



Town Crier

Life's Just Better Here

Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

November/December 2021

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Phone Numbers

City Hall..... 954-390-2100	Risk Management..... 954-390-2126
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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

City Offices will be closed:
Veteran’s Day
 Thursday, 11/11/21
Thanksgiving Day
 Thursday 11/25/21

Regular Commission Meetings:
 7p.m. Commission Chambers AND virtual/Zoom platform (“hybrid”)
Tuesday, November 9
Tuesday, November 23
Tuesday, December 14
NO 2nd meeting in December

There is NO trash pick-up on Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25

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.
Wed 3-Nov	No Public Meetings Until	Tues 7-Dec	Mon 15-Nov	Thurs 9-Dec	Mon 17-Jan	Wed 17-Nov
Wed 1-Dec	Publicly Noticed	Meets Quarterly	Mon 13-Dec	Meets Every 2 Months	Meets Quarterly	Wed 8-Dec
Wed 5-Jan			Mon 17-Jan			Wed 12-Jan

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, November 18 Thursday, December 23 Recycling Day: Thursday

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

Tuesday, November 16 Tuesday, December 21 Recycling Day: Friday

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

Wednesday, November 17 Wednesday, December 22 Recycling Day: Wednesday



Condominium bulk pickup (quarterly): Saturday, December 18

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.

Garbage & recycling are collected year-round, with the exception of Christmas Day, so, on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25, there WILL be regular trash and recycle collection. On Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25—there is NO Sunday trash or recycling collection.

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-Fall Season 2021



Happy November! As we enter the season of thanksgiving, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude to the residents of Wilton Manors. I am truly honored to be your Mayor, and have worked hard to lead the Commission through making critical decisions on your behalf. In my first year in office, the City has made great strides in preparing for the decade ahead. I'm really pleased with the direction in which we are going.

This year we completed the City's Strategic Plan, providing us with a roadmap for the next five to ten years. There are six priorities, including hardening our municipal utility infrastructure and economic development. These priorities will drive our budget decisions.

While COVID still has an impact on our society, I am hopeful it is fading. Many businesses are thriving, and I have heard from some that have exceeded pre-pandemic sales numbers. Our local economy is bouncing back, and the biggest problem our businesses have is finding sufficient staff.

After many years and literally dozens of meetings, the City Commission has cleared the way for the redevelopment of our commercial corridors. As you know, most of the buildings on Andrews Avenue, Wilton Drive, NE 26 Street, and Oakland Park Boulevard are more than forty years old. Some areas are in need of a facelift. The new regulations will encourage mixed use (commercial on the bottom floor and residential above) projects with beautiful buildings designed to encourage walkability, the use of transit, and less dependence on traditional fossil fuels. We can't ignore the trend of rising seas, rising temperatures, and more extreme weather events. The City has a responsibility to reduce our carbon footprint, harden our infrastructure, and encourage our residents and businesses to do the same.

We are also engaged in the revisioning process for Andrews Avenue. There will be a substantial public outreach process to determine the way forward. If you live in the central or western neighborhoods, please consider getting involved.

We are happy to be collaborating with Oakland Park, Broward County, and others in preparing for a commuter rail station. While the initial recommendation has been made to locate the station in Oakland Park between 36 Street and 38 Street, I am working hard to ensure that the station is an easy walk or bike from our city center and that a dedicated shuttle will connect our cities. The station won't be built any time soon, but we must plan now for transportation improvements that will ensure connectivity between the stations.

After a lengthy grant funding process, we are on track to hire a vendor to install the irrigation system and landscaping on Wilton Drive. This project has been a long time coming, but the delay has resulted in about \$280,000 in county surtax funds being used, instead of your tax dollars. I'm looking forward to the ribbon cutting for this.

The City is cautiously resuming leisure services programming. Come out to the events, bring a mask, and social distance. For more details, go to www.wiltonmanors.com.

Nov. 8	Taste of the Island	Nov. 11	Veteran's Day ceremony
Nov. 13-14	Plant Affair	December 2	Holiday Lighting ceremony
December 4	Santa Paws	December 11	Yard Sale
December 15	Santa by Sea	December 17	Music at Mickel concert
December 18	Wilton Wonderland		

Whether you celebrate Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, or something else, Cindy and I wish each of you a happy and healthy holiday season of peace and joy.

Please contact me any time at 954-390-2120 or snewton@wiltonmanors.com.

Hurricane Season Runs Through November 30

Hurricane checklists and other important emergency information can be found on the city's website here:

<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/140/Emergency-Preparedness>.

