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Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

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There's a new TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2022—Please see pages 2 and 15 for more information.

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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
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(*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:
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day
 Monday, 1/17/22

Presidents Day
 Monday 2/21/22

Regular Commission Meetings:
 7p.m. Commission Chambers AND
 virtual/Zoom platform (“hybrid”)

Tuesday, January 11

Tuesday, January 25

Tuesday, February 8

Tuesday, February 22

Tuesday, January 18, 7p.m.-
 Hagen Park Community Center
 City Marketing/Branding Kick-Off

Wilton Manors City Officials

Mayor Scott Newton
 Commissioner Mike Bracchi
 Commissioner Gary Resnick
 Vice Mayor Paul Rolli
 Commissioner Chris Caputo
 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 5-Jan	No Public Meetings Until	Tues 1-Mar	Mon 10-Jan	Thurs 17-Feb	Mon 17-Jan	Wed 12-Jan
Wed 2-Feb	Publicly Noticed	Meets Quarterly	Mon 7-Feb	Meets Every 2 Months	Meets Quarterly	Wed 9-Feb
Wed 2-Mar			Mon 7-Mar			Wed 9-Mar

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.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR BULK TRASH AND RECYCLING (SEE PAGE 15)

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

Central North: Wednesday, January 19 & Wednesday, February 23

West: Thursday, January 20 & Thursday, February 24

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

Central South: Wednesday, January 19 & Wednesday, February 23

East: Tuesday, January 18 & Tuesday, February 22



All recycling throughout the City will now be collected on Wednesday of each week.

Condominium bulk pickup (quarterly): Saturday, March 26

Document Shredding/Hard Drive disposal event Saturday, January 22, City Hall Parking Lot 9-11a.m.

[See page 15 for more information on the new Solid Waste Collection Schedule.](#)

PLEASE NOTE: Bulk pickup is THE WEEK OF THE THIRD MONDAY each month.

Garbage & recycling are collected year-round, with the exception of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday and Christmas Day.

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-HAPPY NEW YEAR!



I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday, and that 2022 brings us peace and prosperity. I have high hopes for progress in our City this year, and let me tell you why.

Trees on Wilton Drive -We are finally seeing some progress in getting trees on Wilton Drive. Broward County approved the project for about \$280,000. The project then went out to bid and there was one bidder. The irrigation system should be installed by summer 2022, and trees thereafter. I don't know about you, but I am excited to see this project finally get done.

Density and Height Changes -As you know, in many areas the commercial infrastructure along the city's commercial corridors is forty years old or older. After several years of discussion, regulations have been finalized to modestly increase height and density along the city's major commercial corridors. The number of building permits is already up (year over year from 2019) and I feel hopeful these changes will lead to increased interest by developers to create mixed use and residential projects along those corridors that will have minimal impacts on our traditional single-family neighborhoods.

Market Analysis and Corridor Branding – We all know Wilton Drive has a well-established brand, but Andrews Avenue, NE 26th Street, and Dixie Highway need some attention as well. And what businesses do we want to draw to our city? We are currently engaged in a study of these subjects, and are seeking public input. The kickoff for the event is Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7p.m. at Hagen Park. Please join us and add your voice to the conversation. The changes that will result from the study, along with the height and density changes, should really jump start our city's economy over the next few years.

Expanded Leisure Services programming – While we were forced to shut down most of the parks and recreation programs due to the pandemic, Leisure Services is back in business. Seniors, families, yoga, fitness programs, and more, our Leisure Services Department has programs for every resident.

Sidewalks and road repaving – Thanks to the surtax program, bike lanes, sidewalks and roadway improvements will be made on many city streets over the next year or so.

Infrastructure Improvements – Under my leadership, the City Commission will be funding and constructing improvements to our water, wastewater and stormwater structures to ensure resilience against the rising seas, temperatures and increased severe weather events.

We have much to be grateful for, and much work ahead, but the Commission and City Staff is hard at work to bring these efforts to completion. Have an opinion, or want to help? Contact me at snewton@wiltonmanors.com or 954-390-2120.

Vice Mayor Paul Rolli—Resident Participation is Key to Creating Financially Stable Cities



This is a condensed version of an Op-Ed published by the Sun Sentinel earlier this year.

The landscape in Broward County is changing. In 2017 the County passed its *Broward Next Plan* which abandoned a continued commitment to wide streets, sprawling suburbs, and development with disregard for carbon emissions. The rules now require mixed-use development that incorporates easy access to mass transit and more walkable streets. Wilton Manors had already committed to this philosophy nearly a decade earlier with the development of Wilton Station. Now, as our small city of nearly 13,000 residents looks toward the future, and ensuring healthy revenue streams, I am certain that we remain on the right track.

But long term fiscal sustainability must be our top priority. Public safety, infrastructure improvements, park maintenance, and other public services and amenities require a constant stream of revenue. Costs for services and equipment will increase over time, so how do built-out cities meet their current and future increasing revenue needs? There must be funding available to maintain parks as well as family and senior programming and ensure economic development to attract new restaurants and shops that will appeal to our young professionals. More importantly, we must do this without compromising our public safety or infrastructure improvements.

