



Town Crier

Life's Just Better Here

Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

May/June 2021

The Town Crier has been issued only digitally this past year due to the COVID pandemic. Current and past issues of the Town Crier are always available at <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/323/Town-Crier>. We will resume distribution by US mail with the issues of May/June, July/August, and September/October, during which time we will create an opt-in mailing list. Beginning with the November/December 2021 issue it will ONLY be mailed out to those who request a copy sent via US mail. Accessing the issue online ensures the earliest viewing of each new issue and saves money AND the environment! If you wish to receive a copy via US mail, please email us community@wiltonmanors.com, call 954-390-2120, or submit your address via the QR code to the right or here:



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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

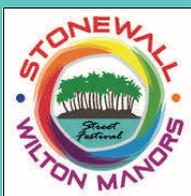
Happy Mother's Day
Sunday, May 9



Memorial Day Holiday
Monday, May 31
City offices closed

Flag Day
Monday, June 14

Stonewall Pride
Saturday, June 19
Check out the latest updates on Stonewall Pride here:



<https://www.stonewallpride.lgbt/>

Happy Father's Day
Sunday, June 20

Wilton Manors City Officials

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

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 May 5	No Public	Tues June 1	Mon May 10	Thurs June 17	Wed May 12
Wed June 2	Meetings Until	Meets Quarterly	Mon June 7	Meets Every 2 Months	Wed June 9
July Recess	Publicly Noticed		Mon July 12		Wed July 14

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, May 20

Thursday, June 24

Recycling Day: Thursday

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

Tuesday, May 18

Tuesday, June 22

Recycling Day: Friday

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

Wednesday, May 19

Wednesday, June 23

Recycling Day: Wednesday

Condominium bulk pickup (quarterly): Saturday, June 26 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-Development in Wilton Manors



Happy Spring to all! Hopefully by now most of us have received our COVID vaccine and we can begin to get back to normal, whatever that looks like for you. For Cindy and me, being able to spend time with our kids and grandkids again has been like a breath of fresh air in our lives. I hope you are able to spend time with your loved ones again too.

I was so proud of our City's work to set up a vaccine site for our vulnerable residents over 65 years of age. Over a period of six weeks when the vaccine was still relatively unavailable, we were able to vaccinate more than 500 people. Vice Mayor Rolli and I worked at the site many days, and I know our residents really appreciated being able to get their shots so close to home, in a quiet and organized setting, without waiting in lines. Kudos to our Human Resources Director Dio Sanchez and volunteers for making it all happen.

One of the big downsides of the pandemic has been that residents have not been able to be in physical attendance at City Commission meetings. We truly miss your participation, although it has been gratifying to have so many people join us on the Zoom meetings. Staff is now working to reopen the meetings to the public, following CDC guidelines like mandatory masks and social distancing. This may mean residents have to take turns being in the Commission Chambers, but at least it's a start to reopening. Stay tuned for more information on this. As the weeks go by and things get safer we will also be resuming more recreational programs.

The Commission is continuing discussions to create new development regulations that will define the future of our commercial corridors and allow for strategic redevelopment that supports the sustainability of our community. Here are the facts:

- In order to maintain our levels of service and quality of life, we must expand our ad valorem tax base by carefully and thoughtfully encouraging new development.
- The City is looking to increase height and density on a very limited basis, creating hubs in areas least impacting single-family homes.
- The City Commission has been discussing the matter at public meetings for more than two years and soliciting public comment every step of the way. We continue to do so.
- We must begin to change our culture and lifestyle by reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and cars, and by reducing the city's carbon output. One way to do that is to work to expand walkability and access to improved transit, which will be coming in the next few years.
- Maintaining our City's small-town feel is the highest priority for me. We will not endanger this core city value.

