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Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

Fall 2022



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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. in the City Commission Chambers

Tuesday, Sept 13 (9/27-cancelled)
Tuesday, Oct 11 & 25
Tuesday, Nov 8 & 22

Early voting for the (11/8) General Election takes place October 24—November 6 at the Woman’s Club.

City offices will be closed:

Monday, Sept 5th—Labor Day
Monday, Oct 10—Indigenous Peoples Day
Thursday, Nov 24—Thanksgiving Day

Wilton Manors City Officials

Mayor Scott Newton
Commissioner Mike Bracchi
Commissioner Gary Resnick
City Attorney Kerry Ezrol
Vice Mayor Paul Rolli
Commissioner Chris Caputo
City Manager Leigh Ann Henderson

City Commission and Board Meeting Dates

City Commission and City Board/Committee meetings are being held in-person and via Zoom (hybrid). Please visit www.wiltonmanors.com for the most up-to-date meeting information.

CAAB 7p.m.	Pension 5:30p.m.	P&Z 7p.m.	Rec. Adv. 6p.m.	Library Advisory 6p.m.	WDID 6:30p.m.	Finance Advisory 6:30p.m.
Wed 7-Sep	Tues 6-Sep	Mon 12-Sep	Thurs 20-Oct	Mon 17-Oct	Wed 14-Sep	Tues 1-Nov
Wed 5-Oct	Meets Quarterly	Mon 24-Oct	Meets Every 2 Months	Meets Quarterly	Wed 12-Oct	
Wed 2-Nov		Mon 14-Nov			Wed 9-Nov	

The City Commission typically meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Check the city’s website for details on all city meetings, including information for virtual access.

SCHEDULE FOR BULK TRASH AND RECYCLING

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

Central North: Wednesdays, Sept 21, Oct 19, & Nov 23

West: Thursdays, Sept 22, Oct 20, & Nov 24

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

Central South: Wednesdays, Sept 21, Oct 19 & Nov 23

East: Tuesdays, Sept 20, Oct 18 & Nov 22

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

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



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

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

WATERING SCHEDULE

Residents and businesses are limited to a two-day-per-week landscape irrigation schedule with two “watering windows.” NO lawn watering is allowed between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. any day of the week. Code Compliance is issuing citations for violations of the water usage schedule.

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

For additional information on irrigation restrictions or water conservation, call the South Florida Water Management District’s toll-free **Water Conservation Hotline at 866-433-6312** or visit www.sfwmd.gov.

Mayor Scott Newton-Fall Greetings



Happy Fall everyone! In the last year, the City has made amazing progress in achieving our vision for the future of Wilton Manors, and in the next year we will see similar growth. We are improving essential water and transportation infrastructure, creating a framework of economic development, maintaining our small-town feel, protecting the environment, and making sure we do all those things in a fiscally responsible way. I'm really proud of the work we've done, and very hopeful for our future.

The heat of summer is finally coming to an end, and we can enjoy spending time outdoors again. Our little city is home to several excellent parks that offer opportunities for fun and adventure, and if you haven't checked them out lately, you might be surprised to see all of the programs and services offered. There is something for everyone!

Facilities

For a small city, we really do have it all! To name just a few choices, we have:

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| Dog park | Kayak rentals |
| Fitness center | Outdoor fitness centers |
| Pickleball courts (my favorite) | Nature preserves |
| Basketball courts | Wedding and party venues |
| Asphalt and clay tennis courts with a professional available for lessons | |

Special Events

Leisure Services hosts dozens of events during the year. Here are a few upcoming events:

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| October 13 | Woof and Wine | November 12 | Island City Yard Sale |
| October 20 | Halloween Spooktacular | November 12 | Hawaiian Festival |
| October 28 | Movies on the Drive | November 14 | Taste of the Island |
| October 31 | Wicked Manors | November 19 | Glow Pickleball |

Don't forget the Equality Garden Club Plant Fair November 19-20. I'll be at all of these events, and hope to see you there.

Senior Services

There are many classes and programs for active older folks. Brains and Balance, Chair Volleyball, and Hula Dancing for Beginners are just a few of the offerings.

On September 12, seniors will take a trip to a Marlins baseball game. The first Thursday in October, the trip will be to the Hard Rock Casino, and the first Thursday in November they will head to the Wynwood Walls. Why not sign up and join with like minded people to take a field trip?

Children's Programs

In addition to before and after school programs, summer and winter camps, the city offers many family friendly special events. Check wiltonmanors.com for more details.

Finally, I want to thank you for the honor of serving as your Mayor. My goal is to make sure that Wilton Manors remains a community where everyone feels welcome and safe. Your involvement and feedback and service are essential to reaching that goal, so please feel free to reach out to me any time at snewton@wiltonmanors.com or 954-390-2128.



Stay up-to-date on the latest Wilton Manors news by following the City of Wilton Manors on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OfficialWiltonManors) and by signing up for Wilton Manors weekly eNews (emails) by going to <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/555/Get-In-Touch> and clicking on "Sign Up for Our Weekly E-News: Stay up to date and sign up for our weekly e-news" ([Click here to sign up](#)). While there, you can also sign up for the "CodeRed" emergency notification system, and Wilton Manors Police Department alerts.

Vice Mayor Paul Rolli—A Look at Today and Tomorrow



Financial Sustainability Long Term – My top priority is fiscal sustainability for today and the future so we can stay as an independent city, have the infrastructure to meet demands, keep our Police Dept., and deliver services residents want. Land use and zoning regulations were changed to increase the tax base and tax revenue without raising property tax rates. As a result of these changes, at least half dozen developments throughout the city have been through the preapplication process.

Infrastructure improvements are also major priorities. Over \$1 million was spent this year to advance the projects in the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Master Plan. The west side drainage project was completed with about \$200,000 in grant funds. Next year \$7 million is planned for water/sewer improvements, and \$750,000 for roadway, pedestrian, and cyclist infrastructure. Surtax funded projects include improvements to NE 24th, NE 26th, NW 29th Sts., and NE 15th Ave., and the trees/landscaping on Wilton Drive. FDOT has agreed to lower the speed on Powerline Rd.

Other City accomplishments are the adoption of a Historic Preservation Ordinance, an additional property tax exemption for qualifying seniors, development of an Information Technology Master Plan, streamlining the site plan and waiver process, and exploring establishing an Environmental Sustainability Board to assist with implementing the Climate Action Plan. The county is giving Site 92 to the city to add to our parks inventory. The electric Circuit Shuttle began on September 1 as a transportation option. It's an on-demand service that will take you anywhere, point to point, within the city for \$2 per ride per passenger.

