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Life's Just Better Here

Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

March/April 2022



Celebrating is Just Better Here

1947—2022

City of Wilton Manors 75th Birthday Celebration

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Mayor Scott Newton-Spring Forward



Spring is here in the Island City and that means we are kicking off another budget season. Last month the City Commission held a goals and objectives session to share our goals for the 2022-2023 budget with city staff. There was consensus among the commission to focus the budget around the goals of the Strategic Plan, and key objectives include:

- Improving Infrastructure, including water, transportation, climate change, and IT. Preparing our city for future challenges is the number one priority for me this year.
- Focus on beautification. Code Enforcement is an important tool to improve the look of our city, as are trees, landscaping, open space and encouraging residents and businesses to improve their property wherever possible.
- Marketing the city as a good place to live, do business, and visit. By now you've probably heard about the changes expected on our commercial corridors, with additional multi-family housing and mixed-use buildings coming on line. Wilton Manors is already an internationally known LGBTQ+ tourism destination, and we are an emerging market for ecotourism. We also want to convince daytime businesses to move here. I hope we will be allocating resources for these strategies.

The budget process includes many opportunities for public comment. Please participate in one of those meetings, or call or email me with your opinions. We need to hear from you.

There are also many opportunities for fun this time of year. We will be celebrating the City's 75th anniversary in April and May, and it's a pretty big deal. Mark Thursday, April 28th on your calendar to come out and hear from the Historical Society about some of the city's founding fathers and mothers, who were visionaries in their time. There were plenty of characters too! We will also open the time capsule from 1997 and there will be some surprises. On Saturday, May 21st we will have the annual Canoe Race and birthday bash, which is sure to be a good time. Stay tuned for more details, and please get involved and be a part of this important milestone.

March concludes the Yard Sales, Movies on the Drive, and Music at Mickel series. For more information, check out our calendar on wiltonmanors.com.

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

Vice Mayor Paul Rolli—Charter Changes



Some of you may know that the framework for how our City government operates is called the [City Charter](https://library.municode.com/fl/wilton_manors/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTTICH), (https://library.municode.com/fl/wilton_manors/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTTICH), and it is the basis for everything we do. The original Charter was approved many years ago, and had not been updated since.

As one of my first acts as a new Commissioner, I requested the City Commission approval to undertake a review of the City Charter. In 2019, the City Commission authorized a Charter Review Board to study the Charter and make recommendations. The Board made a number of recommendations and after discussion, the City Commission adopted ordinances to bring three questions to the voters for consideration.

Term Limits

The question here is to ask residents to vote on whether the mayor and city commissioners should be subject to term limits. After discussion, the City Commission recently agreed to submit this question to a referendum on the November 8, 2022 general election ballot:

Shall Article IIIA of the City Charter be amended to provide term limits of twelve (12) years for mayor and commissioners; specifically, a limit of three (3) four (4) year terms for commissioners; and a limit of six (6) two (2) year terms for mayor?

To clarify, the Commission did not enact this provision, but agreed to ask residents to vote on the matter, since this provision of the Charter can only be changed through a referendum.

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Vice Mayor Paul Rolli—Continued from page 3



Vacancies

You may recall that when Mayor Flippen died unexpectedly in 2020, the Commission did not have a clear procedure for how to address the vacancy. Adoption of this provision would create a process for this eventuality.

Shall Article IIIA, Section 5 of the City Charter be amended to provide for Filling Vacancies in the Office of Mayor and City Commission?

Deleting Obsolete Language

There will also be additional referendum questions to remove obsolete language.

Shall Article IIIA, Section 14 of the City Charter providing for a City Treasurer, and Section 22 providing for a transitional City Commission in 1985, and Article V of the City Charter providing that the City Clerk shall be the City's tax collector and collect local business taxes, and Article XII providing for a Civil Service Board, all be repealed in their entirety as obsolete?

You will hear more about these provisions as we get closer to the general election. In the meantime, let me know if you have any questions, and please be sure to vote on November 8th!

I hope to see you out and about, and encourage you to reach out to me with feedback at 954-652-6648 or prolli@wiltonmanors.com.

