



Town Crier

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Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

July/August 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



Happy Independence Day
Sunday, July 4
 City Offices will be closed Monday, July 5th

Regular Commission Meetings:
 7p.m. Commission Chambers AND virtual/Zoom platform (“hybrid”)
Tuesday, July 13
Tuesday, July 27
Tuesday, August 24
 (no meeting Tuesday, August 10-Summer Recess)
Commission Budget Meetings:
 6:30p.m.-Chambers & Zoom
Tuesday, July 27
Wednesday, July 28
Tuesday, August 24
Monday, September 13
Monday, September 20

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

City Commission and City Board/Committee meetings are being held in-person and via Zoom (hybrid). 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. 6p.m.	Library Advisory 6p.m.	WDID 6:30p.m.
July Recess	No Public Meetings Until	Tues 7-Sept	Mon 12-July	Thurs 19-Aug	TBD	Wed 14-July
Wed 4-Aug	Publicly Noticed	Meets Quarterly	Mon 9-Aug	Meets Every 2 Months	Meets Quarterly	Wed 11-Aug
Wed Sept-8			Mon 7-Sept			Wed 15-Sept

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, July 22

Thursday, August 19

Recycling Day: Thursday

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

Tuesday, July 20

Tuesday, August 17

Recycling Day: Friday

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

Wednesday, July 21

Wednesday, August 18

Recycling Day: Wednesday

Condominium bulk pickup (quarterly): Saturday, Sept. 25 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-Summer 2021



As we emerge into the new dawn of the post-pandemic world, I hope you are feeling healthy and safe, and that you are able to resume your normal activities. The summer is heating up and Independence Day is coming quickly. Please, be sure to handle your fireworks carefully and keep them away from small children.

The budget process is heating up too. There was a modest increase in property values, as there has been for the last several years. That will help a little bit as city staff, the Budget Review Advisory Committee and the City Commission consider how to maintain and expand services while balancing the budget. I would like your opinion on what is important. There are about ten public meetings before the Commission passes the 2021-2022 final budget – please get informed and stay in touch.

While we had to cancel the 2020 Annual Canoe Race and City birthday party, we are planning a great event for 2022, when Wilton Manors will turn 75! As a person who has lived in the Island City for all my years, I'm so excited about the path we are currently on, to thoughtfully revitalize our commercial districts and create mixed use development. You can be sure we will be working hard to maintain the quality of life of our single-family neighborhoods while creating new little neighborhoods on our main corridors.

One key to our success is walkability, and getting people out of their cars. We have got to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, and one way to do that is building a commuter rail station in our City. A rail stop would allow people coming to the City to leave their cars at home, as well as allow our residents to travel to regional cultural destinations, the airport, and seaport without worrying about parking. We have been working with Broward County and FDOT as they complete a study meant to reduce the 25 potential stops to about nine. We hope to remain in the running. In the meantime, you can do your part by utilizing the ride share discount the City offers on weekend nights to travel to the Drive. To find the codes, go to <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/669/Ride-Sharing>.

Finally, I hope you will join us on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 for the Annual National Night Out in Wilton Manors. This is the day residents get outside with their porch lights on and visit with members of the Police Department.

Have a question or a comment? I would love to hear from you. You can contact me at 954-390-2123, or email me at snewton@wiltonmanors.com.

Hurricane Season Runs Through November 30

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>.

Hurricane checklists and other important emergency information can be found on the city's website here: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/140/Emergency-Preparedness>.



Now Accepting Applications for Island City University - running Monday nights from September 27 - November 15, with graduation on Tuesday, November 23. Learn all about the operations of Wilton Manors during this informative 7-week program (no class on 10/11).

For more info and to apply: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/401/Island-City-University> or call the City Clerk's Office at 954.390.2128.

Vice Mayor Paul Rolli—Five Current Things



Your city government has been hard at work strategizing and prioritizing goals to improve resident quality of life ensuring fiscal and environmental sustainability. A sampling of some major projects in process are:

1) **Wastewater and Stormwater**—A long range replacement plan of infrastructure has been approved. The financing aspects are under review and preliminary costs have been developed. The direct economic impact on residents is being developed.

