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Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

Summer 2023



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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, June 13 & 27
Tuesday, July 11 & 25
Tuesday, August 22
(No meeting Tuesday, August 8)



City offices closed:
Independence Day,
Tuesday, July 4

National Night Out



Tues, Aug 1
6-8pm Mickel
Park—see page 14
for details.

Wilton Manors City Officials

Mayor Scott Newton Vice Mayor Mike Bracchi
Commissioner Chris Caputo Commissioner Don D’Arminio
Commissioner Paul Rolli 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. 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 5p.m.	Finance Advisory 6:30p.m.
Wed 7-June	Tues 6-June	Mon (6pm) 12-June	Wed 21-June	Mon 17-July	No June Meeting	Wed 19-Jul
No July Meeting	Meets Quarterly	Mon 10-July	Wed 9-Aug	Meets Quarterly	Wed 12-July	Wed 15-Aug
Wed 2-Aug		Mon 7-Aug	Every 2 Months		Wed 9-Aug	

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, June 21, July 19, & August 23

West: Thursdays, June 22, July 20, & August 24

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

Central South: Wednesdays, June 21, July 19 & August 23

East: Tuesdays, June 20, July 18 & August 22



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

Condominium bulk pickup (quarterly): Saturday, June 24.

Document shredding event: Saturday, August 19, 9am—11am City Hall parking lot

PLEASE NOTE: Bulk pick-up 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-Summer Greetings



Last month, our City declared May 14-20 as National Police Week. We did this to honor the law enforcement officers serving our community and to remember the nearly 24,000 officers that have been killed in the line of duty. The members of the law enforcement profession are dedicated professionals that face danger every day that they go to work keeping communities safe. There were 12 assaults against Wilton Manors police officers last year, just in our small city.

In May, the [35th Annual Candlelight Vigil](https://nleomf.org/memorial/programs/national-police-week-2023/candlelight-vigil/) (<https://nleomf.org/memorial/programs/national-police-week-2023/candlelight-vigil/>) was held at the [National Law Enforcement Memorial](https://nleomf.org) (<https://nleomf.org>) in Washington D.C. Tallahassee P.D., and former WMPD PSA Officer Christopher Fariello was honored for his sacrifice, his name being one of 556 fallen heroes added to the memorial this year.

I have served on the City Commission for over twenty years and have prioritized public safety throughout my terms. It has been my mission to support a safe community and to ensure the safety of those who are protecting it. It is critical that we support our officers' mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing with adequate training, equipment, and health programs. I am the father of two police officers and am deeply proud of them. I salute our team and law enforcement officers across Florida for their service and sacrifice.

Have an opinion, or want to help? Contact me at snewton@wiltonmanors.com or 954-390-2123.



At the Tuesday, May 9, 2023 City Commission Meeting, Mayor Newton proclaimed the week of May 14 through May 20, 2023, as National Police Week in recognition of law enforcement officers serving the City of Wilton Manors and communities across the nation. Wilton Manors City Hall and the Police Station were illuminated blue in recognition of National Police Week.

Vice Mayor Mike Bracchi—Here to Serve and Represent You!



Accomplishment [uh-kom-plish-muhnt]; an act or instance of carrying into effect; fulfillment; something done admirably or creditably.

Our Island City has accomplished so much this year. You have my commitment that I will always ensure the city sets high standards and goals to ensure “Life’s Just Better Here”. Below is a list of some recent accomplishments along with some of the goals for the remainder of the year.

- ✓ Community Development Block Grant Projects (CDBG): Through federal grants, the city recently installed a new stormwater drainage system along portions of NW 24th Street and NW 8th Avenue, just east of Powerline Road. The next CDBG project consists of the installation of energy efficient lighting at portions of Hagen Park.
- ✓ NW 29th Street Project: This project will include a complete repaving, replacement of sidewalks, swale restoration, lane width reduction, and addition of east and west-bound bicycle lanes between Andrews Avenue and Powerline Road. Project implementation is expected to begin in mid to late 2023 and will take approximately nine months to complete.
- ✓ Broward County Transportation Surtax Projects: These projects are partially funded through the Broward County penny sales tax.
 - Recent installation of raised intersections along portions of NE 15th Avenue, and the recent installation of sidewalks along portions of NE 24th Street.
 - Redesign of NE 26th Street east of Five Points, including widening of the sidewalks, a crosswalk at NE 14 Ave., and possible landscaping, medians, and lighting. The city is waiting for final approval from Broward County.
 - Three other roadway resurfacing projects, also funded through the surtax program, are under construction. The areas affected are primarily in the central part of the city.
- ✓ Wayfinding Signage: Final engineering plans to install branded wayfinding signs throughout the city have been completed. Construction to commence in early 2024.
- ✓ City Hall Parking Lots: The repair, resealing, and restriping of the City Hall, Cultural Center and Library parking lots is currently in the permitting phase.
- ✓ Tennis & Basketball Court Resurfacing: The court resurfacing project for the asphalt tennis courts at Hagen Park and the basketball court at ICPP recently began. Completion is expected by June 15th.
- ✓ Hagen Park Recreation Area Renovations: The City received a federal grant for \$300,000 to install a new children’s playground, permanent pickleball courts, and improvements to the restrooms and the trail. The project design is expected to begin on July 1, 2023.
- ✓ Water, Wastewater & Stormwater Infrastructure: The City has completed several storm drain lining projects and is moving forward on installing new drainage in the 1400 Block of NE 24th Street and 2200 Block of NW 2nd Avenue. Improvements for water distribution upgrades on NW 29th Street and NE 30th Court began March 26.