Commissioner Chris Caputo Road Safety Shouldn't Be So Complex



As an eager freshman Commissioner back in December 2020, I volunteered to be the city's representative on the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) board. Their mission of planning, prioritizing, and funding diverse transportation options appealed to my desire to see more bike and pedestrian friendly roads in our city and more viable public transportation options in the future. I was confident my participation in the MPO would eventually make our streets in Wilton Manors safer and more accessible to everyone.

Sometime during the January new board member training on the 90+ acronyms that were essential in MPO speak, I realized progress might not come as quickly as I had hoped. I relied heavily on city staff to help me navigate the issues being faced by the MPO board as well as our city, especially around road design, funding, safety, and maintenance. Most importantly, I began to understand the challenges associated with designing and maintaining roads that are managed or funded by different entities: the city, the county, or the state via FDOT.

One example of the challenges we face in achieving road safety is the Powerline Road safety audit completed by the FDOT. So far, we've succeeded in getting a speed limit reduction but it is quite simply not enough. City leadership has been working diligently with Florida Department of Transportation in hopes of accelerating the safety improvements recommended in the report. I have been utilizing MPO resources and connecting with FDOT officials in hopes of making progress here.

Thankfully, not all of our roads are controlled by outside entities and that means there is opportunity for us to address resident concerns in some areas more quickly. For example, we are currently undergoing a Westside Traffic study and accepting resident input. You can visit the [online public input tool here \(https://maps.kimley-horn.com/portal/apps/storymaps/stories/f8650e7cb3f343fbb76fae21e5e531af\)](https://maps.kimley-horn.com/portal/apps/storymaps/stories/f8650e7cb3f343fbb76fae21e5e531af) and ensure your voice is heard about traffic concerns in our west side neighborhoods. We deserve safe streets and our entire city is committed to having them. We'll keep you up to date on our progress.

...for these upcoming 75th anniversary events:



Thursday April 28 – 5–7:30p.m. at Hagen Park—Wilton Manors Historical Society Presentation on the City's History Including opening of the 1997 Time Capsule and other fun events

Saturday May 21 – 11a.m.–2p.m. after the Canoe Race, join us for a barbeque and birthday cake at Richardson Park.

Got an idea for items for inclusion in the time 2047 time capsule? Email Pamela at plandi@wiltonmanors.com or call 954-390-2103.

Commissioner Mike Bracchi—Here to Serve and Represent You!



March is Women's History Month and our Island City will be honoring a woman who has made life just better here! Please join the city commission meeting on March 8, 2022 to find out who will be accepting the honor.

I also recommend all residents and business owners to come to city commission meetings and speak in front of the commission on topics that are important to you and our city. Don't want to join in person? Zoom option is available! City Commission meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Every resident is permitted to speak on any topic for up to 3 minutes.

Looking for activities in our beautiful city? Check out the calendar on wiltonmanors.com for events like the Island City Yard Sale (March 12 from 8am to 2pm at City Hall), LIVE@Mickel (March 18 from 7:30pm to 9:30pm), Woof & Wine (April 14 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm), plus a lot more!

Want to join a community advisory board? There are numerous volunteer opportunities throughout the year for a number of city boards including the Community Affairs Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Planning and Zoning Board, Library Advisory Board, and more! Visit wiltonmanors.com for more information.

On to business...I am so happy that my resolution providing 12 weeks paid parental leave to city employees passed the commission with unanimous support! Our employees are the backbone of our city, and this is one way to show how much we care for them and their families.

The Resident Parking Permit Program has been renewed for 2022. Please go to the parking office next to city hall to purchase the annual pass.

This city commission passed an ordinance that will add a ballot initiative during the November 2022 election related to term limits. Voters will be able to cast a ballot to determine if they want to limit the term of a city commissioner to a maximum of 12 years and to limit the term of the mayor to a maximum of 12 years. Your vote counts!

The city is moving forward with the landscaping of Wilton Drive. Broward County finally approved the funding and the contract with the city, and the city has put the project out to bid. We hope to start seeing trees on Wilton Drive by this summer!

