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*Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City*

*May/June 2022*



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1947—2022

## City of Wilton Manors 75th Birthday Celebration

Join us for the Wilton Manors Birthday Bash on Saturday, May 21st — Please see page 11 for more information.

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### Phone Numbers

City Hall..... 954-390-2100	Risk Management..... 954-390-2126
City Clerk.....954-390-2123	Leisure Services
Mayor and City Commission.....954-390-2123	Library..... 954-390-2195
City Manager..... 954-390-2120	Parks Division..... 954-390-2115
Community Development.....954-390-2180	Recreation Division..... 954-390-2130
Finance Department..... 954-390-2141	Police Department
Utilities Billing.....954-390-2145	Administration..... 954-390-2150
Fire/EMS Administration..... 954-390-2110	Code Enforcement..... 954-390-2151
Fire Rescue*..... 954-764-4357	Non-Emergency Dispatch..... 954-764-4357
(*Ft Lauderdale non-emergency)	Police/Fire/EMS Emergency..... 911
Human Resources..... 954-390-2125	Utilities/Emergency Management.954-390-2190



## CALENDAR

### Highlights

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

- Tuesday, May 10
- Tuesday, May 24
- Tuesday, June 14
- Tuesday, June 28

Don't miss these upcoming events:

**Bike Safety Event**—Saturday, May 14, 9a.m.-2p.m., City Hall parking lot

**Canoe Race/Anniversary celebration**, Saturday, May 21, 10a.m.-2p.m., Colohatchee Boat Ramp/Richardson Historic Park

**Stonewall Pride**, Saturday, June 18, 3-11p.m., Wilton Drive

### 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](http://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 4-May	No Public Meetings Until	Tues 7-June	Mon 9-May	Thurs 16-June	Mon 18-July	Wed 11-May
Wed 1-June	Publicly Noticed	Meets Quarterly	Mon 13-June	Meets Every 2 Months	Meets Quarterly	No June Meeting Wed 13-July
July recess			Mon 11-July			

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

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

**Central North: Wednesday, May 18 & Wednesday, June 22**

**West: Thursday, May 19 & Thursday, June 23**

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

**Central South: Wednesday, May 18 & Wednesday, June 22**

**East: Tuesday, May 17 & Tuesday, June 21**



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

Condominium bulk pickup (quarterly): Saturdays, June 25, September 24, & December 17

The Next Document Shredding/Hard Drive disposal event: Saturday, August 20, City Hall Parking Lot 9-11a.m.

**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.

<b>ODD street addresses:</b>	<b>Wednesdays &amp; Saturdays</b>	<b>12:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and/or 4:00 p.m.-11:59 p.m.</b>
<b>EVEN street addresses:</b>	<b>Thursdays &amp; Sundays</b>	<b>12:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and/or 4:00 p.m.-11:59 p.m.</b>

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](http://www.sfwmd.gov).

## Mayor Scott Newton-75 Years And Beyond



Everywhere you look, there are things happening in the Island City. There are projects in the works to improve our roads and water infrastructure. We have a plan to rebrand and develop the major commercial corridors. The Development Review Committee has recently seen several new proposals for mixed use. I'm excited about the direction we are headed in – not rampant development, but modest, thoughtful, and visually pleasing designs.

I met with FDOT District Four Secretary Gerry O'Reilly last month to discuss some much needed changes to make Powerline Road safer. We must slow the traffic down there, and I strongly urged him to reduce the speed limit, construct new crosswalks, and implement other safety strategies. Chief Blocker shared that almost 20% of all enforcement efforts take place on Powerline, but agreed to apply additional enforcement and education resources. Secretary O'Reilly was engaged, and I am hopeful FDOT will implement at least some of my requests in the near future. Stay tuned.

I hope you were able to attend the City's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary event at Hagen Park last month. Our tagline for the events surrounding the anniversary is "Celebrating is Just Better Here" and I have to say I agree! The Historical Society provided an outstanding presentation on our City's past and we saw some great old photos. The time capsule "buried" in 1997 included many items and correspondence that provided some great flavors of the era. We welcomed back several previous mayors, council members, commissioners, and staff for the event. The replica model of the Willingham Towers, originally designed by Francis Abreau and located at Five Points and recreated by Ron and Ann Lunsford, was on display. The event was so well attended, and reminded me of why I love being the Mayor of our City. We are truly a community with a rich history, with neighbors who put their blood, sweat and tears into maintaining our quality of life. Vacation rentals may be growing in number, but the anniversary event gave me great hope for our City's future, and that my grandkids will grow up with the same sense of community that I did.

The anniversary festivities will continue on May 21<sup>st</sup>, with the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Canoe Race and Birthday Bash. The race kicks off at Colohatchee Boat Ramp at 10 a.m., and concludes at Richardson Park. If you miss the race, come by Richardson around 11:30 a.m. for lunch and birthday cake. I would love to see you all there.