November Elections – Polling places have been revised from six precincts to two. Hagen Park is Precinct 1 for all NE addresses and Somerset Academy is Precinct 2 for all NW addresses. Early voting for anyone will be at the Woman's Club on NE 21st Ct.

Future agenda items include addressing sea level rise and climate change matters, identifying traffic and transportation issues and developing solutions, and marketing the city to create an investment climate to attract tourism and residential and commercial development, including a hotel. The Commission will continue to focus on keeping the city safe, preserving neighborhoods, protecting our quality of life and maintaining the small-town character. I wish everyone happy, healthy holidays in the fall/winter of this year. As always, feel free to reach out to me with your ideas and concerns at prolli@wiltonmanors.com or 954-652-6648.

Commissioner Chris Caputo—Sustaining Our Environment—And Our Quality of Life



Lots of talk about climate change since the experts tell us that if we don't drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), life as we know it will change. Rising sea levels will result in coastal areas being permanently flooded, rising temperatures will result in more extreme weather patterns. Of course, by now, none of this is news to anyone who has lived in coastal South Florida over the last decade and personally experienced changes.

The City has been working to identify ways to reduce GHG emissions, and to encourage businesses and residents to do the same. The first step is to realize that our energy and water resources are finite and will not last forever unless we change our ways. The second is to think about conserving, reusing and recycling. Small changes can add up, and here are some ideas:

If you still have a vehicle that uses traditional fossil fuels, **commit to reducing your time in your car.**

One great strategy is the City's new, all electric, Circuit shuttle, an on demand \$2 ride from anywhere in the city to anywhere in the city. Next time you head out for dinner on the Drive, leave your car at home! Download the Ride Circuit app and get started. You'll find the QR code on page 7 here in the Town Crier. If you're coming from outside the City, take advantage of one of the city-sponsored \$5 ride share discount codes, which you can find at <https://bit.ly/WiltonUberRides>.

Of course, as someone whose primary mode of transport is *not* a car, I would be remiss not to mention either **bicycle or electric as increasingly popular transportation choices** in our ever-more walkable city. I encourage you to join me in accepting our city's "Challenge One Out of Seven" and consider leaving your car at home at least one day a week and bicycling around town. Our city has approximately 40 bike racks for you to safely secure your bike. For more information about bicycling, bike rack locations, and the challenge, visit <https://bit.ly/bikewilton>.

Investigate solar energy. In some cases, solar panels can reduce (or eliminate) your electric bill and has the added benefit of reducing dependency on fossil fuel energy. In Broward County, there is a Solar Co-Op called Solar United Neighbors, which provides a group rate from a single installer. For more information, go to solarunitedneighbors.org/Broward. I personally switched to solar about 8 months ago, and my only complaint is that I wish I had done it sooner. I am saving money and the environment.

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Commissioner Chris Caputo—Continued

Be sure you are recycling properly. Contamination of the recycling bin with nonrecyclable items costs money and effort. Please don't put plastic bags of any sort in your recycling bin. For more information, check out the city's recycling page.

Reduce your water usage. Install an ultra- low flow toilet and receive a rebate. Details at <https://bit.ly/wilontoletrebate>.

Consider composting to reduce your solid waste. Here's a simple guide: <https://n.pr/3vVCEl3>.

Plant trees! Trees are the best carbon sequestration tools and they make life better! Be sure to attend our city's next annual tree giveaway. I am happy to say the trees I adopted last year are doing phenomenal!

Stay tuned as the city continues to ramp up our efforts to become carbon neutral in the next five years. In the meantime, let me know what you're thinking. I can be reached at ccaputo@wiltonmanors.com or via text at 954.557.2801.

Commissioner Mike Bracchi—Here to Serve and Represent You!



I hope all of you had a terrific summer, attended some of our Island City events, and participated in the activities our city offers. We celebrated Pride Month and the Stonewall parade in June and the Caribbean PrideFete at Richardson Park in August. Activities this summer included the book fair hosted by the Friends of the Library, neighborhood association meetings (which is a great way to meet your neighbors), and a document shredding event for our residents. And we always offer our outdoor sports like tennis, pickleball, kayaking, and outdoor fitness equipment.

Annual Budget

Budget season is upon us! The City Commission has held a number of public budget workshops throughout the summer and city staff is currently finalizing the budget. There are two upcoming public hearings where you can voice your opinion on the tax rate and how we spend our tax dollars. Public hearings with the City Commission will take place in the City Commission Chambers beginning

at 6:30p.m. on the following dates:

Wednesday, September 14 – First Public Hearing on Proposed Budget and Millage Rate

Wednesday, September 28 - Final Budget Public Hearing and the Adoption of Final Budget and Millage Rate

The city has received approximately \$7M from federal funds, which will be spent on improving the city's water, stormwater, and wastewater infrastructure. This one-time influx of federal dollars makes the city budget appear to be increasing significantly; however, in actuality, the millage rate has decreased again, for the 11th year in a row. The millage rate is the tax rate used to calculate local property taxes. This is the lowest millage rate in over 10 years!

The city budgeted dollars to improve roadway, pedestrian, and bicyclist infrastructure as well as studies to improve transportation flow.

Additionally, this past year, the city hired independent consultants to conduct a compensation study for city employees, which showed our city staff is significantly underpaid. The proposed budget provides necessary adjustments to those workers who are underpaid and provide them with fair wages. This will allow the city to have competitive salaries with surrounding cities, reduce turnover, and increase employee satisfaction.

Roadway and Transportation Projects

There are a number of city roadway projects happening this fall including:

- 1.) Improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities on NW 29th Street between Andrews Avenue and Powerline Road.
- 2.) Design improvements to NE 26th Street between Dixie Highway and the Middle River.
- 3.) Trees are coming to Wilton Drive....finally!

Lastly, to provide better connectivity within our city, we will offer a shuttle service within city limits for only \$2 per rider! This amazing service, provided by Circuit, will operate four electric vehicles that will pick-up and drop-off anywhere in Wilton Manors. It is app-based and you can order your ride right from your phone. This service begins September 1st. I can't wait to take a ride with you!

This is an extremely exciting time for our city, and 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." Please know that I am listening and care about our community just as much as you!

Commissioner Gary Resnick– What Happened to Fiscal Conservatism?