Redeveloping aged commercial parcels to a higher and better use increases land value and enhances the community. Building up, and allowing more units per acre are viable solutions; however, public input and buy-in is necessary. We dedicated years to achieving the goal of finding a path forward that is right for our community and our pocketbook.

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Vice Mayor Paul Rolli—Continued



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Residents played a key role in our process and really got us over the finish line. We learned through our public outreach meetings that our community values Wilton Manors' small-town feel. At first I was doubtful we would be able to achieve height and density increases and yet preserve our small-town sensibility, but we arrived at a viable solution. We defined five commercial corridors and set acceptable limits for each area, not a one-size fits all approach. Walkability and access to a commuter rail station will reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, and increase our resiliency in the wake of severe weather and rising seas.

The road was long to accomplish all the necessary elements to position Wilton Manors for growth, and we couldn't have done it without the feedback, input, and buy-in from our residents and business community. Now, our city is poised for smart growth.

I welcome your comments. You can reach me at 954-652-6648 or prolli@wiltonmanors.com.

Commissioner Chris Caputo—Updated Strategic Plan



Those of you who keep an eye on city commission business know that the Wilton Manors City Commission approved an update to the City's strategic plan earlier this year. There are six overarching goals in the plan, and one of the top priorities is economic development. But what does that mean? How do we make Wilton Manors a place where retailers, developers and other businesses want to relocate, and where existing businesses want to stay?

As a city commissioner, I want to do everything in my power to encourage economic growth and thoughtful redevelopment. With the leadership of the City Commission and the consensus of our residents, comprehensive zoning and land use changes have now been adopted to help foster strategic redevelopment and attract private investment along our major transit-oriented corridors. I am very proud of everyone who took the time to participate to make that process a successful one.

While the city has had success with the revitalization of Wilton Drive as a premier entertainment destination, I have to acknowledge that we still have a lot of work to do together in our other commercial districts. For example, the majority of retail in the city is clustered in one district and it is largely occupied by one industry sector. In order for our city to remain competitive in the region, we have to strengthen our major commercial corridors and position ourselves as the best business and tourist destination.

With the support of a grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the city is embarking on a strategic process to help define the unique character and identity of each of its districts and develop a marketing and branding strategy to foster private investment and business attraction. The project will focus on conducting a market assessment and land use analysis, gathering input from community stakeholders, analyzing industry sectors, identifying potential development opportunities, and recommending strategies to drive economic activity on Andrews Avenue, Dixie Highway, Oakland Park Boulevard, Wilton Drive, and 26th Street.

Last week, I met with the consultants from Redevelopment Management Associates (RMA) to share my thoughts on how we can develop a strong and reliable identity for each commercial corridor. This was also an opportunity for me to discuss economic development strategies needed to serve as a blueprint for business recruitment and retention in the City.

The City will be hosting a project kickoff meeting on January 18, 2022 at 7p.m. at Hagen Park to provide update on the project and answer questions from our residents. I encourage everyone to come out and provide feedback as we envision our Island City for the next decades.

In the meantime, I invite the community to reach out to the city's Economic Development Manager, Kim Allonce, at kallonce@wiltonmanors.com or via phone at 954.390.2102 if they have any questions about the project.

In Memoriam



The City mourns the loss of Library Director Rick Sterling, who passed away on Monday, December 20. Rick was a dedicated employee who served the City and its residents for over 17 years.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Sterling's family and friends.

Commissioner Mike Bracchi—Here to Serve and Represent You!



Hope everyone had a joyous holiday season! The city recently hosted a number of events and I was delighted to see so many of you at: the Holiday Lighting Ceremony that featured music, festivities, and the lighting of the new Menorah, Kinara, and Christmas Tree; the Santa Paws event at Colohatchee Dog Park that allowed your pet to have a picture with Santa; and the Holiday in The Park concert event at Mickel Park. Social events like these are why “Life’s Just Better Here.” Our residents are the bedrock of our community and it was great to see everyone so festive this season!

I would like to thank my fellow commissioners for a job well done in 2021! The commission had more meetings than any previous commission and members of the commission came to meetings prepared. Most importantly, the commissioners respect each other’s opinions and work professionally together.

I have now been serving and representing our community on the commission for over a year and together we have accomplished so much! Some of the achievements include:

- The City hosted a vaccination pod for six consecutive weeks in 2021 at Richardson Historic Park, where we vaccinated 540 members of our community. WAY TO GO!
- Established a utility assistance fund, to aid those residents experiencing financial hardship related to the pandemic, pay their past-due water bills.
- Updated land use and zoning regulations to allow for revitalization of commercial corridors.
- Rezoned the properties on the Andrews Avenue and Oakland Park Boulevard corridors to allow for mixed use development.
- Established technical assistance grants for local businesses.
- Established a resident parking permit allowing residents to purchase low-cost parking permits usable in city lots.
- Established a new reporting system for code violations at vacation rental properties.
- Completed over \$3 million in utility infrastructure improvements.

Let’s keep the momentum going and onward to 2022!