I encourage you to get your information directly from the City, by following our official pages on social media and opting into our weekly news eblast by going to this link:

https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001Au2AhlQZrQc5Pix_UCH51sSDQ8Encm1W

It is my privilege to be your Mayor, and the City Commission is working hard to make sure that *Life's Just Better Here*. Feel free to reach out to me at snewton@wiltonmanors.com or 954-390-2120.

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—Strategic Goals and Budgeting



A new strategic plan was developed with much public input, including a customer satisfaction survey, and the plan will serve as a road map to accomplish identified goals. The City's business operations and policy decisions for the next five to ten years will be based on this plan.

This plan has six goals: Advance infrastructure improvements, Promote economic development, Unsurpassed quality of life, Efficient and high performing government, Exhibit fiscal responsibility, and Environmental sustainability. In the plan, each goal offers key objectives and performance indicators. Want to learn more – See www.wiltonmanors.com.

The annual City budget process for FY 2021-2022 has begun and the City Commission identified initial goals/objectives aligned with the strategic plan. Soon the Budget Review Advisory Committee will be meeting to review the proposed budget and provide input.

Although we have been fortunate to see steadily increasing property values in Wilton Manors, some hard choices will need to be made. The pandemic greatly curtailed revenue sources and we know we can't sustain the existing budget without additional sources of income. We are hopeful that the American Rescue Plan will offer some relief, although those funds are not recurring. Operating cost increases, unfunded mandates from the State, and new challenges like climate resiliency and sea level rise must also be addressed. To keep our city affordable, vibrant and sustainable, both economically and environmentally, we must look to other revenue sources.

I want to acknowledge all those residents who have reached out to me in person, by email and telephone to provide their input on the TOC (Transit Oriented Corridor) Process. I will take all input into our final deliberations.

In the meantime, I wish everyone a happy, healthy summer and I always look forward to hearing from residents and I am always available. Please contact me at 954-595-8865 or by email at prolli@wiltonmanors.com.

Commissioner Chris Caputo—Kid Stuff



There are so many things I love about our Island City, and one of them is the cool things we offer families with children. In case you didn't know, I wanted to share some of them.

Did you know that our city offers an after school program for kids at Wilton Manors Elementary? The BASH program (Best After School Hours) offers child care before and after school, on days school is not in session, and during winter and summer breaks. The program includes time to do homework as well as games, arts and crafts, and outside recreation. Importantly, this program provides resident parents who work outside the home with an affordable option for child care. Wilton Manors is one of only a few cities which provide this service.

As summer heats up, I hope you'll bring your kids out to explore our city parks. Mickel Park has a fine playground as well as a splash pad and a fitness zone. The Island City Park Preserve (ICPP) offers a scenic view of the Middle River with an elevated walkway that is a great place to do a little fishing. You can also play some hoops or hit the shady playground at ICPP.

If you haven't been to Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve, check it out. The Park is also on the River, and is a habitat with easy opportunities for kid friendly wildlife viewing – birds, racoons, and foxes, just to name a few—as well as a shady spot for a summer picnic. If you have fur babies, Colohatchee Park has an awesome dog park. Registration for entrance into the dog park area ensures that your pups are socializing with others who are up to date with their shots.

And of course, Hagen Park has so many opportunities for play, including tennis, pickleball, volleyball and a walking trail. Have you tried pickleball? It's simple, easy to play and a lot of fun.

Finally, if you and your little ones are up for the challenge, [try the self-guided nature tour of all the parks in the City](#). You can identify the many species of birds, butterflies and other flora and fauna commonly found in our parks. Once you've done them all, hit me up and the city will offer a little reward!

On rainy days, you might want to check out the [city's virtual recreation page](#). The site offers virtual tours of museums and aquariums, kids classes and other at home fun.

While the COVID pandemic severely curtailed youth programs, Leisure Services staff are looking to ramp up the opportunities for play again in the fall. Stay tuned to the city's website for more information.

Commissioner Mike Bracchi—Here to Serve and Represent You!