2) **Solid Waste Disposal**—Broward County cities are collectively studying options to dispose of four million tons of garbage annually. The three major aspects of this initiative are achieving cooperation among Broward cities, developing a rate structure and selecting a facility. Simply, the issue is more garbage and less space. I am the City representative to this study committee and we are taking into consideration options such as converting waste to energy, using landfills and recycling

facilities. The next decision point is the cooperation aspect; how the cities and county will structure the management of this system.

3) **Economic Development**—The city continues to evaluate changes regarding land-use; density; height, etc. to attract appropriate redevelopment, protect our quality of life, expand our tax base and increase revenue. We plan on having the major decisions made by the end of July. The related issue of a future local **commuter rail station** in Wilton Manors has jumped onto the express track in a matter of weeks. We are anticipating a decision on the siting of a station by the end of this year. As we continue to emerge from our “COVID cocoons”, we see a strong vitality along Wilton Drive, NE 26th Street and we look forward to seeing new energy along the Andrews Avenue and Oakland Park Blvd. corridors once the land use plans are approved.

4) **Code Enforcement**—We are filling departmental vacancies in order to resume post-COVID enforcement to improve our quality of life. New procedures have been implemented to tighten the code enforcement process.

5) **Balanced Budget**—We are diligently working to develop a budget that reflects current needs and that will also position us for a sustainable fiscal future. One major decision is the agreement to develop a high level, comprehensive Technology Master Plan identifying long range needs and funding. There is a lot more “on tap” so stay tuned. City Hall is fully open and in-person attendance at Commission and Board Meetings has resumed. Have a safe, happy healthy July 4th and summer. Please feel free to contact me at any time via email or phone, prolli@wiltonmanors.com/954-595-8865. Thank you and that’s all!

Commissioner Chris Caputo—Attracting New Businesses to The Avenue



Like many of our residents in Wilton Manors, I love the businesses that call Wilton Drive home. Affectionately known to many as “The Drive,” Wilton Drive is home to many of the popular restaurants, shops, and night life with which our city has become synonymous. I am excited to see The Drive thrive as we emerge safely from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am equally excited about what the future holds for Andrews Avenue. Many west-side residents have begun to refer to Andrews Avenue as “The Avenue” and I think that’s smart branding I would love to see stick!

By the time you’re reading this edition of the Town Crier, the City Commission will have had its first reading of the ordinances that will mold the future of our city and have a positive effect on The Avenue. Through our code, we have spelled out the types of businesses that are allowed, the look we are going for, and the basis for the community we are trying to create.

The code, however, is just part of the equation. The two other critical components to revitalizing The Avenue are you and economic development. As residents of our city, you can have the greatest effect on the future of the Avenue by speaking to potential business owners and developers and telling them why Wilton Manors is a great place to call home. You can connect them directly to our Economic Development Manager, Kim Allonce, by emailing him an introduction to potential developers/business owners at kallonce@wiltonmanors.com.

If you don’t know any potential business owners or developers, but you know the type of business you’d like to attract, I would love to hear from you. You can email me (ccaputo@wiltonmanors.com) your ideas for the types of businesses you’d like to see. In my leadership role on the Board of Directors with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, I have access to nearly 1,200 member organizations that I can encourage to set-up shop here in our great city. I will be sure to pass them on to Kim and the rest of our city staff so we can work together to attract the right kind of growth and community to Andrews Avenue.

I’d like to conclude by saying thank you to the countless residents and volunteers who have worked tirelessly for several years to bring change to the West-Side of Wilton Manors. Your commitment and energy make our city a better place!

Commissioner Mike Bracchi—Here to Serve and Represent You!



I am happy to say that with the input from many residents, the city has finalized our long-term strategic goals. The plan identifies six primary goals: Enhance Quality of Life and Livability, Advance Infrastructure Improvements, Promote Economic Development, Exhibit Fiscal Responsibility, Cultivate Efficient and High Performing Government, and Improve Environmental Sustainability.