Vice Mayor Paul Rolli—Highlights of Key Accomplishments this Year



Legislative - Updated land use and zoning regulations of commercial corridors and created the TOC West - Adopted a new process for the reduction of code enforcement liens - Established a Historic Preservation Board and Program - Initiated a rewrite of the City's Code of Ordinances. **Policy initiatives** - Approved a 20-year water supply plan - Adopted standardized operating procedures for board and committee meetings - Increased diversity on city boards and committees - Established a technical assistance business grant program - Adopted a new five-year Strategic Plan focusing on six key areas - Adopted a policy for providing support to non-profit organizations serving Wilton Manors - Finalizing an additional homestead exemption for qualifying seniors.

Funding Initiatives & Awards - Awarded over \$4.4 million in surtax funds for city transportation-related projects, including trees on Wilton Drive - around \$450,000 from state/federal funding for Westside stormwater upgrades - \$35,000 from the state for economic development efforts - \$11,339 in state funds for library operations - Began funding strategy to implement the water, wastewater, and stormwater master plan - Completed over \$3 million in utility infrastructure improvements - Received over \$500,000 in COVID expense reimbursements - Approved to receive State funding for around \$6.4 million from the American Rescue Plan Act - Reduced tax millage rate.

Other accomplishments - The City hosted a vaccination pod for six weeks in 2021 - Participated in a weekly free food distribution and delivery program through May 2021 - Established a water bill assistance fund for residents with pandemic related financial hardships - Dedicated Justin Flippen Park - Supported public art in the city - Established a resident parking permit - Relaunched Island City University - Received a clean, unqualified audit for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020 - Established a new reporting system for code violations at vacation rental properties - Awarded a perfect 100 score and 18 bonus points for our highest ever raw score in the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index (MEI). And, quite possibly the first city to have a rainbow bridge!

I wish everyone safe, healthy, and happy holidays. I always look forward to hearing from residents and can be contacted at 954-652-6648 or at prolli@wiltonmanors.com.

Commissioner Chris Caputo—First Year In Office



As I round out my first year serving as your City Commissioner, I want to thank everyone in the community that has supported, challenged, and encouraged me. The Wilton Manors area has been my home for over fifteen years and, while I have been civically during that time, stepping into elected office has rewarded me with new challenges, responsibilities, and a few surprises.

I ran for office with a vision of pushing the city out of the status quo and, specifically, to facilitate responsible redevelopment on the aging commercial corridors, support economic development, encourage housing affordability, and to establish a strategic plan for the city. It was an ambitious agenda and I'm proud to say that my colleagues and I made progress in each of those areas this year. With the adoption of a new five-year strategic plan, we established the foundational goals for how we will align our efforts and resources. New zoning and land use regulations were implemented for our commercial corridors that require sensible development and incentivize projects that go above and beyond the minimum requirements to include an affordable housing contribution, additional green building elements, dedicated open space, or install public art. We also focused on economic growth and retention through grants, concierge services, and simplified processes. Check out www.investwiltonmanors.com for more information.

Over the last year, I've spent an incredible amount of time meeting with neighbors, business owners, visitors, city employees, and prospective residents or investors. While I do field the occasional complaint or concern, the vast majority of my listening sessions have been a learning experience on how much Wilton Manors is loved. I've heard from long-time residents, some of whom have lived in the city their entire lives, about how important the human connections are in our small town and the lifelong relationships that have been made here. There is story after story from our newer residents, who chose to call Wilton Manors home because of our embracing nature, friendly neighbors, and fun atmosphere.

When someone does share a complaint, it is often accompanied with a solution or an idea. How great is that! For example, one business owner thought Wilton Drive could be more festive at the holidays so he sponsored a decorating contest. A resident noted a need for bicyclist resources and created a bike map that is now on our website. A group of residents understood that in our small city with limited resources, creating public art was a challenge. They fundraised and applied for grants that resulted in the creative sculptures and wire art along Wilton Drive.

As I have said many times throughout my first year of service, open dialogue is the key to being a better community. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time to share your story, idea, or concern. Serving on the City Commission has rewarded me with many new friends and interesting discussions, confirming what I already knew - life is just better here because of the people that live here.

Commissioner Mike Bracchi—Budget Update and More!



On September 20th, the city commission approved the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year that started October 1st. The final decision was not unanimous and I was the sole NO vote. Let's be clear, this new budget raises taxes. Do not be misled by those that say the commission lowered the millage rate. The commission only lowered the millage rate from what was proposed, which was approximately 5% higher than last year. Additionally, water rates, sewer rates, and fire assessment fees are increasing.

My concern was not with the millage rate specifically, rather with how the city proposed to spend those additional dollars. Last year at this time, I campaigned on good fiscal management and financial responsibility. My experience as a business executive in the private sector included being responsible for managing a budget over \$300M and hundreds of employees. The Wilton Manors

proposed budget asked for approximately 5 additional full-time employees, which in my view the need for these positions was not substantiated. The additional staff would be an increase of over \$300,000 each year. I do not believe this significant increase in the budget can be sustained long-term without additional cuts to services or further increases in taxes; and no explanation or plan was discussed to address how these positions would be funded long-term. That's why I voted NO on the budget.