During my many years as a Commissioner and Mayor, residents and businesses benefited from the City’s general policy of fiscal conservatism, spending on necessary items to improve services and quality of life, but maintaining relatively low taxes and fees. At the time of preparing this article, the City staff has proposed the largest budget in the City’s history, of \$48 million. Much proposed spending is one-time purchases for sewer and drainage projects made possible by federal stimulus funds. However, the City will also realize its largest revenue ever from property taxes, with property values increasing a whopping 12.57%. I certainly support spending on important items when the City is flush with money, but I also think it’s vital that the City consider the impact on residents and businesses and lower taxes when possible. For example:

Salaries: The City contracted for a salary study for staff and performed its own survey for City Managers and Commission/Mayor. The study recommended substantial increases for staff. I certainly support implementing staff raises to remain competitive. The financial impact of this is not only the raise, but also higher amounts for employee taxes and pensions. This impact is greater because of a proposed new position of Fiscal and Budget Analyst at a budget of \$61,155 (\$74,120 with benefits). With the economy and property values cooling off, it would be prudent for the City to implement raises over 2 years, and hold off on the new position to lessen the impact of salary expenses on residents.

The City’s surveys also showed where our City Manager and City Commission/Mayor stand with respect to other cities in Broward. The City Manager’s current salary at \$202,314 (not including FRS pension and car allowance) is roughly in the lower-middle in terms of managers, with 15 making more and 6 making less (lower than Coconut Creek, Cooper City, Coral Springs, Davie, Fort Lauderdale, Hallandale Beach, Lauderdale Hill, Lighthouse Point, Margate, Oakland Park, Parkland, Pembroke Pines, Pompano Beach, Tamarac, and Weston; and higher than Hillsboro Beach, Lauderdale by the Sea, Lauderdale Lakes, North Lauderdale, and Southwest Ranches). Certainly, we need to have a competitive package for our City Manager. This is currently under review by the Commission.

Commission/Mayor’s salary is currently \$9,750/\$11,250 per year, not including contributions for FRS pension. The Commission has proposed increasing salaries to \$25,000 and \$30,000 per year for Commission/Mayor. Generally, people don’t run for office because of salary and benefits; it’s not good government when people seek office because of money. Is a 200% or higher increase warranted? More importantly, is this in the best interest of residents and businesses?

Taxes: The City’s current tax rate of 5.8360 resulted in \$10,540,367 in City revenue. With property increasing over 12%, maintaining the same tax rate will result in an increase of \$983,463 in revenue. While the impact to homestead property is relatively low, the impact to commercial and other not homestead properties is more significant. The City’s largest taxpayer – an apartment complex - will see taxes increase roughly \$13,500 next year (\$45 per unit). Many tenants here already pay over \$3,000/month for apartments. The City is spending a lot to benefit developers and businesses – note the new shuttle service costing \$250,000/year. Are higher taxes in our best interest and consistent with policies to support business?

While Wilton Manors has always been very liberal, it has traditionally not been a high tax, high spend government. With input from our advisory committee and staff, hopefully we can arrive at a final budget and tax rate that balances the interests of staff, stakeholders and residents. As always, thank you for your input.

Emergency Management/Utilities Division 954-390-2190

HURRICANE SEASON CONTINUES THROUGH NOVEMBER 30

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 and visit Broward County at www.broward.org/emergency. You can also contact the Broward County Call Center at 311 or 954-831-4000 (TTY 954-831-3940).

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

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

Wilton Manors, Meet Circuit

Our Island City just got a whole lot greener.



This fall, we're welcoming Circuit, a fleet of 100% electric shuttles, to our Island City!

How to Ride:

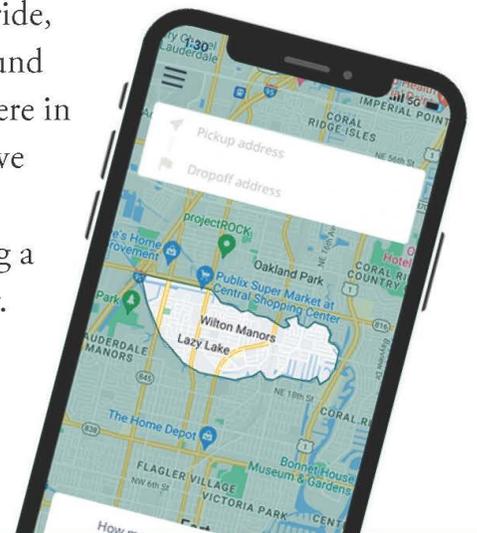
- 1 Download Free Circuit Ride App
- 2 Find a Ride
- 3 Ride Circuit

Hours of Operation:

Sunday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Cost:

For only \$2 per ride, you can hop around to almost anywhere in town and not have to worry about parking or having a designated driver.



Scan here to download the free Ride Circuit app:



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For more information, visit www.wiltonmanors.com or call (954) 390-2100.

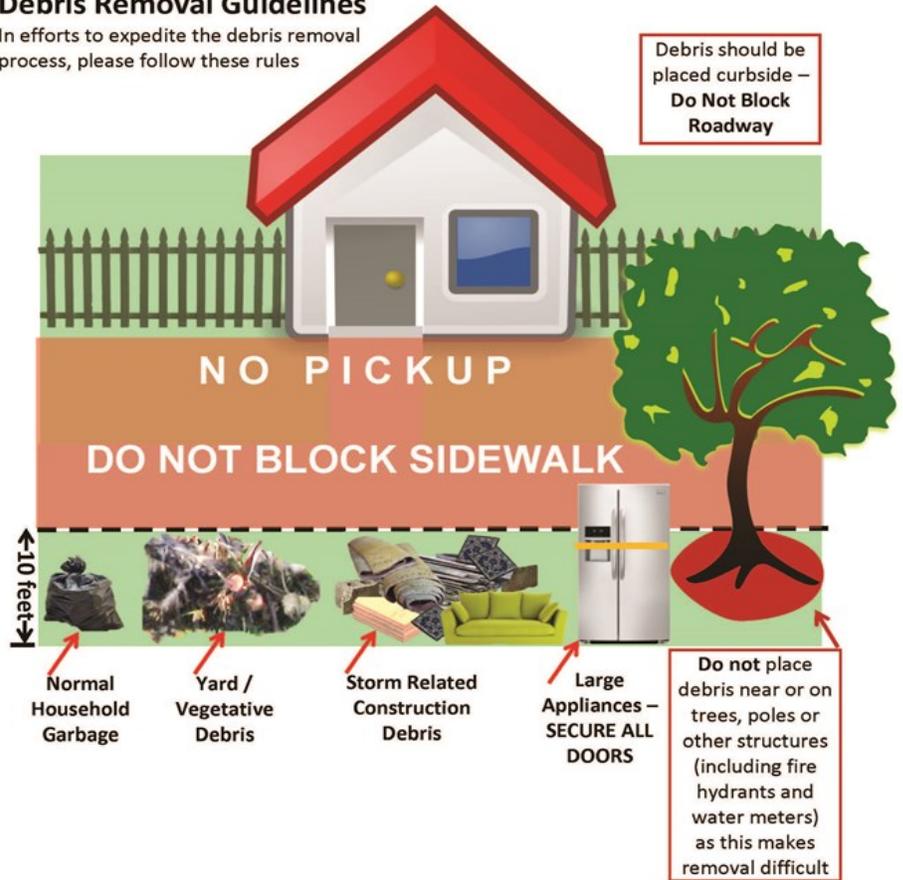
Storm Debris CLEANUP

Should a hurricane or severe storm affect our area, being prepared for the clean-up is just as important as preparing for any weather event. For proper debris management and disposal, do not co-mingle items. Please separate and locate debris as shown in the illustration.

