populations, who share our roadways, and the better each of us understand and comply with the rules of the road, the safer the Island City will be. March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, is a day we must find alternatives to driving impaired by having a designated driver, or using ride sharing options, if we will be drinking. March 22 through April 12 we look to promote Rail Grade Safety Awareness drivers are reminded not to stop on the tracks. Our officers will be at these locations enforcing these violations with a goal of saving lives. April 5 – 12 distracted driving initiatives take center stage. A distracted driver is a dangerous driver. The professionals of the Wilton Manors Police Department remind you to follow the rules of the road, as together we will make Island City Safety a collective priority.

Three Pillars of Burglaries: Desire, Ability & Opportunity

With the way the current crime climates are going we are seeing a rise in vehicle burglaries. This is due to the nature of the burglary. The common burglar does not like confrontation and does not want their intentions to be known. They tend to work under the cover of night and play in the shadows. They really like to travel light and be as stealthy as possible.

The crime of burglary has a tendency to rely on the three pillars; desire, ability, and opportunity. Let's break this down and see what we can do to help prevent this crime. The first is desire; desire is defined as a strong feeling of wanting to have something. We can cut down on the burglar's desire by removing our valuables from the vehicle and store them out of sight inside the vehicle. If the burglar does not see anything of value in the vehicle they will tend to move on.

The second pillar is the ability; ability is defined as the possession of the means or the skill to do something. We can mitigate some of this by doing a few simple steps. First make sure we take our keys out the vehicle every night. Even if we think the keys are in a safe spot in the vehicle or someplace close, we need to remember a lot of new vehicles are push start and the key fob can activate the security system of the vehicle from a further than thought distance. The next time we are walking into the front door let's get into the habit of looking back and watching the lights flash while pressing the lock button on the keys. By removing our keys from the vehicle and making sure they are locked, we can take away the ability of the burglars to commit a crime.

The final pillar is opportunity; opportunity can be defined as a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something. Opportunity takes a bit more work to alleviate since it can be looked at two different ways. The first way it can be looked at is that it is uncontrollable. This theory is that the stars and planets align and put that person on that path and there is no way to change it. The other mind set is that opportunity can be controlled by mitigating the ability and desire. If you take away the desire by not showing any valuables then the burglar won't have the opportunity because they will move on. The second part of this thought is that is you take away the ability by locking the car door then the burglar again will move on.

By knowing the meaning of the three pillars and their relation to crime, we can make small adjustments to our everyday lives and help make it harder for criminals to make victims of us. Let's make a safer community for our neighbors and ourselves by cutting down on the desire, ability, and opportunity.

CODE COMPLIANCE - Clean Up After Your Pet - *It's The Law*

City Code Section 4-30 is enforced by the City of Wilton Manors Code Compliance Unit in an effort to keep Wilton Manors free and clear of unsanitary nuisances. Lately our code unit has received complaints regarding dog owners not picking up their dog's waste. This lack of responsibility by our citizens is causing an unhealthy and unhygienic condition, prompting a negative impact in the "Quality of Life" of our residents.

Unsightly, smelly, a breeding medium for germs and disease, and a huge hassle on the sole of a shoe, dog feces is not a desirable feature in any neighborhood. Dog feces plays a significant role in water pollution, especially in cities, and the bacteria that makes its way into the water table can make people sick. Removing dog feces and disposing of it properly is therefore a public health and safety activity, and one in which every dog owner should proudly participate in. Please take your dog's waste home, dispose of it properly and please DO NOT discard the used bag in your neighbor's trash receptacle.

City Code Section 4-28 states that no person owning or having possession, charge, custody, or control of any dog or cat shall cause or allow the dog or cat to stray, run, or in any manner be at large in or upon any public street, sidewalk, or park, or on private property of others without the owners' express or implied consent. Furthermore, all dogs and cats found running at large in the city shall be picked up and impounded by county animal control and, wherever possible, notice of the impounding shall be given as soon as practical to the owner of such dog or cat.

The Wilton Manors Police Department encourages you to comply with the above laws and thanks you in advance for your assistance in improving the "Quality of Life" for all of our residents and visitors alike.



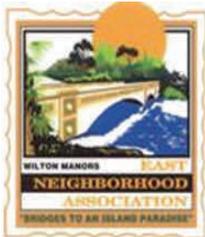
Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association (CANA)

The Heart of Wilton Manors Beats Here ...