On a good note, we approved a funding agreement with the State to receive approximately \$6.4 million from the American Rescue Plan Act and have already received approximately half of the funds. These funds must be used on very specific projects; for example, investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, which will be critical to help with our aging infrastructure.

In other news, after many years of discussion, the commission passed new zoning regulations in a 4-1 vote. The new regulations will allow us to revitalize and beautify certain areas of our city that we desperately need, while at the same time require new buildings to be set back off the streets. The city is already working on an "Activate Andrews" plan that will allow for the revival of Andrews Avenue.

In addition, the city is establishing a Historic Preservation Board and Historic Preservation Program to preserve and protect historic and archaeologically significant properties in the City. This will allow us to maintain the charm that so many of us desire in our beautiful Island City.

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!

Commissioner Gary Resnick—Property Taxes, Budget, and COVID



The City Commission recently adopted our budget and tax rate for the next fiscal year. Over the years, we have observed our city's budget increase, to just under \$40 million. We have been able, however, to maintain property taxes at approximately the same rates. Revenue from property taxes accounts for approximately only 48% percent of next year's general fund budget. The 2020-21 tax rate was 5.9000. The initial tax or millage rate proposed by our city staff, was 5.9000. During the budget process, it was discovered that there was a budgeting error which resulted in the City realizing \$104,000 less in expenses than initially planned. The staff and 3 members of the Commission proposed placing these funds in reserves. With concern over increasing taxes to residents, I proposed lowering the tax rate. Fortunately, this prevailed and as a result the final tax

rate adopted by the City Commission for FY 2021-22 is 5.8360, with 3 other Commissioners joining me. While this will result in a relatively small savings per household, it is important to keep check on increasing taxes and fees charged by the City.

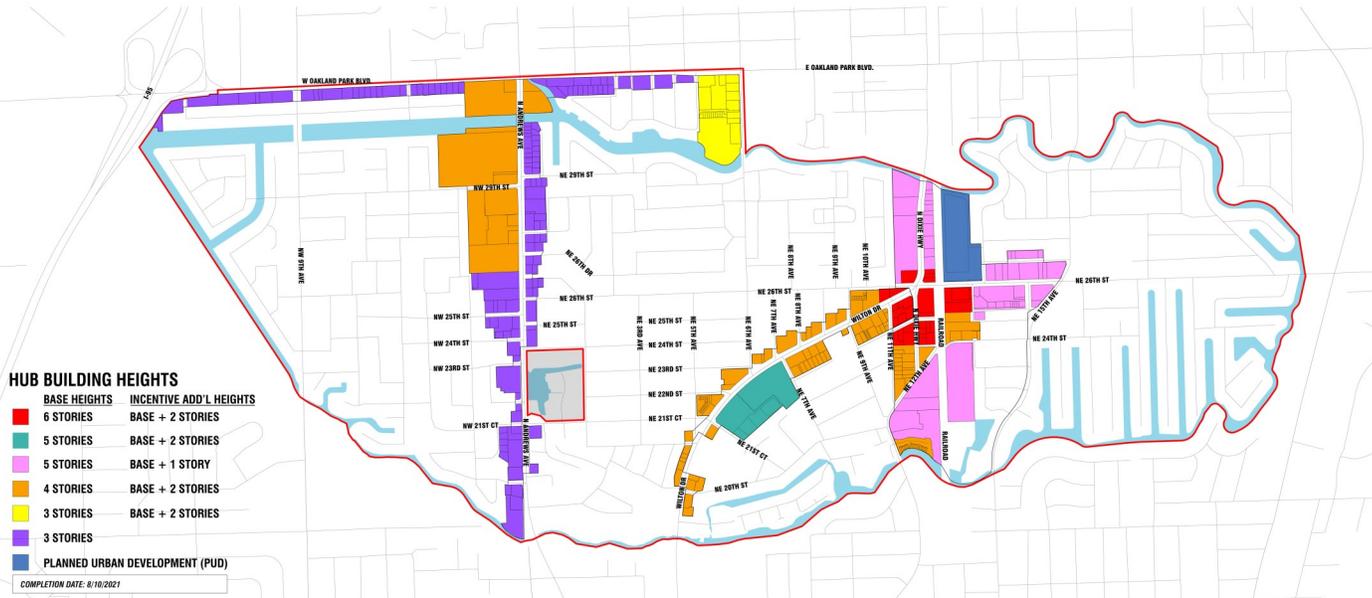
One of our City's expenses that we can't seem to reduce over the years is the cost to advertise proposed ordinances in daily newspapers. This is a requirement of FL state law; we are not allowed to satisfy this by publishing such notices online. The City budgets roughly \$50,000 per year for such newspaper notices. How many of you actually read city legal notices in the newspaper? We have attempted to change the State law, but of course, in Tallahassee we are up against newspapers that want to continue this revenue source.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me if any questions. Also, it must be mentioned that in September, we lost another long term, involved resident to COVID. We have lost far too many residents to COVID. There is no reason now for this to happen. Please get vaccinated if you're able to, and continue to wear masks to avoid infecting yourself and others. Stay well.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (954)390-2180