As we continue the fight against COVID, please continue taking the necessary precautions for the health of our community. I am happy to report that many of our residents are already vaccinated and I want to thank all of the volunteers who staffed the Wilton Manors vaccination center at Richardson Historic Park. For those residents still wanting to be vaccinated, eligible individuals may register for vaccine appointments online at myvaccine.fl.gov or by calling 866-201-6313.

As part of our city's 5-year strategic plan, there has been a significant focus recently on economic development. Background: the previous commission hired economic development consultants to research and put forth plans for additional growth and development throughout our island city. This goes back approximately 3+ years. Numerous workshops and outreach initiatives have previously been conducted, and some of the elements of that planning are finally making its way to the current commission. Now our community needs to make some serious decisions.

The current commission has had a number of discussions during workshops and commission meetings. And now most importantly, we want to hear from YOU! I appreciate everyone's feedback and I am listening intently to all of your comments.

Our residents are why "Life's Just Better Here." Know that I am listening and care about our community just as much as you! 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 Gary Resnick-\$\$\$ to Support Vital Projects



Before writing about grants, we lost a good friend with the death of Congressman Alcee Hastings. Congressman Hastings represented communities adjacent to our City. He was always a supporter, defending our home rule authority, and approving federal funding for local governments. He was a great advocate for our community for many years.

\$\$\$ We have been fortunate to bring in millions in grants to support capital and public safety projects. Most grants originate at the federal level, and trickle down to cities from states and then counties. It is vitally important that we advocate at the federal level to budget for these programs. It is a common misconception that cities receive sales taxes from sales in their communities. Sales taxes go to the State and County, with a portion distributed to cities based on populations. Here's some funds to support our projects.

Federal President Biden's American Rescue Act: I have been working with my colleagues on the National League of Cities Board of Directors and NLC's Advocacy Committee and staff to advocate in Congress and the White House for over a year for COVID stimulus money directly for cities. **WE DID IT.** The Act includes \$65 Billion for distribution to cities and counties.

This is the first time in history the federal government is providing direct funding to every city, town and village in the country. Wilton Manors' share is slated to be **\$5.3 million**, which can be used for a variety of projects.

Community Development Block Grant Years 45-47 (federal program restricted to certain areas): West Side Drainage Improvements - \$225,000

CARES Act (federal): Reimbursement of COVID-related expenses – Total Request of \$539,832.31; reimbursement to-date \$456,533.57

State: Florida Department of Environmental Protection Recreational Assistance Program: Colohatchee Park Expansion Parcel Improvements - \$50,000

Florida Inland Navigation District: Middle River dredging study - \$19,000

State of Florida Department of Justice: Covid-19 Purchases Program - \$60,000

County: Broward County Surtax Funding (funded through voter approved additional tax):

Wilton Drive Landscaping and Irrigation - \$290,000

Improvements to NE 15th Avenue (south of NE 26th Street) and NE 24th Street - \$600,000

Wayfinding Program - \$650,000

City Wide Bus Shelter Planning Study - \$180,000

Design Work for Improvements to NE 26th Street (east of Five Points) - \$240,000

Roadway Resurfacing Projects (throughout the City) - \$4,000,000

Broward County Tree Trust Fund (from County tree permits and fines): Wilton Drive Landscaping, Tree Giveaway Program - \$24,000 (used previously to plant trees throughout city)

Alternative Funding Currently Seeking: Florida Department of Environmental Protection: Resilient Coastlines Program – West Side Drainage Improvements - \$300,000

Resilient Coastlines Program – Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment - \$66,000

As you can see, many of our capital projects to address roads, water, sewer, drainage, our environment and beautification are funded from initiatives at the federal, state and county level.

These projects directly affect our quality of life. Thank you for your continued support of these programs and support of the City. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to reach me at gresnick@wiltonmanors.com or 954-390-2123.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/UTILITIES

Start Planning For The 2021 Hurricane Season!



