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Town Crier

Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

Winter 2023/2024



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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, December 12
(there is no 12/26 meeting)
Tuesday, January 9 & 23
Tuesday, February 13 & 27

City offices closed:

Christmas Day
Monday, December 25
New Year's Day
Monday, January 1
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 15
Presidents' Day
Monday, February 19

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-Dec	Tues 5-Dec	Mon 18-Dec	Wed 20-Dec	Mon 22-Jan	Dec 13 Cancelled	Mon 5-Feb
Wed 3-Jan	Meets Quarterly	Mon 8-Jan	Meets Every 2 Months	Meets Quarterly	Wed 10-Jan	
Wed 7-Feb		Mon 12-Feb			Wed 13-Feb	

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 DECEMBER bulk trash day is:

Central North: Wednesday, December 20
West: Thursday, December 21

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

Central South: Wednesday, December 20
East: Tuesday, December 19

All DECEMBER recycling will be collected on Wednesday of each week.

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

There will be NO trash pickup on Christmas Day, Monday, December 25.

Beginning January 1, 2024 new ROUTE AREAS and PICK-UP DAYS will change. See page 8 for more info.



PLEASE NOTE: Bulk pick-up is THE WEEK OF THE THIRD MONDAY each month.

Garbage & recycling are collected year-round, with the exception of 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—Happy Holidays!



I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. As we approach the holiday season, I want to take a moment to express my appreciation for the incredible sense of community that exists here in Wilton Manors. It is with great joy and gratitude that I share some important information and news with all of you.

First and foremost, I want to announce our upcoming community holiday festivities, which will take place throughout the month of December. We have organized activities to bring our community together in the spirit of celebration, joy, and togetherness. These events will include: **Santa Paws** – Saturday, December 2 @ 10:00 am - Colohatchee Park: Take a picture with your dog and Santa Claus.

Christmas Tree, Kinara, and Menorah Lighting Ceremony Thursday, December 7th @ 6:30pm: Witness the lighting of our magnificent holiday display at Justin Flippen Park followed by carol singing and hot cocoa. It's a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season with your fellow neighbors.

Wilton Wonderland December 16 @ 10:00 am – Hagen Park

Holiday Concert Friday, December 15 @ 7:30 pm - Mickel Field

Santa by Sea Tuesday, December 19 @ 5:30 pm – City waterways

As the holiday season is also a time for reflection and giving, we encourage you to reach out to your neighbors, friends, and family. Let's come together to support one another, making Wilton Manors an even warmer and more welcoming place during this festive time.

In the spirit of community, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and for being the heart and soul of our wonderful city. It is your unity and care for one another that makes Wilton Manors a remarkable place to call home.

We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with you and your loved ones. Please visit our website at www.wiltonmanors.gov for more details and updates on these events.

Wishing you all a joyful and safe holiday season!

Warm regards,

Scott Newton, Mayor, Wilton Manors

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



Happy Holidays to all our residents, visitors, and business owners. Wishing you and your families a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season!

Annual Budget

I am pleased to announce that the City of Wilton Manors has successfully approved its annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and I would like to thank all of you who shared your input and feedback throughout the process.

Our city's budget serves as a roadmap for the allocation of resources, ensuring that your tax dollars are put to good use, delivering essential services and projects to our community while maintaining fiscal responsibility. I am happy that with your input, we have crafted a budget that reflects our

shared vision for a vibrant, inclusive, and thriving Wilton Manors.

Here are some key points from the approved budget:

Millage Rate: The city commission approved a millage rate that is the lowest in over a decade! The millage rate is a property tax rate used to calculate the property tax owed by a property owner. Although the city has seen spikes in expenses, city staff and the city commission worked hard to not raise the millage rate, and we were successful!

Property Taxes: For those residents that own their homes, you can see from the annual TRIM Notices that the City of Wilton Manors only receives approximately 25% of those taxes paid. The rest of the money goes to the other taxing authorities, including Broward County, School Board, South Florida Water Management District, North Broward Hospital District, FL Inland Navigation, and the Children's Services Council. While Wilton Manors was one of the only entities to lower our millage rate, many of the other taxing authorities increased the millage rate, so, residents will see a slight increase in property taxes.

The average increase of property taxes for a homestead property is \$47.31 for a single-family home and \$20.48 for a condo.

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Vice Mayor Mike Bracchi—...continued from previous page

Investing in Infrastructure: Our city will continue to invest in essential infrastructure projects to enhance the quality of life for all residents. From road improvements to park enhancements and utility upgrades, we are committed to maintaining and enhancing our community's assets. We also have a short and long-term plan to upgrade our sewer and wastewater systems.

Public Safety: Your safety remains a top priority. Our budget allocates resources to support our police and fire departments, ensuring the highest level of security and emergency services for Wilton Manors.

Community Services: Our commitment to community services continues, with funding allocated for parks, recreational programs, and our public library. These services play a vital role in fostering a sense of unity and well-being in our city.

Staffing: I have finally been successful in having the total city staffing number decreased! The commission agreed to reduce 2.3 positions from the budget. Staffing has been a strong focus of mine since the days I was on the city budget committee prior to being on the city commission.

This budget reflects my commitment to transparency and fiscal responsibility, and it underscores my dedication to building a Wilton Manors that thrives. Thank you for your ongoing support and trust.

I am honored and humbled to serve and represent you as the Vice Mayor, and together, we can make Wilton Manors an even better place to call home. 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—Paving The Way For A Better Tomorrow



In our vibrant, diverse city, where every voice matters, we must remain focused on creating roadways that work for everyone. It's not just about moving cars; it's about moving people - safely, swiftly, and smartly. Think of it as urban choreography, where each element, from pedestrians to cyclists, plays a vital role in the dance of our daily commute and our daily life!

