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Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

Fall 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:
City Commission Chambers, 7pm:**

Tuesday, September 12 & 26
 Tuesday, October 10 & 24
 Tuesday, November 14 & 28

City offices closed:

Labor Day
 Monday, September 4
 Indigenous Peoples' Day
 Monday, October 9
 Thanksgiving Day
 Thursday, November 23

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 6-Sept	Tues 5-Sept	Mon 11-Sept	Wed 18-Oct	Mon 16-Oct	Wed 13-Sept	Wed 6-Nov
Wed 4-Oct	Meets Quarterly	Mon 16-Oct	Meets Every 2 Months	Meets Quarterly	Wed 11-Oct	
Wed 1-Nov		Mon 7-Nov			Wed 8-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, September 20, October 18, & November 22
West: Thursdays, September 21, October 19, & MONDAY November 20
(note the move to MONDAY, November 20 from Thanksgiving Thursday, November 23)
 If your regular garbage pickup days are **Tuesday & Friday**, your bulk trash days are:
Central South: Wednesdays, September 20, October 18 & November 22
East: Tuesdays, September 19, October 17 & November 21



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

Condominium bulk pickup (quarterly): Saturday, September 23.

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.

Message from Mayor Scott Newton



Hopefully, by the time you read this, temperatures will have reached their peak for this year, and be coming back down. As everyone has heard, its been the hottest summer in the history of the world and proof that our Island City has to prepare for the future to make our infrastructure more resilient to extreme temperatures, weather events, and flooding. I don't expect it to get any cooler as the years go by, only hotter. If you are a property owner, like me you have faced enormous increases in property insurance. The City needs to encourage residents and businesses alike to make their property more resistant to these climate changes. I'm looking at a program to provide rebates to homeowners and businesses who install energy efficient appliances and solar panels. Stay tuned for more on that later.

Another subject on my mind is recycling. So many of us are recycling incorrectly, leading to contamination and higher garbage fees. Here's are a few tidbits I have learned: 1.) When in doubt, throw it out! 2.) Plastic bags are not recyclable, and lead to massive work stoppages of the systems at the recycling center. 3.) Pizza boxes are not recyclable. See all the guidelines here: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2661/Recycling-Guidelines?bidId=>

The budget process will be completed this month. Our city is incredibly fortunate to have a budget this year (for the tenth year in a row, by the way) that can accomplish all the goals of our strategic plan while reducing or maintaining existing millage. We are investing in infrastructure and maintaining our facilities. In a county with one of the highest inflation rates in the country, we are paying our employees a fair wage. We are taking care of business, and still keeping the tax rate low for our residents. It's a privilege to be your mayor, and not one I take lightly. I want to hear from you about your ideas or concerns. Reach out to me at snewton@wiltonmanors.com or 954-390-2120.

2023 Wilton Drive Enhancements by Wilton Drive Improvement District (WDID)-Claudia Castillo, Chair



As a member of the WDID for the last six years and now as chair, I am very proud of the Board's accomplishments and hope the information below is helpful to better understand its mission and purpose.

Wilton Drive Improvement District (often called WDID or the "District") was created by the Wilton

Manors City Commission in December 2014 for the purpose of creating a cleaner, safer, and more attractive District; ensuring a stable and predictable resource base to fund supplemental services and programs; to respond quickly to market changes and community needs; funding physical improvements; providing for pedestrian safety; marketing the district; and fielding special events and street celebrations.

The WDID is a dependent special district of the City of Wilton Manors. The District Board is comprised of seven members appointed at large by the City Commission—three property owners, three tenant businesses, and one resident.

The District is home to a thriving arts and entertainment district, in the heart of the City's commercial area. It consists of 56 properties along Wilton Drive from Five Points to the Rainbow Bridge. The sustainability of Wilton Drive as a local, regional, and international destination is a goal of the City and of the WDID.

As Chair, I report annually to the City Commission on the completed initiatives by the WDID, including the Deck the Drive Contest, the landscape installation project, new banners and trash receptacles along the Drive, and the successful digital marketing campaigns, including the wiltondrive.org web page. These initiatives continue to support the businesses on the Drive and have assisted in positioning the City of Wilton Manors as an inclusive tourist destination and a great place to find entertainment for the local community.

This year the WDID created the Business Recognition Awards program to recognize businesses on the Drive that demonstrate leadership and contribute to the community. The first recipients were Hunters Nightclub and Tropics Grille.

The Wilton Drive Improvement District financially supports the Stonewall Pride Parade and Street Festival, which celebrates freedom, love and inclusion and was attended by over 50,000 people this year.

Hopefully you have spotted the new seasonal signage at the corner of Wilton Drive and NE 6th Avenue.

The benefits of the street improvement and landscaping projects are being fully enjoyed with the expanded outdoor dining areas, safer pedestrian experience with expanded sidewalks, crosswalks, lights, developing landscaping, colorful meters, sculpture and art and cleaning efforts along Wilton Drive.