Debris Removal Guidelines

In efforts to expedite the debris removal process, please follow these rules

Debris should be placed curbside – Do Not Block Roadway



At-Your Door Household Hazardous Waste Pick-Up



Residents in single family homes can contact Waste Management’s **AtYourDoor**SM service by phone at 800-449-7587 or by email at atyourdoor@wm.com to schedule a pick-up of household hazardous waste.

WATER TREATMENT

SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 20—OCTOBER 11



Chlorination treatment of our water system is scheduled for September 20—October 11. Chlorination is a common preventative maintenance procedure for water systems using chloramines for disinfection. The City expects the chlorination period to be transparent to our neighbors; however, some may notice a slight change in the taste or smell of their tap water. In addition, neighbors may see fire hydrants running in their neighborhoods, which is part of the normal maintenance process.

See the following page for a list of frequently asked questions regarding this process. For more information, please contact the Wilton Manors Emergency Management/Utilities Department at 954-390-2190.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Water Chlorination Process

- 1. What is Free Chlorination?** Free chlorination is a *temporary and common* process that distributes free chlorine in place of combined chlorine (chloramine) throughout the water distribution system as part of routine distribution system maintenance. Typically performed once or twice per year over a three-week time-period to remove biofilms from inside the pipes.
- 2. What is Free Chlorine?** Free Chlorine is the use of chlorine only, which is a stronger disinfectant than chloramines.
- 3. What is Chloramine?** Chloramine is a disinfectant used in drinking water made up of chlorine and ammonia together.
- 4. How is chlorine added to drinking water?** Water treatment operators may chlorinate drinking water using either chlorine gas, liquid sodium hypochlorite solution (bleach) or dry calcium hypochlorite.
- 5. How long has U.S. drinking water been chlorinated?** For more than 100 years!
- 6. How common is chlorine disinfection of drinking water?** Chlorine is by far the most commonly used drinking water disinfectant in all regions of the world. Today, about 98percent of U.S. water treatment systems use some type of chlorine disinfection process to help provide safe drinking water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires treated tap water to contain a detectable level of chlorine to protect against germs as it flows from the treatment plant to consumers' taps.
- 7. Is chlorine in drinking water safe?** The small amount of chlorine added to disinfect drinking water in accordance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations is safe for consumption. According to the EPA, allowable chlorine levels in drinking water (up to 4 parts per million) pose "no known or expected health risk."
- 8. How long will the free chlorination process last?** For three weeks – *September 20, 2022 – October 11, 2022.*
- 9. Is this the first time the City of Fort Lauderdale has used free chlorination?** No. This is done on average every 6 months for approximately three weeks.
- 10. Do other cities perform free chlorination?** Yes. This is a common industry practice. There are many utilities throughout the country that use chloramines as a distribution system disinfectant which convert to free chlorine on a periodic basis. In Broward County, 30 out of 31 municipalities conduct free chlorination events on a regular basis.
- 11. Does free chlorination change or affect water quality?** No, the drinking water still meets all State and Federal quality standards.
- 12. Will I notice a change in my water?** Some people may notice a change in the taste or odor of the drinking water during this time, but the change to free chlorination does not have any adverse health effects.
- 13. Why does my water taste/smell different?** Your water may taste or smell different because the City of Fort Lauderdale is temporarily changing its disinfection process. From September 20 to October 11, 2022, there will be a change from chloramines (a combination of chlorine and ammonia) to chlorine only. Water systems using chloramines periodically change to chlorine as part of a maintenance program within the water distribution system. During this temporary change to chlorine, you may notice a slight difference in the taste or smell of your tap water.
- 14. What can I do to improve the water taste/smell?** We suggest storing water in an open pitcher and placing it in your refrigerator. The chlorine will naturally dissipate from the water, and will become less noticeable. Also, colder water tastes better.
- 15. Why are you doing this during this time of the year?** As part of our commitment to provide safe and reliable water, the Utilities plant staff always monitors the water to determine when the system might need treatment change to help maintain the best water quality.
- 16. What are the methods for removing chlorine/chloramines from fish aquariums?** Just as with chlorine, chloramines can harm all saltwater and freshwater fish, reptiles, shellfish, and amphibians that live in water. Commercial establishments and hobbyists involved in fish rearing need to take precautions. There are two methods that can be used to remove or neutralize chloramines before adding water to a fish tank, pond, or aquarium: (1) Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filtration system specifically designed to remove chloramines, or (2) conditioner or additive that contains a de-chlorinating chemical for both ammonia and chlorine. These products are available at local pet and aquarium supply stores. The residential and commercial fish owners are advised to verify which method is best for them with their pet store or aquatic/aquarium retailer.
- 17. I notice the hydrant on my street flowing, is this part of the free chlorination process?** Flushing fire hydrants is a routine part of the free chlorination process. This will occur in various parts of the City, as a result, increased flushing may be observed during this time.
- 18. Who can I contact with additional questions or concerns?** Please call the Wilton Manors Emergency Management/Utilities Department at 954-390-2190 or the Fort Lauderdale 24-Hour Neighbor Call Center at 954-828-8000.

RECYCLE OFTEN. RECYCLE RIGHT

Single-Stream Recycling was introduced to simplify the recycling process for consumers, however, it is still important to think about what CAN and CANNOT be recycled. Cross-contamination occurs when soiled and non-recyclable items are mixed with recyclables, which can result in an entire load of items being sent to a waste facility instead of to a recycling center.

1) Items that **CAN** be recycled:



- **PAPER AND CARDBOARD PRODUCTS:** Newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogs, paperback books, office paper, mail and junk mail, cardboard boxes (must fit completely within the cart with the lid closed), cereal boxes and tissue boxes (flatten all boxes for the best use of space), milk cartons and juice boxes (rinsed). Cardboard containers should not include any food or food residue.
- **PLASTIC BOTTLES AND JUGS:** Plastic bottles (**#1 & 2 ONLY, rinsed and without caps**). Do not include bottles that contained hazardous materials such as paint, motor oil or pesticides.
- **CLEAN CANS:** Steel, tin and aluminum cans (rinsed), including empty aerosol cans.
- **GLASS:** Glass bottles and jars (rinsed and without caps).