Our commitment to this vision is already in motion. As a testament to our dedication, I'm proud to share that one-third of our streets have been freshly repaved, laying a literal foundation for the future. We also allocated budget this year to implement improvements identified in our recent West Side Traffic study. These accomplishments dovetail with an exciting collaboration we've forged with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization. Together, we've conducted a comprehensive assessment of our mobility system, culminating in a strategic planning document. This blueprint for the future, presented at the November 14th Commission meeting, is a product of extensive community engagement. Your insights and contributions have been invaluable, ensuring that our collective vision for mobility is both comprehensive and reflective of our community's needs.

Now, let's delve into the NE 26th Street redesign project - a complex endeavor that mirrors the intricate network of our city's roads. In transforming this street, we faced a myriad of challenges, stemming from the multifaceted ownership and management of our roads. Our city, alongside county and state entities, navigates a diverse set of road design rules and project funding sources, each with its own unique requirements. This process is akin to assembling a complex jigsaw puzzle, where each piece must align perfectly to complete the picture.

Despite these complexities, we've made significant strides. After rigorous negotiations with the county, we successfully secured an additional crosswalk on NE 26th Street, enhancing pedestrian safety and accessibility. However, the journey wasn't without its disappointments. As a fellow cyclist, I share in the collective dismay over Broward County's decision against a dedicated bike lane on NE 26th Street. But, not all hope is lost. In a compromise, the county has agreed to implement a bike "sharrow," thereby enabling cyclists to safely share the road. It's a step towards our goal of a more bike-friendly city, and while it's not the full leap we hoped for, it's progress nonetheless.

In conclusion, I want to reassure you that our mission is to ensure safe, efficient, and equitable use of our streets for everyone – vehicle owners, walkers, public transportation users, and cyclists alike. We are constantly balancing the diverse needs of our community with the regulations and funding constraints of road owners. Your voice is crucial in this ongoing process. Please share your thoughts at ccaputo@wiltonmanors.com or arrange a meeting with me at chriscaputo.com. Together, let's pave the way for a brighter, more connected Wilton Manors.

Commissioner Don D'Arminio—Waste & Recycling



This may not be the most exciting topic, but it is an important one that residents keep asking me about.

Coastal Waste & Recycling became our city's new solid waste contractor, effective 10/01/2023. Coastal Waste & Recycling continues to offer all of the same services as our previous provider. I wanted to be sure residents are aware of the waste services and DISCOUNTS our city offers to residents.

Beginning January 1, 2024 the City's residential trash collection schedule will change. The NEW collection schedules will have NEW zones. The City will be divided into two zones for collecting garbage, recycling, and bulk materials.

Many residents have asked that recycling return to the same day as trash pickup. Your commission listened, and the new schedule will return recycling to a garbage collection day, on a Monday or Tuesday. The good news is that citywide, garbage will only be out two days a week, rather than three. The 2024 Collection Schedule magnet will be mailed out in December to all residential service addresses. Residential trash bins will remain the same.

Did you know the City of Wilton Manors offers a 10% Senior Discount to our residents on the monthly residential garbage fee? To qualify, you must be 65 or older, have the monthly utility bill in your name, and not have any household members under the age of 65.

To take advantage of this discount, you can call the Utility Billing Dept at 954-390-2100 or find the required request form on the city's website. You can also contact me directly and I'll be happy to send it to you. I want to be sure our seniors are receiving all of the discounts available to them.

Wilton Manors also offers a monthly "Household Hazardous Waste Program" available to single family homes. This residential curbside program is for the proper disposal and recycling of things like electronics, paint products, automobile fluids, chemicals, and batteries. To schedule a pickup at your home, please call 954-947-4445 or email wiltonmanors@coastalwasteinc.com

As we gather together with our families and chosen family to celebrate the holidays, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the privilege of representing your interests over this past year. I am humbled by and so grateful for the trust you have placed in me. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays to all. I wish you glad tidings and a bright and prosperous new year.

Your feedback is always important to me and I always 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.

Who You Gonna Call?

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
- Tree Removal
- Parking Meter Issues
- Potholes

CITY OF WILTON MANORS

CITY HALL HOURS: MON-THURS 7AM-6PM (390-2100)
POLICE STATION WALK-IN HOURS: MON-FRI 7AM-6PM (390-2150)

"Who You Gonna Call?"

Visit the City online at: www.wiltonmanors.com

Water/Sewer Breaks (24 hrs) and General Public Works: 390-2190
Building Permits: 390-2180 or E-mail

Visit the City's [Who You Gonna Call](http://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=>)

Commissioner Paul Rolli—Water Infrastructure Update



Over the last year or so, crews have been working throughout the city to repair and replace infrastructure. The city is actively upgrading its water, sewer, and drainage systems as well as investing in roadway improvements. While these projects can bring temporary inconveniences, they are critical for the long-term sustainability of our community.

One primary focus is to repair aging sewer pipes to prevent the inflow of rainwater and the infiltration of ground water through cracks in the pipes. Limiting inflow and infiltration (I&I) is accomplished through a process called sewer pipe sliplining, which involves inserting a new pipe liner that reinforces the integrity of the existing pipe, while at the same time reducing leaks and breaks. Reducing I&I in the sewer system decreases the effluent capacity and saves in treatment and electric costs, extends the life of pumps and equipment, and maintains the capacity of the sewer collection and treatment system. The City has invested \$2.5 million this year toward sewer sliplining projects and has committed several million dollars more over the next few years.

The effects of climate change and sea level rise are certainly impacting the urgency with which the city funds and carries out infrastructure projects. No doubt you have seen the impacts king tides have had on water levels in the Middle River surrounding the island city. Much of the city’s stormwater drainage system collects water from the roadways and discharges it into the river and canals. When king tides raise water levels above the outfall pipes, two things can happen: 1. During a rain event, the city’s drainage systems can not effectively work; and 2. Water from the river can backflow up through the drainage system into our roadways.