As the WDID continues its mission, I welcome your input and ideas on how we can better serve the needs of the entertainment and business district. Please feel free to attend our meetings or reach out to me via email anytime, I look forward to meeting with you! Information on the Wilton Drive Improvement District can be found at wiltondrive.org or on the City's website: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/502/Wilton-Drive-Improvement-District>.

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



Summer may be over, but we are in the middle of Budget Season! One of the biggest responsibilities of the city commission is passing the annual budget.

As the Vice Mayor of our vibrant city, I am honored to provide you with an update on the ongoing budget cycle and the crucial decision regarding the millage rate set to take place this September. Our finance team, dedicated to serving the community, has been working tirelessly to ensure that we strike a balance between maintaining essential services and upholding fiscal responsibility. In these challenging times, it is imperative that we allocate our resources wisely to sustain the quality of life we cherish in Wilton Manors.

Community Input Matters

I must acknowledge the input from our residents during this deliberative process. Your feedback and concerns have been crucial in shaping the proposed budget and the millage rate decision. It is essential for me, as a public servant, to understand and represent the needs and priorities of our community.

There have been a number of public budget workshops throughout the summer and there are two more in September.

- September 13 (Wednesday) at 6:30pm - Public Budget Hearing at City Hall
- September 26 (Tuesday) at 6:30pm - Final Public Budget Hearing at City Hall

Balancing Act

Wilton Manors is known for its welcoming atmosphere and strong sense of community. Preserving this essence requires sound fiscal decisions that prioritize investments in infrastructure, public safety, and public spaces while ensuring that we do not burden our residents with unnecessary tax increases.

As we approach the millage rate decision, the Commission faces a delicate challenge of striking the right balance. While I aim to maintain the current level of services that you rely on, I also recognize the financial constraints many of our residents may be facing. It is my responsibility to be mindful of the economic realities while still planning for the city's progress and growth.

Transparent Process

Rest assured, my fellow residents, that I am committed to openness and transparency in this process. The city continues to communicate the progress of the budget cycle, ensuring that you are informed and engaged every step of the way.

As your Vice Mayor, I remain devoted to preserving the values and character of Wilton Manors while making informed and responsible fiscal decisions. I urge you to stay engaged in this process, voice your opinions, and work together towards building a brighter future for our cherished city.

Thank you for your ongoing support and trust.

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!

Commissioner Chris Caputo—City Budget



Every year the City Manager provides a recommended budget to the City Commission. This process begins with a workshop in the spring where the Commission provides strategic direction and continues with several public meetings throughout the summer. The Commission reviews the proposed revenues and expenditures, listens to the public's feedback, and ultimately approves a budget in mid-September for the fiscal year that begins on October 1.

As you read this, the 2023-2024 city budget will be nearing the finish line, and I'm pleased with the result. Over the last few years, the city has aligned its resources around a strategic vision and plan for the future. A central focus has been on creating an environment for investment and maintaining high-quality services and programs for our residents. The city's budget has benefited from rising

property values and a strong residential market. But, as a built-out community, we invested in creating opportunities for reinvestment and redevelopment that will reduce the reliance on future property value increases.

Updates to growth and zoning policies have resulted in a handful of development applications that are in the review and permitting process and will deliver quality housing, retail, commercial, and tourism development. With that will also come new revenue resources to support future city budgets.

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Commissioner Chris Caputo—Continued from page 4

As we anticipate those projects, there has been a parallel and strategic effort to identify savings and foster alternate funding sources to support the budget. Multiple revenue streams derived from non-property tax sources are thriving. With a fully-funded reserve account, this additional revenue has allowed us to weather the storm of inflation and economic volatility while keeping the millage rate flat.

The city's strategic plan, which was adopted just two years ago, ensures that we prioritize quality of life and sustainability issues for our community. This year's budget is laser focused on funding the priorities of the city's Strategic Plan. Key components include funding for improvements to our stormwater, water, and wastewater infrastructure, and improvements to IT infrastructure and maintenance of key assets and facilities. But there is also funding for westside traffic calming, more than 40 city events, new pickleball courts at Hagen Park and programming for seniors.

If you are a property owner who doesn't study your property tax bill, I encourage you to take a look. It was fascinating to me that the city portion of my tax bill is a very small amount, compared to county taxes, school taxes, South Florida Water Management District and several other taxing authority jurisdictions.

The two final budget hearings will be Wednesday, September 13 and Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30pm in the City Commission Chambers. Please feel free to attend and make your voice heard. And I hope you will reach out any time to let me know what you are thinking. I can be reached at ccaputo@wiltonmanors.com or via text at 954-557-2801.

Commissioner Don D'Arminio—Infrastructure Master Plan Update



Since I was elected to the City Commission, I have been actively working to support the City's infrastructure program. In 2021, the City developed a comprehensive infrastructure master plan that identified projects and funding needed to repair and replace aging water, wastewater, and stormwater systems. That was a forward-looking plan that also focused on the impacts of climate change and accommodating new development. The plan can be read here:

<https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/179/Utilities>.