2) Items that **CANNOT** be recycled:



PLASTIC BAGS



SOILED DISHES



PIZZA BOXES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dishes • Paper Plates • Styrofoam® • Coat hangers • Extension cords • Glassware • Ceramics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food contaminated paper or cardboard • Containers stained with food • Packing materials (bubble wrap, packing chips) • Plate glass/mirrors • Bottles or containers that held hazardous waste • Pots, pans, metal utensils or scrap metal • Yard waste (grass clippings, branches, leaves) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light bulbs • Hoses • Batteries • Electronics • Toys • Plastic wrap | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas ligh • Scrap metal • Plastic bags • Planters • Tires • Waxed paper |
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DO NOT PLACE BAGGED RECYCLABLES IN YOUR PICK-UP BIN

Recycle sensibly - When in doubt, THROW IT OUT!



Please join the City of Wilton Manors in welcoming these new businesses that opened in July 2022:

Address

2282 Wilton Drive
 2041 Wilton Drive
 1201 NE 26 Street 103
 1881 NE 26 Street 212

Business Name

Pride Factory
 Smile Empanadas
 Carved Barbershop
 The Appraisal Authority Corp



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

Recalling the *Pearce 5&10* on Wilton Drive



2181 Wilton Drive—1954 ©WMHS-Pearce Collec-

Ask any long-time Wilton Manors resident what they remember about their early years here and they almost always mention the *Pearce 5&10*. So here's the rest of the story ...

In 1950 a *Broward 5&10* opened at 2181 Wilton Drive [now the defunct Sushi Rock]. They had several stores; and were one of the first to offer "self-service" shopping. The Wilton Manors store was sold around 1953. (Perhaps coincidentally, a nationally-franchised *Ben Franklin 5&10* had just opened directly across the street.) It briefly operated as *Stone's 5&10*, then was purchased in 1954 by Bob Pearce and re-branded *Pearce 5&10*.

Pearce served in the Army Air Corps during WWII and through the early 1950s. After leaving the service, his brother convinced him to consider relocating to warm, sunny Florida and starting a business. The decision was made to locate in Wilton Manors because of the friendliness of the business people and residents.

Pearce successfully competed with the larger *Ben Franklin* through his friendly, personal service. Around 1960, when the *Ben Franklin* moved to the new Dixie Shopping Center (see last issue) Pearce moved across the street to their larger, vacated location at 2176 Wilton Drive [now Gables Wilton Park]. *Pearce 5&10* remained open at that location until 1977—when, after 23 years, it succumbed to competition from big-box discount stores like K-Mart and Zayre.

Wilton Manors pioneer residents fondly recall how "you could find anything at Pearce, from shoelaces to lampshades" (...or, from the sign in the window, even pet turtles); and how "kids would ride their bikes to the store to spend their allowances". And don't forget about the coin-operated pony ride and horoscope scale out-front!



2176 Wilton Drive—ca 1960 ©WMHS-Pearce Collection

Vintage pictures or documents to donate? Contact Ron and Mary Ulm at wmhs@WMHistory.org

2022 Election Charter Amendment Referendums on November 8 General Election Ballot

In 2019, the City's Charter Review Board reviewed the City Charter and proposed a number of amendments to the Charter. For the Charter to be amended, the proposals must be placed on the ballot for the voters to decide on approving the amendments.

These ballot questions will show on the November 8th General Election Ballot, each question is a YES or NO.

REPEAL OBSOLETE ARTICLES IIIA, SECTIONS 14 AND 22, ARTICLES V AND XII

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?

FORFEITURE OF OFFICE; FILLING OF VACANCIES FOR OFFICE OF MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION

Shall Article IIIA, Section 5 of the City Charter be Amended to Delete the Provision Authorizing the City Commission to Declare a Forfeiture in the Office of Mayor or Commissioner; and to Amend the Provisions For Filling Vacancies in the Office of Mayor and City Commission?

TERM LIMITS FOR COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR

Shall Article IIIA of the City Charter be amended to provide term limits of 12 years for mayor and commissioners; specifically, a limit of three four-year terms for commissioners; and a limit of six two-year terms for mayor?

To see the City Ordinances regarding these Ballot Referendums or to view the items in Creole or Spanish (Gade tradiksyon Kreyol la/ver la traduccion al Español):

<https://www.wiltonmanors.com/805/2022-Election-Charter-Referendums>.

The Circle Group

INTRODUCING

MANORS MARKET

NEW! WEEKLY THEME MARKETS
(Beginning October)

- 1st Sunday: Latin Food & Music Fest 
- 2nd Sunday: Pups 'n' Pets 
- 3rd Sunday: Manors Pride Marketplace 
- 4th Sunday: Health & Wellness Fair 

Season kicks-off with

'A Taste Of Things To Come'

Sunday, Sept 25
10am to 3pm

Wilton Manors CITY HALL
2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305







WILTON MANORS POLICE DEPARTMENT



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From Chief Gary Blocker Code Compliance—Measuring Positive Progress

Our Code Compliance Unit is vital to improving the “Quality of Life” in our Island City. As you may know, 2021 and early 2022 saw several vacancies in this unit for an extended period of time, and we struggled to provide the levels of service we desired and that which you deserved. We are pleased to report that all but one part-time position is filled, and our code officers are passionately working to address violations in your area. Our current complement of code officers is working seven (7) days a week in search of code violations with the intent to make positive change in our community. General working hours for our officers are 7:00 am – 6:00 pm on weekdays and weekend evenings until midnight to identify violations that present when the sun goes down, such as lighting, lawn watering restrictions, and noise. The fruits of our positive progress reside in the numbers in that our code unit has generated 466 code cases in the first half of 2022, marking a 152% increase in this category. Violations identified have also increased by 23% to 752, while unit activities such as inspections, meetings with property owners, and other efforts to work toward compliance have increased by 111% (2,129). We also like the fact that 75% of our code cases are proactively generated by our officers, as we prefer to be already working on an issue before you report it. I am very proud of the positive energy members of our code team display, knowing they are one of the difference-makers in beautifying our neighborhoods and commercial districts. For more information about our [Code Compliance Unit](#) and how we can help you, visit our website at www.wmpd.org and search “Code.”



It is officially Hurricane Season and our Ordinance on Storm Shutters has changed.

Sec. 5-24. - Storm shutters placement.