Lastly, budget season is fast approaching. I will be looking for your input on how you would like to see the city spend your tax dollars during the next fiscal year. City budget meetings for the 2022-2023 fiscal year begin soon.

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

Is Wilton Manors Becoming Synonymous with Vacation Rentals?



Per State law, cities cannot restrict the number or location of vacation rental properties. Cities can require registrations and compliance with reasonable regulations dealing with noise, parking, and so forth, but the City cannot prohibit or limit vacation rentals in any area. As properties change hands, we have seen more and more homes, condos and apartments turn into vacation rentals. Currently, we have 146 registered vacation rentals in the City and likely dozens more unregistered.

In addition to single family and duplex homes and condominiums being used as vacation rentals, we are seeing many apartments being used as vacation rentals. The question then becomes, what's the difference between a hotel and such vacation rentals, that offer cleaning services, check in, pools, gyms, and other amenities typically found in hotels.

Many in our City, including myself, have attempted to attract a hotel to the City. If we have hundreds of vacation rentals available year-round, do we need a hotel and is one even a viable investment? And is there a problem having so many vacation rentals? Many are well managed and there are no issues with renters. However, there are several that have created issues for neighbors, leading to numerous calls to code enforcement and police. And since many are located in single family areas, do they detract from safe, cohesive neighborhoods. Many of us moved into and have stayed in Wilton Manors because it's a community where people know and look out for their neighbors. At what point do we lose that? We also have to consider how vacation rentals affect property values.

The issue of local control over vacation rentals is one of the hottest topics in Tallahassee every year, affecting communities throughout Florida. We will continue to keep you informed and as always welcome your input. Please contact me at gresnick@wiltonmanors.com.

Water system chlorination is scheduled for March 22-April 12. This common preventative maintenance procedure uses chloramines for disinfection and should be transparent to residents with only a slight change in the taste and/or smell of the tap water. Some customers may also see water running from fire hydrants in their neighborhoods, which is part of the normal maintenance process.

Emergency Management/Utilities Division 954-390-2190

NPDES STORMWATER PROGRAM...*NEEDS YOUR HELP!*

Wilton Manors participates with Broward County and its other municipalities in the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Program in order to eliminate contaminated discharges into our waterways, thus protecting one of our most precious resources and one of the reasons we love South Florida! These 4 every-day guidelines make a positive impact on preserving our beautiful home environment:

Don't blow grass into street.

Clippings flowing into the stormwater drainage system not only clogs drains, but debris can rot before it reaches the waterways, which clouds water and causes foul odors. Please know, and inform your lawn maintenance staff, that it is a violation of Section 20-132 of the City's Code of Ordinances.



Clean up after pets. Waste releases harmful bacteria which can be tracked by foot (even into your home!) and can wash into the waterways. Bacteria can cause a variety of illnesses in people and be very harmful to wildlife. Always bring a pet waste bag with you and dispose of properly.



Maintain roadside swales. These essential water pathways not only help keep water off the street, they act as filters before dirty surface water reaches the drain inlets leading to our canals.



Use Friendly Fertilizers and properly dispose of harmful chemicals. Check fertilizer labels for proper content and never dispose of cleaning solutions, batteries, oil, electronics or other toxins in the environment. Call the Household Hazardous Waste At-Your-Door service at 1-800-449-7587 to schedule your special pick up.

Please visit NPDES Stormwater Program website at <https://floridadep.gov/water/stormwater> for details.

Spring Ahead to Prepare for Disasters



Daylight Savings Time ("spring forward") starts Sunday, March 13th, 2022 at 2:00 a.m., and the Federal Emergency Management Agency encourages everyone to use the change to daylight savings time as a reminder to implement emergency preparedness measures that will keep you and your family safe. This is a great opportunity to review disaster response plans and restock disaster kits. Disasters come in a variety of forms, so be prepared for even daily emergency situations.

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

DO YOU KNOW WHERE *YOUR* WATER METER IS?