The City has been aggressively working to accomplish the priorities of the multi-year master plan. You have likely seen crews working in or near your neighborhood replacing water lines, building drainage systems, and lining sewer pipes to prevent leaks.

When new developments apply to build in the city, a critical review is conducted to ensure that there is infrastructure capacity to serve the new buildings and that the development does not negatively impact its neighbors.

In anticipation of new development, the City evaluated and updated its impact fees to ensure that developers fund infrastructure costs related to growth. Those new fees were adopted in September 2022, and will support projects that provide additional capacity to the water and wastewater systems. In addition, each new development is required by code to retain all stormwater on site so that rainwater is not dispersed from its property to neighboring properties or roadways. This is accomplished through well-designed stormwater systems that may include underground retention wells. The City's code also requires new development to include pervious areas for natural stormwater percolation.

When it comes to wastewater, Wilton Manors is part of a regional system that serves several cities. Fort Lauderdale is the lead agency in the central regional wastewater system and owns and operates the sewer treatment plant while each city is responsible for its collection pipes and pumping systems. Representatives from each city in the system serve on an advisory board and meet regularly to review the operations of the treatment plant. That board is now also focused on ensuring there is additional capacity at the plant and that each city is addressing rainwater and groundwater infiltration into cracked and aging pipes.

The City recently partnered with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization to conduct a study and identify transportation projects needed over the next several years that will improve mobility, safety and walkability for current and future residents. Many of you participated in planning meetings and surveys and I thank you for sharing your ideas and concerns. There are transportation improvement projects in full swing that are primarily funded through grant sources. The county surtax project to improve NE 26 Street between Five Points and the Middle River is in the final design stage, and I'm happy that the project will likely include a crosswalk at NE 14 Ave as well as some landscape and design elements. The citywide Wayfinding program should be out to bid later this fall.

Your feedback is extremely important to me and I genuinely welcome your comments, concerns, and 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—Life’s Really Just Better Here!



It's impressive to hear about the achievements and progress Wilton Manors has made despite the challenges of COVID-19. As one fiscal year ends and a new one begins, here are some key reasons why "Life is Just Better Here":

We are a fiscally sound and well managed city with healthy reserves. - Residents appreciate the close-knit community and the sense of camaraderie as it fosters a welcoming and supportive environment. - Our focus on safety has resulted in reduced crime rates and efficient emergency services. - We worked to spur economic growth for long term sustainability. Many new applications for development projects are flowing into the city. This development and the required additional commercial and retail spaces will make the city more attractive and also lead to new businesses and job opportunities. - The city's focus on

master plans for infrastructure and technology reflects a commitment to future-proofing and improving the city's essential systems, aimed at creating a better living environment for residents. - Our laser focus on addressing waste and storm water capacity issues shows proactive planning and prudent management of essential resources. - We are working to ensure resilience in our water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and added “green” requirements to our building code. - We partner with Oakland Park on many initiatives, including transportation and climate change, creating regional solutions. - We are encouraging people to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to get out of their cars through ride share discounts and "The Circuit," offering a convenient and inexpensive transportation option, alleviating parking pressure and reducing drinking and driving incidents. - Leisure Services’ wide range of cultural events, festivals, and recreational opportunities enhances the quality of life for residents. - The city's emphasis on transparency and involving residents in decision-making processes ensures that their voices are heard and considered.

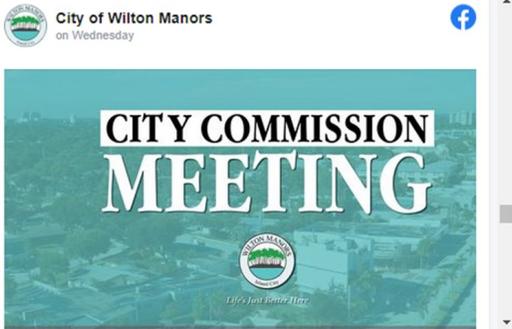
Thus, Wilton Manors is poised to continue thriving and offering a better quality of life. It's important to celebrate these accomplishments. None of this would be possible without the dedication and hard work of the city employees. Remember we are less than 12,000 residents and 2 sq. miles and we are able to accomplish much more than many cities because we strive to utilize resources efficiently. We are in a major period of change, the composition of residents, economic development and other social issues, and changes in the City Commission and city staff heads in the last few years. While this new team continues to move forward, we still have a lot of work to do.

Let me take a moment to wish each of you, your families, and friends a happy healthy fall and any holiday you might celebrate. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you around town. If you have any questions for concerns, always feel free to contact me at prolli@wiltonmanors.com or 954-652-6648. 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 May—July, 2023:



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.