“ARTICLE 30”

On August 24, 2021, the Wilton Manors City Commission adopted amended zoning regulations for the Urban Center Mixed Use Districts referred to as “Article 30” of the Unified Land Development Regulations. The adopted amendments to Article 30 include newly created zoning regulations for Wilton Drive, NE 26 Street, Dixie Highway, Andrews Avenue, Oakland Park Boulevard, and NE 6 Avenue. These regulations permit a density of up to 60 dwelling units per gross acre, building heights between 3 and 8 stories with incentives, building setbacks and step backs, permitted and prohibited uses, and parking requirements. The building height map, as shown below, identifies the maximum height permitted on each of these corridors. If you have any questions, please contact the Community Development Services Department at 954-390-2180.



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!

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 or via U.S. Mail or in-person to:

Wilton Manors City Hall—City Clerk’s Office
 2020 Wilton Dr.
 Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Nature In Art Photo Contest

Submit now through March 1st
 Opening Reception & Awards April 16 • 7p.m.
 On display April 16–May 21, 2022
Do you enjoy photography? Take a moment to capture nature in our city!
 Suggested subjects include landscapes, birds, butterflies, water, plants, or animals. No invasive species please. Photos must be taken within the city limits of Wilton Manors. Deadline for submissions is March 1, 2022. With your submission include the photo date, location, title/description, and your name and contact information. Email photos (JPG) and information to:
naturephotos@wiltonmanors.com.
 Up to 5 entries per person.
 Sponsored by the Environmental & Sustainability Volunteer Group.
 More at [Facebook.com/ESGWiltonManors/](https://www.facebook.com/ESGWiltonManors/).

A TROPICAL PLANT FAIR

Presented By Equality Garden Club

Saturday, November 13 (9-5 pm)
Sunday, November 14 (9-3 pm)

2-Day Admission \$5
 Free Parking & Shuttle
Covid guidelines in effect

Palms | Orchids | Garden Supplies | Fruit Trees | Food
 Arts & Crafts | Master Gardeners | Exotic Plants | More

Richardson Park & Nature Preserve
 1937 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305
No Pets Allowed

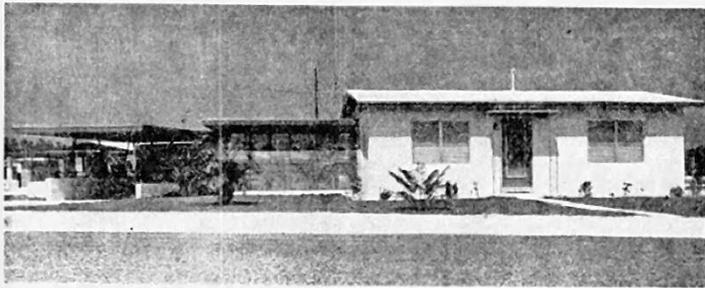
For fair or vendor info email: info@atropicalplantfair.com

www.equalitygardenclub.com

WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

H.L. Broliar—Wilton Manors first tract housing developer

Sunset Manors Is The Locale For These Lovely Homes Built By H. L. Broliar



Another very attractive residential section is Sunset Manors, a new sub-division in Wilton Manors where H. L. Broliar is completing 128 houses. A dignified, restful area so convenient to downtown Fort Lauderdale and the beach.
 Photograph shows one of the smart tropical 2-bed room CBS homes with screened breakaway between house and car porte, located at 308 N. E. 26th Drive. Mr. Broliar, general contractor, builder of these homes.

makes his office at 2179 Wilton Drive. Following seventeen years in the building industry in Chicago, Mr. Broliar came to this area in 1949. During the war he was assistant auditor at the Chicago Motor Club.
 After the Sunset Manors project is completed, Mr. Broliar has plans for the construction of five hundred new homes in the city, for which the property has already been purchased.

- Large 12x16 Screened Porch
- Large Car Porte
- City Water
- Glass Jalousie Windows
- Tile Window Sills
- Paved Streets (In Assessment)
- C.B.S. Construction
- Landscaped with Fully Seeded Front Yard
- High Elevation
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CALL A MEMBER TO DEMONSTRATE THE MODEL HOME. WE'LL SHOW YOU THE WAY SHOPPING CENTER

Early Wilton Manors land developers all followed the traditional model of platting a subdivision then selling the individual lots. The purchaser would then hire a general contractor to complete the residence to their specification. But a new model emerged in 1947. To fill the need for affordable post-war housing, Levitt & Sons of New York pioneered what is now dubbed “tract housing”—a subdivision with hundreds of identical, mass-constructed, move-in-ready homes.