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—Traffic



All I want for Christmas is not to sit in traffic! No matter where you live in our city, you can’t help but notice that traffic continues to increase. We have all been there- screaming, stuck in our cars when stuck on Oakland Park Blvd, Andrews Av or Powerline Road. Almost 1,000 people are moving to our state every day, most of them to populated areas like South Florida. People want to live here, and if they can’t live here, they want to visit. We now have a year-round tourist economy and traffic in our urban environment just gets worse.

On a broad scale, President Biden’s infrastructure legislation will go a long way toward improving the nation’s roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure. While it’s too early to tell, we hope that some of that money will filter down to Broward County and Wilton Manors. In the meantime, the City has a plan to improve all city roads over the next five years. We will hopefully receive about three million dollars of Broward County transportation surtax funding over the next year to do a good portion of that work.

The City Commission recently authorized its engineering firm to begin a traffic circulation study of the west side of Wilton Manors. The project will include collecting data on traffic counts, speeds, and possible cut-through traffic patterns. The engineers will then make recommendations for traffic calming measures in the neighborhood. The study will include an opportunity for residents to identify areas of concern, so please be on the lookout for information soon about how you can participate, and share your opinions and experiences.

The fact is, there is no room for additional lanes to increase capacity on any South Florida roads. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has stated that all future dollars will be spent on programs and infrastructure to give people real options to get out of their cars. While public transit is currently not the preferred method of travel for anyone with other choices, efforts are underway to change that mindset by improving the transit experience. The real public pivot is to create communities where everything a resident needs is within walking distance. This concept is called transit oriented corridors, and the city has recently completed regulations to adopt this concept. The goal will be to create these micro communities to peacefully coexist with our well established, traditional single-family neighborhoods.

Also, our City is engaged in a collaboration with Oakland Park, Broward County, and others to ensure that if a commuter rail station is built in Oakland Park, that there will be safe and simple ways for people to walk or bike easily to and from the station. That seamless connectivity will be crucial to convincing people to leave their cars at home.

The City currently offers ride share discounts to Wilton Drive on the weekends. It’s easy and safe, so please consider giving it a try. If you have any questions, please reach me at 954-390-2123 or gresnick@wiltonmanors.com.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION 954-390-2102

Message from Economic Development Manager, Kim Allonce

Happy New Year to the Island City!

This year, our Island City is celebrating a very important milestone – 75 amazing years! This great achievement would not have been possible without the invaluable contribution of our wonderful residents. It has truly been an honor to serve as the city’s Economic Development Manager for the past year.

Our city has made great strides over the past few years. We are grateful for the support of residents, business owners, entrepreneurs, and developers who continue to invest to make our city the best business and tourist destination in the nation. The Economic Development Division continues to collaborate with community stakeholders to build on the momentum created by the recent land use and zoning changes.

With the guidance of the City Commission, we launched a business enhancement grant program to stimulate private investment in order to beautify our storefronts. In partnership with the State of Florida, we are undertaking a market analysis and branding strategy study to further strengthen our position in the region and attract anchor businesses to our major commercial corridors.

We have retained Redevelopment Management Associates (RMA) to help us navigate this strategic process. As the year unfolds, there will be ample opportunities for residents to engage our team and share their thoughts on the future of our commercial districts. We welcome your input and feedback as we envision our Island City for the next 75 years.

On behalf of the Economic Development Division, I would like to thank all of our residents for their continued support to our business community. *Business is Just Better Here* because of YOU! Please visit us online at www.investwiltonmanors.com for more information about our economic development services and programs.

You can always reach me to discuss economic development opportunities via email at kallonce@wiltonmanors.com or via phone at 954-390-2102. Happy 75th Anniversary to the Island City!

Join us on Tuesday, January 18 at 7p.m. in the Hagen Park Community Center for the kick-off meeting of “Wilton Next” - focusing on city-wide business marketing and branding to enhance development along our major commercial corridors.

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> (each Board webpage has a link to its respective application)

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



Have you heard of the Wilton Drive Improvement District (WDID)? It is a city board whose mission is to work towards a safer, more beautiful and more economically viable Wilton Drive. The WDID Board is comprised of seven members, including property owners, business owners and one resident.

Matthew Dreger is the “resident” WDID member, and works to balance the importance of Wilton Drive with the impact it has on our neighborhoods. Often times, information regarding Wilton Drive and the work of the WDID Board may not filter into the homes of those not directly impacted. Yet, this information is important for all our residents to be aware of what is happening on our “Main Street”.

The recent biannual newsletter sent from WDID Chair Anthony LoGrande to the businesses and property owners on Wilton Drive addressed these important issues:

SAFETY

FDOT has had all the cobra lights refitted with LED and new heads. They still owe us a survey to be sure there aren't any non-illuminated areas.

FDOT has agreed to put in an additional crosswalk at Wilton Drive at NE 7th Ave. I will keep you informed of the actual construction timing.

MARKETING

The WDID website dedicated to marketing the Drive, wiltondrive.org, eblasts and social media platforms reach continues to grow.

WDID has launched the first digital marketing campaign using geo-fencing to advertise to areas that we feel can generate the most ROI. Orlando and Tampa/St. Petersburg are the first markets being tested. The campaign launched in October. Once launched, we will be seeking business feedback on impacts, since we hope to enter some larger markets for the high season.