As you can see, we are working hard for YOU! I am honored and humbled to serve and represent you as the Vice Mayor. 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!

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.gov/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.

While on the City’s website, you may have noticed that we recently converted to the .gov domain suffix. This better identifies the City’s website as a government entity (.gov) versus a commercial (.com) site.

Commissioner Chris Caputo—Master Mobility Plan



As an urban village, Wilton Manors faces the same transportation struggles as many other Broward County cities. Unfortunately, expanding roadways is not an option due to space limitations, so we're launching initiatives that will make our city streets safer and more comfortable for pedestrians and bikers, while still ensuring efficient traffic flow. To fund these projects without relying on local funds alone, our city leverages grant programs - maximizing every opportunity to improve efficiency and safety with minimal taxpayer burden!

Have you heard of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)? They are on a mission to collaboratively plan, prioritize, and fund the delivery of diverse transportation options across the county. As an MPO Board member for about a year and half now, I've worked to become skilled at understanding how projects can be funded and ensure our city gets its fair share. For example, thanks to MPO funding, we were able to make improvements to Wilton Drive and build dedicated bike lanes/sidewalks along NE 26th Street between Five Points & Andrews Ave. This fall, they'll be investing more money into NW 29th Street (between Andrews Ave & Powerline Road) too- all with the goal of creating "complete streets" that make it safe for not just cars but also cyclists and pedestrians alike!

The city is also working with the MPO to create a Master Mobility Plan, which will focus on the six primary corridors and projects, which will improve traffic flow and make the roadways safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, scooters and other alternative forms of transportation. The city continues to seek public comment on this project, so if you have ideas, please share them with me as well as Pamela Landi (plandi@wiltonmanors.com). The final report, expected in about a year, will provide a list of prioritized projects which will hopefully be eligible for federal and state grant funds.

I will continue collaborating with other MPO board members and residents to make our community safer and easier to navigate— whether you drive, walk, run, bike or take the Circuit! Please reach out to me a ccaputo@wiltonmanors.com with your ideas and concerns or visit my web site at chriscaputo.com to schedule an in-person coffee with me.

Commissioner Don D'Arminio—Article 35



It's been almost 2 years since our City Commission supported new land use & zoning code on many of our main roads called Transit Oriented Corridors (TOC). The new zoning (under Article 30) now allows for additional residential density on streets like Andrews Ave, Oakland Park Blvd, Wilton Drive, Dixie Highway, and parts of 26th Street. Prior to revising this code, there were many workshops & meetings encouraging resident & business input.

Most residents don't realize there is another City Code encouraging higher density in our city. Article 35 of our City Code hasn't gotten nearly the attention or publicity as Article 30. Article 35 is a City Code adopted in 2003 – 20 years ago. It's a Code that supports & encourages developers to request additional residential density **IN OUR RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS**.

Article 35 creates a "Traditional Neighborhood Overlay District" which encompasses many of our residential properties. This 20-year old city code goes on to explain that a developer may request additional density up to 75%, referred to as "Bonus Density". So, a 4-unit building (or quad) may request an increase in density to 7 units. A 6-unit building may request an increase in density to 10 units. The District identified in the code includes many of our single-family homes as well. This code allows a developer to acquire a group of single-family homes and request higher density. Personally, I find this code quite disturbing.

I think we can all agree that Wilton Manors is in a different place today than it was 20 years ago. The adopted code may have made sense 20 years ago, but no longer does. Wilton Manors no longer needs to offer developer incentives that jeopardize our single-family neighborhoods.

Now that Article 30 has been modified to allow increased height & residential density, it's time to revisit Article 35 in an effort to protect our neighborhoods from over-development. Accordingly, I've brought this to the attention of city staff for review.

In keeping with my campaign promise, I do NOT support additional density in our neighborhoods whatsoever. As your Commissioner, I'm strongly committed to maintaining the integrity of our single-family neighborhoods and the small-town feel we have all come to love. It's important that we guide our city's growth and steer any additional growth to our main streets called transit oriented corridors, and leave our single-family neighborhoods alone!