In 1952, using that model, H.L. Broliar, a general contractor whose office was on Wilton Drive, developed *Sunset Manors* on land platted by John Pedersen (local entrepreneur and supporter of housing options for veterans). The subdivision of 128 homes was on the north side of NE 26th Street, running from Andrews Ave to NE 6th Ave.

After *Sunset Manors*, Broliar crossed the river to develop 500 homes in *Lauderdale Villas* (south and west of NW 19th St and Powerline Rd); and by 1954 had built 300 more homes of identical design at *Boca Villas* in east Boca Raton.

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



WILTON MANORS POLICE DEPARTMENT



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From Chief Gary Blocker-GIVE THANKS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



This holiday season, I give THANKS to those who ensure Life's Just Better Here in the Island City.

I give THANKS to the professional women and men of our agency who serve our community each and every day and night to make our community a better place for all.

I give THANKS to Sergeants Rick Shawver and Larry Keesling for what they have given to our profession, our agency, and our community over their successful law enforcement careers. Both will retire honorably as we close out 2021. Thank you, gentlemen!

I give THANKS to our community, who appreciates the hard work and dedication of our professional staff. Your support means more than you will ever know! Thank you!

I give THANKS to the members of our community who challenge us to do better each and every day, and they, along with us, refuse to accept "status quo." We must always strive to achieve the "next level."

I give THANKS that our professional staff has remained healthy throughout this pandemic, and that those who have contracted COVID have beaten this virus. Our hearts go out to those law enforcement professionals and community members who lost their lives to this deadly virus.

I give THANKS to our City Commission, Manager's Office, and other City Departments that have supported the daily missions of our police department. It is their collaboration and support that has allowed us to "police with a passion for our profession, and with compassion for those we serve."

I give THANKS to you for taking the time to read this article and others in our Town Crier. Your involvement in our City government is important and appreciated.

The professionals of the Wilton Manors Police Department THANK YOU, and we wish you and yours a safe and prosperous holiday season. We look forward to working for you and with you this holiday season.

Please help our City preserve a high standard of maintenance by submitting CODE COMPLIANCE concerns:

In-person/by mail: Code Compliance, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

By phone: (954) 390-2151 By email: codecompliance@wmpd.org

Or Online at: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/349/Code-Compliance-Unit>



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WILTON MANORS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Gary Blocker
Chief of Police



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• INFORMATION 954-390-2150

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**WILTON MANORS
POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**CITIZENS
POLICE
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JANUARY 27, 2022 – MARCH 31, 2022

10 Weeks on Thursdays - 6:30 PM – 08:30 PM

The Wilton Manors Police Department is offering a 10-week Citizens Police Academy on Thursdays from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. This program is open to residents, civic and government organization members, and non-residents (on a space Available basis). The Citizens Police Academy is designed to foster an active partnership with the community. Well informed citizens, who have an awareness of the mission, resources, policies and services of their Police Department are critical to the success of this partnership.



Many topics will be addressed in the academy and will include: Active Killer, Hands-only CPR, DUI Enforcement, Drug Trafficking, K9, Detective Bureau & Special Investigations, Road Patrol Operations, and much more. In addition to scheduled classes, optional field trips will be offered.

All applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. Selection preferences will be given to Wilton Manors residents and those who work or own a business or property within the City. This is your opportunity to become involved in a dynamic and rewarding partnership with your Police Department. We need your participation to ensure the success of the Citizens Police Academy. Don't hesitate! Complete your application today. Applications are available on the CPA website: www.wiltonmanors.com/cpa, at the Wilton Manors Police Department lobby, or by email: info@wmpd.org.

**** THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT LEAD TO NOR PROMISE ANY TYPE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYMENT ****

Pickpocket Theft Prevention

If you're making your way back to bars and restaurants after COVID-19, there's something else to watch out for in bustling areas: having your phone or wallet swiped. With more and more people returning to their pre-pandemic routines, some opportunistic criminals have taken advantage of the increase in foot traffic, targeting the valuables of unsuspecting and distracted customers in popular South Florida nightlife locations. If you are a victim of pickpocketing or any crime, don't hesitate to call the police. Your information may be the key to making an arrest and stopping future crimes.

Thankfully, protecting yourself from a pickpocket or other thief is not as difficult as you would think; just a few precautions can be enough to give you peace of mind and confidence in enjoying your time out.