Our first Auto Show was held the last weekend of August, and Manors Market has been a Sunday staple since early September. Each event has brought new visitors to the Drive and has contributed to new market segments discovering the new Wilton Drive. Wicked Manors, with the theme “Turn Back Time”, was held on October 31, and was a great success, and Taste of the Island on November 8 was yet another successful event with tickets sold-out and the participation of many local restaurants.

In 2020, the WDID created a holiday decorating contest, dubbed “Deck the Drive”, and in 2021, the holidays were even more festive, with new banners, enhanced municipal holiday decorations, a new Menorah donated by local resident Glenn Rigoff, and some special experiential events brought more vibrancy and visitors to Wilton Drive.

SPECIAL NOTE: Increased density (60 residential units) and heights (6 and 8 stories at Five Points) in our Arts and Entertainment District will bring some development over a two to five-year period. It will also bring more consumers and foot traffic. We are already working with the City's Economic Development Manager Kim Allonce to be sure that you are supported should your business be the site of any future redevelopment. Feel free to reach out to Kim at kallonce@wiltonmanors.com.

BEAUTIFICATION

All the “legal paperwork” is complete and the funding approved for the installation of the irrigation system and landscaping for The Drive. Over the next year, you will see the result of almost a decade of work to reduce the lanes, widen our sidewalks and plant over 60 shade trees on Wilton Drive. The next phase of the project to beautify the Drive is to add street furniture, including trash bins, benches and bike racks. We are working on a scope of services to encourage a branded design that reflects the vibrancy of the Drive. Stay tuned for more, by signing up to receive all the latest information at www.wiltondrive.org.

The wayfinding project, which will also contribute to the beautification and branding of Wilton Drive, is currently pending approval for county surtax funding.

Did you know that Wilton Manors has the only painted Rainbow Bridge in the state? Already a popular “selfie” location and an exuberant entrance to Wilton Drive, both sides reflect the brand and vibe of our community. A special celebration of this project was held before Taste of the Island on November 8th.

More information on the Wilton Drive Improvement District can be found on its website here: wiltondrive.org or on the City's website here: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/502/Wilton-Drive-Improvement-District>.

Nature In Art Photo Contest

Submit now through March 1st
Opening Reception & Awards April 16 at 7p.m., and on display April 16–May 21

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/).



Sixth Annual Free Tree Giveaway

The sixth annual Free Tree Giveaway will be held on Saturday, February 12, at Mickel Park. The event will start at 9a.m. Supplies are limited and will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Residents will be able to choose from several different tree species and several different kinds of shrubs. Each household will be allocated at least two trees and one shrub (more if possible) and proof of residency is required.

For more detailed information, please contact Todd DeJesus, Capital Projects Administrator, at (954) 390-2105 or tdejesus@wiltonmanors.com.

WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wilton Manors Era of “NO TAXATION”

When Wilton Manors incorporated in May 1947, and for nearly a decade thereafter, municipal services were provided to residents without taxing real estate. This was a point of pride to the young community—as reflected by the sign at the south end of Wilton Drive. It was affirmed when a referendum to levy property tax was soundly defeated by its citizens in November 1949.

According to the *Ft. Lauderdale News*, the Village’s 1950 budget was as follows:

- Revenues from the sale of occupational and beverage licenses and power company franchise fees were estimated at \$1,200 and \$1,400 annually—to be used for street lights, bus benches, and to support the volunteer fire department.
- No revenue was needed for garbage collection. Residents would continue to pay directly for that service. The Village Hall, then more than half completed, had used proceeds from barbecues staged by the Civic Association and volunteer construction labor. That practice would continue.
- The remaining revenue, and by far the largest contributor, was to be an estimated \$6,000 - \$9,000 from a 5 cents per pack tax on cigarettes. [According to the *Wilton-Oakland Sun*, taxes from this source were in fact a large contributor to the tax base of all Broward County municipalities. 1,629,000 packs of cigarettes were sold in Broward County in the 31 days in December 1952.]



In February 1950 Wilton Manors hired its first police officer to protect the town’s 250 homes and 883 residents. By 1955 the City had tripled in size to more than two square miles. Some 1,500 homes were occupied, with many more under construction. The result was an anticipated deficit in the Village budget. Property owners knew the time had come.

With only minor objections, residents approved the first ad valorem property tax of seven mills in November 1956. The era of boasting “NO TAXATION” had come to a close.

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



WILTON MANORS POLICE DEPARTMENT



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From Chief Gary Blocker—2022's FIVE P's FOR SUCCESS



There is plenty of optimism as we enter a new and energetic 2022, and our police department is excited to accomplish so many things this new year. In 2022, I encourage all of us to rely on what I believe will be the five P's to success.

In 2022, I encourage all of us to build our individual and organizational foundations around a culture of **POSITIVITY**. Each of us should strive to resist the thought of negative circumstances and outcomes, as this mindset is sure to lead us down the road to failure. Your police department will look to exert energy to address crime trends and quality of life issues with a vision of accomplishing **POSITIVE** outcomes. **POSITIVE** outcomes come in the form of a community that is safer and more pleasurable to work, live and play in.