What do you think? Your feedback is extremely important to me and I genuinely welcome your comments, concerns & suggestions. Feel free to reach out to me on my cell at 201-921-4806 or via email at ddarminio@wiltonmanors.com.

Commissioner Paul Rolli—Update on Utilities



My previous Town Crier article provided an overview of the City Commission’s priority for upgrading and improving the city’s underground water utilities. In April, we experienced a 1 in 1,000-year rain event with more than 18 inches falling in a five-day period. The rainfall caused significant flooding and sewer backups. At the April 25th City Commission meeting, Utilities Director Archacki shared that in the last two years, more than \$2.5 million has been spent to test and repair sewer lines, and that will continue through the end of the year. An additional \$10 million in federal low-interest loans will be spent to improve the wastewater and stormwater systems over the next five years.

Part of the cause of the sewage backup ties into the gallons of wastewater the city sends to the Fort Lauderdale treatment plant. Each city that sends sewage to that plant has a capacity limitation. When wastewater mixes with rainwater, the gallon capacity is increased and capacity limit is reached sooner. The mix of waters is because rainwater leaks into the old worn lines. This is known as Inflow and Infiltration (I&I). We are working to substantially reduce I&I by relining our pipes. Furthermore, during a major rain event, Fort Lauderdale and other cities contribute to the overall capacity issue. When Fort Lauderdale is over capacity of what the plant can process, they throttle back the capacity other cities can send, thus adding to the sewer back up issue. We have other issues with our sewer system and we are working on those as well.

To mitigate flooding during high rainfall events, we are conducting a Sea Level Rise (SLR) Vulnerability Assessment, to model which neighborhoods will be most impacted by flooding in 2040 and 2070. We received a State grant to conduct the study, and recently held a well-attended public outreach meeting to seek feedback from residents. If you would like to offer ideas, there is still time. Go to the [City’s Climate Change page](#) to see the materials and email Plandi@wiltonmanors.com with your feedback. The City has also received a \$1 million grant to mitigate flooding through the installation of check valves at key outfall areas.

Let me take a moment to wish each of you, your families, and friends a happy, healthy summer and any holiday you might celebrate.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you around town. If you have any questions or concerns, always feel free to contact me at prolli@wiltonmanors.com or 954-595-8865. I am always available for a conversation.



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Community Development Services Department

954-390-2180



Access to online building permitting can be found on the [Online Services page](#) of the City’s website by clicking on the “Building Permits” link. Access the City’s website here: www.wiltonmanors.com, and the Online Services page here: <http://www.wiltonmanors.com/248/Online-Services>.

If you have any questions or need assistance with online building permitting, please call 954-390-2180 or email at CDSinfo@wiltonmanors.com.



Please welcome these new businesses that opened January—April, 2023:

	<u>Address</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
January:	3071 N Andrews Avenue	MJ3 Smokin Inc
	2401 North Dixie Hwy	Hotspots Art Gallery
	2908 North Andrews Ave	Simcom Communications LLC
	1985 N Andrews Ave 201	WePayMore Funding LLC
	1985 N Andrews Ave 200	Titn Dev LLC
	2242 Wilton Dr	Kava Jive Corp
	2705 N Andrews Ave	PJS Corner Pocket LLC
February:	2733 NW Andrews Ave	Community Garden Centers LLC
	1409 NE 26 St	Avita Pharmacy
March:	1515 NE 26 St. 131	Logo Promo Gift, LLC
	1881 NE 26 St. 102	Expanding Awareness Therapy, LLC
April:	1008 W Oakland Park Blvd	Talk 4 Less Wireless Communications
	120 E. Oakland Park Blvd 202	Sugaring Suites, LLC
	1160 NE 24 Ct	The Vintage Clubhouse, LLC
	40 E Oakland Park Blvd	Smoke Pharm Smoke Shop
	2370 Wilton Dr	La Galeria Fine Art
	120 E Oakland Park Blvd 105	Cardoso International Realty, LLC



Development Applications

Current development projects that the city is processing can be found on the city’s website via the Community Services Development page at:

www.wiltonmanors.gov/131/Community-Development-Services.

You can also go there directly at:

www.wiltonmanors.gov/836/Development-Applications.

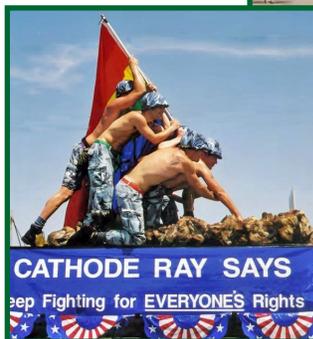
If you have any questions regarding current construction projects in the city, please contact Community Development Services at 954-390-2180.