And of course, don't forget to mark your calendar for this year's Wilton Manors Stonewall Pride Parade and Street Festival on Saturday, June 18. This year the festivities start at 3 p.m. with the parade beginning at 7 p.m., so the heat of the day will be gone. As always, I welcome your calls and emails. You can reach me at [snewton@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:snewton@wiltonmanors.com) or 954-390-2100.

## Vice Mayor Paul Rolli—Roadway Improvements



**Wilton Drive** - On March 22, the City Commission approved a contract to begin the irrigation and landscaping improvements on Wilton Drive. The work is expected to begin in June and be completed by the end of August, barring any unforeseen circumstances. A bid amendment was requested for the cost of the electrical conduit for lighting and that amount has already been budgeted. We are all happy to finally see this occur. More than 50% of the cost is currently covered by county transportation surtax dollars, with more surtax funding possibly on the way to account for inflation changes in project costs.

**NE 15<sup>th</sup> Ave** - The City Commission also approved improvements to NE 15 Avenue to include raised intersections at Colohatchee Park and Boat Ramp, NE 22 Street, and NE 24 Street. The project also includes sidewalks on the south side of NE 24 Street from NE 15 Avenue to the Metropolitan. This project will begin in June; the total project cost is about \$470,000 with all but \$70,000 paid for using surtax dollars.

**NW 29<sup>th</sup> St** - FDOT is paying for and constructing Complete Streets improvements to NW 29 Street, from Powerline Road to Andrews Avenue, which include the narrowing of the drive lane, dedicated bike lanes on both sides, and complete sidewalk connectivity. Two FDOT Public Outreach meetings were held, one virtually on April 25 at 6:00pm and the other in person on April 26 at 6:00pm at the Woman's Club.

**NE 26<sup>th</sup> St** - Staff has begun the process of collaborating with Broward County on a project to consider potential changes to county-owned NE 26 Street from Five Points east to the city boundary (the bridge). The base design project includes potential widening of sidewalks to create multimodal pathways, since the sidewalks are currently difficult to navigate. Other possibilities we hope to explore are lighting and landscaping changes. The first public outreach for this project was held on April 20.

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## Vice Mayor Paul Rolli—Continued from page 3

### Roadway Improvements



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**Powerline Road** - Finally, we are advocating with FDOT about possible safety improvements to Powerline Road. Mayor Newton recently met with FDOT District Four Secretary Gerry O'Reilly and strongly urged him to reduce the speed limit and treat Powerline as a residential road and not a highway. FDOT expressed a willingness to consider constructing additional safety elements, including crosswalks and enhanced signage. Stay tuned for more details on this as they develop.

For more details on the outreach meetings, check out the city calendar at [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com).

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](mailto:prolli@wiltonmanors.com).

## Commissioner Chris Caputo

### SUMMER IS JUST BETTER HERE IN WILTON MANORS



After a long and grueling multi-year battle with COVID-19, it seems the spread is under control and the availability of booster shots has helped fuel a return to normal life just in time for summer here in the Island City of Wilton Manors. I look forward to connecting with neighbors at one of the City's many upcoming events, including:

**Our Canoe Race and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on May 21<sup>st</sup>.** Starting at 10 a.m., this relay race takes part on the Middle River beginning at Colohatchee Boat Ramp with exchange points throughout the river, ending at Richardson Historic Park. Following the Canoe Race, the City will be celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City with a BBQ, DJ, and the presentation of trophies and certificates to the Canoe Race winners.

**Stonewall Pride and Street Festival on June 18<sup>th</sup>.** The 2022 Stonewall Pride Parade and Street Festival will take place on Wilton Drive in Wilton Manors on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. The festival and all-day entertainment start at 3 p.m. followed by the twilight parade at 7 p.m. The event ends at 11 p.m.

In addition to the Canoe Race and Stonewall Pride, our city hosts a variety of ongoing activities for residents to enjoy. Here are some of the programs residents are invited to checkout:

**Yoga Meditation** on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at Richardson Historic Park. Joy Michelle has been sharing yoga for 30 years. Practice indoors or outdoors in this very special location! Arrive 10 minutes early, no experience necessary. For more information, call (954) 614-1937

**Square Dancing** on Tuesday and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Richardson Park. Yee Haa!!! Come on out and kick up your heels for a stomping good time and learn to Circle Left/Right, Do Sa Do, Forward....

**Chair Volleyball** on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Hagen Park Community Center. Chair volleyball has many health benefits, including developing hand-eye coordination, building upper body strength, and improving muscle tone and endurance.

**Brains and Balance Past 60** on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Hagen Park Community Center. Our "Brains and Balance Past 60" program is designed for the unique needs of active older adults who know the importance of staying mentally sharp and physically stable.

I hope to see you at an upcoming summer event!