BEFORE

AFTER

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



Please join the City of Wilton Manors in welcoming these new businesses that received Business Licenses in the 4th Quarter of 2021:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
OCTOBER 2021 2176 Wilton Drive A107	Tops & Bottoms Men’s Boutique
NOVEMBER 2021 2654 N Andrews Avenue	Blue Palm Dentistry
DECEMBER 2021 2248 Wilton Drive	Go Puff Liquors



Access to online building permitting can be found on the [Online Services page](#) of the City’s website (www.wiltonmanors.com) at:

<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/248/Online-Services>. Simply click on the “Building Permits” link. If you have any questions or need assistance with online building permitting, please call 954-390-2180 to leave a voicemail or email at CDSinfo@wiltonmanors.com.

WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WMHS is pleased to announce it’s 2022 Leadership Team: **Mary Ulm-President; Adrienne Foland-Vice President; Paul Kuta-Treasurer; Mark Freeman-Secretary, and Carol Currier, Sue Kimberlin and Rita Silverman-Directors. Ron Ulm-Research, Technology and Business Advisor** will be the WMHS voting member on the new Wilton Manors Historic Preservation Board.

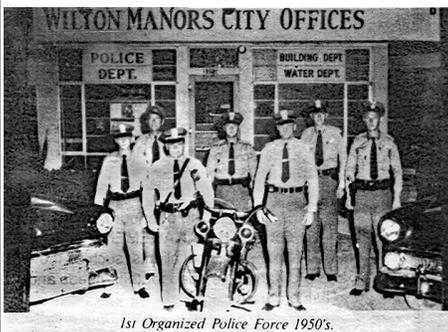
Wilton Manors Early Fire and Police Services



Wilton Manors’ first fire department began in August 1951 with the annexation of the neighboring Highland Estates community. Not only did this add 350 people to the town’s population, it included their volunteer fire department and fire truck—housed on NE 6th Lane.

In 1952, residents formed the Wilton Manors Volunteer Fire Company; consisting of 42 members. They petitioned the Village Council to recognize the group as the official fire company of Wilton Manors and to contribute funds for the purchase, maintenance and repair of firefighting equipment. The Council agreed, and what became the Wilton Manors Volunteer Fire Department was officially established.

It lasted until 1999, when mutual-aid, accreditation and insurance issues caused the city to contract with the City of Ft. Lauderdale for fire-rescue services.



1st Organized Police Force 1950's.

When the Village was incorporated in 1947, limited law enforcement was provided by the then Town Marshall; assisted as needed, by a County Sheriff’s Special Deputy. By 1950, with a population of 883 and some 250 homes, the Council voted to hire a single full-time police officer and provide him with a car. He only remained for 8 months and was replaced by a Sheriff’s Deputy.

The first real “police department” came in 1952 when newly-elected Mayor Perry Mickel authorized the hiring of both a Village Police Chief and Police Officer. By 1955, with Wilton Manors now a “City” rather than “Village” the department had grown in size to that shown here—operating from a storefront at 2197 Wilton Drive shared with other city offices [now the defunct Sushi Rock].

In 1957, both the Police and Fire Departments moved to the new City Hall/Municipal Center at 524 NE 21 Ct.

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

A New Art Guide for the Island City

Discover all the art and design gems of Wilton Manors with the In Plain Sight art guide. Whether you walk, bike or explore by car, the map guides you through the city's eclectic array of outdoor murals, sculptures, distinctive architecture, unique designs, and other curiosities — often *hidden in plain sight*. Grab a map and explore!

Hard copy maps can be found all over Wilton Manors: City Hall, Hagen Park Community Center, Richard C. Sullivan Public Library, and at select local galleries, restaurants, cafes and shops.