These strategic goals will drive the next budget cycle, which has already begun. City staff have already identified necessary projects and the city commission had a budget workshop to give further direction to city staff. I am committed to passing a fiscally sound budget without unnecessary spending.

As we continue through 2021, more and more great things are to come. One great event I happily attended was the Wilton Manors Elementary School 5th grade drive-through graduation. Congratulations to all graduating 5th graders who made it through the pandemic with online learning!

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. I 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!

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

Commissioner Gary Resnick—Vacation Rentals: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly and What Can the City Really Do?



There's been a lot of focus in the City recently on vacation rentals. It's obvious that many residents are confused as to the City's authority over vacation rentals.

First – the Good: Many vacation rental properties are well run, with owners maintaining the property and ensuring that renters do not disturb neighbors. They offer an alternative for tourists. I've stayed in vacation rentals in other areas of the country, and have had good experiences.

The Bad: Of course, short term renters can create problems in neighborhoods. Some properties are not well maintained, may be occupied by far too many people with too many cars, and don't follow laws as to trash, speeding or noise. Renters may have parties or engage in activities that disturb neighbors. Residents are concerned about having frequent changing "neighbors." A large number of short term rentals in one area can affect the property values and stability of neighborhoods. Residents in these cases regularly raise issues and want the City to do more to prohibit or to regulate vacation rentals.

The Ugly: Once again – preemption. In 2011, the State Legislature preempted local zoning regulations for vacation rentals. This means that cities and counties cannot prohibit vacation rentals or ban them from single family or other areas. State law does not prohibit homeowner and condominium associations from prohibiting short term rentals – they retain authority in their governing documents to require that leases be of a certain duration. Cities however, cannot restrict short term rentals. We can also not tax vacation rentals – we have no taxing authority.

City Authority: While we cannot prohibit vacation rentals, local governments may require that they register. The City adopted a vacation rental Ordinance in 2016 that includes a registration requirement. This ensures that the City has the owner's or manager's contact information, and allows the City to inspect. The City has also been sued twice over its regulations so we have to ensure our regulations do not violate state laws.

In addition, laws that apply to all properties still apply. For example, we can enforce parking, trash, noise and maintenance requirements. Further, properties used for vacation rentals over 30 days per year for 2 years or where the owner no longer resides are not entitled to homestead tax reductions. The County Property Appraiser will enforce laws to ensure vacation rentals do not have illegal homestead exemptions.

Currently there are about 106 registered vacation rentals in the City (this is only single family homes – we do not require condos or people who live in and rent out a portion of their homes to register). The number has grown from 78 last year. As residents age and decide to move or not live here full time, many are turning their properties into short term rentals.

If you see activities occurring at properties that are problems, call the police. Our police and code enforcement staff are well trained to address issues at vacation rentals. As always, if you have questions about this or any issue, please feel free to contact me at gresnick@wiltonmanors.com or 954-390-2123. Thanks for your support.

VACATION RENTALS



Thinking about renting your property as a vacation rental?

Do you have a vacation rental property that you are renting out? If so, were you aware that you are required to register the property as a Vacation Rental with the City of Wilton Manors? The City Commission adopted Vacation Rental regulations that can be found on the City's website at www.wiltonmanors.com. Vacation Rentals are defined as "any unit or group of units in a condominium or cooperative or any individually or collectively owned Residential property, house or dwelling unit that is rented to guests more than three times in a calendar year for periods of less than 30 days or one calendar month, whichever is less, or which is advertised or held out to the public as a place regularly rented to guests, but that is not a timeshare project". If you have a Bed & Breakfast that has been granted conditional use approval from the City or if you reside on the property as your permanent residence you are exempt from the Vacation Rental regulations.

Here are some common questions Community Development Services Department staff are asked regarding vacation rentals.

Question: What is the cost of registering a vacation rental with the city?

Answer: For the fee of a new City of Wilton Manors Vacation Rental application, the fee is \$500. The fee for the renewal of a City of Wilton Manors Vacation Rental application, the fee is \$300.

Question: With what are the fees associated?