Upcoming 24th Year of the Wilton Manors Stonewall Pride Parade and Street Festival

So what are the roots of this event? The first Pride celebration held in South Florida took place in June of 1978; organized by **Pride South Florida**. The parade that year went down Las Olas Boulevard. The event then took place at different locations each year and was moved to winter in 1998. A group wishing to return the event to June soon formed **Pride of Greater Ft. Lauderdale**; which held its inaugural event in Wilton Manors in 2000. It was unexpectedly successful; with all available vendor booths filled and some 7,500 in attendance (*Buzz Magazine, June 2007*). The following year there were 10,000 visitors, 110 vendor booths and 43 floats in the parade.

The event remained in Wilton Manors, and while participation continued to grow, in 2010 Pride of Greater Ft. Lauderdale lost \$30,000 on the event and closed its doors (*The Agenda, June 2011*). The City of Wilton Manors, determined to keep the event alive, began contracting with various other organizations to promote the event. Since 2015, the City has partnered with the **Wilton Manors Entertainment Group** (WMEG), now **Hotspots Events**, to produce our parade and street festival.

Hope to see you there for the 24th Anniversary Edition on June 17th!



Rare images of the 2000 event
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Vintage pictures or documents to donate? Contact Ron and Mary Ulm at wmhs@WMHistory.org

Emergency Management/Utilities Division 954-390-2190

Hurricane Season is June 1 to Nov 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 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).

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

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*



Tree Trimming

With the 2023 hurricane season here, don't wait until a storm is on its way before you prepare your trees and other landscape to minimize damage to structures, roadways and other types of property. It's not too late to address potential issues now by following some simple guidelines:

- ♣ It's your responsibility to trim the trees growing from your property, including in the swale area adjacent to the street as well as overhanging canopies.
- ♣ Trees should be trimmed to remove dead branches and thin the canopy to allow air flow to pass through the growth and provide proper clearance above the street to allow passage of emergency and debris removal vehicles.
- ♣ Remember, landscape will grow back. It's okay to trim a little extra so the new growth will not undermine trimming efforts. However, care should always be taken with tree trimming, and there are important DOs and DON'Ts for proper tree health. Visit Broward County's website to view proper tree trimming guidelines: <http://www.broward.org/Environment/TreePreservation/Pages/ProperTreePruning.aspx>
- ♣ Make sure to address all types of landscape including palm trees, hedges and decorative landscape features.
- ♣ If you hire someone to do the work for you, make sure they are licensed and insured. Broward County requires licensure for hired individuals and businesses. Visit Broward County's website for tree trimming licensure: <https://www.broward.org/Building/TreeTrimmers/Pages/Default.aspx>
- ♣ Plan trimming to take advantage of the City's bulk trash collection schedules for proper and disposal: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/184/bulk-trash-collection>

Secure Shredding Event

When: Saturday, August 19, 2023 9a.m. to 11a.m.

Where: City Hall/Hagen Park Parking Lot 2020 Wilton Dr. Wilton Manors, FL 33305

The City's solid waste, recycling and household hazardous waste contractor, Waste Management, has contracted with Shred-It to provide this FREE, secure and confidential shredding service. Shred-It uses cross-cut shredding technology, and all resulting paper shreds are removed from the waste stream and recycled into new products. Hard-drive punching will also be available at this event.

Wilton Manors residents: You will need to bring proof of residency (such as a driver's license or utility bill showing your Wilton Manors address).

Wilton Manors business owners: You will need to bring a copy of your current Wilton Manors Business Tax Receipt.

For more information, contact the Emergency Management/Utilities Department at 954-390-2190.



Message from Hagen Park Head Tennis Pro DONNA KOCYBA

On behalf of the Hagen Park Tennis Center, The Island City would like to publicly thank the local sponsors of our annual tennis tournament that was held on April 22nd. Eight singles players and sixteen doubles teams signed in to compete in two divisions, “A” for advanced players and “B” for intermediates. The team with the most points wins!

Our Tennis Tournament is always a lot of fun (and hard work!) and would not be such a huge success without the generous support of a caring community. Thank you to all who participated and to our local Island City sponsors:

Waste Management, The Pub on the Drive, Apt. 9f, Tulio’s Tacos & Tequila Bar, Bubbles & Pearls, Union Kitchen & Bar, Ethos, Stork’s Bakery & Coffee House, Publix 5-Points, CVS 5-Points, Wilton Manors 7-Eleven, and the folks at Tennis Plaza.



STONEWALL

Pride Parade and Street Festival



Stonewall Pride Parade & Street Festival—June 17, 2023, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

To commemorate the 54th anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Riots, the City will co-sponsor the annual Stonewall Pride Parade and Street Festival on June 17. The street festival will kick off at 3 p.m. with live music and vendors, followed by the twilight parade at 7 p.m.

Businesses, community groups, and individuals are invited to sponsor, participate as vendors in this year’s street festival, advertise in the official Stonewall guide, and of course walk in the parade. Spaces are limited and based on a first-come first-served basis, so early registration is encouraged at stonewallpride.lgbt (other event information is available on this site as well) or by calling 754-200-1641.