Don't wait until a storm is on its way before you prepare your trees and other landscape to minimize damage to structures, roadways and other types of property. Now is the time to address potential issues by following some simple guidelines:

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

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

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

Visit Broward County's website to view proper tree trimming guidelines:

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

- ◆ Make sure to address all types of landscape including palm trees, hedges and decorative landscape features.
- ◆ If you hire someone to do the work for you, make sure they are licensed and insured. Broward County requires licensure for hired individuals and businesses. Visit Broward County's website for tree trimming licensure: <https://www.broward.org/Building/TreeTrimmers/Pages/Default.aspx>
- ◆ Plan trimming to take advantage of the City's bulk trash collection schedules for proper and disposal: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/184/bulk-trash-collection>

For resources and more Hurricane Preparedness tips, visit [Emergency Preparedness](https://www.wiltonmanors.com/140/Emergency-Preparedness) (<https://www.wiltonmanors.com/140/Emergency-Preparedness>) on the City's website at <https://www.wiltonmanors.com>. Once there, you'll find general hurricane information, hurricane supplies and preparation checklists for residents and businesses, information on special needs shelters, pet tips, and more.



Biking is Just Better Here

Biking is Just Better Here in Wilton Manors

The City recently launched its "Bike Wilton Manors" page on the City's website at:

<https://www.wiltonmanors.com/758/Bike-Wilton-Manors!>

There is even a link to a map of the city's 30+ bike racks - found directly here: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=10jbgNWHQFCtM0SmrIFL6MxCGobL4-k-6&usp=sharing>. The Google Map shows the locations of existing bike racks (blue icons). The map is interactive. When you click the bicycle icons, you will see the street address of the rack, the rack design, and how many bikes each one holds.

There's also information on Florida bike laws, the Broward MPO interactive bike map, and bike rental locations, and local bike riding groups.

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 new businesses that opened in December 2020 and January through March 2021:

Address

Business Name

DECEMBER 2020

- 1501 NE 26 Street B
- 2401 N Dixie HWY
- 1732 NE 26 Street 202B
- 500 E Oakland Park BLVD

- Starbucks Coffee
- Mission Training LLC
- Elite
- Gyro Express

JANUARY 2021

- 1100 W Oakland Park BLVD 2
- 2709 N Andrews AVE
- 1881 NE 26 ST 202A
- 2409 NE 11 AVE
- 2140 NE 26 ST

- SSG Car Audio & Accessories
- The Fon Bar
- Cheryl Harrington LCSW
- Blades Barber Studio
- Ayana Dermatology

FEBRUARY 2021

- 1881 NE 26 ST 229

- Body & Healing Evolution LLC

MARCH 2021

- 1881 NE 26 ST 212

- MJSmithGroup LLC

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:

Recreation Advisory Board

4 positions available

Appointment scheduled for the June 8, 2021 Commission Meeting

Applications will be accepted until Friday, May 28, 2021

Community Affairs Advisory Board - 4 positions available

Appointment scheduled for Commission Meeting of July 27, 2021

Applications will be accepted until Thursday, July 1, 2021

Library Advisory Board - 6 positions available

Appointment scheduled for the September 14, 2021 Commission Meeting

Applications will be accepted until Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Wilton Drive Improvement District (WDID) - 4 positions available (2 property owners, 1 business owner, and 1 tenant)

Appointment scheduled for the September 28, 2021 Commission Meeting

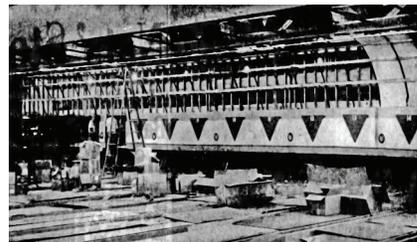
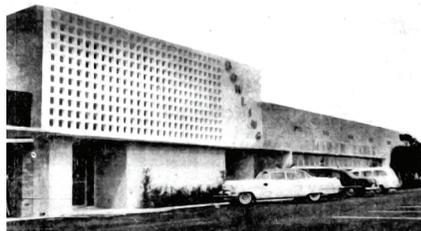
Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, September 1, 2021