Answer: The fee of a new City of Wilton Manors Vacation Rental application is \$500. The fee for the renewal of a City of Wilton Manors Vacation Rental application is \$300. For a new City of Wilton Manors Local Business Tax Receipt application, if submitted between October 1 through March 31, the Local Business Tax Receipt fee is \$87.50. If submitted between April 1 through September 30, the Local Business Tax Receipt fee is \$43.75. For a Local Business Tax renewal, the fee is \$87.50. In addition to these fees, there are other fees associated with Broward County and the State of Florida. Due to the application requiring notarization, there may also be notary costs.

Question: What is the specific license that you need?

Answer: City of Wilton Manors Vacation Rental License, City of Wilton Manors Local Business Tax Receipt, State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) for a transient public lodging establishment, and Broward County Local Business Tax Receipt for a Single Resort Dwelling.

Question: If someone were to go through the process, what would they have to do?

Answer:

1. Obtain a State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) for a transient public lodging establishment license.
2. Once you have the State license in your possession you can then apply for the Broward County Local Business Tax Receipt for a Single Resort Dwelling. Broward County will not accept the application without the State license.
3. Apply and upload the required documentation as identified on the City of Wilton Manors Vacation Rental License application. Additional documents that need to be uploaded are the State license, Broward County license and Broward County Property Appraisers (BCPA) Property Information Sheet and/or proof of ownership of property.
4. Apply and upload the required documentation as identified on the City of Wilton Manors Local Business Tax Receipt application.
5. Submit payment online for the City of Wilton Manors Vacation Rental and City of Wilton Manors Local Business Tax Receipt.
6. Once the above documentation has been received and reviewed, instructions and documentation will be provided to assist with complying with the Fire and Code Compliance inspections. Upon completion of these requirements, the inspections will be scheduled.
7. Once both inspections pass, a City of Wilton Manors Vacation Rental Certificate of Compliance and City of Wilton Manors Local Business Tax Receipt will be issued.

Community Development Services staff is available to answer any questions you have regarding the requirements for registering your property as a vacation rental at (954) 390-2180.

Monitoring and addressing non-compliant vacation rental properties

The Wilton Manors Police Department is charged with proactively monitoring and addressing non-compliant activities at vacation home rental properties. Part of this process is working with our community to understand the occurrences at these properties, and how these activities are affecting residents in the area. Please know, you may report events such as loud parties and disturbances associated with these properties to our police department. For non-emergency in progress events please contact our Regional Dispatch Center at 954- 764-4357 (HELP) and we will respond to investigate. We encourage those who are calling us to notify the dispatch center you wish to meet with our officers so we can learn from you what occurred, and how these activities are impacting you and others. This will assist us in determining whether or not a violation of our ordinances, or Florida law, exists that will enable enforcement action by our team. For delayed incidents and other code concerns at these properties please contact Code Compliance Officer Kim Holinko at 954-567-6062 or kholinko@wmpd.org. You may also contact us at our general email address of codecompliance@wmpd.org. Our police department looks forward to continuing to work with our community to improve the "Quality of Life" in our Island City.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (954)390-2180

Online Permitting NOW AVAILABLE!



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.



Please join the City of Wilton Manors in welcoming new businesses that received Business Licenses in April and May 2021:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
APRIL 2021	
1650 NE 26 Street 201	Tyler Hernandez PsyD LLC
2422 N Dixie HWY	Karinas Boutique
1000 W Oakland Park BLVD C	Nar Smokes LLC
1881 NE 26 Street 212	Joseph F Beggins Licensed Real Estate Broker
MAY 2021	
2309 N Dixie HWY	Union Kitchen & Bar
408 W Oakland Park BLVD	Shields Family Law PA
800 W Oakland Park BLVD 305	Blondies Boutique

Do you have questions about

- Parks and Recreational Events
- Garage Sales
- Alarm Registrations
- Code or Watering Violations
- Issues with Trees & Landscaping
- Missed Garbage/Recycling Pick-up
- Signs, Traffic Lights, Sidewalks

*Who You
Gonna Call?*

Visit the City’s [Who You Gonna Call](#) webpage for help with these and other matters

([\)](https://www.wiltonmanors.com/DocumentCenter/View/309/Who-You-Gonna-Call-with-links?bidId=)

Secure Shredding Event

When: Saturday, August 21, 2021 9:00a.m. to 11a.m.
Where: City Hall/Hagen Park Parking Lot 2020 Wilton Drive

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



Wilton Manors residents:

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

Wilton Manors business owners:

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

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

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 were filled at the June 8, 2021 Commission Meeting

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.