The City is working on a series of projects to address these issues. New storm drain systems are being installed over the next several years to add capacity to the system. A long -range plan (20+years) will be to install underground stormwater pumping systems. To prevent the backflow of canal water into the streets, the city will initiate a project of installing check valves in the storm drains. These devices prevent tidal flow from going up into the drain pipe, while still allowing storm water to exit. They essentially limit outfall pipes to one-way flow. The city has received a \$1m federal appropriation to begin this project and we are seeking out other grant sources to be able to place the devices in more locations.

I want to wish each of you, your families, and friend happy holidays and a healthy New Year. 2024 promises to be a busy year for our community and I look forward to seeing you around town. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at PRolli@wiltonmanors.com or 954-652-6648.

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.

WESTSIDE
Winter Wonders
HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Judging will take place
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

Winners will be announced
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

No need to register to win!

The top THREE best decorated houses will each receive a prize package, a yard sign, and will be announced at the Holiday Concert at Mickel Park.



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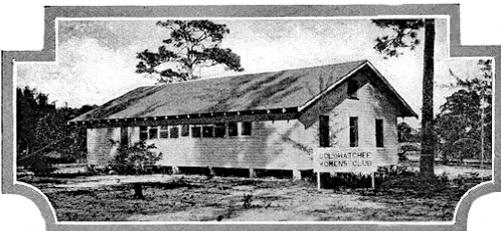
Please welcome these new businesses that opened August—October, 2023:

	<u>Address</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
August:	1881 NE 26th St 212	Home Equity Ventures LLC
	1881 NE 26th St 212	Ravinet Real Estate LLC
September:	1881 NE 26th St 244	Transcend Wellness LLC
	2424 N DIXIE Hwy	Fierce Art Gallery Studio LLC
	1650 NE 26th St #206	Kids Connection of Fort Lauderdale
	2246 Wilton Dr A	No Manors
	516 W Oakland Park Blvd	Blue Sea Spa LLC
October:	2205 N Dixie Hwy B	Yellow Pear Designs Inc
	2709 N Andrews Ave	The Fon Bar
	1881 NE 26th St #203	Law Offices of Irene Annunziata PA
	2420 Wilton Drive	Aunt Jenn's Shop LLC
	1417 NE 26th St	The Food Truck Store
	2426 N Dixie Hwy	Rosen Fine Art
	2721 N Dixie Hwy	SBTC Fort Lauderdale Inc



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.

“South End of Dixie at the River” - what preceded the Pride Center?



The Colohatchee Woman's Club was chartered in 1916—with 20 members. In 1917 the *Miami Herald* reports that their (unnamed) Treasurer had provided land for a clubhouse, and that construction had begun. The location of that property was generally the current site of the Pride Center and Riverside condominiums.

The clubhouse served as the primary community center and social hub for the entire Colohatchee area (now Oakland Park and Wilton Manors). The club remained active at that location until 1936, when, for reasons not documented, the land, building and equipment were sold at auction (we have no record of the purchaser). Shortly after, the group built a new clubhouse on Dixie Highway in Oakland Park and renamed itself the Oakland Park Woman's Club.

The original property appears to have remained unused and undeveloped for the **next 25 or so years**. There are anecdotes of kids playing by the river and in-and-around a giant tree at the Dixie Highway curve; a Roland Lindberg, of NE 24th Street, who had his chicken coops under “the big tree”; and an abandoned wooden building. But no other record exists of further activity on the site.

But a change would begin around 1960. That's when Louis Parker, from Connecticut, wealthy founder of Parker Instruments (makers of measuring gauges), decided to semi-retire in the area. Also an avid inventor (with 250 patents—including one found in every TV in the world), he opened a small shop on Dixie Highway, **Parker Electronics**, to pursue new inventions and innovations. But he soon became intrigued by the vacant 7+ acres across the street as the site for a manufacturing/research subsidiary of Parker Instruments. According to son Ray that came to fruition when he purchased the property and built the first plant and laboratory building around 1964.



Parker was also a philanthropist. In 1966 he donated some \$1.5 million to build the Parker Playhouse; and another \$1 million for construction of the Parker Physical Sciences Center at Nova University. As to Wilton Manors, in 1968 Parker offered to build a stand-alone cardiac hospital on the Dixie Highway property, but was rebuffed by the county Hospital Authority. A 1970 newspaper article indicates he offered to purchase 3.7 acres at Dixie and NE 20th Street for a City library/park/boat ramp complex. We could find no further record of what happened to that proposal.

Over the years the Parker family continued adding commercial/industrial buildings to the site; as well as the Riverside Townhomes. In the early 1990s IMPSAT, which provides satellite telephone and television relays to and from South America, became one of the tenants. As Parker Electronics wound-down and IMPSAT continued to grow, they purchased the entire remaining property in 1998 (...remember the satellite dish farm?).

And our story concludes in 2008 when the Gay and Lesbian Community Center (now Pride Center at Equality Park) acquired the entire tract for its new campus...

Ron Ulm—11/2023

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Questions or Comments? Contact Wilton Manors Historical Society— wmhs@WMHistory.org

Emergency Management/Utilities Division 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 continuing to offer rebates on ultra-low flow (1.28 gallons/flush or lower) WaterSense® certified and labeled toilets. This water conservation program is aimed at encouraging property owners to replace their high water use toilets with new ultra-low flow toilets. Replacement toilets must be models approved by the Environmental Protection Agency’s WaterSense® Program which assures that toilets meet stringent performance standards.