The new CANA board of directors recently held a strategy session to better provide critical community information in a timely and engaging manner. Despite the fact we aren't able to hold in person meetings at this time, the city of Wilton Manors is on the cusp of sweeping zoning changes that will impact every resident. Final considerations are underway for significant increases in both density and height restrictions potentially changing the scope of development in our transit-oriented corridor, impacting our small town both economically but also visually. In Addition to the planning and zoning issues, Wilton Manors is revising the strategic planning for our city to clarify goals and the costs of those services as well and ways to fund them. We at CANA invite you to become a member so you can be well informed from conception to fruition of these changes. Visit our website www.canawm.org so we can keep you in the loop on all that is occurring in the Central Area Neighborhood Association. Also feel free to email any of us to voice your concerns as we all move forward together.

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CANA invites you to join our membership – Contact us: membership@canawm.org or visit us: www.canawm.org



WILTON MANORS EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

This past year has been very trying for everyone including the East Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors (ENA). The ENA Board of Directors recently met, safely, to discuss ENA events for 2021. At this time, due to the pandemic, the Board has decided not to hold our quarterly meetings until the late summer or fall when, hopefully, it is safe for members to meet. Because of this, we have decreased the annual ENA membership from \$25 to \$10. Membership dues can be sent to ENA Treasurer John Wiebalck, at 2450 NE 15 Ave. #106, Wilton Manors, 33305.

However, we will continue to have our NE 26th Street Cleanups. We had one in January and our next one is Saturday, April 24th. We meet at the Board of Realtors parking lot at 10am and spend an hour walking up and down NE 26th Street picking up trash. Please join us for some exercise and to help keep our neighborhood clean.

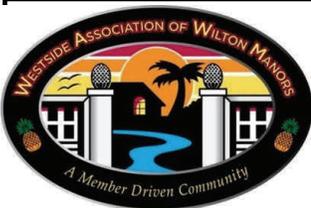
Also, we are going to have our annual ENA Yard Sale. We will have our sale this year on Saturday, April 10, 2021. ENA will take care of the City Yard Sale Permit, advertising, and signage. In the past, we had over 20 homes participating. This is a great opportunity to get rid of "stuff" and clean out your garage. If you wish to participate, please call Michael Pierce or me at 954-564-3821 so we can list your address in the advertising, as well as what you might be selling. We will insist that everyone attending, or selling in the yard sale to properly wear a mask and for each home participating to have hand sanitizer available to your costumers.

Please stay safe. We look forward to saying "Hi" to you while we ride our bicycles around the neighborhood.

-John R. Fiore, President East Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors, Inc.

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)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CAMPAIGN

Springtime is membership renewal time. Members may renew or residents may join by going to WAWM.org. Click on the PayPal link, or use the provided address to mail a check. Membership is \$25.00 per household. Questions? Contact Secretary Jon O'Connor at wawm.org@gmail.com.

AREA REPRESENTATIVES

WAWM welcomes our newest Area Representative, Hunter Stephens. We welcome Hunter's enthusiasm and community involvement. Members interested in becoming more involved in serving on the Board or as Area Representative, contact us via wawm.org@gmail.com.

**Follow us on Facebook at: <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



The first two months of the year offered meaningful opportunities to connect with our community in a safe and fun way. Even with the challenges of the pandemic, the City was able to host the Yard Sale, Music at Mickel, Movie Night and the Annual Tree Give-a-way event. Participation continues to increase as more residents enjoy the outdoors.

The Leisure Services Team continues to creatively develop safe opportunities to unite our community. Events in March in April will proceed with safety first and include the Annual Waterway Cleanup, City Yard Sale, Music at Mickel Park/outdoor concert, Movie Night at Hagen Park and a City Earth Day event at Richardson Historic Park.

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. In a tribute to protecting our planet Earth, look for more information related to an opportunity to participate in an Earth Day event. "When we see the land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect." – Aldo Leopold

We continue to offer outdoor fitness, environmental walking trails, PICKLEBALL, beach volleyball, dog play areas, indoor fitness, tennis play and lessons, library curbside checkout, and so much more!