The In Plain Sight website hosts an interactive map with additional details about the highlighted sights and provides useful resource links to related topics and organizations.

www.inplainsightwm.com | [@inplainsightwm](https://twitter.com/inplainsightwm)



DISCOVER THE ART AND DESIGN OF
WILTON MANORS

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

Upcoming Board Openings:

Planning & Zoning Board-5 positions expire 6/30/22—applications due 5/23/22

Recreation Advisory Board-3 positions expire 7/1/22—applications due 5/23/22

Community Affairs Advisory Board-3 positions expire 9/1/22—applications due 7/25/22

Library Advisory Board-2 positions expire 10/1/22—applications due 8/29/22

Pension Board of Trustees-1 position expires 9/1/22 & 4 expire 10/1/22—applications due 8/29/22



WILTON MANORS POLICE DEPARTMENT



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2020 WILTON DRIVE WILTON MANORS • NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH 954-764-4357 (HELP) • INFORMATION 954-390-2150

From Chief Gary Blocker—Protect Yourself this Tax Season—Refuse to Become a Victim!

Fraud in the United States is a multi-billion-dollar industry. In 2020, the Federal Trade Commission received more than 2.2 million reports of fraud, with the estimated economic loss for victims totaling \$3.3 billion. Within this \$3.3 billion is tax return identity theft, where criminals use your stolen personal information, including your social security number, to file a tax return claiming a fraudulent refund. This tax season, refuse to become a victim by protecting yourself using these crime prevention tips.

Keep Your Computer and Mobile Phone Secure

- Use firewall and security software and set it for automatic updates;
- Treat your personal information like cash, don't leave it lying around;
- Use strong, unique passwords; consider a password manager;
- Use Multi-Factor Authentication;
- Give personal information only over encrypted websites - look for "https" addresses;
- Back up your files.

Avoid Phishing Scams and Malware

Identity thieves use phishing emails to trick users into giving up passwords and other information. Don't take the bait. Look for:

- Emails that pose as a trusted source, i.e., bank, tax provider;
- Emails with an urgent message, i.e., update your account now!, with instructions to open a link or attachment;
- Never download software or apps from pop-up advertising;
- Talk to family about online security, both with computers and mobile devices.

Protect Your Tax Return

Taxpayers who can validate their identities can obtain an Identity Protection PIN. An IP PIN is a six-digit code that prevents an identity thief from filing a fraudulent tax return using your Social Security number. Learn more at www.irs.gov/ippin. If you are an identity theft victim and your tax account is affected, review www.irs.gov/identitytheft.

Avoid IRS Impersonators. The IRS will not call you with threats of jail or lawsuits. The IRS will not send you an unsolicited email suggesting you have a refund or that you need to update your account. The IRS will not request any sensitive information online. These are all scams, and they are persistent. Don't fall for them. Forward IRS-related scam emails to phishing@irs.gov. Report IRS-impersonation telephone calls at www.tigta.gov.

Report Tax Return ID Theft. To report tax return identity theft, you may contact the IRS at 800.908.4490 or visit their website at www.irs.gov.



In Memoriam



The City mourns the loss of Alberto Carrillo, who passed away on Tuesday, February 22. Al was a Crime Intelligence Specialist in our Police Department, and was part of the Wilton Manors family for over 10 years. Al was also the city's Victim Advocate, having provided crisis intervention support to crime victims and witnesses.

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

Message from Assistant Chief of Police Darren Brodsky

December 27th, 2021, will forever be remembered by residents of the City of Wilton Manors and especially the families of 6 children involved in a horrific traffic crash. At approximately 2:51 PM, a vehicle barreled into six children on the west side of Powerline Road in the 2400 block. Tragically, two children died on scene, and two are still in critical condition at Broward General Hospital. This incident sparked community support for these families but also calls for improved traffic enforcement on local roadways. Many residents have asked: What can be done to make our community and the roadways safer?

South Florida roadways are known for aggressive drivers who are also not patient. A recent South Florida Sun-Sentinel article was titled “**Welcome to Florida. The road rules are different here. Don’t say we didn’t warn you**”. In this article, Florida ranked third among all states for being the most dangerous to drive. Florida produced more than a third of all fatal crashes on I-95 from Miami to Maine over five years, even though 80% of the highway lies outside Florida. Distracted driving and speeding are listed as primary factors. This same article described South Florida drivers as “annoyed, stressed and mean.” The article recommended these driving tips to be defensive:

- Don’t engage with a driver who is suffering from road rage. If you’re able, get their license plate and call 911 or Florida Highway Patrol at *347. Pullover to get out of their way if you can.
- Stay out of the blind spot of trucks.
- Don’t cut off nearby vehicles.
- Leave room when changing lanes.
- Know the speed limit and obey it.
- Take a deep breath, show some humility, and be patient in traffic and changing weather conditions.