It is prohibited to maintain storm shutters in a closed and/or secured position on a structure for periods in excess of 10 calendar days unless: **(1)** A hurricane or tropical storm watch occurs during the ten-day period, at which point the ten-day period begins anew the day after hurricane or tropical storm conditions have subsided; or **(2)** Hurricane or tropical storm watch conditions are expected and or predicted to occur within 48 hours after the tenth day.

Other City Ordinances have also changed, including those regarding parking recreational vehicles, boats, and/or trailers on private property. Did you know that you can visit www.municode.com to view all of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Wilton Manors? Go directly to Wilton Manors Ordinances here: https://library.municode.com/fl/wilton_manors/codes/code_of_ordinances. Click on the search icon (magnifying glass) to open the search panel and search for your desired topic, i.e., recreational vehicles, use of swale areas, the feeding of wild animals...



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at <https://www.facebook.com/wiltonmanorspd>



How To Prevent Vehicle Burglaries

Vehicle Burglaries have been an existing nationwide issue for years, typically when there is no school or during an extended holiday weekend. The most common burglary of a conveyance (vehicle) involves breaking into a car to steal a purse, phone, or currency in plain view. The fact that streets and the driveways attached to them are accessible to everyone makes cars very vulnerable. Probably the most effective response for car owners is not to park their vehicles in the open streets or driveways. Of course, many car owners, especially in more densely populated residential areas, are forced to park on the streets because they do not have garages or driveways. Most thefts from cars in residential neighborhoods occur at night because this is when most cars are present in these communities and because of the anonymity that darkness provides. Improved street lighting and the illumination of private property remove one of the thief's greatest advantages, the cover of darkness. Well-lit streets and homes increase the risk of detection and can act as a deterrent to would-be offenders. Research has demonstrated the positive effects of improved street lighting in reducing criminal activity.

The solution in large part depends on car manufacturers, who have begun in recent years to design cars that are much more secure from theft, and on car insurers, who have demanded that cars be designed with security as a major concern, just as they did previously in regard to car safety. Working with local prosecutors to ensure aggressive prosecution and punishment may temporarily remove prolific offenders from the community and serve as a deterrent to others.

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

- 1.) Lock your doors
- 2.) Remove your keys from the vehicle
- 3.) Do not leave a spare key near your vehicle
- 4.) Close the windows
- 5.) Park in well-lit areas
- 6.) Install an audible alarm system and anti-theft device
- 7.) Install and monitor video surveillance (CCTV)
- 8.) Install a tracking system

As soon as you notice your vehicle has been burglarized, do not touch/adjust anything in, on, or around the car. Then, as quickly as possible, call the police to report the incident. Lastly, if you see any suspicious activity, such as looking in cars or trying door handles, you are urged to call law enforcement or report a theft in progress by calling 9-1-1.



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>

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 own application.

If you need to hand deliver your application or need more information, please contact City Clerk Faith Lombardo at: flobbardo@wiltonmanors.com or Assistant City Clerk Patricia Staples at pstaples@wiltonmanors.com or call 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

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Message from Leisure Services Director, Patrick Cann



I feel like we say it has been such a fast summer every year and this year was no different. In the month of July, we celebrated NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH! Summer Camp was a wonderful success and I could not be more inspired by our talented childcare team led by Adeesha Brooks and Darcelle Kates. Summer Camp continually proves to be a delightful experience to many children and parents that will treasure the memories for a long time. Camp was held at Island City Park Preserve for a nine-week curriculum that included meals, snacks and immeasurable FUN! The camp was truly magnificent and offered a safe outlet for children to learn new hobbies, develop their social skills and create lasting friendships that will be cherished for many, many years.

The Book Fair was another huge success. Brains and Balance Past 60 has been truly exciting along with an educational lecture series about the approaches to maintaining health and wellness. Chair volleyball brings out the inner child of the passionate participants!

The Leisure Services Department completed assessing how well the City is meeting your leisure services needs and will be sharing the results of your highest priorities regarding your current and future leisure services interests in the near future.

In 2022 we will continue celebrating the City's 75th Anniversary with unique Island City Special Events.

- Halloween Spooktacular, October 20th 6:30p.m.—Wilton Manors Elementary School
- Halloween Street Festival, (Wicked Manors), October 31st 6:00p.m.—Wilton Drive
- Veterans Day, Friday, November 11th 11:00a.m.—Hagen Park
- City Yard Sale, Saturday, November 12th 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.—Hagen Park
- 17th Annual Taste of the Island, November 14th 6:00p.m.—Richardson Park
- A Tropical Plant Fair, Saturday and Sunday, November 19th & 20th 9:00a.m.—Richardson Park

We look forward to seeing you during our festive fall Special Event season for Halloween events, Veterans Day Ceremony, City Yard Sales, 17th Annual Taste of the Island event and Tropical Plant Fair at one of our unique City facilities. To discover more about your park and library opportunities, please visit us online at www.wiltonmanors.com for more details. Also, please feel free to contact me anytime to share your recreational interests with me at 954-390-2130. Thank you!

UPCOMING SENIOR TRIPS

Miami Marlins Baseball Game—Monday September 12, 2022

Take me out to the ball game! Join us for a day game at Marlins Park to watch your Miami Marlins face off against the Texas Rangers. First Pitch is at 1:10p.m. Transportation leaves from Hagen Park at 11:00a.m.

Cost: \$20 (includes ticket and transportation – food & drinks on your own) Space is very limited!

Hard Rock Casino, Hollywood—Thursday, October 6, 2022

Explore, gamble and eat your way through the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino.

Cost: \$5 transportation fee (food and gamble on your own) Space is limited!

The Wynwood Walls—Miami—Thursday, November 3, 2022

Wynwood Walls is an outdoor museum showcasing large-scale works by some of the world's best-known street artists. The surrounding streets have converted warehouses housing craft breweries and funky art galleries.

\$10 transportation fee (lunch on your own) Space is limited!

WOOF & WINE—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13—COLOHATCHEE DOG PARK

Join us again for another Woof & Wine at Colohatchee Dog Park!

Dog owners are invited to enjoy the doggie play area with their furry friends while mingling with fellow dog owners and sampling wine and appetizers. Thursday, October 13 - Colohatchee Dog Park - 1975 NE 15 Avenue - 5–7p.m.

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Island City Yard Sales Resume!

To purchase vendor space or for information, please call the Leisure Services Department. The yard sale is free to the public. The vendors sell everything from linens and clothes to furniture, and home decorative items. Some vendors specialize in antiques, plants and collectables.

Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive—8a.m. – 2p.m.