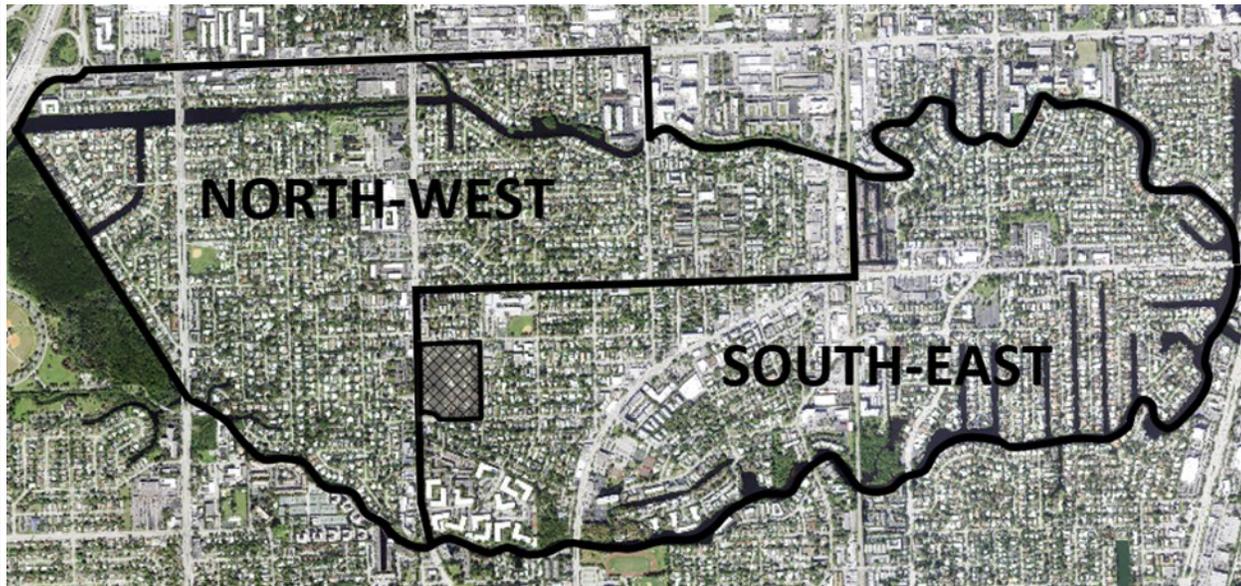


Residents are eligible to receive \$50 towards the purchase price of each WaterSense® certified ultra-low flow toilet, up to a maximum of two per property for the duration of the program. Program rules and the application form are available in the lobby of City Hall and on the City’s website. For a [fillable application form](#), go to www.wiltonmanors.com, and then type “toilet” in the search box). **Please note that the application must be submitted to and pre-approved by the Emergency Management/Utilities Department PRIOR to the purchase of a qualifying toilet.**

Funds are limited and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have questions that are not answered by the program materials, please contact the Emergency Management/Utilities Department at 954-390-2190.

NEW TRASH SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

During the month of December, the City’s 2024 Collection Schedule Magnet will be mailed out to residential service addresses. Shown on the map below are the two new zone areas, which will re-combine recycling on trash collection days! The magnet includes collections for residential Trash, Recycling, Bulk pick-up and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), as well as dates for the City’s two shredding events and quarterly condominium bulk pick-ups. The bulk pick-up dates are shown by month on the magnet and are color coded to your Collection Zone. If you did not receive your magnet, please contact the Utilities Department at 954-390-2190. For information on multi-family and commercial property collections, please contact Utility Billing at 954-390-2145.



Trash Service:	North-West	South-East
Garbage:	Monday & Thursday	Tuesday & Friday
Recycle:	Monday	Tuesday
Bulk Trash:	Monday	Tuesday
HHW:	Monday	Tuesday

Emergency Management/Utilities Division 954-390-2190

Secure Shredding Event

When: Saturday, January 20, 2024 9-11am
Where: City Hall/Hagen Park Parking Lot
 2020 Wilton Drive Wilton Manors, FL 33305



The City's solid waste, recycling and household hazardous waste contractor, Coastal Waste & Recycling, will be providing this FREE, secure and confidential shredding service, which 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.

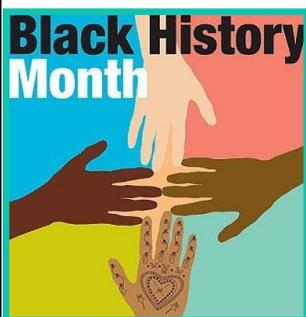
Wilton Manors residents: Bring proof of residency (such as a driver's license or utility bill showing your Wilton Manors address).

Wilton Manors business owners: Bring a copy of your current Wilton Manors Business Tax Receipt.

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

Help Us Find Our Honorees for Black History Month & Women's History Month

The Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB) is seeking nominees for honorees for both Black History Month (February) and Women's History Month (March).



For Black History Month in February, we seek nominations for a City honoree to recognize leadership and creativity in promoting Black History Month and increasing the understanding of and appreciation for the culture of the Black Community. **The deadline for Black History Month nominations is December 31, 2023.** Nominations will be reviewed in the CAAB meeting on January 3, 2024, and presented in the Commission Meeting on January 23, 2024.

For Women's History Month in March, we seek nominations for a City honoree to recognize leadership and creativity in enhancing Women's History in the Island City.

The deadline for Women's History Month nominations is January 31, 2024.

Nominations will be reviewed in the CAAB meeting on February 7, 2024, and presented in the Commission Meeting on February 27, 2024.

Nominations may be for an individual, business, or organization, and it is not required that they reside in Wilton Manors.—only that they benefit the Wilton Manors community.

Qualifications to consider for nominees:

- The nominee exhibits efforts for beautification of the city, supports issues of community concern, disseminates education, and/or publicizes the benefits of doing business in the city. Additional qualifications are detailed on the nomination forms.

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 or organization.