WILTON MANORS POLICE DEPARTMENT



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

From Chief Gary Blocker

PRIDE IN SERVICE—2023 STONEWALL PRIDE PARADE AND STREET FESTIVAL



Every summer brings Island City Pride, and on Saturday, June 17th, our City will host the annual Stonewall Pride Parade and Street Festival. The professionals of the Wilton Manors Police Department share in the excitement as we approach this signature event. Public safety will be on center stage during pride weekend, and the professionals of our police department and our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners will be here for you. To be clear, public safety will be our number one priority. Since January, public safety officials have been planning for every aspect of this event to ensure our operational plan meets National Incident Management System standards and the needs of our community. Some special operations in place will be uniformed patrols, explosive odor detection canine sweeps, drone overwatch, rapid response teams, public safety technologies, and more. I remind our community that it takes a partnership to nurture proper levels of public safety, so if you “See Something – Say Something.” Leading up to and during pride weekend, should you hear or see anything of concern, immediately report this information to law enforcement. We also encourage you to stay informed by following us on Twitter, our primary communications platform for this event. We look forward to welcoming you and more than 40,000 friends to the Arts and Entertainment District, and we hope you enjoy what Stonewall Pride is all about!

ROADWAY SAFETY—Assistant Chief Darren Brodsky

The Wilton Manors Police Department is focused on enhancing public safety, especially on our busy roadways!

Our Island City Community is amazing and unlike any other in South Florida. One of our goals is to create safer roadways through compliance and education plans. Over the past year, the Wilton Manors Police Department participated in the Florida Department of Transportation Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety High Visibility Enforcement Support Program (HVE). This program, which began in July 2022 and ended on May 12, 2023, provided our agency with \$13,680.71 in reimbursed funds for overtime and training.

The purpose of the HVE program was to improve the safety of pedestrian and bicycle travel in the City of Wilton Manors at three critical locations: 1.) Oakland Park Boulevard eastbound from NW 10th Terrace to Andrews Avenue, 2.) Powerline Road From NW 24th Street to the North Fork Middle River, and 3.) Wilton Drive from NE 23rd Street to the North Fork Middle River. These locations were identified by the Florida Department of Transportation and the University of North Florida as the statistical focus for this initiative.

Wilton Manors Police Department officers devoted over 100 overtime hours to provide enforcement and education to pedestrians, bicycle riders, and motorists, issuing 88 warning citations, two traffic citations, and one arrest. A total of 195 hours of activity were dedicated to this initiative as of May 1, 2023.

The Wilton Manors Police Department will seek approval to participate in this initiative again next year. In addition, the WMPD is launching a separate traffic safety initiative using enforcement, education, and social media notifications to improve efforts to keep the streets safe to walk, ride, or drive. The WMPD is also purchasing technology (speed measurement message boards) to strengthen our efforts to slow speeders, educate drivers, and enhance road safety. The community should see these message boards on the roadways this summer.

We are hopeful that these traffic safety initiatives and our officers' efforts will translate to safer roadways in our Island City. Updates will be provided as this data is available. Thank you for your support!



Vigilance Against Pickpockets

As we prepare to celebrate our annual Stonewall Pride Festival, please remember these helpful tips for protecting your belongings from potential pickpockets during the celebration.



1. Be aware of your surroundings. Pay attention to who is around you and what they're doing. If you see someone acting suspiciously, move away from them.
2. Keep your belongings close to you. If you're carrying a purse or backpack, wear it in front of you. And don't put your phone or camera in your back pocket – pickpockets are experts at quickly stealing things from back pockets.
3. Be especially careful in crowded places. Pickpockets often operate in busy tourist areas, on public transportation, and at events and festivals. If you're in a crowded place, keep your belongings close to you and be aware of your surroundings.
4. Don't carry all your valuables with you. Leave your passport and extra cash in your hotel safe if you can, and only carry what you need for the day. That way, if you do get pickpocketed, you won't lose everything.
5. Be cautious of strangers. If someone approaches you and asks for directions or help, be wary. Many pickpockets work in teams, and while one distracts you, the other will steal your belongings.
6. Trust your gut. If something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. If you have a bad feeling about someone or something, move away from the situation.
7. Keep your hands free. If you can, carry your belongings in a backpack or cross-body bag so you can keep your hands free. That way, you can better keep an eye on your belongings and be more aware of your surroundings.
8. Be vigilant when using ATMs. Pickpockets often target people who are using ATMs, so be extra cautious when withdrawing cash. Be aware of your surroundings, keep your belongings close to you, and be sure to shield the keypad when you enter your PIN.
9. Invest in a money belt. A money belt is a small, hidden pouch that you wear around your waist under your clothes. It's a great way to keep your valuables close to you and out of sight.