The Wilton Manors Police Department will be using traffic safety action plans to address the most common locations within the Island City to conduct traffic enforcement. The intent of this action plan is to improve officer enforcement measures. One program that this traffic safety plan will use to balance the safety of our community and the best use of our resources is DDACTS or Data-Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety.

In smaller agencies like Wilton Manors PD, limited staff and budgets intensify community needs. Even though WMPD is a small police department, we can conduct basic crime analysis and evaluation of the impact of our police operations. In order to use resources well, we have to know how these resources are being used now. The focus of DDACTS is on traffic stops, not on citations. The data obtained from these traffic stops will allow the WMPD to prioritize the types of incidents to allocate our resources more efficiently and effectively.

This traffic safety plan will also focus on the intersections and roadways that need the attention that the data analysis dictates. All intersections don’t need the same level of attention. All business addresses don’t run the same risk for burglaries or vandalism, and our focus will be on trouble spots. We will use analysis to make the most impact with our existing resources. This data analysis will help the WMPD to discover when and where crime and crashes are occurring, how work hours are being used, and identify problems to be addressed. Making traffic stops in the right places at the right times can decrease traffic fatalities and residential burglaries even when warnings are issued rather than citations. Our traffic safety plan must also involve our Island City Community in changes and decision-making. We will make use of news sources, community meetings, and social media so our community will know what to expect and why changes are being made. This should assist us with educating our Island City community to ensure that operations in response to analysis don’t cause unintended harm. Hopefully, with these types of proactive measures in place, we can avoid another incident like the horrific traffic crash that shocked our community in December.



CODE COMPLIANCE

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>

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Message from Leisure Services Director, Patrick Cann



The New Year has brought new opportunities to help reduce stress and build self-esteem while meeting new friends and strengthening neighborhood involvement. The first yard sales of the year were excellent outdoor venues to enjoy the weather, meet new friends and get in a little exercise. I truly commend the outstanding efforts of the Friends of the Library for hosting the indoor Book Fair, which always offers high quality books at the lowest prices anywhere! The Woof and Wine event continues to be a favorite event for many pet owners to bond with their pets while getting to meet new friends.

Movie Nights included Grease and Jurassic Park, and were truly appreciated by our residents. The Music at Mickel concerts were outstanding with Jimi Hendrix/Jimmy Paige and Jimmy Buffet tribute bands along with the most fabulous refreshments. The Annual Tree Give-a-Way event is always a successful community building event. I also want to thank the neighborhood associations for coordinating a community clean-up event to start off the New Year. Participation during the City's 75th Anniversary continues to increase as more awareness of the joy of being together outdoors grows.

I hope you will consider participating in these unique and creative opportunities that create meaningful and lasting memories. The Leisure Services Team continues to creatively develop safe opportunities to unite our community. Events in March in April include the Annual Waterway Cleanup, City Yard Sales, Music at Mickel Park/outdoor concert, and Movie Nights at Hagen Park.

- Waterway Cleanup, Saturday, March 5, 2022 at Colohatchee Boat Ramp 9:00a.m.
- Movie on the Drive, Friday, March 11th 6p.m.at Hagen Park
- Island City Yard Sale, Saturday, March 12th 8a.m. to 2p.m. at Hagen Park
- Live @ Mickel concert, Friday, March 18th 7:30-9:30p.m. at Mickel Park
- Volunteer Appreciation Day Event, April 23rd at Hagen Park

Please also feel free to contact me regarding your leisure services needs in 2022 and beyond. To expand your growth, health and well-being, please visit your local parks and library today. Please visit us online at wiltonmanors.com/parks. Thank you!