Exploring the history of 2209 Wilton Drive—the early years

Manor Market opened at 2209 Wilton Drive in May of 1948 as a semi-open-air market with sawdust floors. It was Wilton Manors’ first grocery and had the first telephone in town. In 1952 owners Lamar Braddy and Frank Starling enclosed and expanded the building and added off-street parking in the rear. Mr. Braddy was known for his elaborate promotions to get customers in the store. But it wasn’t enough to match the competition from chain supermarkets like Food Fair, Grand Union and Stevens that had opened in the Manors. Manor Market went out of business in 1959. Braddy and Starling re-purposed part of the building that same year as the **Flame Restaurant**. But, despite the elaborate signage and good initial reviews, it only lasted something over a year.



In early 1961, Clayton Leaver, Al Hagen’s contractor, and his wife Lou, today considered to be the matriarch of the Woman’s Club, envisioned (for reasons uncertain) re-opening the venue as a Hugh Hefner-esque private supper club—**The Playmate Club**. While the key club concept was quickly dropped, other similarities remained. Cocktail waitresses were known as “Baby Dolls”. Want-ads indicated that they must “...be attractive, age 23-32 [and] wear shorts to interview”. A 1962 Sun-Sentinel review noted: “The Baby Dolls, who provide service and good viewing, engage in an impromptu twist number, led by Marie Martin, whose costume, ringed in fringe, gives the dance extra dimensions. The gal also shakes a cocktail while she twists, and serves it at ringside...”. The review went on to praise “the Playmate’s excellence as a dining and dancing spot”. The Playmate Club lasted until 1965—to be replaced by the **Back Door-A-Go-Go** lounge. More on that and later clubs in the next Town Crier.



FLAuderdale News Apr 06, 1962

The Playmate Club

“Where the Beautiful BABY DOLLS are”

• DAILY BUFFET LUNCHEON \$1.25
 All You Can Eat

TODAY'S SPECIAL
 Steamed SHRIMP or Broiled LOBSTER
 All You Can Eat \$1.95

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2209 Wilton Dr.
 Wilton Manors



Questions or comments? Contact Ron and Mary Ulm at wmhs@WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org



From Chief Gary Blocker-WMPD Welcomes New Assistant Chief and Code Supervisor



As our Wilton Manors Police Department continues our “push” for forward progress, we did just that in May as we welcomed our new Assistant Chief and Code Compliance Supervisor to our department. Assistant Chief Darren Brodsky joined our department after having served with the Plantation Police Department for almost 27 years. Assistant Chief Brodsky comes to us with a wealth of professional experience after serving the residents, businesses, and visitors of Plantation in the areas of road patrol, investigations, School Resource Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Internal Affairs, Street Crimes Sergeant, SWAT Operator, and Commander, Lieutenant, Captain, and Deputy Police Chief.

Assistant Chief Brodsky holds a Bachelor’s Degree from the University of South Florida in Political Science and a Master’s Degree from Florida Atlantic University in Public Administration. He is a graduate of the 264th session of the FBI National Academy. Assistant Chief Brodsky currently supervises our operations division that consists of our road patrol division, community policing, traffic unit, and special event management. If he can be of assistance to you in these areas, please contact Assistant Chief Brodsky at 954-390-2155 or dbrodsky@wmpd.org.

We also welcomed new Code Compliance Supervisor Abelardo “Abel” Alberro. Supervisor Alberro launched a career in the food truck catering industry, owning his first business at the age of 20 providing food delivery services to factory workers and other businesses. Supervisor Alberro expanded his business operations to five food service trucks and expanded his services through all of Miami-Dade County, working in this service-based arena for over 25 years.