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## Commissioner Mike Bracchi—Here to Serve and Represent You!



As a community, we have so much to celebrate in the months of May and June. In May, we honor our first responders during Nurse's Week, National Police Week, and Emergency Medical Services Week. We will also celebrate Memorial Day on Monday, May 30th, by honoring the women and men who died while serving in the U.S. military. Thank you to all the service women and men who courageously fought and continue to fight for our freedoms.

On May 21st the city will host the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Island City Canoe Race and Birthday Bash. The race starts at 10 a.m., at the Colohatchee Boat Ramp (1975 NE 15 Ave.) and finishes at the Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve (1937 Wilton Drive). After the race, the entire community is invited to attend the Birthday Bash where we will enjoy a cookout, DJ, and birthday cake, all courtesy of our generous sponsors!

During the month of June, we will celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Month, which commemorates the 1969 Stonewall riots. Thank you to all members and allies of the LGBTQ+ community who fought so hard for the freedoms and rights we enjoy today. But we are not done fighting! The struggle continues. Join me and the City Commission on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, as Wilton Manors celebrates LGBTQ+ Pride with the annual Stonewall Pride Street Festival on Wilton Drive from 3p.m. to 11p.m. with the twilight parade starting at 7p.m.

Later in the summer the city will be moving forward with three transportation and roadway projects:

Project 1: The City approved an agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities on NW 29th Street between Andrews Avenue and Powerline Road. Construction is expected to begin in the fall.

Project 2: Kimley-Horn and Associates will design improvements to NE 26th Street between Dixie Highway and the Middle River.

Project 3: Green Construction will repair the existing Wilton Drive irrigation system, install new components to the system, and landscape materials on Wilton Drive. The trees are coming!

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](mailto: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." Please know that I am listening and care about our community just as much as you!

## Commissioner Gary Resnick—Federal, State & Local Issues



I am honored to be a contributor to the *SunSentinel's* "South Florida 100", wherein issues and opinions from 100 of South Florida's most influential people in government, non-profit, business, and culture are published on a weekly basis. I recently took the opportunity to share my opinion related to the "Don't Say Gay" law. Our Governor and state policymakers doubled down on "Don't Say Gay" and other policies that fail to treat LGBTQ+ persons and their families with respect and fairness. Some supporters of these policies apparently believe it's OK to engage in violence against LGBTQ+ persons.

LGBTQ+ persons impacted by this law have turned to courts to overturn it. Florida's policymakers, however, seem more influenced by conservative zealots looking to spread these policies to other states. And they are looking at taking away Disney's legal tax status in Florida because it dared to oppose the "Don't Say Gay" law. In my mind, it makes no sense for the legislature and governor to penalize our

State's largest employer and generator of billions in revenue over a policy disagreement. Is it time for LGBTQ persons and their friends/families to boycott Florida? Why spend money where we're not wanted? I hear GA, VA, NC, etc. are lovely in summer. Of course, I love Wilton Manors and have tremendous regard for all local governments, and would never discourage residents or businesses, but when our State Government singles us out to deny rights enjoyed by everyone else, we need to pay attention. I will remain vigilant in protecting our rights, in monitoring activity at the state and federal level, and of course, in protecting the Home Rule powers of Florida's municipalities.

On the federal level, Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation to the Supreme Court of the United States marks a great moment in this country. While her opponents questioned her views, sometimes in very embarrassing fashion, none questioned her ability. She has the background to be a brilliant Supreme Court jurist!

In our own back yard, tourist season has been great for many local businesses, but created particular challenges for our City with vacation rentals, crime, and traffic. We can also take pride in the huge increase in home values in our City, showing that despite our problems, many still feel that "Life's Just Better Here." We look forward to celebrating Wilton Manors' 75th Birthday! As always, feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss any City issues.

Emergency Management/Utilities Division 954-390-2190

**HURRICANE SEASON IS JUNE 1 TO NOVEMBER 30**

It's time to start preparing for hurricane season, as well as other emergencies! Every household should be prepared to be self-sufficient for the **first five to seven days** after a major storm so recovery efforts can focus on those who can't help themselves. For information and ideas on the topics below, check out the Wilton Manors Emergency Management page on [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) and visit Broward County at [www.broward.org/emergency](http://www.broward.org/emergency). You can also contact the Broward County Call Center at 311 or 954-831-4000 (TTY 954-831-3940).