	<u>Address</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
May:	2756 N Dixie Hwy	Collection Yachts LLC
June:	2201 Wilton Dr	World of Smoke & Vape
	2010 Wilton Dr	Violets & Zens
	2010 Wilton Dr.	IntraPark
	2211 Wilton Dr	Shawn & Nicks Courtyard Cafe Inc
	120 E Oakland Park Blvd 105	LIV Realty & Management
July:	800 W Oakland Park Blvd (Suites 212 & 217)	D&G Multi Service/Traffic School
	2041 Wilton Dr	Sardi Cafe Lounge
	1100 W Oakland Park Blvd 5	Vertical Automotive
	2420 N Dixie Hwy	Delizioso USA Inc
	1000 W Oakland Park Blvd C	Nar Smoke
	2740 North Andrews Ave	The Psychic Experience
	2312 Wilton Dr 14C	Fascia Focus Massage LLC

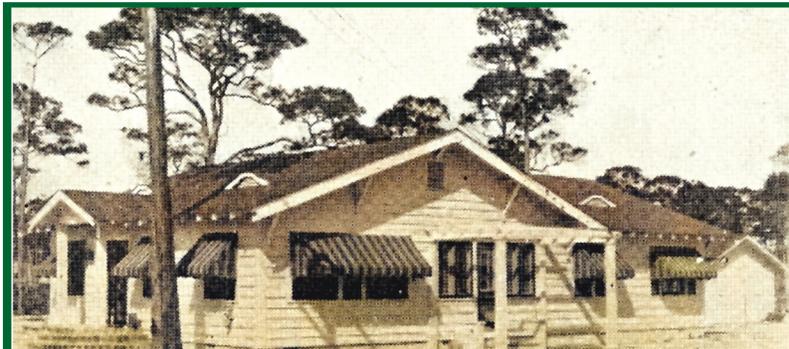
The “Old Smith House”—recalling a missed opportunity

In 1910, Louis H. Smith, his wife Maude, and two sons George and Kenneth, left Echols County, Georgia for Florida, the land of opportunity. Three weeks later, traveling by horse and wagon, they arrived at Colohatchee. Mr. Smith was a farmer. His first property was 15 acres in in the area we now call North Andrews Gardens—where he built his first home. That same year Mrs. Smith became a founding member of the Colohatchee Woman’s Club. Son Guy was born in 1915—likely the first white child birthed in the little hamlet. Guy provided details of the family’s history in his mother’s 1959 obituary. From that, and other documents we learn ...

Their first home was destroyed by the “1926 Hurricane” (the family had taken shelter in the FEC RR depot with a number of other local residents). That same year they built a new home on Mahannah Road (now 1209 NE 24th St.), east of the FEC RR tracks and adjacent to the Colohatchee depot.. Willingham’s 1926 Wilton Manors sales brochure included a photo of that house (see below). It was labeled “A newly built home in Wilton Manors”—even though it was technically “across-the-tracks”. By 1945 Maude, Kenneth, Guy and his wife and two children were all living in the home. Guy and family remained until his death in 1981. Three generations of a pioneer family living in their original Colohatchee/Wilton Manors home for some 55 years!

Around 1989 Horton/Jones Electrical Contractors purchased the property—needing the land to expand the business. The house was then in disrepair, but recognizing it was probably the oldest historic residence in town, Horton/Jones offered to donate it to the City (possibly as headquarters for the Historical Society), if the City would agree to move it. Accounts vary as to what happened next. Ultimately the City failed to take further action, and the house was demolished—another vintage/historic structure lost.

For more information download our Mini-Archive at <https://tinyurl.com/2023smithfamily>



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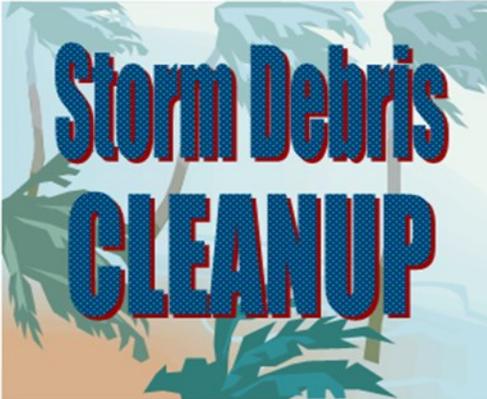
Emergency Management/Utilities Division 954-390-2190

Do you have questions about

- Parks and Recreational Events
- Garage Sales
- Alarm Registrations
- Code or Watering Violations
- Issues with Trees & Landscaping
- Missed Garbage/Recycling Pick-up
- Signs, Traffic Lights, Sidewalks
- Water or Sewer problems

Who You Gonna Call?

Visit the City's [Who You Gonna Call](https://www.wiltonmanors.com/DocumentCenter/View/309/Who-You-Gonna-Call-with-links?bidId=) webpage for help with these and other matters (<https://www.wiltonmanors.com/DocumentCenter/View/309/Who-You-Gonna-Call-with-links?bidId=>)



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.

Hurricane Season is June 1 to November 30. More information at: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/140/Emergency-Preparedness>.