Supervisor Alberro began a career in code compliance in 2007 with the City of Doral, where he served for over two years. During this time, he obtained a fundamental foundation for the mission of the code compliance profession. After returning to his food service business full-time, Supervisor Alberro re-entered the code compliance profession in 2017, working for the City of West Park. He served the residents, businesses, and visitors of West Park for over four years, gaining extensive knowledge in this profession to include understanding the need to improve the “Quality of Life” for those he served. Supervisor Alberro holds Level I and Level IV Florida Association of Code Enforcement certifications. This training and his past experience will empower him to lead our Code Compliance Unit into the future. If Supervisor Alberro can assist you, please contact him at 954-390-2157 or aalberro@wmpd.org.

Finally, National Night Out is back on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. If you would like to host a neighborhood gathering and have our police officers visit you and your friends, please contact Officer Jennifer Bickhardt Graziose at 954-390-2150 or jbgraziose@wmpd.org. For more information about this event, you may visit our website at wmpd.org and enter into the search tool “National Night Out.” We look forward to seeing you, and your neighbors, at this event!

As always, we thank our community for your continued support, and we look forward to continuing our partnerships with our community as we navigate the last half of 2021 together.



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

If You Make or Buy a Fake COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card, You Endanger Yourself and Those Around You, and You Are Breaking the Law



The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG), and the FBI are advising the public to be aware of individuals selling fake COVID-19 vaccination record cards and encouraging others to print fake cards at home. Fake vaccination record cards have been advertised on social media websites, as well as e-commerce platforms and blogs.

Vaccination record cards are intended to provide recipients of the COVID-19 vaccine with information about the type of vaccine they received and when they may be able to receive a second dose of the vaccine. If you did not receive the vaccine, **do not buy fake vaccine cards, do not make your own vaccine cards, and do not fill in blank vaccination record cards with false information.** By misrepresenting yourself as vaccinated when entering schools, mass transit, workplaces, gyms, or places of worship, you put yourself and others around you at risk of contracting COVID-19. Additionally, the unauthorized use of an official government agency's seal (such as HHS or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)) is a crime and may be punishable under Title 18 United States Code, Section 1017, and other applicable laws.

Because individuals may use fake vaccine cards to misrepresent themselves as vaccinated, we strongly encourage businesses, schools, places of worship, and government agencies to follow CDC guidance and continue to maintain social distancing and use personal protective equipment. If you did receive the vaccine, we recommend you **do not post photos of your vaccine card to social media websites**—your personal information could be stolen to commit fraud.

To report suspicious activity involving fake vaccination record cards, please contact the appropriate government agency in your state or jurisdiction, HHS-OIG (1-800-HHS-TIPS or www.oig.hhs.gov); or the Internet Crime Complaint Center (www.ic3.gov).

CODE COMPLIANCE - Hurricane Preparedness Reminder



As everyone is likely aware, hurricane season is upon us, and there is always the possibility that our City may be affected by a hurricane, as well as varying storms. It has been forecasted that we will see an increase in the number of potential storms this year. As we reach the season's traditional peak, we ask for the community's help to ensure that everyone is safe if a storm strikes our area. Many of us have seen firsthand the devastation that hurricanes can cause and how other cities have been impacted by storms.

Please ensure that the finishing touches are made to your preparations. If we receive a hurricane watch warning, we also have to be ready to take care of the following:

- Remove any type of furniture, branches, storage of bulk items, trash/debris, garbage, litter, etc.
- Call FP&L if you feel trees are growing into the powerlines. **DO NOT** attempt to cut those branches yourself.
- Secure construction sites by having any and all construction material removed or tied down, including barricades and cones.
- Check on your neighbors that may not have anyone to depend on in these circumstances.