**Hurricane Categories**

- 1 – 74 to 95 mph
- 2 – 96 to 110 mph
- 3 – 111 to 129 mph
- 4 – 130 to 156 mph
- 5 – 157 mph & over

**BE INFORMED - KNOW WHERE TO GET UPDATES FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

**BE PREPARED - REVIEW YOUR PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST**

**BE SAFE - HAVE A PLAN OF WHAT YOU NEED TO DO**

**PLAN EARLY - TRIM TREES/LANDSCAPE & PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY**

**Ultra-Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program**

*Did you know that over 30% of indoor residential water use can occur through the toilet?*

To help residents reduce water use, the City of Wilton Manors is offering rebates on ultra-low flow (1.28 gallons/flush) WaterSense® certified and labeled toilets. This program is for single-family homes, and residents are eligible to receive \$50 towards the purchase price of each WaterSense® certified toilet, up to a maximum of two (2) per property. Program rules and the application form are available on the City's [Ultra-Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) webpage at [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com).

**Please note that the application must be pre-approved by the Emergency Management/Utilities Department PRIOR to the purchase of a qualifying toilet.** Funds are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the Emergency Management/Utilities Department at (954) 390-2190 with any questions.



Don't miss the Stonewall Pride Parade and Street Festival to be held on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> on Wilton Drive. The Street Fair will be held from 3-11p.m., with the Twilight Parade at 7p.m.

The City of Wilton Manors is a co-sponsor of this annual event produced by the Wilton Manors Entertainment Group (WMEG). For more information on Stonewall Pride visit the event page at [www.stonewallpride.lgbt](http://www.stonewallpride.lgbt) or visit the WMEG site at [www.wmeg.org](http://www.wmeg.org).

Please join the City in welcoming these new businesses that received Business Licenses in the 1<sup>ST</sup> quarter of 2022:



**Address**

**Business Name**

**JANUARY 2022**

1881 NE 26 Street 201A  
2637 N Andrews AVE  
300 NE 30 ST  
1201 NE 26 ST 106

Transcend Counseling LLC  
Glazer Accounting LLC  
Comeback Kid Travel LLC  
Eastern Acupuncture Wilton Manors LLC

**MARCH 2022**

1600 NE 26 Street A  
1881 NE 26 Street 221  
2109 NE 24 Street

Fort Lauderdale Invitations  
Navigate Therapy LLC  
George Kamper Inc.



Access to online building permitting can be found on the [Online Services page](#) of the City's website ([www.wiltonmanors.com](http://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](mailto:CDSinfo@wiltonmanors.com).

# WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## The Seminoles and the Stranahans in Wilton Manors?

WMHS recently received separate queries about a Seminole camp in Wilton Manors and a farm owned by the Stranahans. The two ended-up converging; and the following is it what we know as of this issue's press deadline:

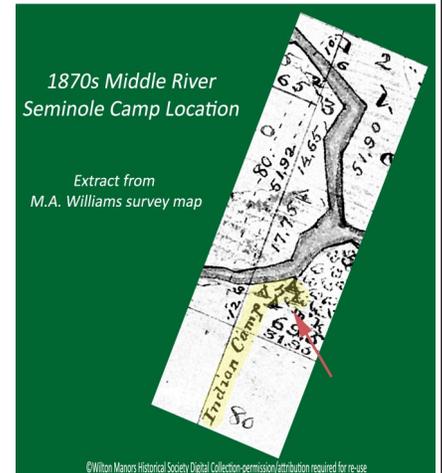
Today's Seminoles did not arrive in Southeast Florida until the mid-1800's. In 1870 M.A. Williams surveyed what is now the Broward County area. That map documents a permanent "Indian Camp" on the South Fork of the Middle River; as well as several extensive trails through the area. A 1993 archaeological study of that camp site places it on Federal Highway, south of 26th St.—where Starbucks and Krispy Crème are today. On the opposite bank of the South Fork is Wilton Manors' Coral Point subdivision.

In 1902 Will Stranahan, Frank's half-brother, bought 40 acres on the north side of the South Fork.. That land would have been directly across the river from that Seminole camp. A coincidence? Well, the *Miami News* of the time reported that Will was "the only white man in the state who is allowed by the Seminoles to mingle with them ... and they looked upon him as sort of a 'Big Pale-faced Chief' ... and named him *Istabatka Hillishavab*". Will's intent was to grow citrus and vegetables. Unfortunately Will was more "dreamer/schemer" than entrepreneur and had to sell the land to Frank and Ivy Stranahan in 1905 to cover debts on the property. Will disappeared shortly thereafter—never to be heard from again.

Information about the scope and operations of the Stranahan farm are limited at this point in our research. In 1902, Will wrote: "My farm is 2 1/2 miles from the store and I walk out on Tuesday and Friday in the afternoon". By 1907, the *Miami News* reports Frank Stranahan having 4 1/2 acres of "exceptionally fine" vegetables and strawberries growing under irrigation. A 1911 *Florida Homeseeker* article notes the farm has a superintendent and is "a half-mile south and slightly east of the river bridge"; then invites farmers to "walk out and see the irrigated farm ... and the value of dry land". An irrigated farm seems to have been unique at the time.