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

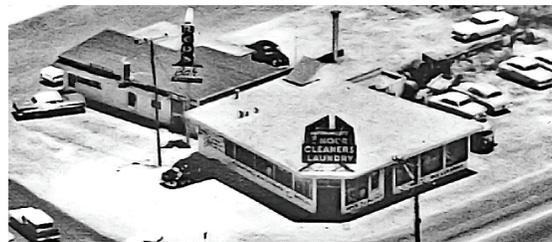
If you need to hand deliver your application or need more information, please contact City Clerk Faith Lombardo at: flombardo@wiltonmanors.com or 954-390-2123, or Assistant City Clerk Patricia Staples at pstaples@wiltonmanors.com or 954-390-2128. Your application can also be emailed to the City Clerk's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

Manors Businesses Celebrate 65th Anniversary in 2021

Manor Lanes and Barton & Miller Cleaners in continuous operation since 1956



1956 images and quotes from the Ft. Lauderdale News and Miami Herald: "Joe Becker, in the pin business for nearly 30 years, ... will soon open Manor Lanes in Wilton Manors." "Becker says nearly \$350,000 is invested in the ... fully air-conditioned Manor Lanes." A reporter noted it will be "a plant for local keglers which can be described in one word-*plush!*". "The 20-lane layout, complete with automatic pin spotters, includes a combined restaurant and cocktail lounge that will seat more than 200 people." "*Amazing!*" says a reporter ... "is the underground ball return, which brings the ball right back ... to the bowler." "A telephone is located behind each booth of seats, ... a quick ring to the lounge will bring whatever you want." "14 leagues will be bowling in the modern structure this winter... a total of 134 teams."



Ed Miller, a contractor, came to Florida in 1952—where his parents already had a laundry business at NW 23 St. and Andrews Avenue. He began working for a cabinet maker; but soon decided he wanted his own business. Through a vendor to the family laundry business he was introduced to Buster Barton, an experienced dry-cleaner. They formed a partnership, and after a year of planning/site selection and construction, the landmark Barton & Miller Dry Cleaners opened June 1, 1956. The location at Five-Points, on the busy Dixie Highway, was selected as being not only in the center of growing Wilton Manors, but also the center of Broward County. Sites on Federal Highway were considered, but at the time there were virtually no retail businesses and only limited traffic on that route between Fort Lauderdale and Pompano Beach.

~from Ron and Mary Ulm – wahs@WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org~



From Chief Gary Blocker-To Our Island City Community



Our Island City Community is one to cherish, and a community others look to emulate. Why? Despite our City's small size, we continue to focus on large ambitions for the future. We have accomplished so much together but continue to raise the benchmarks to achieve new goals - and that is why I am so honored to serve as your new Chief of Police.

Working with my 50 fellow colleagues of the Wilton Manors Police Department, we are focused on enhancing public safety operations in five key priority areas.

Public safety is, and will always be our #1 priority. Our agency will continuously endeavor to employ competent, responsive and professional police and investigative services with a goal of deterring, detecting and apprehending criminal activity. Criminals should have no level of comfort in our Island City.

Second, training will remain a primary focus as it is our obligation to employ competent, professional and progressive services to our community. The pillars of any successful law enforcement organization include strong training components, such as police tactics, criminal investigations, cultural IQ and critical incident management. Ongoing training is essential to ensuring our police department is well-prepared to serve and protect our community.

Our third prime interest has a nexus to our first; enhance the safety of our community through the acquisition of public safety technologies. We will strive to bring advanced systems to assist us with improved transparency and accountability in our duties, to capture vital evidence and testimony for criminal cases and to capture the quality work of our personnel. We will look to fortify our City with technologies to enhance real time crime detection solutions, and to bolster our criminal investigative efforts. We must also look to employ other real time crime deterrent and detecting solutions, and these initiatives will look to decrease crime rates and improve case solvability percentages.