PROGRESS is what your police department will strive for every day as we look to serve you better than we did the day before. This new year we look forward to implementing Body Worn Camera systems to bring transparency to our duties and to capture vital evidence to secure convictions against those who commit crime here. **PROGRESS** will also come in the form of enhancing safety in our Island City through the acquisition of public safety technologies and employing innovative investigative techniques. Our agency will look to secure funding for license plate recognition systems to enhance our real-time crime detection capabilities and boost investigative leads to improve our case clearance rates.

No year goes by without the need to **PERSEVERE** through challenges that present themselves. Whether crime, quality of life, or budgetary challenges, we will remain nimble as an agency pivoting when needed to ensure we accomplish our mission of policing with a passion for our profession and with compassion for those we serve.

Professional **PERSISTENCE** will be needed this year to get our city and our community what we deserve. We deserve to have a community we feel safe in, to have safer roadways, and to ensure we enhance the quality of our neighborhoods and commercial corridors. Our agency commits to you that we will look to address crime and traffic safety through data-driven initiatives. Our Code Compliance Unit will look to improve the quality of our Island City through proactive code compliance services. We will passionately address code violations to the standard of our ordinances as if we ourselves were being personally impacted by the properties that fail to meet our standards.

Each of us should identify what is **PARAMOUNT** to us this new year. For me and the women and men I serve alongside, the answer is simple...you will be more important to us than anything else this year. For those of us who entered the public service profession, we took an oath to have a "Community First" attitude, and we knew it would take a **POSITIVE** vision to ensure we nurtured forward **PROGRESS** in the Island City. **PROGRESS** is achieved by **PERSEVERING** through challenges that present themselves, and sometimes we have to be professionally **PERSISTENT** to get those who are **PARAMOUNT** to us what they deserve. Our commitment to serving you is unwavering, and we look forward to serving you this new year better than we did in 2021! Thank you for your continued support...it means more to us than you will ever understand!!!

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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Vehicle Burglary & Vehicle Thefts—A Crime of Convenience



The City of Wilton Manors has been experiencing an increase in vehicle thefts and vehicle burglaries in the last year. The majority of these crimes are being committed not by force, such as smashing a window or forcefully trying a vehicle's ignition. Instead, entry occurs because a key fob was conveniently left inside the vehicle. As a result, the suspect quickly starts the vehicle and drives away.

When do these crimes usually occur? The crime of burglary to a vehicle or vehicle theft is oftentimes a crime of opportunity. This means that criminals prefer to commit a crime that requires no force on an unsuspecting victim. Based on our investigations, most vehicle burglaries or even actual vehicle thefts occur because there was an element of convenience for the perpetrator to either steal the vehicle or break into the vehicle. For instance, studies and investigations have shown that a great majority of people leave their key fobs inside of

the vehicle because it is convenient not to be shuffling keys in the morning while getting ready to leave the house. Unfortunately, leaving your key fobs inside the vehicle creates an excellent opportunity for a perpetrator to either open the door to the vehicle to commit a burglary or an auto theft.

WHY? Criminals that there is a great majority of people that conveniently leave their key fobs inside of the vehicle visible to a potential suspect. Burglary and auto-theft suspects will typically go around trying door handles to see which door is unlocked or opens easily with a nearby key fob.

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

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

For more information, please visit The **Wilton Manors Police Department's website** at <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/>, or visit us on our **Facebook** page for the latest updates and messages to our residents: <https://www.facebook.com/wiltonmanorspd>.

CODE COMPLIANCE

Wilton Manors Code Compliance Unit is working towards an initiative to clean up your neighborhoods' old or existing issues. We are asking residents to commit to helping us identify those maintenance issues you may have noticed for a while but have not had the opportunity to let your Code Compliance Unit know. We want your help to address that pesky property that always seems to be out of compliance with maintenance issues. You know, the one who always puts their bulk trash out too early, leaves their garbage bins out, does not cut the grass, stores junk cars, or generally does not maintain their property in a way that makes a positive impact on the surrounding properties. This includes those backyard violations, such as dirty pools, which we can't see from the street. If you know of one of these "usual suspects," please help us keep them in compliance. While our Code Compliance Unit enforces issues throughout the city, some properties, after achieving compliance, revert back to the previous state. And no one knows the problems better than the residents who live in the surrounding area.

The Code Compliance Unit is prohibited by law from initiating code enforcement from anonymous complaints. Therefore, a person who reports a potential code violation must provide their name and address before any enforcement proceeding can occur. You may file a complaint via email to: codecompliance@wmpd.org or by phone at 954-390-2151. If calling after hours, you may leave a voicemail.

To check for an existing case against a property, enter the property address @ www.wiltonmanors.com/349/Code-Compliance-Unit.

Please help us maintain a high maintenance standard by submitting your concerns as follows: • In person/by mail: 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305 • By phone: 954-390-2151 • By email: codecompliance@wmpd.org • Online: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/349/Code-Compliance-Unit>

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Message from Leisure Services Director, Patrick Cann



On behalf of the Leisure Services Team, we wish you a very Happy New Year 2022. We continue to develop exciting activities and special events to attract new residents. It is rewarding to see new visitors use our parks and library to fulfill their leisure services interests.