Debris Removal Guidelines

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

Debris should be placed curbside –
Do Not Block Roadway



←10 feet→



Normal Household Garbage



Yard / Vegetative Debris



Storm Related Construction Debris



Large Appliances – SECURE ALL DOORS

Do not place debris near or on trees, poles or other structures (including fire hydrants and water meters) as this makes removal difficult

For additional information, please contact the Emergency Management/Utilities Department at 954-390-2190

Ultra-Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program

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

To help residents reduce water use, the City of Wilton Manors is offering rebates on ultra-low flow (1.28 gallons/flush) WaterSense® certified and labeled toilets. This program is for single-family homes, and residents are eligible to receive \$50 towards the purchase price of each WaterSense® certified toilet, up to a maximum of two per property. Program rules and the application form are available at <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/341/Ultra-Low-Flow-Toilet-Rebate-Program>. **Please note that the application must be pre-approved by the Emergency Management/Utilities Department PRIOR to the purchase of a qualifying toilet.** Funds offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the Emergency Management/Utilities Department at 954-390-2190 with any questions.



WILTON MANORS POLICE DEPARTMENT



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From Chief Gary Blocker KNOWLEDGE IS KEY TO ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY



An ongoing commitment to transparency and accountability has been one of the trademarks of our agency. Given this commitment to our community served, our agency has devoted a webpage to publishing annual/quarterly reports to enhance community knowledge about crime and traffic safety, hate crimes, and community survey results. This performance management aspect of the Office of the Chief focuses on measurables to identify whether or not we are achieving the goals and objectives

in our City's Strategic Plan and of our police department. Additionally, research and process improvements are conducted through these actions. These reports assist our agency with improving the services we provide our Island City. To access our reports, please visit our website at wmpd.org, and type in key words "Annual Reports" into the search bar. We ask that you take time to view these reports that will enhance your knowledge about public safety in your City, and we thank you for your interest in ensuring public safety is everyone's priority!



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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WMPD Mission Statement: The Wilton Manors Police Department is committed to policing with a passion for our profession and with compassion for those we serve.

Vision Statement: The professionals of the Wilton Manors Police Department, through quality training initiatives, innovative techniques and proactive partnerships with our community, will endeavor to be the pinnacle of our law enforcement profession.

Core Values: Service – Courage – Integrity

Message from Assistant Police Chief Darren Brodsky

Striking a Balance: The Role of Law Enforcement in Our Community and Its Impact on Citizen Stress. Fostering Trust, Safety, and Well-being in Our Island City



In every thriving community, law enforcement plays a crucial role in maintaining safety and order. The City of Wilton Manors, “Our Island City,” and the Wilton Manors Police Department (WMPD) are acutely aware of these concerns. While the presence of WMPD is essential for upholding the law, it is equally vital to recognize our impact and how our actions can affect citizen stress levels. Striking this balance between effective policing and fostering a sense of security is paramount for building trust and promoting overall well-being within our Island City Community.

WMPD officers serve as the guardians of our Island City, and we are responsible for enforcing laws, protecting you from harm, and maintaining order. Our role extends beyond crime prevention to community engagement, resolving conflicts, and building positive relationships with our Island City residents and visitors. In this context, it is vital for the WMPD to embrace a community-oriented approach where we actively collaborate with you, our citizens, to address your concerns and needs. While the presence of WMPD officers can instill a sense of safety, it can also evoke feelings of stress and anxiety, particularly among certain groups. We consistently meet with our community partners like the Pride Center, SunServe, and other LGBTQ+ advocates to learn how to serve our community better. We understand that high-profile incidents of police misconduct, discrimination, and abuse of power have amplified concerns among marginalized communities, leading to a strained relationship with law enforcement. This tension can exacerbate citizen stress levels and undermine the sense of security that is fundamental to a thriving community.

Instances of perceived bias, racial profiling, or discrimination can erode trust and create fear among certain communities, resulting in heightened stress. Highly publicized use of force incidents may lead to a perception of excessive policing, causing anxiety and stress within the community. When law enforcement officers are not held accountable for their actions, it fosters a sense of mistrust and adds to citizen stress. Citizens may feel stressed when they perceive a lack of transparency in law enforcement procedures, investigations, or decision-making. People dealing with mental health issues may find interactions with law enforcement particularly stressful and overwhelming. We are taking various measures to address this issue and strengthen the bond between WMPD and our Island City community. The WMPD promotes community-oriented policing strategies that encourage our officers to engage with residents, understand their needs, and work collaboratively to find solutions. We also provide regular training to our officers on de-escalation techniques, cultural sensitivity, and handling mental health crises. The WMPD has established mechanisms to ensure accountability for law enforcement actions and maintain transparency in investigations and disciplinary processes. We have partnerships with mental health professionals like Fort Lauderdale Behavioral Health and Henderson Mental Health to foster our ability to manage mental health situations involving individuals with mental health challenges. Also, the WMPD fosters a more diverse police force, and we constantly strive to represent the community we serve, promoting understanding and trust. Our department is diverse, with approximately 39% of employees reporting as a minority. We still have a long way to go to improve department diversity to look more like our community.