Fourth, we hold great value in the relationships we have established with the members of our community. Our community is what motivates us to "serve and protect", and we will look to further enhance these established partnerships. It is equally important for us to seek out those who may have lost trust in our police department. We will remain committed to repairing these fractured relationships because we know it takes all of us, to accomplish our public safety missions. Remember, Together We're Better!

Finally, in 2022 the Wilton Manors Police Department will seek reaccreditation for the fourth time since becoming accredited with the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation in 2010. This accreditation ensures our department maintains the highest of standards, and is evaluated on our ability to maintain and exceed these standards, by an outside professional organization.

In closing, our new vision will be, "The professionals of the Wilton Manors Police Department, through quality training initiatives, innovative techniques and proactive partnerships with our community, will endeavor to be the pinnacle of our law enforcement profession", and we look forward to fulfilling this vision together with you. Thank you!



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on FACEBOOK!*

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

The Safer Internet Day 2021

On February 9, 2021, The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force celebrated **The Safer Internet Day 2021**. The ICAC Task Force Program is committed to ensuring a better internet for all. With the COVID-19 pandemic surpassing the 1-year mark, youth have been forced into utilizing more technological means to communicate and learn, leaving them more vulnerable to internet predators. The Safer Internet Day (SID) focused on providing parents & youth tips on addressing internet safety and sexting. These tips included conversation starters for parents to address internet safety with their children and information on requesting, sending, and sharing inappropriate information on the web. Some of the tips provided include:

- Asking your children questions such as, Have you ever been asked or pressured to send nude images? What would you do if asked? Do you know kids who have sent nudes? How do you feel about that?
- Providing some of the consequences the “Sharer” of information may receive - criminal/legal issues, constitutes cyber abuse, and may include disciplinary action at school, sports teams, and other extracurricular activities.

As a reminder, it is never okay to request nudes or child sexual abuse material from anyone. It is an abuse of power and a gross violation of trust. It can result in disciplinary action, including criminal charges, so take the time to think before sending it out. Should you suspect, your child is the victim of internet child exploitation, start the conversation with them early.

For more information about tools and resources to help prevent internet crimes against children, please visit www.icactaskforce.org.

CODE COMPLIANCE - Bulk Pick Up

Property owners in the Island City take a lot of pride when it comes to maintaining their property. As you go through the City you will observe manicured lawns and new construction of homes, as well as a fair share of remodeling. Unfortunately, bulk waste which is left in front of multi-family properties, single-family residences, and some commercial establishments can negatively impact the appearance and the way we enjoy our community. The City has monthly bulk waste collections to help with the retrieval which may accumulate on properties. Bulk is allowed to be placed the weekend before the scheduled pick-up date to receive this service. Whether it is because of illegal dumping, or because someone was not aware of the City’s collection schedule, many items are inappropriately being discarded throughout the City. A usual misconception that results in waste being placed out inappropriately is that bulk pick-up lands on a specific week of every month. That is not the case and one must follow the specific dates on the bulk waste calendar in order to ensure compliance.

****BELOW ARE THE DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR****

WEST ZONE

For regular garbage pickup on Monday & Thursday, your bulk trash days are Thursdays on April 22, 2021--May 20, 2021--June 24, 2021--July 22, 2021--August 19, 2021--September 23, 2021--October 21, 2021--November 18, 2021--December 23, 2021

Recycling Day: Thursday each week

CENTRAL ZONE

For regular garbage pickup on Tuesday & Friday, your bulk trash days are Tuesdays on April 20, 2021--May 18, 2021--June 22, 2021--July 20, 2021--August 17, 2021--September 21, 2021--October 19, 2021--November 16, 2021, December 21, 2021