See how easy it is for a pickpocket thief on this YouTube video: https://youtu.be/0kksbY_xnxM

Common Misconceptions about Pickpockets:

- An experienced pickpocket is not necessarily the sleazy person lurking in dark doorways. They appear as an average person in both appearance and manner, easily blending into the crowd.
- Pickpockets don't have a regular schedule; they operate just as well at night as they do during the day.
- Many times, pickpockets work alone; however, there are also teams of two or three, using one person to distract the victim's attention.
- Contrary to what most of us believe, experienced pickpockets do not put their hands all the way into your pocket to steal your belongings. The expert pickpocket reaches into the top of the pocket, takes up a pleat in the lining, and continually folds the lining up until the bottom of the pocket (holding your valuables) reaches the top of the pocket. This entire act only takes a second or two.

What can you do to protect yourself? The best protection is to eliminate the opportunity of becoming a victim in the first place.

Tips:

Carry your wallet in a front pocket instead of the back, and only carry the amount of money and cards that you need at the time.

Never leave your cellphone unattended and ALWAYS lock your phone.

STAY INFORMED! TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER!

Non-emergency dispatch: 954-764-HELP (4357) WMPD Front Desk Information: 954.390.2150

If You Care About the Wildlife, Do Not Feed Them

While people mean well when feeding ducks, birds, raccoons, and other wildlife, the consequences can actually cause more harm than good. Feeding wild animals makes them dependent on humans for food and can disrupt their ability to gather food naturally. In addition, human food is not healthy and can cause malnourishment, injury, or even death. Providing food also aids in increasing the population of animals that are not native, which exaggerates the likelihood of nuisances throughout a community. Muscovy ducks, for example, are non-native and often cause property damage when defecating on driveways or decks. Large concentrations of ducks or geese can pollute nearby waterways and increase the chance of disease transmission to people or other wildlife. As a result of being fed by humans, some birds gather near roads, increasing the likelihood of vehicle-animal accidents.

Living in South Florida, we encounter wildlife quite often, and while there are several things we can do to promote their wellbeing and coexist, feeding them is not one of them. In some cases, feeding wildlife is illegal, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

For regulations and tips on how to have a positive impact on our wildlife, please visit: <https://myfwc.com/conservation/you-conserve/wildlife/>

Contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 888-404-FWCC (3922) to report potential illegal feeding of wildlife.

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Message from Leisure Services Director, Patrick Cann



Welcome to the holidays! We are hopeful for offering great memorable experiences with holiday special events. The recent October festivities brought unique memories from Woof & Wine, Halloween Spooktacular, and the Halloween Street Festival.

Please consider visiting one of our many parks for fun activities, including fitness bootcamp, tennis, pickleball, walking trails, beach volleyball, chair volleyball, and so much more. Also, don't miss the many special events coming up this holiday season!

- City Yard Sale, Saturday, November 6, 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. at Hagen Park
- 16th Annual Taste of the Island, Monday, November 8, 6:00p.m. at Richardson Park
- Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11, 11:00a.m. at Hagen Park
- Plant Fair, Saturday and Sunday, November 13 & 14, 10:00a.m. at Richardson Park
- Holiday Lighting Ceremony, Thursday, December 2, 6:30p.m. at Flippen Park
- Santa Paws, Saturday, December 4, 10:00a.m. – noon at Colohatchee Park
- City Yard Sale, Saturday, December 11, 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. at Hagen Park
- Santa By Sea, Wednesday, December 15, 5:30p.m. Waterways
- Music at Mickel, Friday, December 17, 7:00p.m. at Mickel Park
- Wilton Wonderland, Saturday, December 18, 10:00a.m. at Hagen Park

The City will be conducting City-wide public outreach for your recreational needs, desires, and interests. Please feel free to contact me regarding the Parks System Master Plan process that will begin in 2021-2022. Your input is truly needed!

On behalf of the Leisure Services Team, we look forward to your participation in the upcoming holiday festivities. To discover more about your park and library opportunities, please visit us online at wiltonmanors.com for more details. Also, please feel free to contact me anytime to share your recreational interests with me at 954-390-2130. Thank you!

Santa By Sea

Look in the water... is it a manatee? Is it a yacht? NO, it's Santa Claus! This Wilton Manors tradition is like no other holiday event in Broward County. Santa will take to the Sea on **Wednesday, December 15th at 5:00pm from Colohatchee Park Boat Ramp** (1975 NE 15th Ave.). Santa will sail around the Island City with his elves to spread the holiday cheer. This year Santa will be making stops along the way at Island City Park Preserve (823 NE 28th St.) and Richardson Historic Park (1937 Wilton Drive). Be sure to come out to one of these parks to meet and greet Santa or if you live on the water, come out and say hello.

Live Music at Mickel

Come enjoy a night of live music in the park with your community. Concerts are held monthly from December through March and include a variety of bands and music. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket. All concerts are from 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m.