In 2021, I met many new people taking tennis lessons, playing pickleball for the first time, visiting the City Cultural Center to observe visual art displays, checking out books from the Library, attending movies and concerts in the park, attending Pet events, Holiday events, and participating in our adult activities. We are excited as we prepare for the City's 75th Year Anniversary, and with City team and partners anticipate 75 Special Events.

In 2022, prepare to meet new friends and experience life enriching opportunities, as you create lasting memories through the City's Leisure Services programs. Set new goals this year to use your leisure time wisely and reflect, enjoy, and become active in some of the unique activities and special events that will enhance your quality of life.

With so many things to do, you are sure to find value in your leisure time. Here are a few to consider, take tennis lessons, play pickleball, volleyball, enjoy walking trails, get a fitness membership, visit the dog park, learn a new hobby, enjoy reading several books each month, attend the Music at Mickel Concert Series, receive a tree at our annual Tree Giveaway, experience the magic and excitement at our festive events, and so much more!

City Yard Sale, Saturday, January 8th 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Hagen Park

Woof and Wine, Thursday, January 13th 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Colohatchee Park

Movies on the Drive, Friday, January 14th 7:00 P.M. at Hagen Park

Music at Mickel, Friday, January 21st 7:30 P.M. at Mickel Park

Movies on the Drive, Friday, February, 11th 7:00 P.M. at Hagen Park

Annual Tree Give Away, Saturday, February 12th at 9:00 A.M. Mickel Park

City Yard Sale, Saturday, February 12th at 8:00 A.M. at Hagen Park

Music at Mickel, Friday, February 18th 7:30 P.M. at Mickel Park

To expand your growth, health and well-being, please visit your local parks and library today. Please visit us online at www.wiltonmanors.com/parks for more details regarding our activities, special events, park hours, fees, volunteer opportunities and programming. Thank you!

Seventh Annual TREE GIVEAWAY

The seventh annual Free Tree Giveaway will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at Mickel Park. The event starts at 9a.m. Supplies are limited and will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Residents will be able to choose from several different tree species and several different kinds of shrubs. Each household will be allocated at least two trees and one shrub (more if possible) and proof of residency is required.

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

Live Music at Mickel

Come enjoy a night of live music in the park with your community. Concerts are held monthly 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.

Friday, January 21, 2022 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

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

WOOF & WINE

Join us for another WOOF & WINE event at Colohatchee Dog Park! Dog owners are invited to enjoy the doggie play area with their furry friends while mingling with fellow dog owners and sampling wine and appetizers.

Thursday, January 13, 2022—Colohatchee Dog Park 1975 NE 15th Avenue 4-6p.m.

Movies On The Drive

The Leisure Services Department is bringing the big screen to Wilton Drive!

Join us as we transform the Hagen Park into our own local movie theater with a 20-foot inflatable movie screen and freshly popped popcorn. Bring your chairs, blankets, and pillows and get comfortable under the stars. SHOWTIME: 7p.m.

January 14, 2022: Grease February 11, 2022: Jurassic Park March 11, 2022: Ferris Bueller's Day Off

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, which will continue the second Saturday of January 2022 through March 2022. The City Yard Sales will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m.

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 next yard sale Saturdays will be: January 8th, 2022 February 12th, 2022 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

Childcare Programs

ISLAND CITY SPRING CAMP

Our Spring Camp is a structured five-day camp filled with fun planned activities and trips for the holiday vacation. The program is supervised by certified child care professionals from our after-school program, and any child in school—pre-kindergarten through eighth grade may participate.

Island City Park Preserve March 21-25, 2022 Monday—Friday, 7:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

REGISTER NOW FOR SPRING CAMP! REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 4TH

Register at Hagen Park, online at www.wiltonmanors.com, or call 954.390.2130.

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: Tuesday, January 11 & Monday, January 21

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 hold its Fair inside the Hagen Park Community Center on Saturday, February 12th, from 8a.m. to 2p.m. 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 Fair, or you may drop them off at the Library, at 500 NE 26th Street.

Book Delivery

The Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors continues to offer 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.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

While the Friends of the Wilton Manors Library will not be pitching its Book Tent at the January 8th City Yard Sale, it will host its semiannual Book Fair indoors in the Hagen Park Community Center on Saturday, February 12, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In 2022, the Friends of the Library will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary as a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation registered in the State of Florida. It is the local chapter of a nation-wide organization whose goal is to support their local public libraries.

In January, the Wilton Manors Friends group will be soliciting memberships, with annual dues of \$20.00 per household, business or organization. Membership forms are in the Friends brochures available in Wilton Manors public facilities.



Friends of the Library Lecture Series Returns in March 2022

The Seminoles of Florida are ancestrally related to the Creek people living in Georgia and Alabama. After the Seminole Wars in 1855, they were left in an uncertain peace in Florida. Here, they reestablished their life style and adjusted their customs to their new circumstances. Join us and find out how the Seminole lived, what they ate, how they dressed, precisely where they lived, how they interacted with each other and outsiders as



well as what they believed and how this has changed during the 20th and 21st centuries in this fully illustrated presentation. David Blackard, employed by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, will be the presenter.