Saturday, November 12th, 2022

Saturday, December 10th, 2022

Saturday, January 14th, 2023

Saturday, February 11th, 2023

Saturday, March 11th, 2023

Glow Pickleball

Experience your favorite sport in a whole new light! Join us for our first Glow Pickleball night that will be played under black lights with glow pickleballs, glow lines and glow nets. We will provide glow tape for the rim of your paddle, just wear your favorite glow wear, come out and experience the glow. Saturday, November 19 6:30-8:30p.m. HAGEN PARK COURTS

HAWAIIAN FESTIVAL

The 8th annual Hawaiian Festival will be held at Mickel Park on Saturday, November 12, from 2-6p.m. This year's event is free to the public and will include authentic hula performances, live island music, Polynesian vendors, Aloha Hawaiian BBQ, kids games, and more. The Hawaii Festival is for everyone of all ages. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket as seating is limited. For more information please call 305-771-HULA or visit www.hulaflorida.com.

A Tropical Plant Fair—Presented by Equality Garden Club

The Fair will include more than 40 plant vendors from around the state showcasing outstanding plants and related accessories. Industry professionals, amateur gardeners, and plant lovers are invited to attend this signature event. No pets will be allowed, since the park is a nature preserve.

For more information visit <https://www.equalitygardenclub.com/a-tropical-plant-fair>

Richardson Historic Park & Nature Preserve 1937 Wilton Drive

Saturday, November 19 9am to 5pm

Sunday, November 20 9am to 3pm

17th Annual TASTE OF THE ISLAND

Monday, November 14, 2022 6p.m.: Admission Gate Entry—8p.m.: Admission Gate Closes

Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve

1937 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors 33305

“An evening of food and libation in the Island City”

Taste of the Island is an evening of food and libation featuring local elite food and beverage establishments and spotlighting their culinary and beverage specialties at Wilton Manors' acclaimed outdoor tasting event. Now in its 17th year, “Taste” welcomes everyone in our community and South Florida to join together to explore the wide range of culinary delicacies available in our area.

Tickets are currently on sale at <http://www.tasteoftheisland.org>

For more information, please visit <http://www.tasteoftheisland.org>



Wicked Manors

Don't miss this annual event of The Pride Center at Equality Park!

Halloween Night—Monday, October 31—Wilton Drive 6-11p.m.

For the latest information visit <https://www.pridecenterflorida.org>

or www.wickedmanors.org.





THE LIBRARY CORNER

500 NE 26th Street

(954) 390-2195



Message from Library Director DAVID LARSEN

I am pleased to see regular patrons returning to our library as well as new patrons signing up for library cards, using our computers, checking out items, studying, attending programs, and more. As we look to the future, I see many opportunities for growth in program offerings, digital collections enhancement, and community outreach. The future is bright for our library in Wilton Manors as we work with our Friends of the Library group, the Library Advisory Board, city personnel, volunteers, and patrons to engage the community in building inclusive collections and services relevant to customer needs and programs of interest to the diverse array of residents in Wilton Manors, across Broward County, and beyond.

Service & Program Highlights:

Island City Book Club Resumes in September!

Our wonderful members of the Island City Book Club meet the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30p.m. at the Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors. The COVID-19 pandemic had brought a temporary halt to our meetings, but we are all excited to begin again and reconnect with our fellow readers. The chosen title for September 21st, 2022 is *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou. Meetings are set for October 19th and November 16th, 2022 as well. Books are chosen in advance, and Library staff often provide discussion questions to help the conversation. At least two copies of each chosen title will be available for checkout at the Library for a 7-day loan. An e-book version is also generally available for a two-week checkout on either Overdrive's "Libby" app or Cloud Library, our newest e-reading platform. The meetings are held year-long with a special luncheon at a local restaurant for the December meeting.

Online Reference Collection

We are currently working to create a digital collection of materials that will be useful to the community and made available online. Some of the materials will be resources that were formerly available in print, such as the *Florida Driver's Handbook*, but may now only be accessed via the Internet. The collection will also include government information, like the *Medicare & You* handbook that is updated every year, as well as local information guides such as the *Family Resource Handbook* created and distributed by the Children's Services Council. The materials will be in the library catalog and will look like any other eBook record. Each record will have a URL link that will take the user directly to the specified material. The collection is an evolving idea that will provide the community with access to materials they may not be able to find otherwise.

Children's Programs:

Read to a Dog

Children (and adults) are invited to practice their reading skills by reading to a specially trained canine in the library. Please contact the library to confirm dates and times.

LEGO Club

Bring your creations from home to show. Meet other LEGO builders and get new ideas. Build LEGOs using the library's bricks. Please contact the library to confirm dates and times.

As we continue to receive input from parents in regard to resuming in-person story times, it is our goal to resume such soon. Please check back with the library regularly for updates.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



Now in its 50th year, the two-fold mission of the Friends organization is to work with the Library staff in enhancing the cultural and educational opportunities in our community and, secondly, to supplement the city budget for our local public library which is not part of the Broward County library system.

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' website at: www.FriendsoftheWiltonManorsLibrary.org.



WESTSIDE ASSOCIATION of WILTON MANORS

On Thursday, October 13 at 6:30p.m. at Hagen Park Community Center, WAWM and the other neighborhood associations of Wilton Manors will co-host a Forum for candidates for Wilton Manors Mayor and City Commission. It's an opportunity to meet the candidates and learn about their positions and priorities for our Island City.

WAWM was excited to host a Membership Social in June and a National Night Out Block Party in August to help bring neighbors together and work to build a stronger community. In that same spirit, we are planning to host a Holiday Season Social event on Wednesday, December 7. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss out! Details will be forthcoming.

Not already a WAWM member? Please consider joining at www.wawm.org/membership. Feel free to reach out to WAWM any time at: wawm.org@gmail.com.



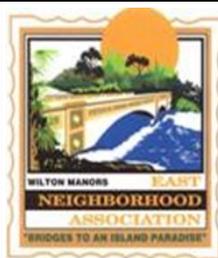
Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association (CANA)

As of this writing, nearly 1,200 residential units and at least one hotel are planned throughout Wilton Manors, much of which will see construction underway in 2023. Additionally, our small city will be seeing massive storm water and sewage infrastructure projects to the tune of 6 million dollars breaking ground next year as well. Roadways will be resurfaced and redesigned at a clip not seen in years. The city, county, and state will do their best to manage these projects so our residents will not become frustrated by the busy construction schedule.

Wilton Manors is in transition and to keep up with the changes CANA will be providing updates via social media/web and at our quarterly meetings. Everyone in our city is welcome to attend our meeting at Hagen Park that is scheduled for November 2nd at 7p.m. Also mark your calendar for a Candidates' Forum being put on by all three city neighborhoods on October 13th at 6:30p.m. at Hagen Park.