Please remember this is for you and your neighbors' protection; please help us make this Hurricane Season a safe one.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your Code Compliance Unit 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). As vaccinations have continued to roll out and the pandemic risks diminish, we are happy to report that CANA will now be holding its first socially distance in person meeting tentatively scheduled for **August 11th at 7pm** for those wishing to attend, and the meetings will also continue to be broadcast live online as well. Just the same, the city continues to move forward with its agenda when the city commission takes up its vote on increasing zoning density and the budgeting season kicks into high gear both at the time of this writing. The decisions being made as a result of both zoning changes and budget finalization may have profound impacts on our city at large and for CANA members in particular. Where residents have rightfully focused on easy to appreciate lifestyle issues resulting from increased density, such as traffic planning, infrastructure requirements, and other quality of life considerations, there are many “under the hood issues” that are important for everyone to understand. How much increased revenues are expected which should have a positive impact on our city budget? Does the city staff have the proper tools in place to meet the increased demands on city management such as information technology systems and telephone infrastructure as well as code compliance and policing? And what will the increased capital requirements be on our city budget and how will such needs be funded? These are just to name a few. The board of CANA is hard at work to ensure CANA members have the insight they need to understand all the important changes which may come to our city. Please make sure that you are on our mailing list, so we can send you the zoom link and in person meeting date details. 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

The East Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors, Inc. (ENA) will finally have its general membership meeting for the first time since early last year. However, due to the pandemic we will not be meeting at Independence Hall; we'll be meeting on Thursday, July 29th in the Community Center at Hagen Park at 7:30 pm. At the meeting, we will welcome Chief Gary Blocker as our new police chief and he will introduce our new Assistant Police Chief Darren Brodsky. Also, Mayor Scott Newton and other city officials will be letting us know what is going on in our neighborhood and City.

ENA will also hold its quarterly NE 26th Street clean-up on Wednesday, August 4th at 6:30 pm. We meet by the Board of Realtors on NE 17th Terrace. Please come and help us keep our neighborhood clean. It usually takes less than one hour and is a great way to get some exercise and meet your neighbors.

This past April, ENA had its third annual neighborhood wide yard sale. It was a great success and it will be held again next spring. Please keep this in mind as it is a great way to clean out your closets and garage as well as make some extra money!

Please let your neighbors know about the upcoming ENA meeting. Because we have changed locations, we will not be putting out our usual meeting yard signs. If you have any questions about our neighborhood or the meeting, please contact me.

-John R. Fiore, President East Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors, Inc. 954-564-3821 jrfiorefla@gmail.com

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

Life on the Island is slowly moving back to normal. The City has resumed Commission Meetings with precautions and businesses are opening up. While we are still not conducting large in-person meetings, we hope our next General Membership Meeting will be back in Hagen Park. The members of the Association continue to work towards achieving progress on the WAWM Goals and Objectives. We look forward to working with the newly hired Assistant Police Chief and Code Compliance Supervisor. Those goals are available on our web page. 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.

**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



Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday with an abundance of hope, unity and strength as we celebrate and remember Independence Day! The month of July is also Parks and Recreation month when we recognize the value and need for recreational opportunities. Please join us this year on July 17th for the Annual indoor Book Fair at Hagen Park Community Center. Also this month, I hope you will join us for a narrated tour in the woods at Richardson Historic Park. Spending time in the woods is linked to lower blood pressure, heart rate, and stress hormones. It has also been linked to decreased inflammation, anxiety, depression and fatigue.

The Stonewall Parade and Street Festival returned and I want to personally thank all of the many community partners, volunteers, businesses and City staff that help support this event and a special thanks to Jeffrey Sterling and Stonewall Pride, Inc. for the massive effort to coordinate this event.

Pickleball is the latest trend that was invented in 1965 and combines components of tennis, badminton and table tennis. It is growing fast in South Florida and here in the Island City. I encourage you to give it a try any Tuesday or Thursday evening. It is a nice way to meet new friends, get some exercise and develop a new hobby. Summer Camp began June 14th and I know it is truly a game changer for the parents and children to celebrate summer. The camp is operated at Island City Park, due to Wilton Manors Elementary hosting summer school.

The City's Cultural Arts Center collaborates with local organizations to provide visual art displays and would also like to include literary and performing arts, along with museum exhibits. Please feel free to reach out to the Leisure Services Department related to your interests to support Cultural Art programs.