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| Friday, December 17th, 2021 | South Florida Pride Wind Ensemble |
| Friday, January 21, 2021 | Mr. Jimi: Jimmy Hendrix & Jimmy Page Tribute |
| Friday, February 18, 2022 | Caribbean Chillers: Jimmy Buffett Tribute |
| Friday, March 18, 2022 | Still Alive: Pearl Jam Tribute |

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16th Annual Taste of the Island

The 16th Annual Taste of the Island will take place on Monday, November 8, 2021 from 6-9p.m. at the beautiful Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve (1937 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, Florida 33305). Taste of the Island is an evening of food and libation featuring local elite food and beverage establishments and spotlighting their culinary and beverage specialties at Wilton Manors' acclaimed outdoor tasting event. Now in its 16th year, "Taste" welcomes everyone in our community and South Florida to join together to explore the wide range of culinary delicacies available in our area. Tickets are currently on sale at <http://www.tasteoftheisland.org>

For more information, please call (954) 257-2317 or visit <http://www.tasteoftheisland.org>.

Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Believe it or not but the holiday season is just around the corner and to kick it off right the City of Wilton Manors welcomes one and all to join us for our annual Holiday Lighting Celebration! Join with us in the City's tradition of lighting the Menorah, Kinara, and of course our wonderful Wilton Manors Christmas Tree! The holiday spirit will be in abundance with plenty of music and festivities for everyone to enjoy. Come out and enjoy this event with us and our community as we celebrate "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year". The Holiday Lighting Ceremony will be held on Thursday, December 2nd, at the corner of Wilton Drive and 21st Court in Justin Flippen Park. Plan to attend as we get the festivities started at 6:30pm. For more information, please call Leisure Services at (954) 390-2130.

Santa Paws @ Colohatchee Park

Make a memory with your pet and Santa Claus. This Santa Paws event is the perfect opportunity to include your dog in your Holiday photos. Every dog and dog owner visiting will be spoiled with treats!

When: Saturday, December 4th, 2021

Where: Colohatchee Dog Park, 1975 NE 15 Avenue

Time: 10a.m. – 12p.m.

Island City-Wide Yard Sales

The City of Wilton Manors will sponsor five City-Wide Yard Sales at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, this season, on the second Saturday of November 2021 – March 2022. The City Yard Sales will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Spaces are currently available to purchase for the November 6th yard sale.

Chairs and tables are available for rental. For space reservations at Hagen Park and information, please call the Leisure Services Department. The yard sale is free to the public. The vendors sell everything from linens and clothes to furniture, and home decorative items. Some vendors specialize in antiques, plants and collectables.

The yard sales will be held:

Saturday, November 6th, 2021 **note that this is the 1st Saturday in November* Saturday, December 11th, 2021

Saturday, January 8th, 2022 Saturday, February 12th, 2022 Saturday, March 12th, 2022

Manors Market at City Hall

Every Sunday, our City Hall parking lot is artfully transformed into a euro-styled, casual outdoor café/bistro and fun artisanal and fresh food marketplace.

Up to 40 of South Florida's most popular and sought-after vendors will be offering original products including florists, fashion designers, artists, succulents, pet products, artisanal foods, handmade personal products, custom jewelry delicious fresh-baked goods and more PLUS a great mix of fresh and organics produce.

Sundays 10:00am to 3:00pm City Hall 2020 Wilton Drive

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Childcare Programs

WINTER CAMP

Our 2020 Winter Camp will be held at Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28th Street
Monday—Friday, 7:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Camp Dates:

December 20 – 23, 2021 & December 27 – 30, 2021 (No program on 12/24 or 12/31)

Winter Camp Pricing (Full 8 Days):

Resident: \$160	2nd Child: \$136	Daily Fee: \$25
Non-Resident: \$200	2nd Child: \$160	Daily Fee: \$30

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. 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.

SCHOOL DAYS OUT

The School Days-Out Program is open on teachers' workdays and closed on legal holidays. On non-school weekdays when the City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department is open, the program hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The cost of the program ranges from \$15.00 to \$30.00 per day/child, which includes the field trip or activity of the day. Children must bring a brown bag lunch unless otherwise instructed. This program will be held at Island City Park Preserve in Wilton Manors at 823 NE 28th Street. For more information please call the Leisure Services Department.

Upcoming dates are:

Monday, November 23 Tuesday, November 24

Wednesday, November 25—½ Day Program ends at 1:00pm

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





THE LIBRARY CORNER

Want to help the Library? Join the Friends! The Friends of the 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 throughout the year, as well as eBooks and digital magazines. Membership applications are available at the Library and on the Friends' web site at: www.FriendsoftheWiltonManorsLibrary.org.



The Friends of the Library will once again erect their **Book Tent at the City Yard Sale on Saturday, November 6**, from 8a.m. to 2p.m. in the City Hall parking lot, 2020 Wilton Dr. You will find used books, CDs, audio books, DVDs, and videos in exchange for a small donation. Top sellers range from books on tape to children's DVDs, from cookbooks to gardening manuals. All donations benefit the Library. The Friends will also take your donations of books and audio and video materials at the Book Tent, or you may drop them off at the Library, at 500 NE 26th Street.