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, March 18, 2022 Still Alive: Pearl Jam Tribute

WOOF & WINE

THURSDAY APRIL 14TH AT COLOHATCHEE DOG PARK

Join us again for another Woof & Wine at the recently renovated 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, April 14 2022 Colohatchee Dog Park 1975 NE 15 Avenue 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.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.

March 11, 2022 at 6p.m. Ferris Bueller's Day Off

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Island City-Wide Yard Sales

The final City of Wilton Manors Yard Sale of the season will take place Saturday, March 12th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm. The yard sale hosts 60 to 80 vendors. Come join us and find value items at low cost. The vendors sell everything from linens, clothes, furniture and home decorative items. Some vendors specialize in antiques, plants and collectables. For more information please call 954-390-2130.

ANNUAL BROWARD COUNTY WATERWAY CLEANUP

The City of Wilton Manors is excited to be a part of the Annual Broward County Waterway Cleanup. Wilton Manors is proud to continually participate in this Broward County tradition. This year's Waterway Cleanup will be Saturday, March 5th 2022 from 9:00am until 12:00pm at Colohatchee Boat Ramp, 1975 NE 15th Ave. Volunteers will receive refreshments and cleaning supplies (while supplies last). Participating in the Annual Waterway Cleanup is a great way to give back to your community
 You must be pre-registered online at <https://waterwaycleanup.org/registration>
 For more information or to volunteer please call the Leisure Services Department at 954-390-2130 or email at sholloway@wiltonmanors.com

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, 8 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.

	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
1 st Child Fee	\$100	\$125
2 nd Child Fee	\$85	\$100
Daily Fee	\$25	\$30

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:

Friday, March 18, 2022

Monday, March 28, 2022

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



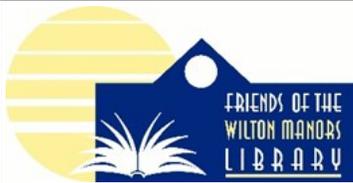
THE LIBRARY CORNER

Reconnect. Interact. Enjoy!

The Library is Open! (but there’s no reading challenge required.) Need a card? You can sign up for one with a valid Florida ID that shows your current address, or, a photo ID and a piece of mail addressed to you at your current address. We are happy to issue cards to anyone who lives in Broward County. *Please note that we are not part of the Broward County Library System – we’re one of five independent city libraries in Broward County, and that gives us the opportunity to offer expanded offerings like Blu-Ray movies and Graphic Novels. Services offered to cardholders include: free public computer use, access to Mango Languages language learning software and other electronic services, checkout of up to 20 items per household member (Blu-Ray & DVD’s are limited to 5 titles per household), the ability to reserve items so you’re one of the first in line, and book delivery to homebound city residents. We’re adding new books weekly – come browse the shelves for your next great read or ask one of our staff how to download eBooks to your device.



Wireless Printing is a free service that the Library offers to everyone (printing is still \$0.25 per page.) Need to print from your mobile device? Download the PrinterOn app from the AppStore or Google Play. You can also access PrinterOn via the Library’s website – just use the “Mobile Printing” link at the bottom of the left-hand list on our homepage. PrinterOn allows you to wirelessly send documents, photos, e-mails, and web pages from your computer or mobile device to the Library’s printer. Instructions and links are at: <https://wiltonmanors.com/737/Mobile-Printing>



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. Basic membership is just \$10/year. Membership applications are available at the Library and on the Friends’ web site at: www.FriendsoftheWiltonManorsLibrary.org.



Going on a cruise? Learn Pirate just in case!

Mango Languages is free for all Library users and offers a fast and convenient solution for your language learning needs. Each lesson combines real life situations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions. The courses are presented with an appreciation for cultural nuance and real-world application that integrates components of vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar,

and culture. You will learn actual conversation, breaking down complex conversational elements within an audio-visual framework that allows you to draw important connections between pieces of information you’ve already learned. Courses are currently available in over 70 foreign languages (including Pirate) and 21 English as a Second Language (ESL) courses.