I look forward to seeing you this summer at one of our unique City facilities. To discover more about your park and library opportunities, please visit us online at wiltonmanors.com for more details. 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' great benefits include enhancing your flexibility and balance, boosting your brain activity and staying in shape and it's also a great way to meet new friends. Annual Tennis Memberships available. For more information call the 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 your own equipment.

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



JAZZERCISE

Come visit Jazzercise of Fort Lauderdale - Wilton Manors today! Jazzercise exercise programs are 60-minute fitness classes incorporating cardio, strength, and stretch moves for a total body workout. Jazzercise class combines moves from yoga, Pilates, jazz dance exercise, hip-hop, and kickboxing. All ages, levels, and sizes welcome to join our dance exercise programs so find a class! Check out <https://www.jazzercise.com/location/wilton-manors-hagen-park> for Wilton Manors class information.

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. - 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: 7:00a.m. – 8:00a.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. School starts on Wednesday, August 18 and registration begins on July 12.

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

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

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



Space is extremely limited! To register, please come by Hagen Park Community Center at 2020 Wilton Drive.

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

CHAIR VOLLEYBALL IS BACK!

Chair volleyball has many health benefits, including developing hand-eye coordination, building upper body strength, and improving muscle tone and endurance. The sport builds camaraderie and teamwork and reduces stress. But most of all its just a lot of fun.

When: Tuesdays 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Where: Hagen Park Community Center

Fee: Free to Wilton Manors Residents / \$3 Non-Residents

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.

Brains & Balance Past 60

Our "Brains and Balance Past 60" program is designed for the unique needs of active older adults who know the importance of staying mentally sharp and physically stable. This innovative program is a clever combination of specific activities designed to improve your memory, reasoning, conceptualization, language and problem solving skills along with age appropriate exercise to improve stability. Discover how much fun "Brains & Balance" training can be while you exercise your mind and body with our specially designed curriculum.

When: Wednesdays 10:00am-11:00am

Where: Hagen Park 2020 Wilton Drive

Fee: Wilton Manors Residents (must show proof of residency) \$3/ Non-Residents \$5

For additional information please call the Leisure Services Department at 954-390-2130.

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

Welcome Back

The Richard C. Sullivan Public Library re-opened on June 7th with its normal, pre-pandemic operating hours. The Library is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9:30 am until 5:30 pm. On Wednesdays, the Library is open from noon until 8 pm and on Saturdays from 9:30 am until 1 pm. Curbside pick-up continues for those residents who prefer that service. As in all City buildings, masks and social distancing are required.

Items checked out after June 28th are subject to late fees if not returned when due.



Richard C. Sullivan Public Library 2021 Summer Reading Contest

Read a book this summer and complete an entry form at the Library.
Read **another** book to increase your chances -- there's no limit!

Wilton Manors Book Fair

The non-profit Friends of the Wilton Manors Library will host its Summer Book Fair on Saturday, July 17th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event will be held indoors in the Hagen Park Community Center at the rear of the parking lot behind City Hall at 2020 Wilton Drive. Enter from NE 21st Court. Admission and parking are free. Masks must be worn.



There will be some 4,000 gently used books (fiction and non-fiction), DVD movies, and music CDs available for adults and children at low donation prices. All proceeds will

benefit the Wilton Manors Library. For more information, please call 954-566-9019.



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.

Library Services on wiltonmanors.com

Find the latest news and services of your Richard C. Sullivan Library on the library page of the city's website here: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/168/Library>. Books, newspapers, magazines, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, e-books, and more – we've got them all! You have access to more than 46,000 items at the Wilton Manors Library.



The City of Wilton Manors
2020 Wilton Drive
Wilton Manors, FL 33305

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Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

Call For Artists for the Tenth Annual **ISLAND CITY JURIED ART EXHIBITION**



OCT 16-NOV 13, 2021

Open to all Broward County artists.

RULES & ENTRY FORM

available at www.artgallery21.org

ENTRY FEE: \$20 per entry

maximum of 2 entries per artist

ART INTAKE DATE:

Saturday, October 9 from 12 to 2 PM

Cash awards and ribbons will be presented to
the first, second and third place winners on

Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 6 PM

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in partnership with Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department.