- Waterway Cleanup, registration is open for volunteers at <http://waterwaycleanup.org/find-a-site/>. There is also a page dedicated to important information for volunteers noting all the changes for this year: <http://waterwaycleanup.org/volunteer-info/>.
- City Yard Sale, Saturday, March 13th 8:00 A.M. to 2:00p.m. at Hagen Park
- Music at Mickel, Friday, March 19th 7:00p.m. at Mickel Park
- Movie Night at Hagen Park, Friday, March 26th 7:30p.m. at Hagen Park
- Earth Day Event, April 2021, date and location is to be determined

Please also feel free to contact me regarding your leisure services needs in 2021 and beyond. Your opinion is truly important to me! 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!

Last Yard Sale

We will be hosting the last spring Yard Sale on March 13th, 2021 from 8a.m. to 2p.m. at Hagen Park.

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: Saturday, March 13th - 8:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

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

Live Music at Mickel Park

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 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket.

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

March 19th, 2021 – Band TBD

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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.



TENNIS

LESSONS AND CLINICS WITH USPTA PROS

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

Annual Tennis Memberships available. For more information call ten tennis office at 954-390-2132 or eMail donnatennis1@aol.com.



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.

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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 date:

- Friday, March 19

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

Spring Camp 2021

Our 2021 Spring Camp will be held at Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28th Street

Monday—Friday, 7:30am—6:00pm

Camp Dates: March 22 – 26, 2021

Spring Camp Pricing (Full Week):

Resident: \$100

2nd Child: \$85

Daily Fee: \$25

Non-Resident: \$125

2nd Child: \$100

Daily Fee: \$30



Movies on the Drive!

The Leisure Services Department is bringing the big screen to Wilton Drive! Join us as we transform the park into our own local movie theater with a 20-foot movie screen. Bring your chairs, blankets, and pillows and get comfortable under the stars. Concessions are not available, so please bring your own treats, snacks and beverages!

When: Friday, March 19th, 2021 – The Wizard of Oz! Where: Hagen Park 2020 Wilton Drive

Time: 7:30p.m.

KAYAK, CANOE OR STAND UP PADDLEBOARD STORAGE

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

\$250/space per year.

Limited to two spaces per City of Wilton Manors household.

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

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

For more information please call 954-390-2130





THE LIBRARY CORNER

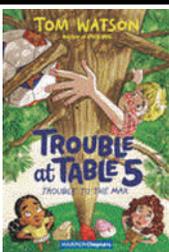
CURB-SIDE PICK-UP AVAILABLE

Wilton Manors Library 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 call customers with reserved items to let them know their items are available for pick-up.

The Library, located at 500 NE 26th St., remains closed to the public. However, walk-up/drive-up service is available in the parking lot at the rear (east side) of the Library off NE 26th St. between the Library and the church. This service is available Monday through Friday from 10 am until 5 pm.

Delivery is also available for residents temporarily or permanently homebound due to illness or disability. Please call the library at 954-390-2195 for assistance.



New Children's Books @ your library

From Tom Watson, the author of *Stick Dog*, comes the fifth book in a highly illustrated early chapter book series, *Trouble at Table 5: Trouble to the Max*, about three best friends whose plans, missions, and schemes are sure to shake up their school.

Myths! Lies! Secrets! Uncover the hidden truth behind the sinking of the *Titanic* with beloved educator/author Kate Messner. The fun mix of sidebars, illustrations, photos, and graphic panels make *The Titanic* perfect for fans of *I Survived!* and Nathan Hale's *Hazardous Tales*.

Nikki Maxwell deals with the trials and triumphs of middle school in *Tales from a Not-so-Posh Paris Adventure*, the fifteenth installment of the #1 *New York Times* bestselling Dork Diaries series by Rachel Renée Russell!

A vampire has been sucking everyone's homework dry in *The Vampire Ate My Homework*, the thirteenth creepy adventure in the Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol series by Andres Miedoso!

Dog Man and Petey face their biggest challenges yet in *Dog Man: Mothering Heights*, the tenth Dog Man book from worldwide bestselling author and illustrator Dav Pilkey.

Scare yourself silly with *Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories* by Jeff Kinney, the #1 international bestselling author of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series!



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.

Email Book Clubs

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

With 11 book clubs to choose from, there's something for everyone. You can read Fiction, Nonfiction, Romance, Business, Good News, Teen, and Mystery. You can also listen to Audio Books in your email and there's even a Pre-Publication Club. You can start reading books in your email before they're even published. Now you can discover great books, even if you're too busy to visit the library. This new service makes it easy for people to get back into the habit of reading. It only takes 5 minutes a day and it's fun.

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

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



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