Friends of the Library Lecture Series— Tuesday, March 15th at 6:30p.m.—Hagen Park Community Center

“Traditional Culture of the Seminoles”



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. The presenter, David Blackard, moved to Pompano Beach before his first birthday and has lived in South Florida ever since. He has always been interested in the Seminoles and their history, especially their distinctive patchwork clothing. After graduate studies in Anthropology, he was employed by the Seminole Tribe of Florida as the Curator for their new museum, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki. He is currently the Library Program Supervisor for the tribe’s four libraries. He has served as a consultant for the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian regarding the Seminole people of Florida.



WESTSIDE ASSOCIATION of WILTON MANORS

The Association conducted its parks and waterway cleanup in honor of MLK on January 17th. Thanks to all the members who participated. In April we will be conducting our biennial elections. Seven positions will up at that time. We welcome any Westside resident interested in joining the Board to email us at WAWM.org@gmail.com with a letter of intent. Many of your memberships will expire if you did not use PayPal to join. 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)

The finished product is “the tip of the iceberg” and building block for future progress. Changes in the zoning & land use amendment and processes including our recent market analysis and corridor branding initiative are providing strategic redevelopment. CANA is going to be the first neighborhood to showcase development in accordance with the new TOC guidelines with the proposed 178-unit mixed use “River Manor” project at 3058 N Andrews Ave projected to go through the PNZ process by the end of 2022. Also going through the design review/ PNZ process will be a new Aroma Joe’s® location at the sight of the former Kwik Serv at 2690 N. Andrews. CANA is working with other commUNITY neighborhood associations on shared visions to produce viable impactful change especially considering significant population increases directly to the south and also to our north while maintaining and enhancing our quality of life.

As always, we welcome your input, and if you are not yet a member, join us at CanaWM.org.

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WILTON MANORS EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

ENA hosted its first meeting of the new year on January 27th - thank you to all who attended! We held our annual election of officers and heard presentations from various City officials. Our annual membership fee of \$25 is per household. We also held our first NE 26th Street clean-up of the year on February 26th. 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. 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 is proud to announce that it now has more than 100 members and continues to grow. This in a span of just a few months. Three Bridges held its first General Membership meeting on January 26, 2022 at the Hagan Park Community Center and was attended by more than 50 neighbors. We’d like to thank Ilia Lakovlev for livestreaming the meeting on Facebook which has garnered over 350 views. The attendees and viewers were given presentations by Broward County Vice Mayor, Lamar Fisher who discussed topics such as redistricting, the proposed train tunnel, expansion of the convention center and Port Everglades improvements. Todd DeJesus spoke about proposed upgrades to 26th St. and 15th Ave. Roberta Moore gave an informative presentation about online permitting and inspections as well as the Vacation Rental licensing process. Codes Compliance Supervisor Abel Alberro and Assistant Chief Darren Brodsky updated residents with their neighborhood statistics.

Three Bridges celebrated the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of National Service with a cleanup of Colohatchee Park, the boat ramp and 15th Ave. This was done in conjunction with CANA and WAWM who also held neighborhood cleanups, making this a citywide event.

Three Bridges is collaborating with Leisure Services to adopt the Coral Gardens pocket park. The Association is seeking to upgrade the lighting, enhance the landscaping, install a Little Free Library, paint a mural and hold a naming contest to rename the park.

Three Bridges next meeting will be held on April 27th at Hagan Park Community Center beginning at 6:30 PM. The theme for the meeting will be development. Please join us there.

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HELP THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD

FIND THE "SKIP STADNIK COMMUNITY SPIRIT" HONOREES FOR VOLUNTEERISM DURING 2021!

The Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB) is seeking nominees for its 7th annual "Skip Stadnik Community Spirit Awards" to recognize **one outstanding individual** and **one business** in Wilton Manors for exemplary volunteerism during 2021. **NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 31, 2022.**

Qualifications are:

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

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

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

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

<https://www.wiltonmanors.com/DocumentCenter/View/6290/2022-CAABCommSpiritAward-Nom-Form?bidId=>) or by simply sending a nomination email in 250 words or less to: community@wiltonmanors.com, explaining why this individual or business should be recognized. As noted, **NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 31, 2022.**



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