Recycling Day: Friday each week

EAST ZONE

For regular garbage pickup on Wednesday & Saturday, your bulk trash days are Wednesdays on April 21, 2021-- May 19, 2021-- June 23, 2021--July 21, 2021--August 18, 2021--September 22, 2021-- October 20, 2021-- November 17, 2021, December 22, 2021

Recycling Day: Wednesday each week

CONDOMINIUM bulk trash dates are quarterly on Saturdays: March 27, 2021-- June 26, 2021 --September 25, 2021-- December 18, 2021

To file a complaint you can email us at codecompliance@wmpd.org or call us at 954-390-2151



Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association (CANA)

The Heart of Wilton Manors Beats Here ...

Greeting from the Central Area Neighborhood association (CANA). While we continue to meet virtually, issues that impact our neighborhoods continue at a fast pace. We actively attend the various advisory board meetings, workshops and communicate directly with city employees and elected officials to be aware of issues that impact our citizens. We are excited about revamping our website to be more informative and engaging as well as moving to utilize social media so that we can be more effective communicators. If you have any concerns regarding issues in Wilton Manors, we would appreciate citizens reaching out to us so that we can pursue clarity on the issues and bring them to all citizens via meetings, social media postings, direct emails and our soon to be updated website. One important issue facing the city presently is the TOC/HUB. This topic has many facets that we as a city need to focus on. While most folks are focused on potential changes in development, there are also important financial considerations that are critical to a sustainable financial future. Spending on infrastructure to support the growth as well as investment in new technology and information systems so the city can efficiently manage the growth, just to name a few, will be required. Funding for such investment will come from various sources including impact fees, municipal infrastructure bonds, and maybe even general revenue bonds. Everyone should understand the opportunities brought on by growth and how the city plans to manage it. Please make sure that you are on our mailing list, so we can send you the zoom link. You can email us at: membership@canawm.org

Bill Desautels, President Bill@BillDesautels.com Matt Gill, VP & Secretary matt_swim1956@yahoo.com
Daniel Rahm, Treasurer daniel@rahm.com Michael Kalb kalbm@comcast.net Robert Hadley rjhadley@gmail.com

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 one on 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. Stay tuned for the next one to join us for some exercise and to help keep our neighborhood clean.

Thank you to those who participated in our annual ENA Yard Sale on Saturday, April 10, 2021. ENA took care of the City Yard Sale Permit, advertising, and signage and this was again a great success and a great opportunity to get rid of “stuff” and clean out your garage. Our current focus is the Eastside expansion of the TOC (transit oriented corridor) please stay involved and educated in this important issue as we move forward.

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

While the Association has not been as visibly active due to the current environment, we continue to work serving the Westside and the City. Unable for a second year to hold our Annual Membership Meeting in person, we conducted a productive meeting via Zoom this past April. Prior to that meeting, we solicited membership for their input for where they would like to see our focus for 2021-22 and going forward. With that input, we have compiled a list of goals and objectives. Those goals will be made available on our Facebook and Web pages. There is always a lot going on in our Island City and we strive to keep residents informed. We encourage you to renew or join WAWM by going to our website at www.wawm.org and use the PayPal function. You may also mail a check for \$25 to WAWM, PO Box 100845, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33310. If you have any questions, feel free to email Secretary Jon O'Connor at 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



It is that time of year again when we prepare to adapt to the summer heat and look for refreshing opportunities to keep cool. First let's remember the delightful activities and events from the springtime that left unique and memorable experiences we enjoyed. The Island City Yard Sales provided a safe gathering space to interact and have fun while shopping and visiting interesting booths. Many vendors were very happy and enjoyed the venues. The music in the park events were truly uplifting and a great diversion from the challenges of today. The movies nights with Black Panther and the Wizard of Oz were truly exciting outdoor gatherings that enabled safe, fun and festive experiences.