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Stop by the Library at 500 NE 26th Street and discover the history of you.

Book Delivery

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



Neighborhood Associations



THREE BRIDGES
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
CONNECTING NEIGHBORS IN EAST WILTON MANORS

Now, let it be proclaimed the formation of **Three Bridges Neighborhood Association of East Wilton Manors!** **Three Bridges** is a 501 c(4) non-profit neighborhood association that seeks positive change for all Eastside residents and businesses. **Three Bridges** represents the three bridges that connect the Eastside with our neighboring cities, but is also emblematic of the three pillars of our vision. The vision of **Three Bridges** is to collaboratively promote an economically, environmentally and socially sustainable neighborhood by seeking consensus from its membership and advocating for their goals.

Three Bridges' Mission is upholding and enriching the quality of life in the Eastside neighborhood of Wilton Manors, and is guided by three founding principles:

- **Empowering** all residents, businesses, and local government to look to the future, while respecting our history.
- **Developing** innovative solutions for preservation of our single-family neighborhoods while creating commercial corridors that complement and enhance our residential zones.
- **Creating** a mutually nourishing and inclusive environment that sustains a high quality of life for our residents, businesses, and visitors.

Three Bridges will be holding its first membership/informational meeting on Wednesday November 10, 2021 at 7p.m. at the Hagen Park Community Center. If you are interested in learning more about **Three Bridges**, please visit our website at www.3bridgesassociation.com. Membership is open to all residents and businesses of the Eastside of Wilton manors.

Three Bridges Board of Directors are Roger Cruttenden, Rudy Molinet, Bryon Bowlby, Tony LoGrande and Karl Lentzer.



Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association (CANA)

The Central Area Neighborhood Association has long been known as a non-profit that works to keep our neighbors well informed on all that's happening in our city. Typically, we have elected city officials, city staff, the police department and others present brief summaries regarding matters impacting all of us. Our November meeting featured Police Officer Loughran and his K9 sidekick, updates from Commissioner Chris Caputo as well as a presentation by Tony LoGrande Chair of Wilton Drive

Improvement District.

CANA is working hard to shape the city's recent decisions on zoning and growth. Now we are working within the city to improve the future look and feel of Andrews Avenue. Additionally, we look forward to advocating for improved walkability and safer biking not only within Wilton Manors but also dovetailing with the Lauder Trail.

As our city turns 75 we look forward to celebrating together. Meanwhile join us at CanaWM.org.

Bill Desautels, President Bill@BillDesautels.com Matthew 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 next East Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors (ENA) general membership meeting will be held on October 21, 2021, from 7pm to 9pm in the Hagen Park Community Center located behind City Hall. We will discuss items important to our neighborhood as well as the city.

We are continuing to have our NE 26th Street Cleanups. So far this year, we have had them in January, April and July. Our next one is Saturday, October 24th at 11am. We meet at the Board of Realtors parking lot and spend an hour walking up and down NE 26th Street picking up trash. Please join us for some exercise and to help keep our neighborhood clean.

Also, we are going to host our annual Holiday Party on December 9th. The party begins at 6pm and will include dinner, deserts, beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages. The cost is free to members and \$10 (cash or check) for non-members. We are in the process of securing a new location. Due to the pandemic, we cannot use Independence Hall. Information on the new location will be sent out by e-mail to ENA members.

For those of you who live on the North and South Forks of the Middle River don't forget to watch Santa-By-Sea. On Wednesday, December 15th the Wilton Manors Police Boat will lead Santa Claus on his boat around the city. Santa will leave Colohatchee Park around sunset. If you have a boat small enough to get under the bridges, you can decorate your boat with lights and follow Santa around the city in our own holiday boat parade. If you wish to participate, you need to be at Colohatchee Park by 5p.m. Please stay safe and have a wonderful holiday season!

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

Hard to believe another year is coming to an end but as it does, we wish the best to all our residents for a happy and healthy Holiday Season. WAWM continues to be very active in addressing the goals set-forth last April by residents and Board members through active involvement with City Officials and our community. A list of those goals is available on our website. After overcoming a few glitches, we held our first in-person meeting this past October and hope to continue in this direction with future meetings. In April 2022 we will hold our annual meeting and will also be conducting our biennial elections. Seven positions will up at that time, and we welcome any Westside resident interested in joining the Board to email us at WAWM.org@gmail.com with a letter of intent. 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.



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November 20-December 11, 2021

FRIENDS: A PHOTO SHOW

Steven Shires, Sharron Demarest,
Albert Barg, Jeff Weisberg & Brandon Quarters

*Join us for the Exhibit Opening during Art Walk Wilton Manors
on Saturday, November 20th from 5 to 8 PM*

GALLERY HOURS: Friday & Saturday 5 to 7 PM and by appointment

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