In 1952 Ivy Stranahan sold the farm—to be developed into today's "Coral Point" subdivision. In a 1953 *Miami Herald* interview, she reminisces about life on the farm: "We'd go out to the farm in a buggy or a canoe ... Alligators sunned themselves in the front yard and wildcats and bears roamed the neighborhood ... I frequently made trips at night along the paths [carrying a lantern to scare the animals] ... Seminoles were a common sight around the farm, digging for coontie—a form of wild potato."

And as a fitting close, we note Ivy Stranahan was not only a long-time advocate for the Seminoles; but also an early resident of Coral Point!



Questions or comments? Contact Ron and Mary Ulm at [wmhs@WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org](mailto:wmhs@WiltonManorsHistoricalSociety.org)

### “In Plain Sight” 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



## DISCOVER THE ART AND DESIGN OF WILTON MANORS

about the highlighted sights and provides useful resource links to related topics and organizations.

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

*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](mailto:flombardo@wiltonmanors.com) or 954-390-2123, or Assistant City Clerk Patricia Staples at [pstaples@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:pstaples@wiltonmanors.com) or 954-390-2128. Your application can also be emailed to the City Clerk’s Office at [CityClerk@wiltonmanors.com](mailto: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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### From Chief Gary Blocker—Summer Time Is Upon Us-Be Safe This Travel Season

As COVID-19 presents us with periods of calmness, the term "revenge travel" has been born. You may have already found that hotels are sold out, and vacation pricing is skyrocketing, and maybe this has provided you with an indication that this summer travel season will be busy. Looking at some analytics, you were right. The Vacationer conducted a survey that indicates over 80% of American adults plan to travel this summer, with 72% of this travel being here in the U.S. 80% of travelers are expected to drive to their destination, which means traffic safety should be on all of our minds. General safety tips include using defensive and alert driving techniques, understanding and using your vehicle's safety components, and bringing with you a lot of positive patience. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides tips on safe driving and much more information on how to protect yourself while using the roads as a driver, cyclist, and pedestrian. For more information, please visit their website at [nhtsa.gov](https://www.nhtsa.gov).



In addition to what the NHTSA has to offer, right here in Florida, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) allows drivers license and identification cardholders to attach emergency contact information to their accounts. In the event of an emergency, law enforcement will have access to this information to communicate the emergency situation to your preferred person(s). Historically, this has helped law enforcement notify loved ones of a serious crash and successfully reconnect vulnerable adults who have had difficulty finding their destination. To register or update your emergency contacts, you can visit the FLHSMV website at [flhsmv.gov](https://www.flhsmv.gov) and search "emergency contact."

Lastly, while you're on vacation, allow our police officers to watch over your home through our Property Check Program. This program prompts checks by our personnel of your home to ensure it is secure. Our officers will not enter your home and will only survey the outside. Visit us at [wmpd.org](https://www.wmpd.org) and search "property checks," and ask us to be your eyes here while you're away having fun!

From our family to yours, we wish you a fun and safe summer of 2022.

### Catalytic Converter Thefts On The Rise

Catalytic converter thefts have been an existing issue nationwide for years. However, in the past few years, the numbers have increased substantially. Cars and trucks that are left idle or unattended in remote areas are creating crimes of opportunity for catalytic thefts. Catalytic converters, copper, and other metals are popular for criminals because of their accessibility and value.

Catalytic converters are valuable because of the precious metals contained within. Rhodium, palladium, and platinum are known as Platinum Group Metals (PGMs). These PGMs take carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, and nitrous oxides emitted from vehicles and turn them into carbon dioxide, steam, and nitrogen. Because of numerous factors, including supply and demand, the market price for certain PGMs has drastically increased. Rhodium went from \$650 a troy ounce six (6) years ago to over \$28,900 by March 2021, making this PGM more valuable than gold. Thieves steal converters and then sell them to scrapppers or recyclers who extract the PGMs and sell them for a profit.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) has reported a strong correlation between the price of rhodium and thefts. As a result, criminals will likely continue to utilize existing tactics and develop new tactics and techniques to carry out catalytic converter thefts, especially if the economy declines and inflation remain high.

While preventive actions to hinder catalytic converter thefts are limited, recommended steps to safeguard vulnerable vehicles include:

- 1) Parking vehicles in secure areas or garages.
- 2) Installing motion detector lights.
- 3) Ensuring security fencing and gates are locked and secured.
- 4) Etching Vehicle identification number or license plate number on outside of converter.
- 5) Welding catalytic converter to the car frame of chassis or prevention device.

## Help Keep our Waterways Clean!



City Ordinance [Chapter 13 Sec. 13-85](#) creates a regulatory framework for the City to monitor stormwater discharge and enforcement and penalties for violations. These regulations allow the City to maintain the efficient, economical, and safe operation of the stormwater system and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of its residents.

[Sec. 13-85](#) specifically addresses litter and littering material, including the blowing of yard clippings onto any surface area, stormwater management system, or water body within the City.