Keep your valuables hidden. If you can, keep your valuables hidden from view. This article is written with the intent to help our residents and visitors keep their property safe while enjoying the Pride Festival. There are numerous ways to secure your items better, and most importantly, remember, "See Something, Say Something!"

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CODE COMPLIANCE

Please help our city preserve a high standard of maintenance by submitting CODE COMPLIANCE concerns: In-person or by mail to:

Code Compliance 2020 Wilton Drive Wilton Manors, FL 33305

By phone: 954-390-2151 Or by email to: codecompliance@wmpd.org

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



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on FACEBOOK!*

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

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Upcoming Programs & Events



YOGA WITH GREG NARDI

Ashtanga Yoga is a dynamic form of yoga that links breath, movement, and mindfulness. Classes include the use of verbal cues, hands on assists, and visual demonstrations to help you find the best approach to the practice for you.

Every Tuesday 9:30a.m.-10:30a.m. at Island City Cultural Center (formerly the Woman’s Club)
\$10 for 1 class or 10 classes for \$80. Register at Hagen Park Community Center.

ISLAND CITY SUMMER CAMP

Join us for a summer of fun at Island City Summer Camp! For kids in 1st-5th grade, our program includes field trips, sports, arts & crafts, and weekly special events. All field trips, lunches, and snacks are included, so register today and let the adventure begin!

June 12—August 18, 2023 Location: Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28th St, 8a.m.-6p.m. Daily

	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
1st Child Fee	\$160	\$180
2nd Child Fee	\$140	\$160
Registration Fee	1 Child—\$30	Family—\$45

Space is limited! To register please visit Hagen Park Community Center at 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors
For more information please call 954-390-2130 or 954-390-2115.

Help Us Find Our Honorees for Hispanic Heritage and LGBTQ+ History Months



The Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB) is seeking nominees for honorees of both Hispanic Heritage (September 15—October 15) and LGBTQ+ History (October) Month.

The deadline for nominations is August 31, 2023. Nominations will be reviewed in the CAAB meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. The honoree of Hispanic Heritage Month will be presented in the Commission Meeting of Tuesday, September 26, while the honoree of LGBTQ+ History Month (October) will be presented in the Commission Meeting of Tuesday, October 10.



Nominees need not reside in Wilton Manors—only that they benefit the Wilton Manors community.

Qualifications to consider:

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- For Hispanic Heritage Month: the nominee exhibits leadership and creativity in promoting Hispanic Heritage and increasing the understanding of and appreciation for the culture of the Hispanic Community.
- For LGBTQ+ History Month: role models who paved the way for LGBTQ+ rights, as well as today’s trailblazers who are forging new paths for equality.

Nominations should be 250 words or less and describe the contributions, benefits to the community, neighborhood, group, individual, or non-profit organization of the individual.

Nominations may be made using the forms available at City Hall or on the City’s website from the CAAB webpage here: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/482/Community-Affairs-Advisory-Board>. You may also simply send a nomination email in 250 words or less to: community@wiltonmanors.com, explaining why this individual or business should be recognized. **NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 31, 2023.** Paper nomination forms are also available at City Hall.



THE LIBRARY CORNER

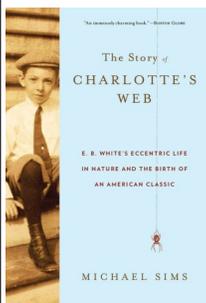
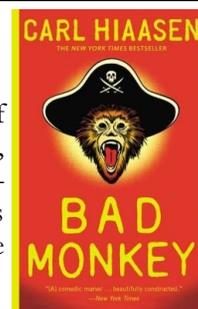
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(954) 390-2195

Program Highlights:

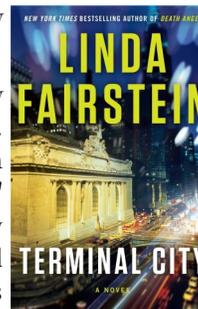
The upcoming titles for our Island City Book club are:

June 14th: *Bad Monkey* by Carl Hiaasen - Andrew Yancy, late of the Miami Police and soon-to-be-late of the Monroe County sheriff's office, has a human arm in his freezer. There's a logical explanation for that, but not for how and why it parted from its shadowy owner. Yancy thinks the boating-accident/shark-luncheon explanation is full of holes, and if he can prove murder, the sheriff might rescue him from his grisly Health Inspector gig. But first, Yancy must negotiate an obstacle course of wildly unpredictable events with a crew of even more wildly unpredictable characters.



July 12th: *The Story of Charlotte's Web* by Michael Sims - Sims tells the engaging story of author E.B. White, and how White created the lifelike characters - helpless pigs, silly geese, clever spiders, and greedy rats - in his classic tale, *Charlotte's Web*.