Balancing the role of law enforcement in our community while mitigating citizen stress is a complex but vital task. By fostering open communication, emphasizing transparency, and promoting community-oriented policing, the WMPD strives to create a safer environment where our officers and citizens work together to build trust, harmony, and overall well-being. A united effort towards positive change will pave the way for a brighter and more resilient Island City community.

Get more valuable information on the Wilton Manors Police Department pages on the city’s website

(www.wiltonmanors.com): <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/204/Police-Department>

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Upcoming Programs & Events

SCHOOL DAYS OUT

Looking for a fun and educational way to keep your kids busy on non-school weekdays? Check out the School Days Out Program offered by the City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department at Island City Park Preserve. The program runs from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on most non-school days. The program includes a field trip or a special activity that will enrich your child's learning and enjoyment. The cost of the program varies from \$15.00 to \$30.00 per day and it covers the expenses of the field trip or activity. Register at Hagen Park Community Center. For more information, please call (954) 390-2130.

DATES FOR THE 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR:

Monday, September 25, 2023	Tuesday, October 24, 2023	Tuesday, November 7, 2023	Friday, November 10, 2023
Monday, November 20, 2023	Tuesday, November 21, 2023	Monday, January 22, 2024	Monday, February 19, 2024
Friday, March 22, 2024	Wednesday, April 10, 2024		

WOOF & WINE

SEPTEMBER 14TH AT 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.

Abandoned Pet Rescue will have dogs on-site for adoption!

Wine generously sponsored by Three Bridges Neighborhood Association.

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Colohatchee Dog Park 1975 NE 15 Avenue 5pm – 7pm <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/691/Woof-Wine>

Halloween Spooktacular

Get ready for a Spooktacular evening of Halloween fun! Join us at Wilton Manors Elementary School on **Monday, October 23rd, from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM**. Enjoy a costume contest, trick-or-treating, music, cake walk, and activities for all ages. Don't miss out on this hauntingly good time! Admission is FREE - bring your family and friends for a night filled with chills and thrills!

Monday, October 23, 2023 Wilton Manors Elementary School 2401 NE 3rd Ave

6:30pm – 9pm

<https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/527/Halloween-Spooktacular>



18th Annual Taste of the Island

Monday, November 13, 2023 6pm Admission Gate Entry—8pm Admission Gate Close

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 18th 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>

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Upcoming Programs & Events

MOVIES ON THE DRIVE

Are you ready for a night of terror, comedy and musical plants? Then don't miss Movies on the Drive, the ultimate outdoor cinema experience! On **Friday, October 27th at 7pm**, we're showing Little Shop of Horrors, the cult classic about a man-eating plant from outer space. Bring your snacks and your courage, and enjoy this hilarious horror show on the big screen. But be careful, you never know what might be lurking in the dark...

Friday, October 27, 2023 Hagen Park 2020 Wilton Drive 7:00pm

<https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/826/Wicked-Manors-Movie-on-the-Drive>



ISLAND CITY YARD SALE

Mark your calendars for a monthly shopping extravaganza! Join us on the second Saturday of every month, from November to March, for our exciting yard sales featuring an array of items from linens to collectibles. Vendors, don't miss the opportunity to showcase your goods; registration opens on October 1st. For more details or to secure your spot, please call the Leisure Services Department. Admission for all shoppers is free, so bring your friends and family for a delightful shopping experience! **Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive 8:00am – 2:00pm**

Saturday, November 4, 2023 Saturday, December 9, 2023 Saturday, January 13, 2024

Saturday, February 10, 2024 Saturday, March 9, 2024

<https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/418/Island-City-Yard-Sales>



GLOW PICKLEBALL



Are you ready to light up the night with some pickleball action? Join us for our glow pickleball night event, where you can play this fun and fast-paced game under black lights with glow-in-the-dark equipment. For only \$15 per player, you can reserve your spot and enjoy a night of pickleball like never before. We will provide glow tape for the rim of your paddle, so you can show off your skills and style. Just wear your favorite glow wear, come out and experience the glow. Space is limited, so sign up today and don't miss this amazing opportunity to have a blast with pickleball! <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/815/Glow-Pickleball>

Saturday, November 18, 6:30-8:30p.m. Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive. \$15 per person. Register today!

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 [2023 A Tropical Plant Fair | Equality Garden Club](https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/815/Glow-Pickleball)

Richardson Historic Park & Nature Preserve 1937 Wilton Drive

Saturday, November 18, 2023 9am—5pm Sunday, November 19, 2023 9am—3pm



The Friends of Wilton Manors Parks is a 501(c)(3) registered community based, volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the resources of our parks, recreation, and the preservation of green spaces. Our Core Values include **Community Building, Stewardship, Health and Wellness, and Inclusion**. Follow the Friends of Wilton Manors Parks on their

Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090086893649> to see their progress and upcoming meetings or email them at: friendsofwiltonmanorsparks@gmail.com.