Blowing yard clippings into the street causes them to eventually end up in the stormwater system, which can then cause clogging and flooding during heavy rainstorms.

[Sec. 13-85](#) provides a minimum penalty of **\$500** per offense for any violations contained within the Ordinance. Accordingly, please ensure that your yard clippings are not blown into the street.

**PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THAT ANYTHING THAT ENTERS A STORM DRAIN ENDS UP  
IN OUR WATERWAYS UNTREATED!**

To read the section of the Ordinance in its entirety, log into [Municode.com](#) (City of Wilton Manors) and search [Chapter 13 - Nuisances](#).

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



### 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](mailto: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



Greetings from your Leisure Services Family! It is that time of year when we adapt to the summer heat and find refreshing opportunities to keep cool and overcome our stress. Let's remember the many delightful activities and events from the springtime that left memorable experiences we enjoyed, such as the Island City Yard Sales and Book Fairs, which provided unique and safe gatherings to interact and have fun while shopping. The Woof and Wine events are certainly one of the most festive pet events in the area and always well attended. The Music in the Park events were truly uplifting and included Jimi Hendrix, Jimmy Paige, Jimmy Buffet and Pearl Jam tribute bands to ensure festive atmospheres in the park. The Movies in the Park like Grease and Jurassic Park were truly exciting outdoor gatherings that enabled safe, fun and festive experiences.

I would like to thank all of the residents and advisory board members that volunteered during special events and through their research and community engagement regarding residents' leisure services interests and desires. Volunteer opportunities present fulfilling experiences to build neighborhood morale through contributions of giving back to the community. I also want to thank the many volunteers that that helped cleanup our waterways during the Annual Waterway Cleanup.

We are looking forward to May and June 2022 festivities including celebrating the City's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, May 21 beginning at Colohatchee Boat Ramp with the Annual Canoe Race followed by the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Richardson Historic Park. We are also celebrating Pride Month at the Stonewall Pride Parade and Street Festival on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>!

Summer Camp will be offered again this year, and the splash pad and playgrounds in the City offer the perfect opportunity to rent our pavilions for outdoor BBQ's and fun. There are many outdoor activities including fitness training, environmental walking trails, PICKLEBALL, beach volleyball, dog play areas, tennis play and lessons, library curbside checkout, and so much more!

The Leisure Services Department is now assessing how well the City is meeting your leisure services needs and wants your help! Would you please complete a brief survey regarding your cultural, health and wellness, library, and recreational needs? Your input is vital in determining current and future programs, amenities and services! Please feel free to contact me personally if I can assist you!

You can access the survey by scanning the QR code to the right, going to the survey website at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RecSurvey2022>, or completing a paper survey at the Hagen Park Community Center.

To experience why Life's Just Better Here, please visit your local parks and library today. There is so much here for you right in your own backyard. Please visit us online at [wiltonmanors.com/parks](http://wiltonmanors.com/parks). Thank you!



### ANNUAL CANOE RACE & 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Join the Island City as we celebrate the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Island City Canoe Race! This relay race takes part on the Middle River beginning at Colohatchee Boat Ramp with exchange points throughout the river, ending at Richardson Historic Park. Following the Canoe Race, the City will be celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City with a BBQ, DJ, and the presentation of trophies and certificates of the Canoe Race winners. Registration is \$200 per team.

For more information please see the [event website \(https://www.wiltonmanors.com/494/Island-City-Canoe-Race\)](https://www.wiltonmanors.com/494/Island-City-Canoe-Race) or call Scott Holloway at 954-390-2104.

## LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

### CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

*Community Development Block Grant Projects*—The City just completed the 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> year CDBG projects. A new stormwater drainage system was installed along portions of NW 24<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, just east of Powerline Road. The final phase of the project (47<sup>th</sup> year) will be starting in the spring and include new stormwater drainage along portions of NW 26<sup>th</sup> Street.

*Surtax Projects*—Construction of the City’s first Broward County Surtax Program project has commenced. This project is the installation of landscaping and irrigation along Wilton Drive. A second project, the redesign of NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street between Five Points and the City limits to the east, has also begun. This project will involve public input prior to any plan finalization, and will include the widening of existing sidewalks. A third surtax-funded construction project will also be starting this spring. Raised intersections will be constructed along NE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, south of NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street. Additionally, sidewalks will be installed along the south side of NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street, west of NE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

*Water, Wastewater & Stormwater Infrastructure*—In line with the City’s 2020 Water, Wastewater & Stormwater Integrated Master Plan, infrastructure projects for 2022 include sliplining sewer mains in several lift station collection basins, currently in-progress for the Lift Station #10 basin on the City’s east side. The City is also beginning engineering design phases for water distribution upgrades on NW 29 Street and NE 30 Court, as well as engineering design for drainage in the 1400 Block of NE 24 Street and 2200 Block of NW 2 Avenue.