WESTSIDE ASSOCIATION of WILTON MANORS

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.



Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association (CANA)

A new year has just begun, and Wilton Manors has an exciting year ahead as we celebrate our 75th anniversary of incorporation. We have come a long way from being known as the Colohatchee train stop. CANA looks forward to playing a robust role in helping shape the future of our beloved city. This year more than ever we look forward to collaborating with our fellow neighborhood associations to our east and west. One important project that Westside and CANA intend to work together on is Andrews Avenue and the potential for growth and beautification. Additionally, we will continue to advocate for safer pedestrian and cycling throughout the city. With that in mind we welcome your support in either manpower or with a financial contribution. As always, we welcome your input, and if you are not yet a member, 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

Welcome to the New Year! Hopefully, it will be better than 2021! As we enter our 22nd year of existence, we look forward for our continued participation with the residents of our neighborhood to protect, improve and beautify our neighborhood. ENA will host its first meeting of the new year on January 27th at 7p.m. at the Wilton Manors Woman's Club. At the meeting we will be having our annual election of officers, as well as hearing presentations from various City officials. We invite all our neighbors to attend and participate. There will be three positions open. Anyone wishing to run, please contact me or Michael Pierce at the below phone number. In order to run, or vote in the election, a resident has to be a paid member of ENA for 60 days prior to the election. Our annual membership fee of \$25 is per household and will be due at the first meeting. We will be having our first NE 26th Street clean-up of the year on February 26th. We meet at 10a.m. at the Board of Realtors on NE 26th Street. Please join us for an hour to help clean up the main street in our neighborhood by picking up trash. Other upcoming dates to remember: Annual Waterway Clean-up on March 5th; and the 5th Annual East Neighborhood Community Yard Sale on March 26th. If you want to participate in the ENA Community Yard Sale, please call Michael Pierce for details at the below number. Our second ENA meeting of the year will be March 24th. We will provide additional information on these dates in the next Town Crier. As always, if you have any questions or need information about our events, please call me. John Fiore, President East Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors, Inc. 954-564-3821



The Three Bridges East Neighborhood Association held its introductory meeting on November 10. There were over 50 neighbors in attendance along with elected City Officials, Department heads and representatives from CANA and WAWM.

Mayor Newton swore in the Board of Directors and Chief Blocker spoke about neighborhood crime statistics. During the Q&A session, our neighbors voiced what they felt were the most important issues facing the neighborhood. We will be issuing a poll so we can prioritize our

efforts with your concerns.

Three Bridges also sponsored the Cobra Joe car show at City Hall on November 20 as a way of introducing the association to more of our neighbors. A generous donation allowed us to do this.

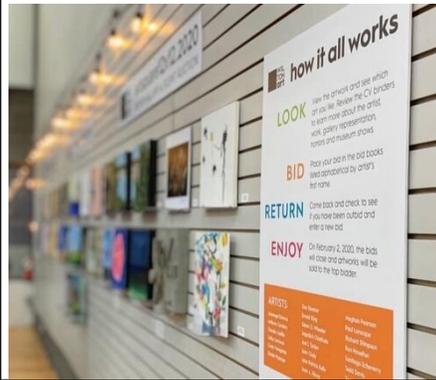
As a result of these activities, Three Bridges has over 90 members.

Please join us at our first official meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 6:30p.m. in the Hagan Park Community Center. This meeting will include Dave Archacki speaking about flood mitigation plans, Todd DeJesus will talk about future street plans for 26th St. and 15th Ave. There will be a networking session followed by the member meeting. Light refreshments will be served. Please visit 3bridgesassociation.com, for membership and other association information.



WiltonArt®’s artsquare12x12.2022 returns as a combination pop-up gallery and online auction this year.

Artists: WiltonArt® will be hosting three dates and times for artists to drop off their completed 12”x12” original artwork (only 2 submissions per artist, any type of media). The three dates are Saturday, January 15, 10a.m.-12p.m.; Saturday, January 29, 10a.m.-12p.m.; and Thursday, February 3, 5-9p.m. (all at City Hall). The submission form is available on the WiltonArt website at www.wiltonart.org.



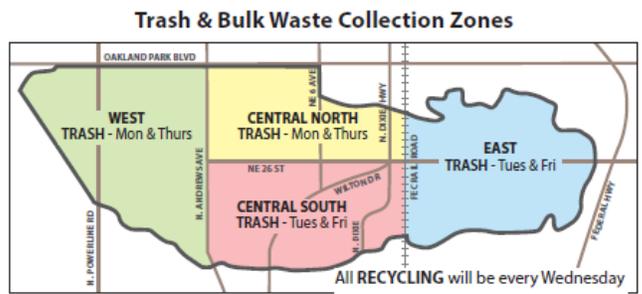
Patrons: WiltonArt® artsquare12x12.2022 will start with a preview on February 11, which will last four weeks, at Pride Corner Art & Frame (2151 Wilton Dr.). Anyone can view and bid during the auction preview. On-line bidding will be managed by the first-class auction house LiveAuctioneers.com. The auction will close after all artwork has come up for live bidding on the closing night, March 13.