THE LIBRARY CORNER

500 NE 26th Street

(954) 390-2195

The Richard C. Sullivan library is ALL ABOUT THE BOOKS, but did you know that there are also MANY other services available at your local library? Find information on the services listed below and much more at:



<https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/168/Library>

If you have a need RIGHT now, the Library can help you find the RIGHT SERVICE. The Right Service at the Right Time is for residents looking for assistance. Visit www.rightservicefl.org to discover resources available for you.

THE RIGHT SERVICE
AT THE RIGHT TIME

- * Daily Needs
- * Family
- * Health Care
- * Immigration
- * Transportation
- * Jobs
- * Housing

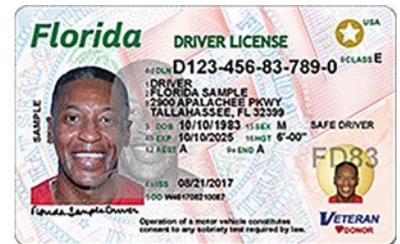
Did you know that **the Library delivers** to those who cannot get to the Library? We deliver to City residents who are library card holders and are physically unable to come in and who don't have anyone to come in for them. Delivery patrons can check out books, movies, music CDs, audiobooks-on-CD, or magazines. We have a great collection of large print books, too. Anyone interested can call Arneris at 954-390-2195. Applications are available at the Library (contact us and we'll get one to you!).



The award-winning ABCmouse.com curriculum is designed to help young children (ages 2-7+) build a strong foundation for academic success. ABCmouse.com is 100% educational, with more than 4,000 learning activities across all major subject areas -- reading, math, science, social studies, art, and music. Best of all, kids love it. And it's free to use in the Library! From Age of Learning, Inc.

Free Drivers Ed Program

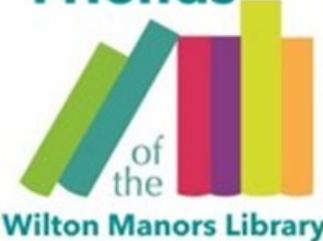
In partnership with Driving-Tests.org (<https://driving-tests.org>) a company dedicated to driver safety and education, the Library offers free Department of



Motor Vehicles (DMV) practice tests to library patrons. The new service includes free tests specifically based on Florida's DMV materials. It is the only site of its kind to include accessibility tools that let users hear selections read aloud, make them into MP3s, translate pages into other languages, magnify text, and mask portions of the screen for greater visibility on the practice tests.

Back to the topic of books, the "SELECT READS" service will match your own personal interests with great book suggestions based on what YOU like! Or, for those too busy to keep up with the latest books, the Library has a helpful service: an Online Book Club that delivers books electronically. Each day, Monday through Friday, the Library will email you a portion of a book that takes about five minutes to read. You can read two or three chapters from a book during the week. If you like the book, you can check it out of the Library. Each week we will feature new books. Ask your librarian about these great programs!

Friends



FRIENDS OF THE WILTON MANORS LIBRARY

The Friends of the Wilton Manors Library is a volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the resources of the library. The funds from the book sales, donations, and membership dues are used to purchase items for the library and to sponsor educational and cultural programs for adults, children and teens. Find more information about the Friends group, and how to join them, on their website here:

<https://www.friendsofthewiltonmanorslibrary.org>



WESTSIDE
ASSOCIATION OF WILTON MANORS

The Westside Association will hold two General Membership Meetings this Fall. The first, at 7p.m. on September 27th at the Hagen Park Community Center, will feature a presentation by the developer of a new project planned for the former Andrews Diner location (2916-2980 N. Andrews Avenue). This 3-story project is slated to bring 54 residential units, and 1,880 square feet of commercial space to the ground floor. Following the presentation, we're going to change things up a bit, keep our meeting short, and host a social gathering for Westside members and friends to share some light bites, drinks, and summer memories. Please be on the lookout for more information on our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/WestsideWilton) page (<https://www.facebook.com/WestsideWilton>) and September Newsletter.

Our last regularly scheduled quarterly Westside General Membership Meeting of 2023 will be held October 25th at Hagen Park Community Center. Please save the date and look for details in our [Facebook](#) page and October Newsletter.

WAWM is looking for volunteers. We would love to have members engaged in helping us organize social events, neighborhood beautification projects, landscaping, etc. Please email us at wawm.org@gmail.com and bring your skills forward.

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.

If you're not already a member of the Westside Association and wish to join, please click [here](https://www.wawm.org/join-us) (<https://www.wawm.org/join-us>).

Check out our [Home page](https://www.wawm.org) (<https://www.wawm.org>) and [Facebook page](#) for additional information on all of the above.



Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association-CANA

We're experiencing an exciting time in Wilton Manors, especially in our central neighborhood. Over 125 people attended our July meeting to learn more about the proposed hotel, Wilton Hotel & Pool Club as well as CANA's proactive engagement with our police department and highway department to identify areas for potential future improvements for pedestrian safety as well as options and timelines for improvements.