### Childcare Programs

#### ISLAND CITY SUMMER CAMP

The City of Wilton Manors Summer Camp Program is designed for children that will be in 1st through 5th grade for the 2022-2023 school year. Activities include sports, fitness, arts and crafts, special events and weekly field trips. Afternoon snack, lunch and trips are included in the fees.

Location: Island City Park Preserve Days: Monday-Friday Hours: 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Grades: 1st-5th grade 2022/2023 school year

<b>Fees:</b>	<b>RESIDENT</b>	<b>NON-RESIDENT</b>
Weekly Rate (1st Child)	\$140 per week	\$160 per week
Weekly Rate (2nd Child)	\$120 per week	\$140 per week
<b>Three Week Sessions</b>		
Session #1 June 13-July 1	\$360.00 per session	\$420.00 per session
Session #2 July 5-July 22	\$360.00 per session	\$420.00 per session
Session #3 July 25-August 12	\$360.00 per session	\$420.00 per session
Registration Fee: 1 Child	\$25.00	Family \$40.00
		Space is limited!

Registration for City Residents began Monday, April 25th and open registration begins on Monday, May 2nd and is "First Come, First served"

To register please visit Hagen Park Community Center at 2020 Wilton Drive or call 954-390-2130 or 954-390-2115 for more information.

#### BEFORE AND AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

The City offers both before and after-school care at Wilton Manors Elementary School. Both programs are offered Monday through Friday, with before-school care from 7-8a.m. and after-school care from 2:30-6:30p.m.

To register, please come by Hagen Park Community Center at 2020 Wilton Drive, or call 954-390-2130 or 954-390-2115 for more information.



# THE LIBRARY CORNER

## eBook UPDATE

In February 2022, a change to ebook reading apps that many library customers use occurred. One of the ebook apps, OverDrive, will be phased out and replaced with the **Libby** app. This change will provide the best e-reading experience for users!

The **Libby** app is newer, more user friendly, quicker to log into than OverDrive, and is the overall preferred reading app among customers! The **Libby** app will let you continue to check out library ebooks and audiobooks to your computer, phone, tablet, and Kindle devices in a more streamlined way.

### Libby.

This change will mostly affect people who use a Kindle Fire, but anyone who is still using the blue **OverDrive** app on their device will need to switch to a different ebook app. There are two ways to check out ebooks on your device without the **OverDrive** app:

Download the free **Libby** app on your phone or non-Kindle tablet, login with your library card, and continue reading on your device! Once your book is downloaded to your device you do not need an internet connection to read or listen to it. You can also send ebooks to your Kindle devices by clicking the “Read with Kindle” option. This will prompt you to log in to your Amazon account if you aren’t logged in already. Then, you can send your library book to your Kindle!

Most users, including Kindle Fire users, may find this method easiest. Kindle Fire currently does not support downloading the Libby app directly onto the Fire tablet.

Open <https://sefl-municipal.overdrive.com/> in a web browser and use your library card to log in. Read library books directly in the browser or send it to your Kindle with the “Read with Kindle” option! This method is best for people who read on their computers or who do not have a smartphone or tablet. Please note that internet access is necessary to read with this method.

Kindle Fire users can also use this method to read ebooks by using the “Silk” web browser on their Fire tablet.

Need more info? Check out the original article on La Porte County Library’s [website](#), below:

(article originally published at: <https://laportelibrary.org/overdrive-is-switching-to-libby/>, November 2021, by Daphne Bechrakis – It has been edited for brevity.)



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY—ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of the Wilton Manors Library will hold its Annual Meeting in the library at 500 N.E. 26<sup>th</sup> Street on Thursday, May 19, 2022.

As we begin to recover from the COVID pandemic, the meeting will include a recap of Library and Friends’ activities, a summary of the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year, and the election of half of the members of the Board of Directors. This meeting is open to the public, but only members may vote.

There will be a “Happy Half Hour” with a finger food buffet beginning at 6:30 p.m., with the business meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

## VOLUNTEERING IN THE ISLAND CITY...

Each year the City’s Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB) makes a call for nominations in its Skip Stadnik Community Spirit Awards to honor exemplary volunteerism in the Island City. This year for their outstanding volunteerism in 2021, the City recognized Amy Waxman as the Volunteer Individual of the Year, and the Claudia Castillo Art Studio as the Business/Organization Volunteer of the Year. Ms. Waxman, a retired nurse practitioner volunteered her time and service in providing over 500 COVID-19 vaccinations to our vulnerable population at the City’s COVID Vaccination Center in the first quarter of 2021. The Claudia Castillo Art Studio, located in the heart of Wilton Manors, is owned and operated by Colombian-born artist Claudia Castillo. Claudia has been “passionate about helping my community, to give back where I can.” City volunteers are the heart-beat of our City and truly make *life just better here!*





**WESTSIDE ASSOCIATION  
of  
WILTON MANORS**

WAWM welcomes our newly elected Board of Directors Van Gosselin, Hunter Stephens, Janet Yuen, Evan Smith, Emily McCrater, Jose Cedeno and Salvatore Torre. Many thanks to out-going board members Jon O'Connor, Steve Sadacca, Orlando Milian and Alex Pittman for your many

years of service. WAWM seeks to update membership on the many projects affecting our Westside Community. Look for email news updates on the Westside Traffic Study, Powerline Road safety improvements, WiltonNext Branding Strategy, development projects along Andrews Avenue and Oakland Park Blvd, and safety concerns with the WMPD.