August 9th: *Terminal City* by Linda Fairstein (rescheduled from April) - When the body of a young woman is found in the tower suite of the Waldorf Astoria, Assistant D.A. Alex Cooper and Detectives Chapman and Wallace find themselves hunting for an elusive killer whose only signature is carving a carefully drawn symbol into his victims' bodies, a symbol that bears a striking resemblance to train tracks. When a second body bearing the same symbol is discovered in a deserted alleyway right next to Grand Central, all attention shifts to the iconic transportation hub, where the potential for a bigger attack weighs heavily on everyone's minds.



All meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30p.m. at your Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors.

Summer Youth Programs:

Enter our annual Summer Reading Contest. Call Jill for details 954-390-2195.

Wednesday, June 21st at 4p.m. in the Library

Atlantic Coast Theatre For Youth presents: The Time Machine. Recommended for ages 5-13.

Wednesday, July 12th at 4p.m. in the Library

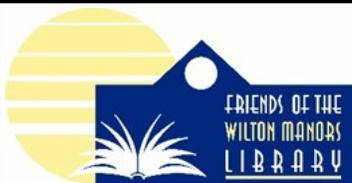
Katie Adams' Make Believe Theater presents: Favorite Aesop's Fables. Recommended for children up to age 8.

Wednesday, July 26th at 4p.m. in the Library

Wildlife Show presented by Wild Animal World. For all ages.

Wednesday, August 2nd at 4p.m. at Hagen Park Community Center

Didgeridoo Down Under Show: Australian Music, Culture, Character Building & More! For all ages.



FRIENDS OF THE WILTON MANORS LIBRARY SUMMER BOOK FAIR

The Friends of the Wilton Manors Library will hold its SUMMER BOOK FAIR on Saturday, July 8, 2023 from 8a.m. – 2p.m. It will be held inside the Hagen Park Community Center (behind City Hall) at 2020 Wilton Drive.

The Friends will be offering a huge selection of books, DVDs and music CDs for adults and children at drastically low donation prices. All proceeds benefit the Richard C. Sullivan Public Library in Wilton Manors.

For more information please call (954) 566-9019.





WESTSIDE
ASSOCIATION OF WILTON MANORS

The Westside Association has been working closely with Leisure Services and WMPD to improve the facilities and increase safety and security at Mickel Park to enhance our neighbors' use. We are planning the following member events for the remainder of 2023:

- Join us for our Spring Fling Member Social on Wednesday, May 17th, 6:00pm – 8:00pm, at Mickel Park. We will have refreshments, music, and lots of fun.
- The Westside Neighborhood Street Cleanup is scheduled for Sunday, June 11th @ 8:00am. We are looking for volunteers to join us for a few hours of volunteer service with clean-up of Andrews Avenue and NW 29th Street. Please email us your name(s) and phone number(s) to wawm.org@gmail.com.
- Save the Date: National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 1st at Mickel Park. The Westside is working with the City and WMPD and will publish additional information soon.
- Thank you to all who attended our Annual Meeting on April 17th. Our 3rd Quarter General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26th @ 7:00PM at Hagen Park Community Center. We hope to see you there ... don't forget to bring a friend!

Have you seen something unique or interesting on the Westside? We are always looking for photos to share. Send your submissions to wawm.org@gmail.com and you could be featured on our Facebook or Newsletter.

Check out our home page (www.wawm.org) and Facebook page www.facebook.com/WestsideWilton for details on all of the above.

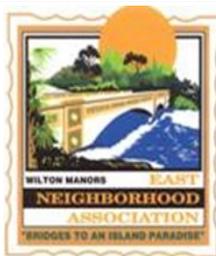


Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association-CANA

Two years ago, the city commissioners passed new development guidelines including taller buildings and much higher density along our busiest streets. To date no construction cranes are in sight. Several proposals have been working their way through the approval process, we even have a proposed hotel on Dixie Highway. But hurdles still need to be cleared not only at the city level but also the county and state, CANA will keep you informed every step of the way.

CANA board members attend the city meetings to advocate on your behalf, including Development Review Committee, Commissioners, Planning & Zoning Board amongst others. Additionally, we have one-on-one meetings with elected officials and staff, with the intent to improve the quality of life in our Island City. Please join us at our quarterly meetings held at Hagen Park Community Center starting at 7p.m.: July 12th and October 11th. As always, we hold a Wine and Cheese social just prior, beginning at 6:30p.m.

Become a member at www.canawm.org Email us at membership@canawm.org Bill Desautels, President; Matthew Gill, VP & Secretary; Daniel Rahm, Treasurer; & Jonathan Duffield Board Member



WILTON MANORS EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The East Neighborhood Association (ENA) will be holding our next meeting on Thursday, June 22 at 7pm. We will be meeting at our usual location at Independence Hall on NE 26th Street. At the meeting we will have reports from City officials including representatives from the Police Department and Code Enforcement about the City and our neighborhood. Our next quarterly NE 26th Street Clean-up will be held at 10am on Saturday, June 24th. We meet at the Board of Realtors on NE 26th Street. Please join us as it takes less than one hour to help keep the main street in our neighborhood clean. We will also be discussing at the meeting ENA's project to improve the landscaping on NE 16 Avenue and the North Fork of the Middle River to help beautify the entrance to our neighborhood.