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 FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH HONOREES ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND NOMINATIONS FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONOREES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 31, 2024.

Coming up next, we will be accepting nominations for the **Skip Stadnik Community Spirit Awards**, to recognize outstanding volunteerism in the city during the 2023 year. Nominations for this program are also available at City Hall and via the CAAB webpage noted above. **These nominations are due March 31, 2024. All nomination forms and more information about the Community Affairs Advisory Board, including their Accomplishments & Goals and an application to apply can be found here:** <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/482/Community-Affairs-Advisory-Board>.





WILTON MANORS POLICE DEPARTMENT



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From Chief Gary Blocker Community Satisfaction Survey—We Want To Hear From You



This year, we again look to our community to tell us how we did in 2023. In December, our police department will distribute our second annual survey to seek feedback from the members of our community we serve. Imbedded in our survey are questions related to your feeling of safety here in our Island City, whether or not you believe our police presence in your area is at the levels you desire, and what your public safety priorities are that we can assist you with in the coming year. We also seek your feedback on code compliance services, and what types of violations you believe our unit should be focusing on.

Department leadership looks forward to reviewing the results of the survey so we can identify our successes, and also where our opportunities for improvement are. This tool will be used to tailor our services to meet the expectations our community has of us as your public safety service provider, and we look forward to serving you in 2024 better than we did the year before. Our community satisfaction survey will be open December 1 – 31, 2023, so keep watch on our social media outlets, website, and community associations, or just scan the QR code to the right. As a reminder, the results of our annual survey will be published on our website in the 1st quarter of 2024 at wmpd.org (search “annual reports”). As always, we thank you for your continued partnership and support, and the professionals of our police department wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday season!



SCAN ME!

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>



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>



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Holiday Crime Prevention & Personal Safety Tips

It is the season for joy and happiness but also the season to be wary of burglars and thieves, and nothing can ruin the spirit faster than becoming a crime victim. Unfortunately, thieves view the holiday season as an opportunity to burglarize your home and vehicles for gifts, cash, or other valuables. Getting caught up in the holiday rush is easy, but it's essential to be vigilant and take extra care to thwart thieves from robbing you of presents, peace of mind, and the joy of the season.

For Your Car:

- Be mindful of your parking spot and park as close to the store as possible in a well-lit, high-traffic area, especially at night
- Keep your vehicle doors and windows closed and locked; thieves are fast at what they do
- Take gifts home and then continue shopping
- Avoid the smash-and-grab. Before arriving at the store, lock valuables in the trunk of your car; if you have an SUV, use a blanket to cover the items
- Never leave your car running unattended or unlocked while pumping gas

For Your Home:

- Do not display your Holiday gifts in a window visible from the street. Criminals may be tempted to smash the window to steal packages or plan a break-in
- If away, use indoor/outdoor light timers and ask a neighbor to take in your mail or deliveries
- When going out in the evening, turn on lights or television, so the home appears to be occupied
- Do not leave empty gift boxes in the garbage. This is an advertisement for thieves. Instead, collapse the boxes or cut them up to conceal the items

While Shopping:

- Keep your purse close to your body or wallet in an inside or front pocket
- Dress casually and comfortably; avoid wearing expensive jewelry
- Use only one credit card. Should a data breach occur, this reduces the risk of multiple cards compromised
- Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you; beware of strangers approaching for any reason
- Be aware of your environment, and don't become distracted by your devices - it's easy to be caught off guard while talking on a cellphone or posting on social media
- Thieves look for victims with "high value" shopping bags, when possible, slip bags/purchases into a plain bag

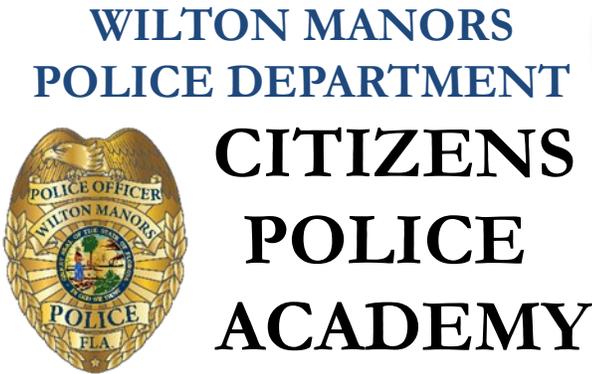
As a reminder, the Wilton Manors Police Department offers services to our vacationing residents and business owners so that they can have peace of mind and security knowing that their home or business is being monitored and checked during their absence. For more information about how to submit a Property Check Request, visit the Programs and Services section at www.wmpd.org.



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TAKE A PEEK BEHIND THE CURTAIN
JOIN US AND LEARN FIRSTHAND WHAT YOUR POLICE DO



JANUARY 25, 2024 – MARCH 28, 2024
10 Weeks on Thursdays - 6:30 PM – 08:30 PM

The Wilton Manors Police Department is offering a 10-week Citizens Police Academy on Thursdays from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. This program is open to residents, civic and government organization members, and non-residents (on a space available basis). The Citizens Police Academy is designed to foster an active partnership with the community. Well informed citizens, who have an awareness of the mission, resources, policies and services of their Police Department, are critical to the success of this partnership.



Many topics will be addressed in the academy and will include: Active Killer, Hands-only CPR, DUI Enforcement, Drug Trafficking, K9, Detective Bureau & Special Investigations, Road Patrol Operations, and much more. In addition to scheduled classes, optional field trips will be offered.

All applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Selection preferences will be given to Wilton Manors residents and those who work or own a business or property within the City. This is your opportunity to become involved in a dynamic and rewarding partnership with your Police Department. We need your participation to ensure the success of the Citizens Police Academy. Don't hesitate! Complete your application today. Applications are available on the CPA website: www.wiltonmanors.com/cpa, at the Wilton Manors Police Department lobby, or by email: info@wmpd.org.

THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT LEAD TO NOR PROMISE ANY TYPE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYMENT

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

KIDS' NIGHT OUT

Looking for a fun and festive way to celebrate the holidays without the kids? Join us for our Kids' Night Out event on **Saturday, December 23, 2023** at Island City Park Preserve. From 6-9pm, we'll take care of your little ones while you enjoy some quality time with your partner or friends. Your kids will have a blast making holiday crafts, decorating cookies, and watching holiday movies. We'll also provide them with a delicious dinner of pizza, chips and drink. All this for only **\$25 per child!** Don't miss this opportunity to treat yourself and your kids to a memorable night. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

SCHOOL DAYS OUT

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 8a.m. to 6p.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. Register at Hagen Park Community Center. For more information, please call 954-390-2130.

Fee: \$25—Residents/\$30 Non-Residents

REMAINING DATES FOR THE 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR:

Monday, January 22, 2024 Friday, March 22, 2024 Wednesday, April 10, 2024

WINTER BREAK CAMP

Our 2023-2024 Winter Camp will be held at Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28th Street
Monday—Friday, 7:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Dates: December 26 – 29, 2023 & January 2 – 5, 2024 (No program on 12/25/23 or 1/1/24)

Winter Camp Pricing (Full 8 Days):

Resident: \$180 2nd Child: \$150 Daily Fee: \$30 Non-Resident: \$230 2nd Child: \$180 Daily Fee: \$35

Upcoming Programs & Events

LIVE MUSIC AT MICKEL

Don't miss the chance to enjoy some amazing live music under the stars! Every month from December to April, we have a different band playing a variety of genres for your entertainment. Whether you like rock, jazz, pop, or something else, you'll find something to groove to. Just bring your own lawn chair or blanket and get ready for a fun night. **The concerts start at 7:30pm sharp, so don't be late!**

Friday, December 15, 2023 Holiday Concert by South Florida Pride Wind Ensemble

Friday, January 19, 2024 Simply the Best (Tina Turner Tribute)

Friday, February 16, 2024 Spektora (Rock)

Friday, March 15, 2024 The Petty Hearts (Tom Petty Tribute)

Friday, April 19, 2024 Karina Iglesias (from NBC's The Voice) *in partnership with Arts United*

SENIOR COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS

This free class is designed to encourage seniors in the community to participate in brain stimulating games and offer an opportunity for conversation and meet new people. Come enjoy a cup of coffee and take a stroll down memory lane.

When: Thursdays 9–10am Where: Island City Park Preserve Cost: Free

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Upcoming Programs & Events

MOVIES ON THE DRIVE

Join us as we transform the park into our own local movie theater with a 20-foot inflatable movie screen. Bring your chairs, blankets, and pillows and get comfortable under the stars. Please bring your own snacks and treats. All shows start promptly at **7pm at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive.**

Friday January 24, 2024 Hairspray (1988) PG

"Hairspray" (1988) is a spirited 1960s Baltimore musical where Tracy Turnblad dreams of dancing on "The Corny Collins Show" and breaking racial barriers, all set to catchy tunes and a message of inclusivity. Join Tracy's journey to change the world through dance and unity.

Friday February 9, 2024 Mamma Mia! (2008) PG-13

"Mamma Mia!" is a delightful musical film set on a Greek island, filled with love, laughter, and the iconic songs of ABBA. It's a heartwarming story of family, romance, and the joy of music, guaranteed to leave you with a smile.

Friday March 8, 2024 Barbie (2023) PG-13

Celebrate Barbie's birthday with us! Join us for a movie night featuring the unforgettable Barbie movie.

ISLAND CITY YARD SALE

The City of Wilton Manors will sponsor five City-Wide Yard Sales at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, this season, on the second Saturday December through March. The City Yard Sales will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Chairs and tables are available for rental. For space reservations at Hagen Park and information, please call the Leisure Services Department at 954-390-2130. The yard sale is free to the public. The vendors sell everything from linens and clothes to furniture, and home decorative items. Some vendors specialize in antiques, plants and collectables.

Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive 8am – 2pm

Saturdays: December 9, 2023 January 13, 2024 February 10, 2024 March 9, 2024

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



GLOW PICKLEBALL



Are you ready to light up the night with some Glow Pickleball fun? Join us on **Saturday, March 2nd from 7pm to 9pm at Hagen Park** for a special event that will make you feel like you're in the 80s. You'll play mixed doubles, round robin, recreational pickleball with other enthusiasts while enjoying some classic 80s tunes. Don't worry about the dark, we'll provide neon tape and supplies to decorate yourself and your paddle. It's a great way to show off your style and skills. The cost is only **\$15 per player and space is limited**, so sign up today and don't miss this opportunity to have a blast with Glow Pickleball!

Upcoming HOLIDAY Programs & Events

SANTA PAWS @ COLOHATCHEE DOG PARK

Make a memory with your pet and Santa Claus. This Santa Paws event is the perfect opportunity to include your dog in your Holiday photos. Every dog and dog owner visiting will be spoiled with treats!

When: Saturday, December 2 Where: Colohatchee Dog Park, 1975 NE 15 Avenue Time: 10AM – 12PM

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CEREMONY

Come and celebrate the holidays with us at the annual Holiday Lighting Celebration! We'll light up the Menorah, Kinara, and our beautiful Wilton Manors Christmas Tree together! Enjoy readings and live performances from different traditions and cultures. The Holiday Lighting Ceremony will take place on **Thursday, December 7th, at Justin Flippen Park**, located at Wilton Drive and 21st Court. Don't miss this festive event **starting at 6:30pm**. For more information, please call Leisure Services at 954-390-2130.