I would also like to thank all of the residents that volunteered throughout March that helped cleanup our waterways during the Annual Waterway Cleanup, which lasted the entire month.

We are looking forward to May and June, where Summer Camp will be offered during the summer and with the splash pad and playgrounds in the City, it is the perfect opportunity to rent our pavilions for outdoor BBQ's and fun. There are many outdoor activities including fitness training, environmental walking trails, PICKLEBALL, beach volleyball, dog play areas, tennis play and lessons, library curbside checkout, and so much more!

To experience why life is just better here, please visit your local parks and library today. There is so much here for you right in your own backyard. Please visit us online at wiltonmanors.com/parks for more details regarding our activities, events, park hours, fees, volunteer opportunities and programming. Also, feel free to contact one of our Guest Services Leaders at 954-390-2130. Thank you!

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.



PICKLEBALL

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. First Come, First Served.

Please bring own equipment.

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



LEISURE SERVICES 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.

SUMMER CAMP

The City of Wilton Manors Summer Camp Program is designed for children that will be in 1st through 5th grade for the 2021-2022 school year. Daily and weekly scheduled activities include sports and fitness, arts and crafts, music, and special events.

Lunches and afternoon snacks are included in the fees for each day.

Location: Island City Park Preserve

Days: Monday – Friday

Hours: 8:00am – 6:00pm

Ages: 1st Grade – 5th Grade for 2021/2022 School Year

FEES:	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Weekly Rate (1st Child)	\$140 per week	\$160 per week
Weekly Rate (2nd Child)	\$120 per week	\$140 per week

THREE WEEK SESSIONS

Session #1	\$360 per session	\$420 per session
June 14–July 2	\$360 per session	\$420 per session
Session #2	\$360 per session	\$420 per session
July 5–July 23	\$360 per session	\$420 per session
Session #3	\$360 per session	\$420 per session
July 26–August 13	\$360 per session	\$420 per session

Registration Fee: 1 Child: \$20 Family: \$30

Space is extremely limited!

Registration for City Residents begins Monday, April 26th, while OPEN registration begins Monday, May 3rd and is “First Come, First Served”.

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

Kickboxing



KICK IT's mission is to empower females globally, better known as the Fempire, through a 13 round kickboxing and music-driven group fitness method. Each class is specifically choreographed to energizing music, which is the driving force behind the class. This fun, high-intensity interval training will not only give you all the physical benefits but also will leave you feeling invigorated and powerful.

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00pm-7:00pm

Cost: \$10 per class

Where: [Mickel Park, 2675 NW 7th Avenue](#)

For more information, email Kristyn at kmacfawn14@gmail.com or join her FB group KICK IT with Kristyn Fort Lauderdale.

OutFit Training

OutFit was built to rule the outdoor workout with world-class TRX® training equipment, energizing sound tracks by iHeart Media®, weather-mitigating van designs, and unique training grounds in parks, beaches, neighborhoods, and other convenient, inspiring public spaces.

Join one of our open workouts for a fun, affordable, fitness experience at our designated training grounds near you. Meet new people and share the best total body workout you've ever had

for about the price you pay for soda. The city has contracted with OutFit to conduct sessions at city properties! Although at press-time, classes are held at Richardson Park on Tuesday mornings (7:30a.m.) and at Hagen Park on Wednesday afternoons (5:30p.m.), days, times, and locations are subject to change - so be sure to check the app or website for the current schedule.

Download the OutFit App - available for download on Apple & Android devices!

Also check out the website www.OutFitTraining.com to learn more about OutFit!





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 (including eBooks!) using the Library's **online catalog** (<https://rspl.agverso.com/home?cid=rspl&lid=rspl>) 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.



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The service, powered by OverDrive, is free with your library card and is made possible by a generous donation by the Friends of the Wilton Manors Library. To get started, visit the web site at <https://sefl-municipal.overdrive.com/>.

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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.



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