Not yet a member- visit our website at [WAWM.org](http://WAWM.org) or email us at [wawm.org@gmail.com](mailto:wawm.org@gmail.com) for more information on joining our Westside community organization. Annual household membership is just \$25.00.

Working Together to Build a Better Community!!



**Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association (CANA)**

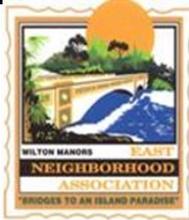
Wilton Manors is at an inflection point as we strive to maintain our small-town charm while embracing vibrant growth. With that in mind the city hired RMA consultants to develop a long-term strategy, the WiltonNext. This team helped reshape Pompano Beach from non-descript to a thriving destination. The goal is to make Wilton Manors a magnet for: diverse retail and restaurants, the broadening wellness industry, hospitality such as a boutique hotel, amongst other categories.

Mindful of our residents' desire to improve public safety and smart transportation options, the city will ultimately seek assistance from County, State and Federal entities. We at CANA will continue to be a strong voice on these issues and trust our neighbors will be heavily involved as we move forward with change.

Join us at our next meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at Hagen Park Community center.

Bill Desautels, President [Bill@BillDesautels.com](mailto:Bill@BillDesautels.com) Matthew Gill, VP & Secretary [Matt\\_Swim1956@yahoo.com](mailto:Matt_Swim1956@yahoo.com)

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**WILTON MANORS EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Our next ENA General Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm, back at Independence Hall on NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street. Please use the front entrance. At the meeting, we will hear from various City officials about what is happening in our neighborhood. We will be having our next NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street clean-up on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. We meet at 10am at the Board of Realtors on NE 26<sup>th</sup> St. Please join us for less than an hour to help clean up our main street. We have received permission from the City to help beautify one

of the entrances to our neighborhood—the little park located on the east side of NE 16<sup>th</sup> Ave just before you cross the bridge into Oakland Park. We would like to start the project this summer and we are looking for help to assist with the planting and to help with funding of the purchase of the plants. This project will be similar to what ENA did a few years ago to the little triangle park located at NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 16<sup>h</sup> Avenue. Please contact me if you want to help beautify our neighborhood. Also, this summer, we will begin having street by street workshops, to see what everyone wants our neighborhood to look like in the future. If you want to host or participate one of these workshops on your street, please call me.

John R. Fiore, ENA President 954-564-3821



The Three Bridges Neighborhood Association held its first general membership meeting on January 26, 2022. The meeting centered on infrastructure issues. There were also presentations on codes, permitting and Police statistics. Sharon Kerwick was announced as our first Area Representative. The public discussion at the end of the meeting was lively and centered on concerns that the upcoming 26th St. project will only widen the sidewalks. This discussion led the Board to create a committee “Envisioning a new 26th St.” This committee will gather information to formulate a holistic vision for 26th St. that includes smart street design that allows for all modes of transportation as well as a vision for the redevelopment of the commercial corridor which can then be discussed by the entire membership.

We are finalizing our Adopt a Park program. We have issued an invitation to nominate possible names for the park and have received several nominations. These nominations will be sent to the membership to vote on the names, with the winning nomination forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Board for review. We have signed the Memorandum of Understanding with City. The final step to that will be a vote by the City Commission.

For more information about Three Bridges, please visit our website: [3bridgesassociation.com](http://3bridgesassociation.com) or visit our Facebook page or Facebook Group.



*Biking is Just Better Here*

## BICYCLE SAFETY EVENT SATURDAY, MAY 14—9a.m.-12p.m. CITY HALL PARKING LOT

Join us for the WILTON MANORS BICYCLE SAFETY EVENT on Saturday, May 14th from 9a.m.—12p.m. in the City Hall/Hagen Park parking lot at 2020 Wilton Drive.

There will be WMPD helmet fitting, safety lights, registration of bikes, youth and adult bike rodeo/skill courses!

Did you know that the City has a “Biking Is Just Better Here” page on its website? At <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/758/Bike-Wilton-Manors>, you can find fun and important biking information, links to important Florida Bike Laws, safety tips, a link to the Broward MPO Interactive Bike Map, bike rack locations, bike rental locations, and even links to local bike riding groups!





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