MORE Upcoming HOLIDAY Programs & Events

SANTA BY SEA

Don't miss the chance to see Santa by Sea, a Wilton Manors tradition that brings joy and fun to the whole community. On **Tuesday, December 19th**, Santa will sail along the waterways, **starting from Colohatchee Park at 5:30pm**. He will also make special stops at Island City Park Preserve and Richardson Historic Park, where you can greet him and take pictures. And if you want to join the festive spirit, you can also hop on a boat and be part of Santa's parade. It's a great way to celebrate the holidays with your friends and family. For more information, call 954-390-2130.



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.

THE RIGHT SERVICE
AT THE RIGHT TIME

Visit www.rightservicefl.org to discover resources available for you.

- * 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 "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



Wilton Manors Library

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>



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The Richard C. Sullivan Public Library staff and supporters are proud to establish, maintain and grow collections, programs and services to meet the information, educational, literacy and leisure needs of the community. Some of our most popular resources are print and electronic books, audiobooks, magazines and newspapers, interlibrary loans, programs for children and adults, free on-site Wi-Fi, computers with internet access, and printing, copying, and fax services (the latter 3 items at established rates).

We are also proud to participate in the Wilton Manors/WMPD **SAFE PLACE** program. Your library has staff who are ready to assist anyone who may be a victim of crime, at risk of harm, or simply needing help of any kind to contact or be referred to the appropriate services and agencies.

Program Highlights:

All meetings of our Island City Book club are the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. at your Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors. No formal membership is required. New attendees are welcome and encouraged! Upcoming titles that our lively and energetic attendees will discuss are:

Dec. 13th, 2023: *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. First published in 1843, *A Christmas Carol* is arguably Dickens's most popular work. Join us for a chat about this timeless holiday classic.

January 10th, 2024: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute take a very unscientific view of equality. Forced to resign, she reluctantly signs on as the host of a cooking show, Supper at Six. But her revolutionary approach to cooking, fueled by scientific and rational commentary, grabs the attention of a nation. Soon, a legion of overlooked housewives find themselves daring to change the status quo. One molecule at a time. (bonniegarmus.com)

February 14th, 2024: *The Escape Artist* by Jonathan Freedland. In a book that is part thrilling adventure, part exploration of some of the darkest secrets of the Holocaust, award-winning journalist and best-selling novelist Jonathan Freedland uncovers the extraordinary story of the first Jew to break out of Auschwitz, a man who was determined to warn the world—and pass on a truth too few were willing to hear. (Goodreads)

Children's Programs:

Plans are underway for our special Children's holiday programs and activities. Please keep an eye on our website and/or contact the library for dates and details.

Our regular programs continue including:

Story Time: Mondays 11:00 to 11:30, for children from birth through age 4.

Read to a Dog: Practice your reading skills with Nalu Kai, the friendly Labrador who loves to snuggle with kids as they read in the library. Select Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Call library for dates.

LEGO Club: Build creations using the library's LEGO bricks. Select Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Call library for dates.



Friends of the Library:

Used book tent at the City Yard Sales December 9th, 2023 and January 13th, 2024 (weather permitting)

Used Book Fair February 10th at Hagen Park

Friends' Lecture Series: Healthy Aging Expert Guy Andrews will be presenting a session on active aging in January or February, 2024—check our website for the confirmed day/time.

For more information contact the library or visit the events section of www.friendsofthewiltonmanorslibrary.org.





WESTSIDE
ASSOCIATION OF WILTON MANORS

The Westside Association of Wilton Manors wishes our Neighbors and Friends a Holiday Season filled with warmth, togetherness, and precious moments. Happy Holidays!

In lieu of our traditional Holiday Party, we are planning an “I ♥ the Westside” party in February. Please stay tuned for further details on our website (www.wawm.org), on Facebook (www.facebook.com/WestsideWilton) and in our Newsletters.

We are pleased to announce the return of the Westside Winter Wonders House Decorating Contest. Last year’s event was such a success, we want to bring it back for 2023. It’s not too late to start planning your innovative decoration schemes, as we look for the “best dressed” holiday home exterior. Judging will take place on Wednesday, December 13th, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place prizes to be presented at the Holiday Concert @ Mickel Park on December 15th. Participation is open to all residents on the Westside of Wilton Manors. Entry is free and there is no need to pre-register.

Save the Date for our next General Membership Meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 24 at 6:30pm in Hagen Park Community Center. Our membership is the core of WAWM’s strength and our purpose for being. If you haven’t done so yet, we would love to have you join us here (www.wawm.org/join-us).

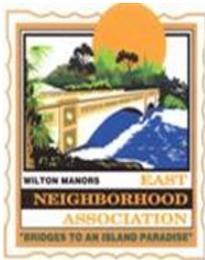


Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association—CANA

It has been a busy year for the city of Wilton Manors, 2024 looks to be even more exciting. This is likely to be the year in which at least one of the larger developments begins construction, in fact we could see as many as 3-4 in the early stages of construction. Much of it will be occurring within the Central Area Neighborhood. As construction begins, we, together with the city, will keep you abreast of how the construction will be impacting the area.

CANA has held discussions with the city in hopes of finding ways to enhance safety for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Thus far additional signage and street markings are in place, most are focused on cut through streets. In 2024, several new raised intersections will be added within the Central Area Neighborhood. Additionally, some of our intersections will be featuring lit stop signs at problematic intersections.

Stay informed by attending our quarterly meetings, all held at Hagen Park Community Center, beginning at 7PM sharp and preceded by our Wine & Cheese social at 6:30pm. Our January 10th meeting includes the election of board members. Also, don’t miss our social at Richardson Park on the evening of January 17th, enjoy food, beverages, and live entertainment. Free to all that wish to join us. 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 hosting our annual Holiday Party on December 7th at Independence Hall on NE 26th Street. The party begins at 6pm and includes dinner, deserts, beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages. The cost is free to ENA members and \$10 (cash or check) for non-members.