If you have any questions about our neighborhood or the meeting, please contact John R. Fiore, President - East Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors, Inc. - 954-564-3821 jrfiorefla@gmail.com.



Wilton Manors celebrates NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 1, from 6-8p.m. at Mickel Park (2675 NW 7th Ave)

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Each year the City of

Wilton Manors and the Wilton Manors Police Department celebrate National Night Out on the first Tuesday in August.

For more information please visit: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/305/National-Night-Out> or contact Officer Grade at ggrande@wmpd.org.



The Three Bridges Neighborhood Association is excited to announce that Kareem Awadalla has been appointed to our Board of Directors. Kareem brings some fresh ideas for community outreach programs. One idea is to hold in-depth interviews with local leaders and a panel of members to ask questions as well. We look forward to working with him to continue improving our service to our neighbors. Welcome Kareem!

Three Bridges sponsored Woof and Wine at Colohatchee Park on April 27th. We thank the city for inviting us to sponsor the event. Woof and Wine also seeks to have other dog-related groups to participate. We contacted Abandoned Pet Rescue, Fort Lauderdale’s only no kill pet rescue to join us. They were thrilled with the invitation and came with a variety of their adoptable pups. Also in attendance was a representative from the Broward County Property Appraisers Office. He was assisting residents with their fraud prevention programs and property records.

The next Woof and Wine will be held in September and Three Bridges has offered to sponsor that event.

For more information about Three Bridges, please visit our website at: 3bridgesassociation.com.

***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:

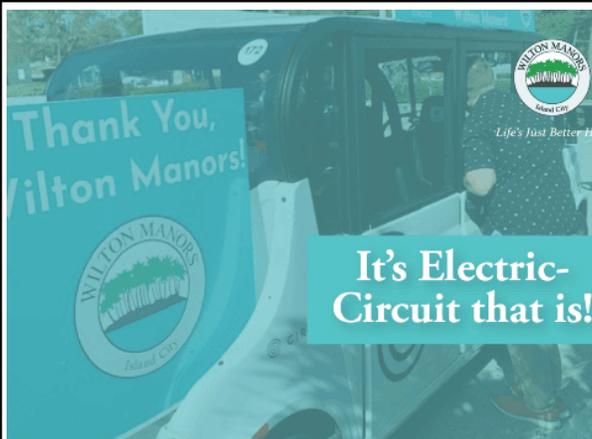
<https://www.wiltonmanors.com/221/Boards-Committees>-each Board webpage has a link to its own application.

If you need to hand deliver your application or need more information, please contact City Clerk Faith Lombardo at: flombardo@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 Current openings:

Community Affairs Advisory Board—Appointment scheduled for Commission Meeting of August 23, 2023
The deadline to accept applications is Monday, July 24, 2023. Four openings.

Library Advisory Board—Appointment scheduled for Commission Meeting of September 12 2023
The deadline to accept applications is Monday, August 21, 2023. Two openings.

Wilton Drive Improvement District (WDID)—Appointment scheduled for Commission Meeting of November 14, 2023. The deadline to accept applications is Wednesday, Monday, October 23, 2023.
Four openings- 2 for Property Owners, 1 for Business Owner, 1 for Tenant



Ride Circuit Shuttle, a fleet of 100% electric vehicles, in our Island City, at a cost of \$2 per ride per rider.

How to Ride:

- 1.) Download the free Circuit Ride App
- 2.) Find a Ride
- 3.) Ride Circuit!

Hours of Operation:

Monday—Tuesday: 11a.m.—9p.m.
Wednesday—Saturday: 12p.m.—11p.m.
Sunday: 11a.m.—11p.m.



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Calls for Artists!

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.

September 16-October 14 The 12th Annual Island City Juried Art Exhibition

ART INTAKE: September 9th | 10:30 AM to Noon
Rules & Entry Form available at artgallery21.org

OPENING RECEPTION & AWARDS
Saturday, September 16th | 5 to 7 PM

November 18-December 9 DO YOU PLEIN AIR?

A SPECIAL EVENT FOR ALL AGES!

A Plein Air Paintout along Wilton Drive
from the Rainbow Bridge to Five Points
November 18th from 8 AM to Noon
REGISTER in advance at artgallery21.org or
in person the day of the event at the gallery

SUBMISSIONS for a juried exhibition
will be accepted from Noon to 1 PM
Exhibit juried by Janet Onofrey and
includes a special Children's category
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Saturday, November 18th | 5 to 7 PM

*Event made possible with support from
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