One final note, CANA is looking for volunteers, everything from social media creation to helping us organize a CANA social event that we are working on for early 2023. So, whether you are into landscaping or are a techie, we'd love to hear from you, just send an email to Bill@billedesautels.com.

Become a member at www.canawm.org Bill Desautels, President Bill@BillDesautels.com Matthew Gill, VP & Secretary Matt_Swim1956@yahoo.com Daniel Rahm, Treasurer Daniel@Rahm.com Michael Kalb Kalbm@comcast.net Jonathan Duffield JDFFL@hotmail.com



WILTON MANORS EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Dear East Neighborhood Association (ENA) neighbors: Our next ENA General Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, August 18th at 7p.m. Our meeting will be held at Independence Hall on NE 26th Street. Please use the front entrance. At the meeting, we will have a presentation from the developer of the Holy Mackerel site about their proposed 6 story 330 apartment development. In addition, we will hear from various City officials about what is happening in our neighborhood. Additionally, we will have people who are running for local, state and federal offices at the meeting

Our next NE 26th Street clean-up on Saturday, August 13th. We meet at 10a.m. at the Board of Realtors on NE 26th Street. Please join us for less than an hour to help clean up the main street in our neighborhood by picking up trash.

On October 13th we will be participating with the other three Wilton Manors Neighborhood Associations to provide a candidates' forum so our residents can hear from all the candidates that are running for the City Commission and Mayor's position and see who best meets the needs of our neighborhood. The forum will be at 6:30p.m. at Hagen Park.

We look forward to seeing you at our next ENA meeting. As always, if you have any questions about our neighborhood or suggestions, please call me.

John R. Fiore, President

East Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors, Inc.

954-564-3821



The Three Bridges Neighborhood Association is still less than a year old and has made some great strides. We're moving forward with our Adopt-a-Park project after receiving City Commission approval and being awarded an AARP Community Challenge grant of \$11,250. We will use these funds to begin the enhancements to Coral Gardens Park. We will begin with installing landscape lights to light the canopy of the trees there. Once completed, we will install additional landscape plants around the bases of the trees and install a Little Free Library. At the end of the project, we will host a kickoff block party to inaugurate the project. We hope that by this point, our renaming effort will have been awarded as well. We submitted an application to the city to rename the park to Lieber Park in honor of the residents who planted the trees that we enjoy today.

For more information about Three Bridges, please visit our website: 3bridgesassociation.com or visit our Facebook page or Facebook Group.

One Mile. Endless Possibilities.

WILTON DRIVE



The Wilton Drive Improvement District has helped the reimagining of Wilton Drive. We are proud that many of our concepts have come to fruition, and that a few more key components are almost complete. We have three major areas of focus:

1.) Safety

- We have worked diligently with FDOT to increase crosswalks and we are still scheduled to get a new crosswalk at NE 7th Ave and Wilton Dr. We will ask members of the community to join us at our next meeting (where we have invited FDOT) to emphasize the importance of this crosswalk. Especially with proposed development, we can only expect more foot traffic and the need for safe crosswalks.
- In addition, we can also expect about 15 additional lights along Wilton Drive to illuminate sidewalks and intersections.
- In our effort to encourage alternative forms of transportation on the drive, we have purchased and will have installed within the month, a Bicycle Repair Station to be located at the City Hall Parking Lot near the corner of Wilton Dr. and NE 21st Ct. This will enable our growing cycling population a place to fill their tires (with a manual pump) and make basic repairs.
- FDOT has completed the separate "safe sidewalk initiative" these last few months, to replace sidewalks that were uneven or cracked.

2.) Beautification

- Most of you have already seen the irrigation to prepare the tree wells for shrub and tree planting.
- We expect the planting to commence in September and will notify you when this is imminent. The trees are a mixture of Green Buttonwood, Live Oak, Gumbo Limbo, and Dahoon Holly. These trees and landscaping were mostly funded by our transportation tax initiative, but also from the donation of many generous private citizens to whom we are very grateful.
- We continue to have our cleaning person maintaining the drive up to four days a week, look for the man with the WDID tee shirt and the white bin!
- We have purchased a dozen bins that will help maintain the cleanliness of the drive. They will be installed within the next few months.
- An initiative by Vice Chair Castillo is transforming our parking meters to "works of art", supporting the brand colors of the WDID.

3.) Marketing

- We had a very successful Stonewall Parade this year and we are happy to continue to give our financial support to this signature event. These signature events bring business and recognition to Wilton Drive as a major tourist destination. Tourism continues to grow with numbers that exceed pre-COVID years. We continue our effort to make the most of our tourist economy while supporting our responsibility as a safe, clean location that makes consistent positive experiences for our residents as well.
- We have many new businesses on the drive, which is almost 100% occupied, and at the same time we also know that some future development might affect our precious legacy businesses. The city has an active business retention program and is seeking ways to keep our amazing and innovative businesses in our city. Please contact Kimberley Allonce at kallonce@wiltonmanors.com for more information, or if you have any questions.
- Our digital marketing campaign continues to grow at numbers that exceeds industry standards. Weekly eblast and our website continue to give accurate information about the drive and to promote business. Please sign up for information via www.wiltondrive.org. Also, feel free to contact me for information or new openings that you want promoted.
- We still offer discounts for Lyft and Uber and we have exciting news about the new app-based transportation system within the city of Wilton Manors called Circuit. Rides are \$2. You may book it during operating hours for any location within the city limits, and we hope you will use this as a way to visit The Drive.

We always welcome your input at meetings or via email, and we are happy to meet you to address any ideas you have to make WDID a more relevant and positive influence in our city.

Best regards, Anthony LoGrande – Chair WDID



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

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In the gallery...

September 17-October 8

The 11th Annual Island City Juried Art Exhibition

OPENING RECEPTION & AWARDS on SEPTEMBER 17th | 5 to 7 PM

Friday, October 7, 2022 at 6 PM

A Special Cultural Event: 2 SIPS SAYS IT ALL

A staged reading of a new gay comedy about life, love and carrot cake by E. Robert Dunn and Charles Baran.

Free admission. Limited seating.

November 19-December 10

The New Golf: Plein Aire Painting

A French term meaning 'painting in the outside air.'

FEATURING

Janet Onofrey and The Davie Painters

MEET THE ARTISTS on NOVEMBER 19th | 5 to 7 PM

Art Gallery 21

ISLAND CITY CULTURAL CENTER
600 NE 21 Court, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Call or Text 954-225-5488

artgallery21.org

Art Gallery 21, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working in partnership with Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department.

Art by Janet Onofrey