For those of you who live on the North and South Forks of the Middle River don’t forget to watch Santa-By-Sea Tuesday, December 19th - Santa will leave Colohatchee Park around sunset. If you have a boat small enough to get under the bridges, you can decorate your boat with lights and participate in the parade City in our own holiday boat parade. If you wish to participate, you need to be at Colohatchee Park by 5pm.

Our next ENA meeting will be January 18. At this meeting we will be electing new officers. There will be three positions up for election. If you have been an ENA member for 90 days and wish to run for a position on the ENA Board of Directors, please call or email President John Fiore by January 12.

On January 20 we will have our next NE 26th Street Clean-up. We meet at the Board of Realtors parking lot and spend an hour walking up and down NE 26th Street picking up trash. ENA will be having our annual neighborhood yard sale on March 16th and 17th. This is a great opportunity to get rid of “stuff” and clean out your garage. If you wish to participate, please call Michael Pierce or me at (954) 564-3821 so we can list your address in the advertising, as well as what you will be selling. We will also take care of the City Yard Sale Permit. All you have to do is put stuff in your front yard and wait for customers to come by and spend money! John R. Fiore, President

East Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors, Inc. 954-564-3821 jrfiorefla@gmail.com



The Three Bridges Neighborhood Association is excited to announce that we now have Native orchids in Lieber Park. On October 30, volunteers from Three Bridges Neighborhood Association, Equality Garden Club and Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society planted 45 Encyclia tampensis orchids in the trees in the park. Look up to see these babies mounted to the trees. Patience is the key here. These Florida natives are slow growing and will not flower for a few more years.

At our last meeting we were able to provide updates to Generations of Wilton Manors with the developer Kaplan Residential. We were pleased to hear that the restaurants plan to return to the new space. We also had Abel Alberro from Codes explain how his department works.

We plan to interview more of the key city staff to develop a better understanding of the workings of departments that affect our daily lives. In the works are our sponsorship of the January Woof and Wine and a neighborhood block party.

If you have any suggestions for future programming that you would like to see, please let us know.

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

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:

Finance Advisory Board—Appointment scheduled for Commission Meeting of January 23, 2024, the deadline to accept applications is Monday, December 18, 2023. There are two expiring seats.

Wilton Drive Improvement District (WDID)—The deadline to accept applications is open until filled. Openings for 3 Wilton Drive Property Owners



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.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

The City of Wilton Manors offers free curb-side pickup of Christmas trees on your bulk pick-up day during the month of January (please refer to the 2024 Collection Schedule). Please remove all lights, ornaments, and tree stands before placing trees at the curb. The trees will be taken to the Waste-to-Energy Plant and burned to create energy!



CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE SERVICES

VISIT
WILTONMANORS.COM TO:



- > Business Tax Receipts
- > Child Care Program Registrations
- > Code Compliance Fines
- > Dog Park Registrations
- > Fitness Center Memberships
- > Garage Sale Permits
- > Library Fines
- > Lien Searches
- > Pavilion & Athletic Field Rentals
- > Pay Parking Citations
- > Public Records Requests
- > Senior Programs & Trips
- > Special Event Permit Applications
- > Tennis Memberships
- > Water/Utility Bills



Life's Just Better Here

Visit www.wiltonmanors.com

We  to see you at City Hall, but did you know that many city services can be conducted in the comfort of your own home?

From A-to-Z, or rather Business Tax Receipts to Water/Utility Bills go to the City's website (www.wiltonmanors.com) and select "Online Services" from the top row "City Services" drop down menu to display the links to:

Make payments for utility bills, Leisure Services Programs, Parking Citations, and Miscellaneous City Fees, Permits, Fines, etc.

Apply for a resident parking permit

Apply for or check the status of Building Permits

Apply or search for a business tax receipt

Register or search for vacation rentals

Apply for a job with the City

Sign-up for city emails and text alerts

Search for or report Code Violations

Register your home alarm system

Watch Commission Meetings Live

Request Mayoral Letters or Proclamations

Enroll in a Leisure Services class, rent a city facility, apply for a tennis or fitness center membership

Make child care payments

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POP-UP GALLERY & ONLINE AUCTION



OPENING RECEPTION Friday, February 2, 2024

CLOSING RECEPTION Sunday, February 25, 2024

PRIDE CORNER ART & FRAME • 2151 WILTON DRIVE

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Submissions accepted through 1/4

We invite artists to create one-of-a-kind artwork to participate in our fifth annual silent auction fundraising event. All entries should be exactly 12" by 12". Choose your medium, method, and madness to create artwork for this online auction.



CALLING ALL COLLECTORS

With this salute to art, artists and art patrons, here is your chance to start or build your art collection, or engage your new passion for art collecting. Pre-register and place bids online beginning Friday, February 2nd. Visit our website for more information.



www.WiltonArt.org • @WiltonArt • LoveWiltonArt@gmail.com



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

Life's Just Better Here

Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City



Fading Memories by Galal Ramadan

December 16-January 13
The Winner's Show

featuring the art of
Galal Ramadan
Christine Quaglieri
and
Tedd Davis

MEET THE ARTISTS on December 16th | 6 to 8 PM

January 20-February 10, 2024
**Figuratively Speaking
OUT LOUD!**

Open Call For Artists

Submissions accepted on January 13, 2024

Details and Entry Form at artgallery21.org

MEET THE ARTISTS on January 20th | 6 to 8 PM

February 17-March 9
**Gold Coast
Watercolor Society**

goldcoastwatercolorsociety.com

MEET THE ARTISTS on March 9th | 6 to 8 PM

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.

GALLERY HOURS: Friday & Saturday from 5 to 7 PM and by appointment