While we watch our city's efforts to acquire new technology to improve our pedestrian and cycling safety including solar-lighted stop signs and portable radar speed signs, we work with neighborhoods to better understand and communicate challenges to city staff. We are also very focused on communicating factual developments on developments as they progress. There are several projects working their way through the process. Even when projects have been approved by the P&Z board, developers can and do alter the project plans and need to back to earlier steps including P&Z to be re-submitted. Please stay in touch! Join us at our next meeting, October 11th at 7p.m, with a social greeting at 6:30p.m. – Hagen Park Community Center. 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 of Wilton Manors, Inc. (ENA) will be holding our next ENA meeting on September 21st at 7pm in Independence Hall on NE 26th Street. We will be having a presentation from the City's Capital Projects Administrator Todd DeJesus about the Broward County Surtax Program and to get input from our residents about the projects that are being proposed for Wilton Manors. In addition, we will have reports from our elected officials, police and code enforcement about what is going on in our city.

We will be having our next quarterly NE 26th Street Clean-up on Saturday September 23rd. We meet at 10am in the parking lot of the Board of Realtors on NE 26th Street. Please come and help us keep our neighborhood clean. It usually takes less than one hour and is a great way to get some exercise and meet your neighbors.

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



The Three Bridges Neighborhood Association partnered with Adrienne Foland and the City of Wilton Manors, to improve the dog waste station at Lieber Park. The paver walkway has been widened and a new metal waste bin has been added. This allows the dog waste bin to stay out of the water during heavy rains. Dog walkers no longer have to wade through water to deposit poop bags and the new trash container won't tip over and spill out during heavy rains. We are grateful to Adrienne and Leisure Services for their contributions to the Lieber Park project.

Three Bridges is partnering with Equality Garden Club and Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society to plant 45 Florida native *Encyclia tampensis* orchids in Lieber Park. This is part of the FLOS Million Orchid Project to reintroduce these overharvested and endangered natives to our local landscapes. Three Bridges will continue to seek partnerships with the city or other non-profits for similar projects.

Three Bridges will also be sponsoring the Woof and Wine event to be held at Colohatchee Park on September 14, 2023, at 5:30p.m. We are seeking Wilton Manors canine related vendors and service providers to join us free of charge to showcase their goods and services. Please come and have a glass of wine, let your pooch run and chat with your neighbors.

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

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:

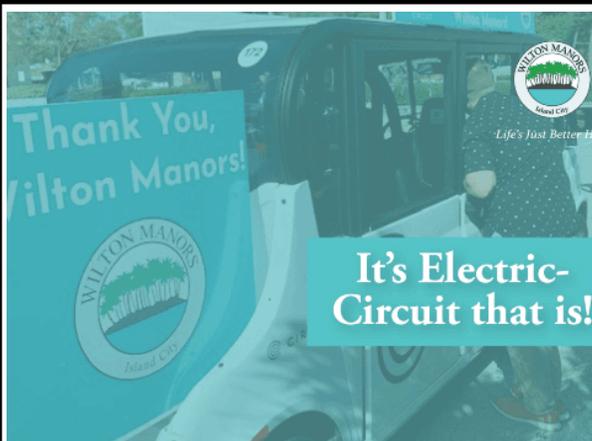
<https://www.wiltonmanors.com/221/Boards-Committees>-each Board webpage has a link to its own application.

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:

Library Advisory Board—Appointment scheduled for Commission Meeting of September 12 2023, although the deadline to accept applications was Monday, August 21, 2023. There are 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—Sunday:
12p.m.—11p.m.



Scan the QR Code to the right or visit www.ridecircuit.com to find out more about Circuit Shuttle and link to the app.



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

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Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

A new season of art ...



Turnpike Southbound by Mary Watkinson

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. Schedule is subject to change without notice.

September 16-October 14, 2023 The 12th Annual Island City Juried Art Exhibition

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

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

November 18-December 9 Do You Plein Air?

PLEIN AIR PAINTOUT along Wilton Drive: November 18th from 8 AM to Noon
REGISTER in advance at artgallery21.org or in person the day of the event
SUBMISSIONS for juried exhibition accepted Noon to 1 PM | Janet Onofrey, Jurist
OPENING RECEPTION & AWARDS on November 18th | 5 to 7 PM
Support for this project provided by Broward Cultural Division.

December 16-January 13 The Winner's Show

MEET THE ARTISTS on December 16th | 5 to 7 PM

January 20-February 10, 2024 Figuratively Speaking

MEET THE ARTISTS on January 20th | 5 to 7 PM

February 17-March 9 Gold Coast Watercolor Society

MEET THE ARTISTS on March 9th | 5 to 7 PM

March 16-April 13 Nature In Art Photo Contest

OPENING RECEPTION & AWARDS on March 16th | 5 to 7 PM

April 20-May 18 Collage Artists' Collection

MEET THE ARTISTS on April 20 | 5 to 7 PM
National Collage Day Workshop on May 11th