Get all of the information on the WiltonArt® project web-page at: www.wiltonart.org/projects#/artsquare12x122022.

New Residential Solid Waste Collection Schedule Begins January 2022

The City is pleased to announce the 2022 Collection Schedule with ALL NEW residential trash and recycling collection routes throughout the City beginning Monday, January 3. New zone routes are now scheduled each week, Monday – Friday only, with no collections on Saturdays! Half of the City will have trash collected on Monday & Thursday, and half will be collected on Tuesday & Friday. ALL recycling throughout the City will be collected on Wednesday of each week. Bulk will still be collected once a month with new days for most zones. As in the past, bulk & hazardous waste pick-up is THE WEEK OF THE THIRD MONDAY each month. Bulk pickup will be Thursdays for the West zone, Wednesdays for the Central North/South zones, and Tuesdays for the East zone. Please have your roll-out carts streetside by 7:00 am on your collection day, and bulk items out only during the collection week. For easy reference at home, the 2022 Collection Schedule Magnet will be mailed out to all service addresses. Also NEW, is the first annual day-off for residential collections on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Please see the [2022 Collection Schedule](#), also available on the City’s website at www.wiltonmanors.com and including additional collection details. Please note, there will be no trash collection on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday or Christmas Day, so there will be no collection on Monday, January 17, 2022. 2022 Collection Schedule magnets are being mailed to all Utility Account holders or are available from Utility Billing at 954.390.2100.

WILTON MANORS 2022 COLLECTION SCHEDULES



- Bulk, HHW, Shredding & Recycle Calendar**
- BULK Pick-up dates per zone
 - HOLIDAY – No collections
 - Condo Bulk will be collected quarterly on Saturdays on: 3/26, 6/25, 9/24, and 12/17.
 - Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) - Must schedule an appointment*
 - Shredding/Harddrive events at Hagen Park are Saturdays on: 1/22 and 8/20, 9am - 11am.
- All RECYCLING will be every Wednesday throughout the City of Wilton Manors

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Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

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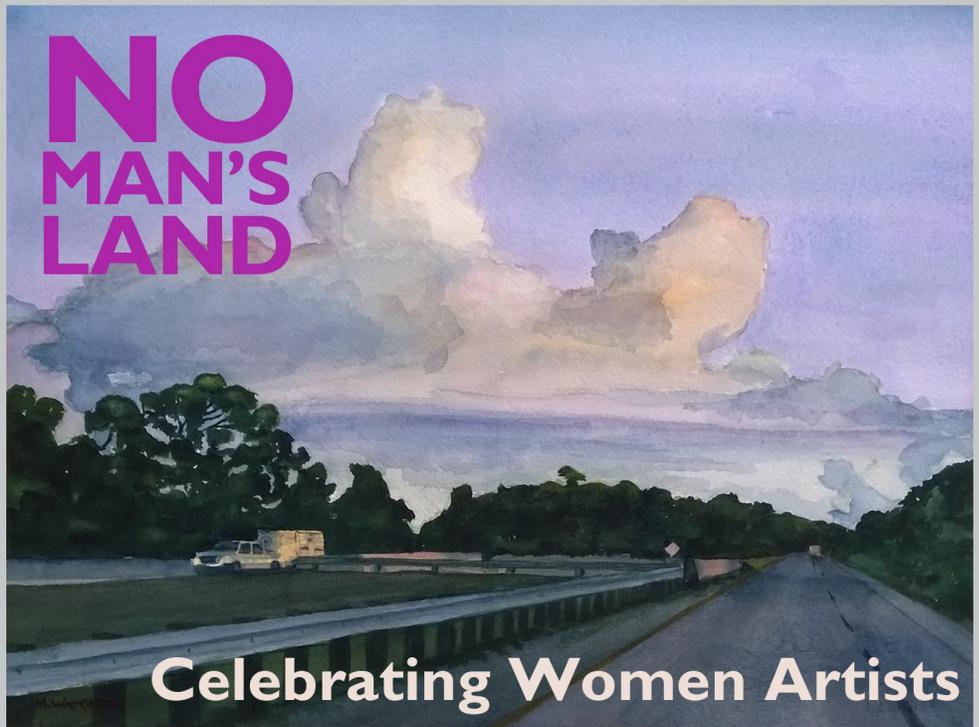
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MEET THE ARTISTS

**Saturday, January 15th
from 5 to 8 PM
during**

Art Walk Wilton Manors

*A healthy dose of art with music
and refreshments on the side!
Worth the detour from the Drive!*



Turnpike Southbound by Mary Watkinson | Watercolor

GALLERY HOURS: Friday & Saturday 5-7 PM
ISLAND CITY CULTURAL CENTER
600 NE 21 Court, Wilton Manors, FL 33305
Call or Text 954.225.5488
www.artgallery21.org

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*Art Gallery 21, Inc. is a nonprofit organization working in partnership with Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department
to bring art and cultural experiences to residents and visitors of the island city.*